THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

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BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Members of the Bunker Hill Associates, Police Commissioner Willie Gross and representatives from the City of Boston Credit Union were all on hand last Thursday, Sept. 14, at O'Reilly Court in the Bunker Hill Development to hand out backpacks for kids to be ready for remote school on Sept. 21. See page 20 for more photos

Hearing the Shofar

Charlestown rabbi helps Jewish observers mark high holidays in outdoor setting

By Seth Daniel

Observing religious holidays has required a great deal of creative thinking in the COVID-19 era, and Charlestown Rabbi Berel Grunblatt was part of that kind of creative thinking of a network of rabbis who volunteers to blow the shofar (ram's horn) in public places last weekend to mark Rosh Hashanah.

Last Sunday, to bring one part of the Jewish tradition to the people, Rabbi Berel stationed himself at North Point Park, the Monument and the USS Constitution, taking appointments from those who wanted to attend, and sounded the shofar in public safely and adhering to all COVID-19 protocols.

"In a normal year, Jewish people will try to attend services and get together with family and celebrate the holiday," he said. "Because of the pandemic, many if not all synagogues, temples and shuls are closed and many are trying to figure out how to mark these holy days. One of the most important parts of Rosh Hashanah is hearing the shofar…We wanted to bring some observance of the holiday – blowing the shofar – and make

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Getting creative within long-standing traditions was key for Rabbi Berel Grunblatt, of Charlestown, who helped to organize the Greater Boston Shofar initiative. Last Sunday, to bring the tradition of blowing the shofar during Rosh Hashanah to the people, Rabbi Berel set up at North Point Park, the Monument and at the USS Constitution in the Navy Yard.

Harvard-Kent School welcomes a new sixth grade class remotely

By Seth Daniel

Never has the addition of a new grade to an elementary school been more convenient that the new sixth grade that was added to the Harvard Kent School this year – a new grade-level that allowed 59 students to continue their education remotely at the H-K.

All across the district, students and teachers and staff returned to school online at home or teaching in empty classrooms, but in Charlestown at the Harvard-Kent, the school community was able to celebrate the fruits of a long fight. That fight was to extend the K-5 school to add a sixth grade so students weren't left in the lurch for a year before choosing a middle school or 7-12 school. With the COVID-19 era upon families, Prinicpal Jason Gallagher said it was incredibly important to have that extra grade this year.

"Everyone was excited even though we had to go remote for COVID-19," he said. "Everyone was particularly excited for another year at the Harvard Kent and

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Ryan ready to help communities get back on their feet

By Seth Daniel

This year's Primary Election was one to remember, and with State Rep. Dan Ryan prevailing in the vote – and no challenger on the ballot in November – he said he is thinking about his next term and noted it will be all about getting Charlestown and Chelsea back on their feet after COVID-19.

Ryan prevailed over Chelsea Councillor Damali Vidot in the Sept. 1 Primary vote, winning Charlestown handily but losing the Chelsea vote and winning overall by about 1,100 votes. However, unlike previous re-election campaigns, the new term will be anything but typical. In fact, he said, many of the goals he might have typically had will need to be put aside for the next term.

"It's really going to be about just getting my two communities that I represent back up on their feet," he said. "That's my goal. We all know the story of how hard Chelsea was hit and we need to achieve the same structure we had in Charlestown and bring some normalcy back to where it was before COVID-19. Chelsea was headed in a good direction before COVID-19, but I think COVID-19 also showed us the structural issues that exist in our

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FIRST DAY

It wasn't the typical first day of school, but District 1 Elementary Supt. Tommy Welch, Theatre Movement Teacher Sean Murphy and STEM Specialist Caitlain Hutto on the Eliot K-8 lower campus still had plenty of reason to be excited as kids logged on for their first day of remote schooling on Monday, Sept. 21. See Page 11 for more photos.

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EDITORIAL

WINTER SURVIVAL: MASKS AND FLU SHOTS

The testimony of Dr. Robert Redfield, the head of the Centers for Disease Control, before a U.S. Senate subcommittee last week regarding the need for every American to wear a face mask in public to thwart the spread of Covid-19 was stunning for its sheer simplicity.

"A face mask is the most important and powerful public health tool we have," said Redfield. "If we did it for six, eight, or 10 weeks, we could bring the pandemic under control. We have clear scientific evidence they work, and they are our best defense. I might even go so far as to say that this face mask is more guaranteed to protect me against Covid than when I take a Covid vaccine."

Dr. Redfield's statement provided Americans with the most direct and easiest-to-understand medical advice that we have heard in our lifetime from any health professional regarding any illness or disease.

Face masks have been shown in the past to be effective against the spread of airborne illnesses. During the 1918 flu pandemic, American cities that required their citizenry to wear face masks in public had much lower incidences of the flu and much lower death rates from that deadly disease than cities that did not require the use of masks.

The other significant thing we can do for our individual and collective health this winter season is to get a flu shot as soon as possible. Although flu shots typically do not have 100% effectiveness, they nonetheless can provide significant protection against the flu for most Americans, thereby reducing to a large extent the number of persons who might require medical treatment and hospitalization.

We also would note that there is substantial evidence that flu shots also provide protection for the heart, although it still is not completely understood why.

Together, masks and flu shots offer our best chance to avoid the so-called "twin-demic" this coming winter. Indeed, if everyone masks up and gets vaccinated (as well as stays home when they are sick), this could be the healthiest winter our nation ever has experienced.

COVID IS THE LEADING KILLER OF FIRST RESPONDERS

Recently-revealed statistics have brought into sharp focus the deadly and tragic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic upon our nation's police and firefighters.

At least 101 police officers have died from Covid-19, and it is estimated that this figure represents only half of the Covid-19 deaths among police officers. This compares to 70 officers who have died in the line of duty from accidents and felonious attacks.

For firefighters, deaths from Covid-19 likewise have exceeded fatalities from other service-related causes.

These statistics clearly demonstrate that our public safety personnel put their lives and health on the line just by showing up for their jobs. They do not have the luxury of working remotely from the comfort of their home, as so many of us are able to do these days.

The work of first responders always has been difficult enough, but the added layer of the risks posed by Covid-19 has increased their line-of-duty danger exponentially -- and makes us even more grateful for the job they do in our communities each and every day, 24/7/365.

AUTUMN NOW IS HERE, LEAF PEEPERS WILL APPEAR

LETTER *to the Editor*

WHY ARE WE FAILING OUR STUDENTS?

To the Editor,

We need to re-open our schools! Teachers are essential workers who need to be in the classroom teaching our students in person with approved CDC guidelines. If we are able to go to stores, beaches, restaurants, protests, and travel to certain states, then we are able to attend our schools. My job is to teach our students in person and my student's job is to achieve academic success in person. Success cannot be achieved on a screen for six hours. Our students' academic education is our responsibility for those who attend our public schools. When you hear the voices of our students crying out that they want to be in school, it is heartbreaking. We are failing our students academically, emotionally, mentally and physically. Why are we denying them the right to an in-school education?

Traditional Classroom Learning Is More effective than online for many reasons:

•Lack of Interpersonal Skill Development.

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•Lack of motivation.

Additionally, some of our affluent parents are choosing to opt out because they are able to hire a tutor or a retired teacher while our most vulnerable students have only one option - remote learning. Some do not have a parent at home that can assist them with online learning, so the struggle is real. Last semester a lot of our young students had difficulty attending class, completing assignments and focusing on lessons. How can we ask them to be on screen for this many hours?

Remote learning is causing high stress levels for our parents, teachers and most importantly, our students. It is time we stand up for our children.

Sandra Cassidy Bastianelli
Harvard-Kent
Second Grade Teacher

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that available to every single Jew in Boston."

And so that's exactly what he and other rabbis did across Greater Boston last weekend – with it being perhaps the first time the Monument has hosted a blowing of the shofar.

Rabbi Berel is part of the International Jewish Student Center, a division of Chabad Lubavitch of Cambridge, and he is responsible for East Cambridge and Charlestown. About a month ago, he got together with Rabbi Avi Bukiet of Center for Jewish Life in Arlington-Belmont. Together, with a cohort of 30 other Chabad rabbis from the Greater Boston area and their combined talents, the initiative of www.GreaterBostonShofar.com was born.

The two rabbis found themselves discussing what could be done to help people celebrate Rosh Hashanah this year amidst a pandemic. In keeping with the Chabad philosophy of welcoming all and removing all barriers, they conceived a plan to go the extra mile and bring the shofar to the people—literally.

"People needed to hear the shofar and we needed to figure out how to we could do that," said Rabbi Berel. "This is our bread and butter and we need to be there for people in difficult times."

By going outdoors to distinct and open places, they were able to take appointments to keep the numbers predictable, and carry out that part of the holiday observance safely and within the rules. In all, and including the Charlestown events, there were 38 public shofar opportunities across Greater Boston last weekend.

One of the victories locally of the effort was Rabbi Berel's ability to accommodate a family from New York who was receiving treatment at Spaulding Rehab in the Navy Yard.

The family had reached out to him to see if they could attend one of the events, but they were hampered by having to stay in the hospital.

"I told them they could come hear the shofar at the USS Constitution, which is very close, but the husband couldn't come out, so I volunteered to be there at Spaulding and we figured out how he could participate," he said.

It's all part of a larger ability to take Centuries-old traditions and – without compromising them – be able to bring them to the people in a time of great upheaval – such as now.

"Thankfully that is how we operate," he said. "We are always trying to adjust within the religion without compromising anything and to be there for the community…The state allows for masks and social distancing, particularly in public spaces, so we felt we could do this."

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urban areas and that we have to address. Both communities have pretty large public housing re-developments going on. We have to do a lot of work making sure those are done right. We're re-inventing public housing in Charlestown and Chelsea. Regardless of COVID-19, I think we need to move forward on those projects."

Most of the work to be done, he said, will be making sure basic needs are met for residents in Charlestown and Chelsea – such as housing foreclosure/eviction prevention and making sure essential workers can safely get to their jobs. Those aren't grand plans for a newly elected representative, but Ryan said that's the work that is going to be required for his district.

"The biggest thing we need to do is to make sure we are being safe to get our numbers down so we can get people back to work when it's safe to do so and then keep people in their homes," he said. "There is a lot of work to do on that. The primary issues I've been working on for the last six years are really going to have to be put on the back burner."

One of the major concerns he said he has is with downtown areas in Boston and Chelsea – and how the changes in work dynamics are going to affect businesses there and workers who go there for jobs. He said the delegation in the State House has already been informally talking about these issues since COVID-19 hit, and he expects them to be more prominent moving forward.

"It looks like this is going to bring a huge societal shift," he said. "I don't think downtowns will be completely empty, but I think businesses and workers that go there will be affected…What I think eventually we'll be dealing with is downtown businesses that are the day-to-day services – the sandwich shops, the stores and the bars – they're going to take a big hit if the economy doesn't come back."

Ryan, reflecting on the election process, said it was a very hard campaign to define and to carry out. With COVID-19 hitting just after he had announced his re-election campaign, there was a lot of uncertainty about how to proceed. First, he said he took a pause, and then the work of the State Legislature picked up and he described it as being one of the busiest and hardest few months of his career.

"I didn't really start campaigning until June," he said. "We were so busy unemployment cases and getting PPE to places that needed it and getting food to the elderly, there wasn't time for it. When we started, it was by telephone and Zoom meetings. When I saw people walking around more and going to the coffee shops and supermarket and getting out, I started on my own street in Charlestown where people know me. Gradually I worked my way out in Charlestown and Chelsea. For the most part, I got a good reception. Nobody told me they didn't want me at the door…The majority thanked me for coming out and doing it."

He said he found that there was a much higher turnout than expected, largely driven by mail-in voting, early voting and other unique aspects of this election process. He said he believes that the turnout was balanced on mail-in voting, and it is likely here to stay in some form.

"Going forward post-COVID, we'll have a good process in place and much more efficiencies like everything else," he said.

Now, back in the legislature, Ryan said it will be his job this coming term to make sure places like Chelsea and Charlestown get their fair share of funding to put things back in order. That will be particularly critical in Chelsea and parts of Charlestown hit harder by the virus and the downturn in the economy.

"We have to make sure that Gateway Cities and urban areas get a weighted share of the monies," he said. "Do we have a better argument now? Yes. But I think we were moving that way already. The Student Opportunity Act was a good step to help these urban cities and towns. I don't think COVID exposed to us anything we didn't know, but it gives us more of an immediacy to move where we were going."

State Rep. Ryan will be inaugurated into his fourth term in January.

Major assemblage of property on Sullivan Square could be large development

By Seth Daniel

A massive assemblage of property this summer on Sullivan Square, including the old Flynn Junkyard and one related property, seems to be setting the state for what some in the community say could be another in a line of developments sprouting up around the Square.

The summer, a developer from Waban in Newton has paid approximately $13.2 million, according to land transfer records, to assemble at least seven properties that include the Flynn Junkyard and a related property on Sherman Street behind it. So far, the assemblage doesn't seem to include long-time icons Mama Rosie's Ravioli or the Cronin Club – which are adjacent to the assemblage.

In early July, Scott D. Brown – a financial advisor from Newton – began purchasing parcels that make up the junk yard from the Flynn family. In early August, he continued buying the parcels and added one large parcel 41,558 sq. ft. behind the junk yard – a property owned by an LLC that goes to Carlos and Cheryl Gochez of New Hampshire. The other six parcels on Mystic Avenue and Sherman Square were owned by John, Patricia and Richard Flynn.

Brown was not immediately affiliated with any development company that could be found, and was not immediately available to contact about his plans.

Sources close to the situation in the community said the property assemblage this summer was sparked by Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan Square re-design plans and could likely be host to around 600 units of housing.

That would follow several smaller developments on the other side of the Square with The Graphic and the smaller project next to it by Gray MacLetchie. A potential larger project on the other side of the Square would continue what has been a unique development momentum in an area not associated with such drastic change.

The corner of Mystic Avenue and Dorrance Street has been home to the Flynn junk yard for decades, but in recent years has become hot property due to being right in between the booming Assembly Row campus in Somerville, and the neighboring Encore Boston Harbor casino in Everett.

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Gary M. Pomerantz, historian, journalist, and Stanford University lecturer, is the author of six nonfiction books on topics ranging from history to sports to civil rights. For the past thirteen years, he has taught reporting and writing at Stanford's Graduate Program in Journalism.

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IN AND AROUND BOSTON

Boston area offers wide range of school offerings for kids of all ages

By Dan Murphy

A new academic year is just getting underway, but it's already time for parents and guardians to begin thinking about options for next year, and with the Boston area's wide range of top-notch independent, private and parochial schools, kids of all ages can find the one that well suits them while still staying local.

For small children just starting off on their educational journeys, the Beacon Hill Nursery School at 74 Joy St. has been a vital part of the downtown community since 1955.

With a commitment to high quality education since its inception, the mission of BHNS is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning, and its exceptional educators value play as purposeful and cherish children's innate curiosity.

The warm and welcoming environment of BHNS includes two onsite playscapes, a dedicated library, seven classrooms and an indoor gym. Its curriculum has a strong emphasis on play, hands-on engagement, open-ended exploration, and social-emotional development. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes, the program also nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning.

The Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of the play-based program for young children while offering increased structure, exposure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools.

Courtesy of the Newman School

A Newman School students learning about science hands-on in the lab.

In welcoming children back to physical programming this year, Director, Debra Sullivan, said she is proud of the resilience of faculty in re-imagining their programs "to maintain the magic of a BHNS experience while incorporating program elements that support social distancing and use space and materials in new and creative ways."

Responding to the varied and changing needs of families, the school also offers robust Remote Programs this year for all students (age 2-6), an alternative means of delivering high-quality curriculum and maintaining community connections.

BHNS will hold Open Houses on Oct. 8 and Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.; guest must pre-register on the school's website.

All applications are due next Jan. 15, except sibling and legacy applications. which are due Nov. 15, while applications for the Remote Program for the 2020-2021 school year are still being accepted (call the school to inquire).

To learn more about BHNS, visit www.bhns.net or call 617-227-0822.

An integral and enduring fixture of Boston's West End community since 1965, the Boston Children's School at 8 Whittier Place in Charles River Park, was looking forward to celebrating its 55th birthday in the neighborhood this year, but instead decided to postpone the opening of school this fall in deference to public-health concerns.

"We are hopeful that we will be bringing our children back soon," wrote Bob Langer, executive director, who serves alongside his wife Judy, the school's programming director. "These are unusual times. There is no guide, there is no 'User Manual' or previous experience that anyone has had. We have to rely on science and, sometimes common sense, to navigate these difficult waters.

The Boston Children's School is differentiated from other preschools by its multicultural, cognitive-educational programs, and it provides a quality-early childhood academic curriculum for children ages 2.9 to 7 in pre-school through kindergarten. The school has a teacher-to-student ratio of 8:1, as well as supplemental teaching staff who specialize in specific areas like gymnastics and music. It is also one of the only schools in the city to boast its own private playground – a state-of-the art facility replete with a fun house, a crawl-through structure and various "ride-on" vehicles.

BCS is now enrolling children for the 2021-2022 academic year, and Bob Langer wrote, "We will now look forward to celebrating the 60th. anniversary in 2025!"

To learn more about Boston Children's School, visit bostonchildrensschool.org or call 617-367-6239.

The Charlestown Nursery School, a private nursery school located at 124 Main St. in Charlestown, offers innovative programing for ages 2 to 5 inspired by the principles of Reggio Emilia, which focus on a student-centered and self-guided curriculum.

Each classroom is a "learning lab," with two master teachers and a parent helper, and offers myriad experiences, including sensory, gross and fine motor, early literacy and math skills, and dramatic play, music and visual art.

This year, in response to the public-health crisis, all classes, which have reduced capacities and adhere to social distancing, face coverings and other safety protocol, are taking place outdoors as long as the weather will permit - an approach that Kelly Pellagrini, the school's co-director and co-founder, said was inspired by outdoor learning in Finland and "also New York City's public schools, which took their classes outside in response to the Flu of 1918."

Moreover, Pellagrini added, "To be able to learn alongside city skyscrapers, to be able to study foliage and trees in parks, to be able to pursue study with limitless sky and limitless possibilities is sort of what every educator dreams of. We talk about the world being a classroom and supporting children as being flexible problem-solvers in facing new challenges, and this is sort of the optimal moment to be providing education that will not only shape the next generation, but also make history."

Early-admissions applications are accepted and reviewed continually from Nov. 15 to the following Jan. 30, while rolling-admissions applications are accepted anytime after Feb.1 on a first-come, first-served basis, and acceptance letters are typically sent to parents or guardians within 15 days.

To learn more about Charlestown Nursery School, visit charlestownnurseryschool.org or call 617-242-5159.

Park Street School, with its elementary school and administrative offices located at 67 Brimmer St., and preschool at One Park Street, offers academic programming for toddlers through Grade 6 grounded in Core Knowledge - a content-rich, skill-building curriculum.

The school, which was founded and established by Christian women and men, affirms each student's intrinsic worth, teaches them how to respect others, and underscores the importance of compassion, integrity and generosity.

As part of this school year, which began Sept. 8 for in-person learning, and includes new, additional options for remote education, Park Street School has launched its new Artists in Residency program, which embeds a specialized educator in

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areas, including science, music, physical education, Spanish, art and drama, in one classroom to offer its students a more immersive and interactive experience. (These same instructors will simultaneously also be teaching other grade-levels virtually, said Kim Twitchell, director of communications).

Flexible Fridays is another new school initiative this year that allows elementary students to attend classes either in person or remotely. "It allows families some flexibility by allowing a parent to have their child stay home that day, which is nice," Twitchell added.

Beginning Oct. 6 and continuing through December, "Take A Tour Tuesdays" will allow guests to virtually tour the school on Tuesdays while interacting with and asking questions of faculty members before the application due date next January.

Visit parkstreetschool.org or call the Brimmer Street elementary school and administrative offices at 617-523-7577 or the Park Street preschool at 617-523-4477 for more information.

The Belmont Day School is a pre-K through Grade 8 school located in Belmont, Mass., that thrives to create "a community of inspiring, bold, and remarkable learners and leaders" while instilling six core values in its students - respect, honesty, responsibility, caring, joy, and excellence—are integral to academic quality, creativity, fitness, and health.

Founded in 1927, the school has a 6:1 student-to-teacher ratio, with a curriculum emphasizing hands-on, interdisciplinary work that prepares graduates to go on to the high schools and careers of their choosing.

Belmont Day School is also committed to creating an equitable and inclusionary learning environment, with around 40 percent of students identifying as people of color.

A Lower School Open House takes place virtually on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., while the Middle School Open House is scheduled virtually for Saturday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Applications are due Jan. 11 of next year; to request an online information packet and begin the online application process, or for more information on Belmont Day School, visit Belmontday.org or call 617-484-3078.

St. John School, located at 9 Moon St. in North Square, in Boston's North End, is a Catholic elementary and preschool that has served generations of children in the city since its inception in 1873.

"We're a pre-K-Grade 8 Catholic school in the North End where academic excellence and faith meet," said Claire Cassidy, the school's principal.

St. John's offerings for fifth- to eighth-graders include Italian language instruction, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs, woodworking classes, gardening and professional music classes, as well as a wide variety of extracurricular, after-school activities, while younger kids are taught the fundamentals of reading, writing and math, and also receive an introduction to technology.

St. John School, which is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, also offers rolling enrollment.

For more information, visit www.sjsne.com or call 617-227-3143 ext. 102 for more information.

The Fessenden School, is an all-male independent school for pre-K- Grade 4 (day school) and Grades 5-9 (day and boarding school) located at 250 Waltham St. in West Newton, has met the educational needs of boys since 1903.

"It's a school that does a great job of combining the tried-and-true teaching approaches with leading-edge innovative techniques to fully prepare students for the unknown world they will inherit," said Suzanne Murphy, the school's director of marketing. "It's really a school that allows boys to pursue their passions, whether it's as a writer, an artist or an athlete, and it really does prepare students for the known future."

Besides its state-of-the-art Center for Innovation, Fessenden also boasts a new performing arts and center, which opened last year, and with a 41-acre campus, the school year is now underway in person and at full capacity by making use of new areas as classroom space.

Courtesy of Charlestown Nursery School

A Charlestown Nursery School student in the outdoor classroom.

Fessenden is also one of only 12 schools invited to participate in NuVuX – a program "for students pursuing project-based learning," Murphy said, that allows them to partner with NuVu – a Cambridge-based innovative school that was founded by MIT graduates

To learn more about The Fessenden School, visit fessenden.org, or call 617-954-5350.

Boston College High School in Dorchester is an all-male, Jesuit, Roman Catholic, college preparatory secondary school serving Grades 7-12 that was founded in 1863 and has historical ties to Boston College.

"I think one of the things that differentiates us from other schools is we're a Jesuit school, and there is no other Jesuit school that families in the area that parents would be considering for their children," said Charlie Drane, vice president of enrollment. "It's important to know a Jesuit education is rigorous in terms of academics, but at the same time, we are equally concerned with developing the whole person."

Drane added: "Our academic offerings are as strong as you'll find at any high school, and it's by pairing this with service, athletic and co-curricular offerings and advisory programs that we make sure a well-rounded individual leaves BC High, headed into the world."

BC High is holding a virtual Open House on Nov. 8.

Applicants in all grades are required to take entrance exams (i.e. ISSE for seventh- and eighth-graders, and HSPT, SSAT, etc. for high school sophomores and juniors), and applications are due Jan. 3 for Grade 9; and Jan 31 for Grade 7, as well as Grade 8, 10 and 11 transfers.

Visit bchigh.edu or call 617-436-3900 for more information.

Founded in 1945, the Newman School, located at 247 Marlborough St. in Boston's Back Bay, is an independent day school in the Catholic tradition for Grades 7-12.

The school offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program - an academically balanced curriculum that prepares students for college and beyond and that, according to Gayle Schafer, director of communications, is "highly regarded by colleges because it requires students to dig deeper through writing, presenting, analysis of material and reflection of their work so they are very well prepared for next level."

Moreover, Newman School students must complete a service component, such as volunteering with a local nonprofit, to earn their diplomas, and which, Schafer said, "creates citizens who are globally and service-minded when they go out into the greater world."

The Newman School, which is offering virtual open houses on Tuesday, Oc. 6 ; Wednesday, Oct. 14 ; and Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m., has rolling admissions and even has a few spaces available in some grades for the current school year as more of its International Students have opted to study online instead.

Visit newmanboston.org or call 617-267-4530 to learn more about the Newman School.

For tuitions costs and financial-aid information for any of the aforementioned schools, visit their respective websites.

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Beacon Hill Nursery School was founded in 1955 and has been a vital part of the downtown community since its inception with a consistent commitment to high quality early childhood education. Our primary mission is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning in its students. We cherish children's innate curiosity through purposeful play guided by exceptional early childhood educators.

Our school is warm and welcoming, with two onsite playscapes, a dedicated library, seven classrooms and an indoor gym. All of our programs have a strong emphasis on play, hands-on engagement, open-ended exploration and social/emotional development. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes, our program nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning. Our Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of our play-based programs for young children while offering increased structure, exposure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools.

Programs: Toddler (2-2.9 years) – 2 or 3 mornings (8:45am-12pm)

Preschool (2.9-4 years) – 5 mornings (8:45am-12pm)

Junior Kindergarten (4-5 years) – M-Th (8:45am-2pm), F (8:45am-12pm)

Extended Day: Early Drop-off 8:00-8:45am

Extended Day until 3:30 or 5:45pm

Deadlines: Sibling & Legacy Applications – November 15

All other Applications – January 15

Open Houses – October 8 & November 2, 6:30-8pm

Registration required for our Open Houses online at www.bhns.net/open-house

Financial Aid: Need-based

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Charlestown Nursery School
124 Main Street
Charlestown, MA
617-242-5169
charlestownnurseryschool.com

Charlestown Nursery School (CNS) is an innovative program for children 2-5 years old that draws on the best research from Reggio Emilia, Montessori and other thoughtful approaches. Our curriculum is built around a series of explorations that grow out of the children's own interests and integrates individualized instruction – combining the

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power of the children's boundless curiosity with an expertly guided investigative approach that immerses the children in the process and joys of real discovery, with the goal of nurturing self-motivated, life-long learners. CNS has been recognized by educators from around the world and has been highlighted in many studies of high-quality early childhood.

The city's resources – including parks, museums, libraries and historic attractions – are considered part of the school's "campus," and our frequent visits foster the child's feeling of being at home in the wider world.

Ages: 2 - 5 years.

Tuition variable by program.

Application available October 1. Early admission begins Nov.15

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Pre-K - Grade 9
250 Waltham St.
West Newton, MA
617-630-2300
fessenden.org

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One Park Street
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617-523-7577
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Grounded in Core Knowledge philosophy, children build strong foundations of knowledge in the early years - an approach we believe is foundational to developing critical thinking skills necessary for lifelong learning. Learning here is active! Creativity, imagination, and social development are fostered through lessons, learning centers and play. Whether collecting leaves, discovering animals' habitats in Ponds and Meadows, or bicycling in gym, children are "out of the chair" – making connections in and out of the classroom and between subjects. The learning is real and tangible, and it sets us apart. As a Christian school, we're committed to guiding students in the formation of character and an understanding of God's love for them. Connecting the mind and the heart - classroom learning and character education - is what makes Park Street School special. Sign-up at www.parkstreetschool.org for a Virtual Tuesday Tour at 10:00 AM or one of our evening Open Houses: for Elementary Nov.12 at 6:00 PM, or Preschool Dec. 3 at 6:00 PM.

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Our teachers know each child well, and we work together to nurture unique talents, passions, and aspirations. The Lower School—nested within the K–8 of our K–12 school—enables children to begin developing their own sense of competence, confidence, and character.

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STUDY TIPS

TRY NOT TO CRAM
Studying subjects in small chunks over multiple days will help you remember more information than cramming the night before an exam.

MAKE A REASONABLE STUDY SCHEDULE
Making a study schedule will help you to avoid cramming and procrastination. Keeping your schedule realistic (time for breaks etc) will help reduce stress.

EAT WELL & EXERCISE
Eating well during finals will keep your mind ready to absorb new information. Exercising will help improve your memory by reducing your stress.

JOIN A STUDY GROUP
Forming a study group can really motivate you to study. Explaining difficult concepts out loud will help you figure out what you understand and what you still need to go over. (It's even better if everyone brings snacks!)

MEET WITH YOUR PROFS
Scheduling an appointment (or even just sending off a quick email) with your professor will help you to figure out what to focus on for the exam.

SET A TIME LIMIT FOR EACH SUBJECT
Setting a time limit and then fully committing to studying during that time will help you to avoid procrastination!

REWARD YOURSELF
After you've finished your study session reward yourself with a nice break - grabbing a latte, going for a walk, taking a cat nap etc. This will help prevent burn out and keep your mind ready for your next study session.

STUDY IN APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENT
Studying in an appropriate environment (a library!) will help you to concentrate on your studies. Find what works for you - a cafe, your bedroom, the library, the cafeteria...

KNOW YOUR DISTRACTIONS
Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest, watching YouTube videos, television shows, texting... Distractions can be endless! But it's important to know what will distract you the most and to AVOID THEM AT ALL COSTS! (Turn off your phone, install a social media blocker on your computer, stay away from your t.v. etc).

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Each day, our students take on more responsibility and independence; we understand them, support them, and help them grow as they transition from childhood to adolescence. Our discussion-based classes, often around a Harkness Table, are lively and engaging. All students take a 360 health and wellness class, co-taught by our Middle School Counselor and Learning Skills Specialist, and have many opportunities to join affinity groups and culture clubs.

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HIGH SCHOOL

Boston College High School
150 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts 02125
617-436-3900
bchigh.edu

Founded in 1863, Boston College High School is a world-class, independent Jesuit, Catholic preparatory school for young men in grades 7–12. BC High offers students dynamic, urban learning experiences unique to Boston and unparalleled opportunities to explore the world through a vast network of schools and international destinations.

BC High's approach is rigorous, going beyond the academic to address the whole person: head, heart, and hands – cultivating qualities that establish character and provide students with a holistic framework to wrestle the many complexities of life.

Here, future leaders begin to develop their potential, find their own unique voice and work together toward a more ethical and inclusive world. Students learn to stand up boldly for what they believe in, including themselves, and become men who lead with integrity.

Our five-hundred-year-old tradition of Jesuit education has seen plagues, recession and wars. We have weathered it all. Rooted in such a strong tradition, BC High was quick to pivot in these uncertain times and stay connected through synchronous learning with enhanced Zoom capabilities, technology and safety protocols for our community.

Learn more about the BC High experience and register for our virtual open house on November 8, go to bchigh.edu.

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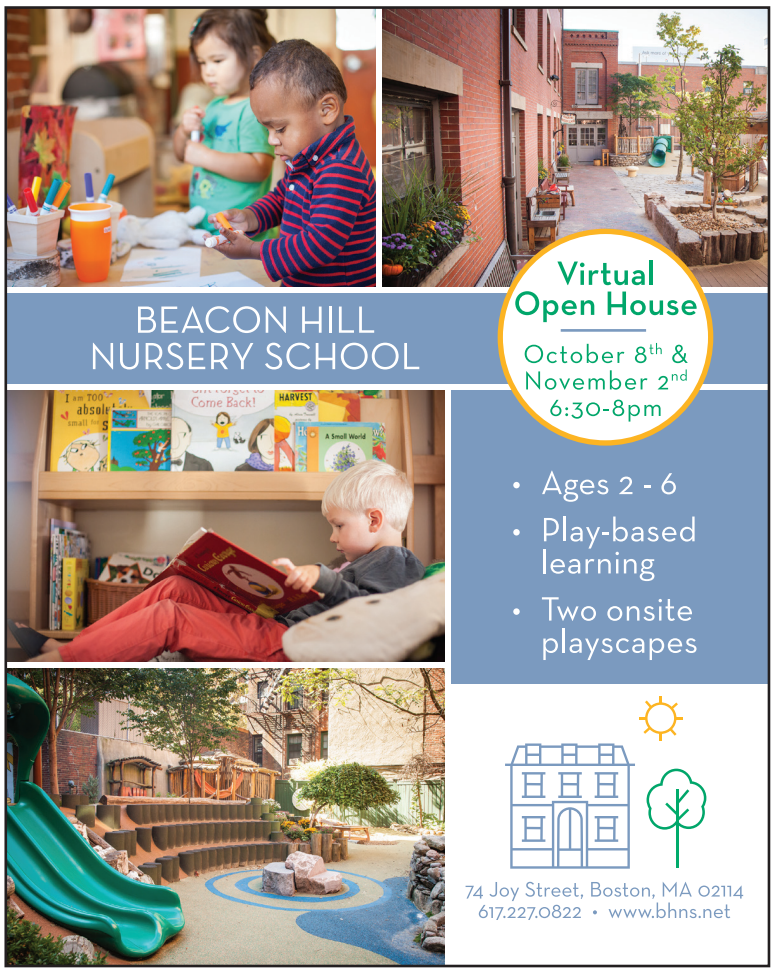
VIRTUAL LEARNING POD PROGRAM

Charlestown Boys and Girls Club
15 Green St.
Charlestown, Mass. 02129
617-242-1775

Charlestown Boys and Girls Club's Learning Enrichment Program.

The Club will have an in-person, Learning Enrichment Program Pods with Staff for members in our facility this School Year starting Sept. 28th. The Club will host students for the upcoming school year and our staff will make sure they have a safe, secure and connected facility to learn in while in 'virtual class'.

'All Virtual' Students preferred. Any questions, Please call the Club at 617-242-1775 or email at mcannon@bgcb.org



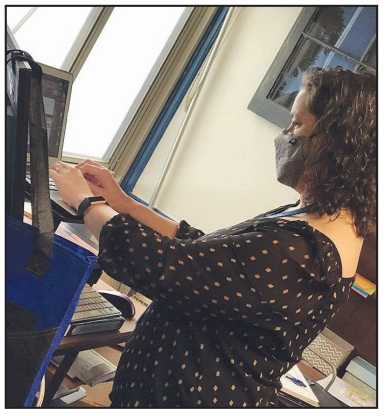
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FINALLY HERE

Courtesy Photos

The first day of school and the activities around it generated some excitement over the last week in the Town. Whether it was getting a 'I'm going to Kindergarten' T-Shirt or logging onto a ChromeBook to see friends and teachers on Zoom, it was a beginning to the school year that will never be forgotten amongst the many.

Staff members at the Harvard Kent School handed out kits to help student prepare for the first day late last week.

District 1 Supt. Tommy Welch visited with teachers at the Warren Prescott School on Monday morning, watching them as they re-connected with their students on Zoom.



Principal Larissa Doherty monitors the call center at the Edwards Middle School on their first day of classes Monday.

Supt. Brenda Cassellius stopped by the Eliot School to visit with Principal Tracy Walker last weekend as they prepared for the first day of school.

The Countdown to Kindergarten team was on hand at the Harvard Kent School last week to distribute T-Shirts to those heading to their first day of kindergarten.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE. AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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COVID-19 infection rate down 1.3 percent in Charlestown

By John Lynds

Charlestown's COVID-19 infection rate decreased 1.3 percent last week and still remains well below the citywide average.

After posting a rise of 3.5 percent in the neighborhood's infection three weeks ago, the infection rate dropped for the first time according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on Friday.

According to the BPHC's data the neighborhood's COVID infection rate went from 122.6 cases per 10,000 residents to 121 cases per 10,000 residents. The citywide average is 241.8 cases per 10,000 residents.

Last week the BPHC reported that 5,391 residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that overall since the pandemic began only 4.5 percent of residents tested were found to be COVID positive. The overall citywide average is 7.5 percent since the pandemic began.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus rose only 2.4 percent last week from 16,310 cases to 16,703 cases. So far 13,467 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus and two additional residents died last week bringing the total of fatalities in the city to 761.

During his daily press briefing on the virus, the Mayor highlighted one notable trend.

"Forty-eight percent of new cases in the last two weeks of data are in people under the age of 30," said Walsh.

Walsh stressed that young people must be especially cautious, in order to protect themselves and the rest of the community as well, including older populations who tend to experience more severe symptoms if they contract the virus.

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CHARLESTOWN RECOVERY MONTH EVENTS

• September 26th - 12 Annual Charlestown Candlelight Vigil : On Saturday at 6:30pm, join us at the Charlestown Peace Park (Mount Vernon St. & Lowney Way) for our annual Vigil. If you would like to submit a photo of a loved one to be added into the vigil slideshow, please send their name and image to Smlundin@partners.org.

• September 27th - Recovery Mass at St. Mary - St. Catherine of Siena Parish (55 Warren St. Charlestown, MA.) at 6:00pm.

• September 30th - Charlestown Drug Court Celebration - contact Shannon Lundin, Smlundin@partners.org, for more information.

WASNIEWSKI GRADUATES FROM COLGATE UNIVERSITY

Attabelle Wasniewski, of Charlestown, is a graduate of Colgate University in the Class of 2020.

Wasniewski, a graduate of Dana Hall School, majored in Economics at Colgate.

Wasniewski received a Bachelor of Arts degree Magna Cum Laude at Colgate's 199th Commencement, which was held virtually on May 17 this year.

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS IS POSTPONED TO A LATER DATE

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At the end of the service, each animal owner was presented with a certificate that said that his or her animal received the blessing for a long and happy life.

Because of the virus issues and restrictions forbidding large groups, this year's service had been postponed to a future date. When the ceremony is rescheduled, an article will appear in the Patriot-Bridge a few weeks before the event.

Foundation Kitchen to open at The Graphic Lofts on Sullivan Square

Staff Report

Foundation Kitchen, a shared culinary workspace, co-founded by husband and wife team, Ciaran Nagle and Tara Novak, has signed a 5,723 square-foot lease to open a new culinary production and dining destination at The Graphic Lofts on Sullivan Square.

This new location, located directly across the street from the Sullivan Square Station, will feature a café, wine bar, and food stalls which will be open to the public seven days a week. The space will also feature an ongoing roster of cooking classes, special events, and culinary pop-ups served from a shared kitchen. Foundation Kitchen is scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2021 in a space on the ground floor of the building that has been unoccupied since The Graphic launched last year.

The lease for Foundation Kitchen was negotiated by Stephen Pleines from Eastern Land Company on behalf of the tenants, and Joe Wagner from Boston Reality Advisors on behalf of Berkeley Investments, which owns and developed The Graphic Lofts.

Berkeley has long recognized the value of placing innovative food and beverage concepts in rapidly growing neighborhoods. Young Park, president of Berkeley Investments, is credited with introducing Barbara Lynch to the Fort Point neighborhood in 2008 by offering the company's FP3 residential building as home to Drink, Sportello and Menton.

"The addition of Foundation Kitchen to The Graphic Lofts and the community of Charlestown is a home-run for everyone involved," said Park. "The concept is one that will appeal to multiple audiences who are essential to the neighborhood including residents, nearby workers and commuters. The unique concept meets a variety of needs in the market, and we know it will be incredibly popular when it opens."

From a food and beverage standpoint, plans call for Foundation Kitchen to offer breakfast, lunch and dinner menu items, along with craft beers and wine, either to-go, or for in-restaurant dining through their cafe and wine bar. Owner Ciaran Nagle says the market and location are prime for this type of carry-out dining option, especially for those that reside above Foundation Kitchen in The Graphic Lofts, and those that live nearby in Hood Park and mainland Charlestown.

"The impacts of COVID-19 have put more focus on carry-out and at-home dining, and our business model was set-up perfectly for that well before the pandemic adversely impacted the restaurant community," said Nagle. "Given this shift and increased demand for more healthy, local grab-and-go dining options, takeout and delivery have skyrocketed in popularity, as customers seek creative alternatives to cooking at home night after night."

A rendering of what Foundation Kitchen on Sullivan Square will look like when it opens in the spring of 2021. The concept combines food, beverage and take-out options with a commercial kitchen facility that already has 20 members ready to get to work. It will be on the ground floor of The Graphic Lofts building.

Nagle said Foundation Kitchen members will offer creative culinary packages like family-style meals, curated make-at-home meal kits, farmers' market delivery services, and wine-and-food pairings.

Those who choose to dine in Foundation Kitchen's Food Hall will experience indoor and outdoor spaces that take their design cues from the local neighborhood, "which is rich with creativity and innovation," says Kevin Cromwell of Cromwell Consulting, a food service consulting firm that helped design and layout the space. "Our goal was to create an environment that allows quality culinary entrepreneurs a place to flourish."

Rashmi Ramaswamy, lead architect of SHED Studio, and designer Jack Cochran, thought about the establishment's namesake - a "foundational" kitchen - and created a space that celebrates the building's architecture, while also connecting guests to the places and landscapes where food comes from.

"With abundant plantings, a warm, atmospheric mural, and exposed brick and massive wood beams, the marketplace will unite the public and global cuisines together to create a space that's both transportive yet also very much part of the history and evolution of Charlestown," they said.

All of the parties involved are committed to creating a space that follows COVID-19 CDC and State of Massachusetts health guidelines.

In addition, as a family-owned-and-operated business, Owner Tara Novak says Foundation Kitchen will fill a void by providing a space that's inspiring to other small to mid-size food companies.

"We presently have one boutique shared commercial kitchen located in Union Square, Somerville and we're excited about this new location opening in Charlestown," she says. "This shared kitchen concept is licensed for shared-use food production, and multiple other businesses may operate from our new kitchen at The Graphic. All member companies working out of our space have their own licenses, insurance, and certification, and either work from their own designated studio space or from their own pre-scheduled space within the shared kitchen."

Foundation Kitchen already has close to 20 members who cite multiple reasons for using shared kitchen space, including the lack of commercial kitchen space in the Boston metro area, the cost of incurring long-term leases, and the large overhead costs associated with a commercial kitchen facility. Adam Dziki of Wild Fox Pierogi, a Foundation Kitchen member since 2017, looks forward to being a part of the new space at The Graphic when it opens in early 2021.

"Wild Fox serves delicious cuisines inspired by our Polish and Portuguese heritages," he said. "We're also a family owned business and we look forward to offering lunch and dinner options that are packed with flavor, including our signature 'Bigger than Babcia's' scratch-made pierogi, as well as soups, sandwiches, salads, and more."

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North Washington Street Bridge

(Charlestown Bridge) Construction Look-Ahead:

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

DCR RECREATIONAL ADVISORY: NEW CHARLES RIVER DAM PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY

•Starting Monday, 9/21 at 6 a.m. and ending on Sunday, 9/27 at 6 p.m., the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will implement a closure of the New Charles River Dam Pedestrian Walkway in the City of Boston to accommodate facility maintenance work. Pedestrian patterns will be clearly marked. Vessel traffic through the locks will be limited to vessels with beams below 22'.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

•Demolition of pier and center substructure, removal of deck and steel, installation and maintenance of silt curtain, cofferdam, tide gate, phase 2 fender system, and drainage.

WORK HOURS

•Most work will be done during the daytime (6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

•Other work will be done overnight (6:00 pm. – 2:00 a.m.)

•There will be other work done during the daytime (6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

•Prior to 9/20 crews have demolished the east sidewalk and removed the asbestos duct bank.

TRAVEL TIPS

Westerly sidewalk, Lovejoy Wharf stairs near Converse are open to the public with the opening of the temporary bridge, the adjacent section of the Harborwalk passing under the bridge remains closed.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass.

Here's the kicker: Fall soccer begins with full in-house program

By Seth Daniel

The Charlestown Soccer League kicked off a full, in-house league last weekend that will last for the duration of this fall, with plenty of precautions and protections, but certainly also a lot of fun playing 'The Beautiful Game.'

League President Allen Reitz said soccer will be different this year, but the numbers are not down and many kids have registered to play. However, there will be no travel teams this year, as the league will all be in-house.

"We had expected to have our travel program running, but that changed a couple weeks ago when we decided to go in-house only," he said. "We decided as a Board rather than have that extra layer of concern with travel, to just go in-house. It will be the first year Charlestown is an in-house only program. We were surprised to see the numbers were really high for registrations and we'll be playing schedules similar to last year. However, we're not travelling."

Reitz said they will have leagues divided into 1st-2nd grades, and then 3rd-8th grades. They will play games on Saturdays and Sundays at the football field, and have some practices on the Oilies (Barry Field). He said it was exciting that Charlestown families still wanted to get out and play soccer in such large numbers.

"The other towns around our league declined 50 percent or more and we are about the same as last year if not more," he said. "That was impressive."

The precautions taken for playing will be according to the Massachusetts Youth Soccer guidelines, he said.

Players will be expected to socially distance as much as possible, to wear masks on the field at all times, and there will be no throw ins and no header plays allowed.

"The idea is nobody should be touching the ball," he said. "If the ball is touched, there is a break and we sanitize it and then resume play."

Likewise, the social atmosphere for parents and grandparents and games and practices will also be curtailed and Reitz said they suggest one parent for every child.

"We recommend that during practice, they drop off kids at the exact time," he said. "They can't come early and they can't stay afterward. Parents can be in the stands socially distant or in the car. If it's a game, we encourage a one-to-one ratio. We're encouraging parents not to bring the grandparents and everyone down to see the game. Also, everyone needs to have masks on."

Reitz said he and his Board and the coaches in the league have spent so much time making sure a season happened this year. He said it was one of the hardest things he has had to do.

"Just preparing for the season is one of the hardest things I've ever done," he said. "I have to thank my Board, the coaches and parents and everyone else as well."

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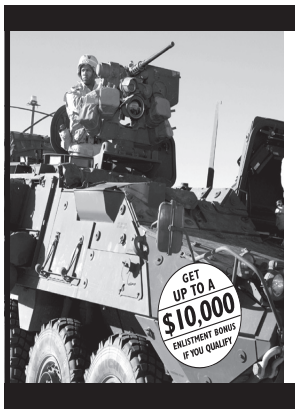

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Two shot and killed in Bunker Hill development last Thursday

By Seth Daniel

Just about one hour after Police Commissioner Willie Gross and his Command Staff handed out backpacks to kids heading back to school, three blocks away a Lynn man and Roxbury man were shot in their vehicle on Decatur Street – with both eventually succumbing to their injuries.

The double fatal shootings were the first homicides in the Town in two years.

According to Boston Police, at about 7:29 p.m. on Sept. 17, officers assigned to District A-15 (Charlestown) responded to a radio call at 74 Decatur St. for a motor vehicle accident as well as shots fired. Upon arrival, officers located two adult males in a motor vehicle suffering from gunshot wounds. One male victim, later identified as Wildeny Tejeda-Mejia, 24, of Lynn, succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased on scene. The second male victim was transported to a local area hospital with life-threatening injuries. That second male victim succumbed to his injuries on Tuesday and has been identified as David Martinez, 28, of Roxbury.

Incidentally, a shots fired call was reported very close by on Samuel Morse Way a week prior, on Sept. 11, around midnight. A bullet was located inside one of the nearby apartments at that time.

On the scene last Thursday night, Commissioner Gross and DA Rachael Rollins spoke to the media about how the neighborhood stuck together and called 9-1-1.

"There are many children in this neighborhood; there are parents and it's a very tight neighborhood," he said. "The only way to defeat these acts of violence is to all stick together. Thank you to the neighborhood because you called 9-1-1. You didn't have to call 9-1-1, but you did pick up the phone and that will help us in this investigation…There are good people and bad people and we can't tell you where they will be. I can tell you right now…the neighborhoods of Boston are not desensitized to violence and they are helping the Boston Police and the DA in solving these crimes."

Gross said it appears that the deceased were in the car and it was in motion when they were shot – as opposed to being parked on the side of the street. He said because shots fired calls came in, and simultaneously a motor vehicle accident came in, one can surmise the occupants were shot and then crashed as a result of their conditions.

DA Rollins said they will work hard with the Boston Police to bring those responsible to justice.

"This happened around dinner time and there are children living in this community," she said. "As they were wrapping up their summer and preparing to go to school, this violence happened right in front of where they live. We came to show our support. The Boston Police are working tirelessly to get answers and to find out who these individuals were and what they were doing here…We want this community to know we will work hard to hold the individuals responsible."

Gross said there was a call put out on the radio to keep people inside their homes while the investigation went on.

"We don't want kids, parents, grandparents to see such a gruesome scene," he said. "Everyone did the right thing. They called 9-1-1 and remained inside their homes. This is a great neighborhood. They work in concert with Capt. Ciccolo. We've gone over things like this – about seeing something and calling it in. They did that."

The Boston Police Trauma Team is available for those in the neighborhood who need help dealing with the violence. They can be reached at (617) 431-0125.

The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident and is asking anyone with information relative to this investigation to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at (617) 343-4470.

Time is running out to participate in the U.S. 2020 Census

By John Lynds

With the help of local organizations and volunteers the City of Boston is making a final push to get an accurate census count ahead of the Sept. 30 deadline.

"This once-in-a-decade opportunity will determine the amount of elected representatives Boston will have, how legislative districts will be formed, and the amount of federal funding we will receive for crucial services and programs for the next 10 years," said Mayor Martin Walsh last week. "Only 57.4 percent of Boston's households have self-responded. We are now less than two weeks away from the last day to be counted (September 30). This is an urgent call to all of Boston's communities to make sure they've completed the U.S. 2020 Census. On this day and throughout the month of September."

Mayor Walsh reminded residents they can fill out the 2020 Census online or by phone, and either of these options is available in 13 languages.

"If you already have done so, make sure to ask your friends, family, and networks to do the same," he said. "Spread the message digitally. Use the city's outreach toolkit to amplify that responding is not only crucial, but it is also quick, easy, and confidential."

Walsh is also encouraging residents to volunteer to census phone banks with the City of Boston. "We are hosting daily phone banks to reach out and encourage households in some of our lowest response neighborhoods," said Walsh.

For all Boston-related Census information and how to help Walsh said to visit the city's "Boston Counts 2020" website at www.boston.gov/departments/intergovernmental-relations/boston-counts-2020.

This year the United States will conduct its decennial census. In Boston there's been a huge push to ensure a fair and complete count in the 2020 U.S. Census because it determines everything from representation in Congress, to federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure and health care programs.

MCEF used real-time census response rate data and knowledge of the impacts of the pandemic to make rapid-response grants between $500 to $5,000 for additional outreach activities. Organizations in these regions, who work with hard-to-count populations including communities of color, are struggling to increase Census response rates while simultaneously responding to communities' needs, which have been increasing in the wake of COVID-19.

Historically, certain populations are "hard-to-count" in the census. Urban and rural areas with large low-income populations, people of color, immigrants, non-English speakers, migrant workers, ex-offenders, young children, the elderly, those who are disabled, renters, the homeless, and those living in mobile homes or multi-unit residences are historically hard-to-count.

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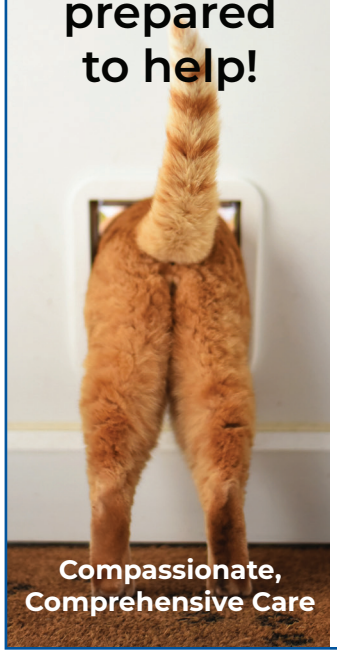

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Developer seeks to demolish historic home, abutters ready to fight it

By Seth Daniel

A developer looking to tear down an historic home at 8 Lawrence St. and build a new single-family building on the property is headed for what looks to be a long-term clash with neighbors and abutters after a public information meeting on the plan last Thursday.

George Sarkis appeared at the Article 85 Demolition information meeting with his attorney, Patrick Mahoney of Charlestown, to go over their plan briefly and to explain the alternatives to demolishing the home – which has been significantly renovated but the bones of the structure date back to 1813 and the Fosdick family.

From the outset, Mahoney made it clear that the meeting was about checking all the boxes that were required for a demolition hearing, and that Sarkis – a high profile realtor with Douglas Elliman - intends to demo the home so that he and his family can live in it. He said there is no profit deal going on, and the Sarkis's simply want to live in a modern home that takes advantage of the large site.

The project is by right and requires no variances or special permits.

"His building is only a little smaller than (that of abutters)," said Mahoney. "Although Boston and Charlestown are intentionally down-zoned, this project is meant to comply. I'm a developer and a zoning attorney and I can't see a profit here. This is meant specifically for George Sarkis and his family."

But neighbors are clashing with that plan, and some in the Town have privately said they have doubts that Sarkis will eventually live there. Abutters have hired Charlestown Attorney Scott Holmes, and at the online meeting last Thursday, he said to be ready for a fight.

Developer George Sarkis has proposed to demolish the historic home at 8 Lawrence St. to build a new single-family home. Preservationists and abutters are opposing the demo and have hired an attorney to challenge anything that doesn't fit within their historic neighborhood.

"I don't think anyone thinks your client should not be able to live there and I don't think anyone thinks your client should not buy what he wants to, but to build a building that defies the context of that neighborhood is not appropriate and is going to be opposed," said Holmes, on behalf of abutter Ron Cooledge. "You can go to the Boston Landmarks Commission and wait for the 90 days to collapse, but it's not going to end there and I want you to know that. It's not some idle threat. You may think you can go ahead and do whatever you want to do, but the neighborhood is going to challenge anything that will change the context and simplicity of what's there now. We ask you go back and figure out how to make it fit in the neighborhood."

Both Cooledge and neighbor Kent Edwards also chimed in and said they were worried about losing an historic home in one of the oldest settled areas on Charlestown – which contains a cluster of only a few of the original homes built shortly after the dawn of the United States.

Sarkis's development team showed alternatives they explored, including keeping the historic double, book-end chimneys that are original, and surrounding it with a new building. That apparently wasn't structurally feasible and would have incurred too much expense and effort to preserve them while building around them. Meanwhile, another alternative shown explored leaving the home in the front and constructing a new extension on the back – which would require a zoning variance.

Neither was deemed plausible by Sarkis, so the plan to build a three-story new building after tearing down the old building was settled upon. The developers have revealed very little about the new building plan, and kept much of it close to the vest in the meeting as well. A small drawing of the building showed a garage at the ground floor (requiring a new curb cut) and a front door flanking it. Bedroom and living space on the top two floors included balconies facing the street. The idea, it was stated, was to create something that appeared historic, but was modern and new inside.

Charlestown Preservation Society (CPS) President Amanda Zettel said the home is very old and quite historic and they do not support a demolition of the property. For the CPS, the proposal brings back memories of about five years ago when several historic homes were slated to be demolished and rebuilt with modern buildings – the worst offender being on Oak Street, she said.

"Demolition is a bad deal for many reasons in Charlestown," she said. "It's not the best environmental option and we have few of these old houses left that were built so long ago and contribute to the quality, character and appeal of the neighborhood. It is as old as the Monumental House on Union Street. Right now is our only chance to say the building is important and that we want to keep as much of the original building as possible."

She also said the late Bill Lamb had worked on this issue on Lawrence Street and was adamant that it not be demolished.

She said previous plans that were shared with the CPS Design Review Committee included a curb cut on Lawrence Street – taking away parking – and a building that would go up 35 feet and be built nearly from lot line to lot line.

"We need to keep a diversity of building types in the neighborhood," she said. "If all these kinds of homes go away in exchange for mini-mansions, we lose that mid-tier historic home like this."

Records from the CPS indicate that 8 Lawrence St. was built in 1813 or 1814 and is among the earliest homes built in that area after the burning of the Town in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

James Fosdick (1789-1854) built 8 Lawrence Street. James Fosdick was a chair-maker. His parents were David Fosdick (1757-1812) and Mary Frothingham (1758-1848). Mary was the daughter of James Frothingham (1735-1820), who was deacon of the First Church in Charlestown on Town Hill. Her brother, James Frothingham Jr. (1763-1848) married Sally Fosdick. In 1811 James Fosdick married Sophia Goodell. As was customary, CPS believes he built his home to house his family shortly after his marriage. His first daughter was born in 1812 and first son in 1813 and ultimately another six children. His wife Sophia died in 1833 and James Fosdick kept the house until 1845 when his eighth child, a daughter, became 23-years of age. James Fosdick is laid to rest in a vault at the historic Phipps Street Burying Ground in Charlestown, where Lawrence Street ends at Phipps Street.

Mayoral Liaison Quinlan Locke said the meeting was just the start of a process, and that there would be a Boston Landmarks Commission meeting on the matter in the near future. That meeting hasn't been scheduled yet.

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having a better pathway for 7-12 opportunities next year. COVID-19 dictates so much of what we do so it was a great relief to parents and students not to have to go to a new school this year for sixth grade – being the new students at a school they've never been to and with kids they likely have never gotten to meet. That would have been very tough. The timing on this was right and couldn't have been better. We're excited we could get off the ground this year for our families we've been serving."

Additionally, the new sixth grade helped to lessen the impact of COVID-19 on departing students last year, as there were none. With the new sixth grade planned already, all the fifth graders could relax in knowing they would be coming back to the school this year. There were no painful online good-byes, or graduations that were never able to happen.

"Because we added the sixth grade, we were able to welcome all of our student from last year back this year on Monday," said Gallagher. "There was no class that graduated or moved on. That worked in our favor because there was no situation where we didn't get to say farewell to students. It made the transition this year much easier."

The new sixth grade class is made up in what would be three classrooms – two larger groups and one small group. They include an inclusion classroom, a general education classroom and a smaller special education classroom. That formation will kick in when the hybrid, in-person model plays out likely in November.

There were new staff hired to fill the teaching positions, but Gallagher said they had two fifth grade teachers from last year who stepped up to teach the new Grade 6. Teachers Heidi Achour and Angela Tse have moved up and are teaching the new sixth grade, he said.

Overall, at all grades, Gallagher said it was an interesting day going remote – a day where teaching and learning was happening, but not necessarily all inside the school building. It was a different way of thinking about things, he said.

That said, the Harvard-Kent community is looking forward to the day when they can welcome back students in person.

"It was a good first day and good to have the students back," he said. "It made all of the planning we did for so long feel worthwhile. The majority of the day was spent figuring out a few technical issues, but things were pretty smooth and we worked hard to make sure every student could get online…What we need to do is teach and do that day by day. We shift if we need to shift and pivot if we need to pivot. We are looking forward to bringing the kids back in person very soon."

Bus driver run over while reporting to work

By Seth Daniel

The MBTA is calling it a horrible tragedy this week, as an 18-year veteran bus driver was run over early on Monday morning by another vehicle while walking to his assigned bus in the Charlestown Bus Yard.

According to MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak, Bernadin Etienne was struck around 6 a.m. on Monday in a tragic accident in the yard of the Bus Garage on Arlington Street. He said Etienne was a dedicated, hard-working employee of the MBTA for 18 years.

Though it wasn't mentioned, information pointed to the fact that another bus driver hit Etienne while exiting the Yard.

"Safety is a top priority at the MBTA, and something we strive for individually and as an organization each day," said Poftak in a letter. "A thorough investigation to determine the cause and circumstances surrounding the accident is currently being conducted. While we wait to learn its findings, I ask you keep Bernadin and his family in your hearts. It is hard when we lose one of our own."

Jim Evers, president of the Boston Carmen's Union, said Etienne was a long-time member of the Union and they miss him dearly in the ranks.

"Monday morning, the Boston Carmen's Union lost a long-time member of our Union and MBTA family," said Evers. "This was a tragic accident, our condolences are with the family and friends of Bernadin Etienne during this difficult time. As always, the Union remains focused on supporting our members and Bernadin's family. We will work with the MBTA to investigate the circumstances surrounding this tragedy, until that investigation is complete we will have no further comment. We ask that the public respect his family's privacy."

Monday morning, at the MBTA/MassDOT meeting, Poftak also addressed the tragedy, saying the Boston Police and Transit Police are investigating what looks to be a horrible accident.

"Obviously it's a tragic, tragic day at the MBTA and an event that weighs heavily on us," he said.

For the Record

BPS HYBRID MODEL/PHASED-IN REOPENING

BPS is moving forward with a responsible, phased-in plan to start the school year. This approach will give time to assess health data before each step, with the Boston Public Health Commission. It will allow to address learning needs and opportunity gaps -- in person and by providing extra help for students learning online. In every step, families have the choice of whether to opt-in to hybrid learning or stay fully remote.

Each step will begin no sooner than the listed date:

•On September 21, all students began with remote learning.

•On October 1, the option of hybrid learning may begin for students with the highest needs.

•On October 15, optional hybrid learning may begin for the youngest students, in all 3 grades of kindergarten: K0, K1, and K2.

•On October 22, opt-in hybrid learning may begin for grades 1-3.

•On November 5, opt-in hybrid learning may begin for grades 4-8. That will include grades 6-8 in the high schools that include them.

•And on November 16, opt-in hybrid learning may begin for grades 9-12.

•Teachers will arrive in school on Tuesday, September 8 to begin preparations for teaching both the remote and hybrid models from their classrooms.

•The first students will not return until at least October 1.

•As more students phase in, it will still be less than 50% of the normal numbers at any given time.

BUNKER HILL HOUSING IAG MEETINGS

The Bunker Hill Housing development proposal's Impact Advisory Group (IAG) was re-convened for its first meeting since February on Weds., Sept. 16, and there will be a second one on Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be online.

The proposed project as described in the DPIR consists of the phased redevelopment of the existing Boston Housing Authority (BHA) owned Bunker Hill Public Housing Development in Charlestown. The proposal includes the phased demolition of the existing approximately 1,110 public housing units and the construction of 2,699 mixed-income housing units, approximately 73,000 square feet of retail and civic space, new public open space, new on and off-street vehicle parking accommodations, and public realm improvements.

This meeting will be hosted online, using Zoom. You must register in advance. For questions, email Raul.Duverge@Boston.gov or call (617) 918-4492.

A second IAG meeting online is scheduled for Sept. 30.

From the Sept. 23 Election Advisory Meeting, 10 a.m., online:

•Agenda to Include: Report on September 1, 2020 State Primary; Report on Preparations for November 3, State Election; Voter Registration Report.

From the Sept. 25, 10 a.m., COMMITTEE ON CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES HEARING (via Zoom): A hearing on the safety of construction sites in the City of Boston. This matter is sponsored by Councilor Ed Flynn and was referred to the Committee on City and Neighborhood Services on January 29, 2020.

•From the Sept. 29 Zoning Board of Appeals hearing, 9:30 a.m., Online via WebEx:

50 Elm St. Applicant: Christine Hajdin. Purpose: Installation of driveway and accompanying curb cut 2 parking spots.

•From the Sept. 25, 10 a.m., COMMITTEE ON CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES HEARING (via Zoom): A hearing on the safety of construction sites in the City of Boston. This matter is sponsored by Councilor Ed Flynn and was referred to the Committee on City and Neighborhood Services on January 29, 2020.

•From the Oct. 1, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS WORKING SESSION: The Committee will hold a working session on Docket #0225, ordinance to create the Special Commission on Ending Family Homelessness. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Lydia Edwards. The Sponsor of the docket is Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George. This matter was sponsored by Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George and was referred to the Committee on January 29, 2020.

•The Mayor announced an extension of the Outdoor Dining Program beyond its original end date of October 31. Restaurants using private outdoor space can continue to do so for the duration of the public health emergency. And restaurants using public space on streets and sidewalks can continue until December 1. The City will also waive application fees for the use of outdoor propane heaters in dining areas. Restaurants will still need a permit from the Fire Department, and safety regulations around their use will remain in place. Restaurants can use electric heaters without a permit, as long as no cords are crossing sidewalks.

FREE BPS BREAKFAST IN CHARLESTOWN

Students who wish to get a free breakfast Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 am., have two sites to choose from in Charlestown. This is the BPS initiative, but other organizations are also serving meals in the Town as well.

•Charlestown High School – 240 Medford St.

•Harvard/Kent Elementary – 50 Bunker Hill St.

CITIZENSHIP FEES TO INCREASE

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is making significant changes to the naturalization application. Starting October 2, it is raising the cost of application from $725 to $1,200 and eliminating the fee waiver for most low-income residents. USCIS is also increasing the permanent residence (green card) application fee and implementing an asylum application fee, making the United States one of four countries to do so. The City of Boston and the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) are encouraging eligible Boston immigrants to apply for citizenship before the October 2 fee increases. They can contact Project Citizenship at 617-694-5949 for free, high quality legal help with their application.

•REPORTING WORKPLACE SAFETY CONCERNS

Workers in any size organization have options if they feel they are being pressured into an unsafe situation. Attorney General Maura Healey has created resources for workers to report safety concerns during reopening. They include an online form at the Attorney General's website and a dedicated Fair Labor hotline at 617-727-3465. People can also find those resources by calling 311.

•HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM PROPERTY

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

Walsh forms Health Inequities Task Force to provide guidance to the City of Boston

As confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Boston, Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced a new COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force to provide guidance to the City of Boston on addressing current inequities in data analysis, testing sites and health care services for Blacks, Latinos, Asians and immigrants.

"We know that there are significant inequities that put our communities of color and immigrant population at higher risk for contracting coronavirus, developing severe illness, and impeding them from accessing care," Mayor Walsh said. "Data is critical to knowing how deep these inequities run and to help the public better understand the virus and its risks. By forming the COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force, we can focus specifically on increasing access to this important data and tackling the inequities that we know exist in our communities. I look forward to working with the members of the Task Force and the community while we collectively address this important issue and strive to achieve health equity among all our communities."

The Task Force will review existing racial and ethnic data among Boston residents, as well as review data collection processes, data analysis and best practices related to the COVID-19 response for the Black, Latino, Asian, and immigrant populations. This guidance will support a strategy for equity and accessibility to services for populations that are historically underserved or underrepresented, including recommendations for additional resources and considerations, that can be implemented by the City of Boston and community and healthcare stakeholders that are serving as partners in this response.

Members that have been named on the COVID-19 Health Inequities Task Force include:

- Dr. Thea James, Boston Medical Center
- Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, IBA
- Manny Lopes, East Boston Health Center
- Guale Valdez, Mattapan Community Health Center
- Carol Rose, ACLU
- Alexandra Oliver-Dávila, Sociedad Latina
- Frederica Williams, Whittier Street Health Center
- Michael Curry, Mass League of Community Health Centers
- Dr. Joseph Betancourt, MGH
- Karen Chen, CPA
- Tanisha Sullivan, NAACP
- Michele Courton Brown, Quality Interactions
- Rev. Ray Hammond, Bethel AME Church
- Rev. Gloria White Hammond, Bethel AME Church
- Paul Watanabe, UMass Boston
- Dr. Lorna Rivera, UMass Boston
- Suzanne Lee, former principal, Josiah Quincy School
- Eva Millona, MIRA Coalition
- Marie St. Fleur, St. Fleur Communications, former State Representative
- Rev. Sam Acevedo, COPHANI
- Petrina Cherry, Boston Medical Center
- Linda Dorcena Forry, Suffolk Construction
- Dr. Jean Alves, Bowdoin Street Health Center
- Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement

Although complete data on race and ethnicity among COVID-19 positive cases in Boston residents has not been reported to the City of Boston, the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is actively working to collect available data for public release. The below table is current as of April 8, 2020 and is subject to change. Due to the collection and review process that is required to produce this data, updated data specific to race and ethnicity will be released from the City of Boston every three days.

The City of Boston is also actively working with hospital partners to receive any data that may be available to expand research and analysis on inequities in the COVID-19 response. According to Boston Medical Center (BMC), New England's largest safety net hospital that serves patients are from under-served populations and patients do not speak English as a primary language, data shows that COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting communities of color. Of patients where race is reported, 80% of COVID-19 positive patients are either black or Hispanic/Latino, compared to 58% historically. Additionally, 61% of COVID-19 positive patients are from Dorchester, Roxbury, Hyde Park and Mattapan, compared to 44% historically. Many of BMC's COVID-19 positive patients have presented with higher rates of underlying conditions compared to historical data, including 34% with diabetes, 49% with hypertension and 52% with a Body Mass Index above 30.

At Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), 40% of COVID-19 positive patients speak Spanish as their native language, a number that is significantly higher than the usual patient census at MGH. The City of Boston, working through the Task Force, will continue to actively collect data from hospital and other partners.

Race and ethnicity data for COVID-19 deaths is not complete for residents of Boston at this time. Currently, the data includes small numbers for several population groups, which could lead to identification of individuals in violation of state and federal privacy laws.

Thank You Blessed Mother for prayers answered. AD

Thank You St. Jude for prayers answered. AD

Thank You St. Anthony for prayers answered. AD

bpda | Virtual Meeting

PLAN: Charlestown Community Meeting

Thursday, October 8
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Zoom Link: bit.ly/2ZP1P8y
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 677 6126

Tuesday, October 13
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Zoom Link: bit.ly/2FJDCcN
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 675 6007

Event Description

Based on feedback received at the January 30th Open House and the August 27th Open Office Hours, the PLAN: Charlestown neighborhood planning initiative will host a workshop on October 8th 6-7:30pm on the topics of history and open space. Preservation experts will present a history of Charlestown's built environment, and Parks and Recreation staff will present on the topic of public open space. Participants will then be asked to give initial feedback on these important topics. A mapping tool will allow members of the community to identify historic parts of the neighborhood, and areas where more open space is needed.

The presentations, instructions, and online mapping tool will be online and open for feedback through November 1st. The PLAN: Charlestown process will also hold an Open Office Hours on October 13th from 6-7:30 pm to review meeting materials, and help stakeholders with any technical difficulties using the mapping tool.

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Mayor announces expansion of Food Access using Boston Resiliency Fund grants

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Mayor's Offices of Food Access and Immigrant Advancement announced the latest efforts to expand food access for immigrant communities in the City of Boston. Using grant funding provided by the Boston Resiliency Fund, Fair Foods will provide produce to partner immigrant nonprofit organizations that are working to increase access to fresh, affordable food for individuals, including those who do not qualify for state or federal assistance in the City of Boston.

"Food is a basic need, and it's especially important to have healthy food available and affordable during a health crisis," said Mayor Walsh. "I'm proud that the Boston Resiliency Fund will be used to bring nutritious food to more families, and I want to thank our partner organizations for their collaboration in addressing this inequity."

Fair Foods will use the funding from the Boston Resiliency Fund to increase the availability of food access for anyone in two ways. For 11 of their nonprofit partners, Fair Foods will supply fresh produce to distribute to any individual in need at no cost. The Boston Resiliency Fund grant will also allow Fair Foods to empower seven of their nonprofit partners with vouchers to distribute to individuals. Each voucher has the purchasing power of two bags of fresh produce. Without a voucher, one bag of fresh produce can be purchased for $2, valued originally at $15 to $20. Vouchers can be used at Fair Foods locations throughout the City of Boston.

This collaboration is guided by the needs and approach expressed by the City of Boston's partner immigrant nonprofit organizations directly serving these communities. Organizations are located throughout the City of Boston and reflect the diversity of Boston's immigrant communities.

"This funding will enable thousands of our Bostonian families to have dignity at dinner, good health and to have the security that we as a City care for their wellness," said Nancy Jamison of Fair Foods. "The team at the City of Boston Mayor's Office of Food Access, Fair Foods and our food donors will continue to fight poverty and hunger throughout Boston with added services funded by the Boston Resiliency Fund."

The Boston Resiliency Fund (BRF) has granted over $15 million to organizations devoted to helping Bostonians with access to food and other basic needs like hygiene products, cleaning supplies and diapers. The BRF's $2 million of contributions to the Greater Boston Food Bank have supported the distribution of enough food for 1.2 million meals, with a portion of that funding helping to establish a City program that has delivered over 375,000 pounds of food to public housing and senior households. Other organizations that have received Boston Resiliency Fund grants that support food access this summer and fall include:

- Funding for Mass Farmers Market provides access to farm fresh local fruit and vegetables for families, seniors, and individuals this farmers market season. The program provides weekly coupons to those in need regardless of immigration status, while supporting the local economy and urban agriculture. A map of farmers markets in the City, days and hours of operation, and available payment methods can be found online.
- Funding for Fresh Truck expands their Fresh Air Market sites to more than 15 Boston sites in Hyde Park, Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, Charlestown, and other neighborhoods around the city. Fresh Air Markets are also an eligible vendor for the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP). Fresh Truck has delivered almost 28,000 fresh produce boxes.
- Funding for Project Bread develops and implements a public awareness campaign to promote Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) enrollment and utilization, targeting SNAP gap households and other eligible but unenrolled families. These funds will provide operational and additional language support to the FoodSource Hotline to meet the increased demand on SNAP applications and train community-based organizations and health centers to screen for SNAP eligibility and support with applications.

Real Estate Transfers

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Elhassan, Bassem T	Byrne, Philip M	55 9th St #55	$1,471,500
Rossin, Patricia	Defelice, Norma L	27-37 Chestnut St #107	$875,000
Sparrow, Todd	Corbett, Timothy	35 High St #4	$850,000
Overbrook T	Rogers, Peter	27 Mead St	$1,525,000
Vogel, Melissa	Rodney RT	19 Mystic St #2	$425,000
Okeefe, Timothy O	Finnerty FT	19 Parker St #2	$585,000
Hurley, Garret P	Pellegrini, Lora	1 Warren St #107	$1,040,000
Brinkerhoff, Timothy K	Keating, Edward S	32 Washington St #2	$545,500

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE. AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to re-direct her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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BUNKER HILL ASSOCIATES HANDS OUT REMOTE LEARNING BACKPACK KITS

Photos by Seth Daniel

The Bunker Hill Associates hit three locations in the Town on Thursday, Sept. 14, to hand out remote learning backpack kits and free ice cream to kids headed back to school. The Associates said they have been focusing on the elderly and emergency food programs since COVID-19 hit, and wanted to turn their focus back to the mission of helping children for an afternoon.

The Associates visited Doherty Park, Eden Street Park and O'Reilly Court in the Development. There, Police Commissioner Willie Gross and much of his Command Staff joined the group to hand out backpacks to the Commissioner.

Frankie McLaughlin, Brenna McLaughlin, Alexa Humphrey, Isabella Fitzsimmons and Alice Sullivan got backpacks and ice cream.

Derek Figueroa from the Harvard Kent with Associates Jack Pierce and Jimbo Tucker and Harvard Kent Principal Jason Gallagher (who is also an Associate).

Commissioner Willie Gross hands out the first backpack of the evening at O'Reilly Court.

JuJu Cruhigger, GG Santiago and Adelier Cruhigger.

Associate Robert Beckwith and Commissioner Willie Gross showed off their designer hats.

Police Commissioner Willie Gross with Past President Kim Mahoney and President Maureen Collier.

Cesar and Yariel Porte-Jimenez enjoyed some ice cream from Frozen Hoagies and were ready to return remotely to the Warren Prescott School this week.

Police Commissioner Willie Gross visited with members of the Associates before the backpack fun began.

Associates Jack Pierce and Jimbo Tucker hand out backpacks at Doherty Park.

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