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'REMOTE SNOW DAY'



Yea, it's 2020...So yes it snowed on Oct. 30 with about six inches of snow falling in Charlestown one day ahead of Halloween – a rarity in the fall to get such a white-out storm. Still, it was like a double dose of fun for the kids, as they got to snow sled and have snowball fights, and then have a socially distanced Halloween the next day. Here, Nora and Graham DiFederico enjoyed the snow at the Monument on Friday.



Running in heavy snow was a pre-Halloween treat for kids up at the Monument last Friday.



Snow is rarely seen on Halloween pumpkins, but that was the case last Friday as a rare early snow storm fell heavy on the Town.

CNC CORNER

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. The agenda includes presentations by two marijuana dispensaries proposed to be located in Charlestown. Also, there will be a discussion of the rise in Part One crime in town, especially larceny. Instructions on how to attend the meeting will be posted on our website within 72 hours of the meeting time - <https://charlestown-neighborhoodcouncil.org/Calendar.html>. For any questions, please send emails to cnc02129@gmail.com.

Unofficial results

Boston voters overwhelmingly support Biden in Presidential race

By Dan Murphy

While the final tally for the city's unofficial election results wasn't available on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 3, Boston voters overwhelmingly supported Democrat Joe Biden over Presidential Donald Trump on the road to the White House.

Nearly 83 percent of voters citywide cast a total of 225,368 ballots for the Democrat ticket of Biden and Vice President-hopeful Kamala Harris while President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence trailed with almost 16 percent of the ballot, or 42,707 votes cast.

Statewide, Biden garnered the support of nearly 66 percent of voters to best Trump, who trailed with around 33 percent.

On Question 1, which allows car owners to access and share vehicle data with independent repair shops, nearly 75 percent of Boston voters cast a total 190,429 ballots to support it in contrast to the approximately 25 percent of the city's voters cast who cast 63,872 ballots in opposition.

Similarly, 75 percent of voters statewide voted "yes" on Question 1 while 25 percent opposed it.

Ballot Question 2 – a binding referendum that enacts ranked-choice voting in primary and general elections – was supported by



Shreece Jones shows off her 'I voted' sticker after making her first vote for president at the Harvard Kent location on Election Day.

nearly 62 percent of the city's voters (155,123 ballots cast) while around 38 percent (96,264 ballots cast) rejected it.

Ultimately, around 55 percent of voters statewide rejected Question 2 as opposed to the approximately 45 percent of voters who supported it.

Although the final tally was unavailable at the time of publication, Mayor Martin Walsh said Tuesday's historic voter turnout in Boston was expected in the election – a milestone that can likely be attributed in part to early and mail-in voting in the election.



A modest line at the Harvard Kent School polling place pretty much stayed solid for most of Election Day on Nov. 3, as turnout citywide skyrocketed through in-person, and mail-in voting.

EDITORIAL

THERE WAS ONLY ONE "BOND.... JAMES BOND"

The passing last weekend of Sean Connery, who became known to everyone throughout the world for his role as James Bond in the 1960s films, was a sad event for all of us who grew up mesmerized by his performances.

Although many other actors have played the role over the years in the subsequent Bond movies, none came even close to epitomizing the charm, strength, and sense of humor that Connery brought to the role. (We have enjoyed the most recent Bond films starring Daniel Craig, though his Bond is of an entirely different sort than Connery's.)

Sean Connery's performances in those iconic films have stood the test of time. They are every bit as much fun and enjoyable to watch, no matter how many times we see them, principally because of Sean Connery.

Beyond his Bond roles, Connery starred in countless other outstanding films over the next 40 years and earned an Academy Award. Off-camera he also was a larger-than-life figure. He was well-respected and beloved among his peers and was an outstanding professional actor in every sense of the word.

He overcame his hard-scrabble background as a youth growing up in Scotland through hard work and determination and never forgot where he came from.

Although he was named People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive -- at the age of 59 -- his off-screen persona was hardly the raconteur he portrayed as Bond. Sean Connery was married to the same woman (his second wife) for 45 years, quite a feat in the movie business.

We came across a quote from his wife, Micheline Roquebrune, which in our view epitomizes the ideal that all men -- real men -- should strive for:

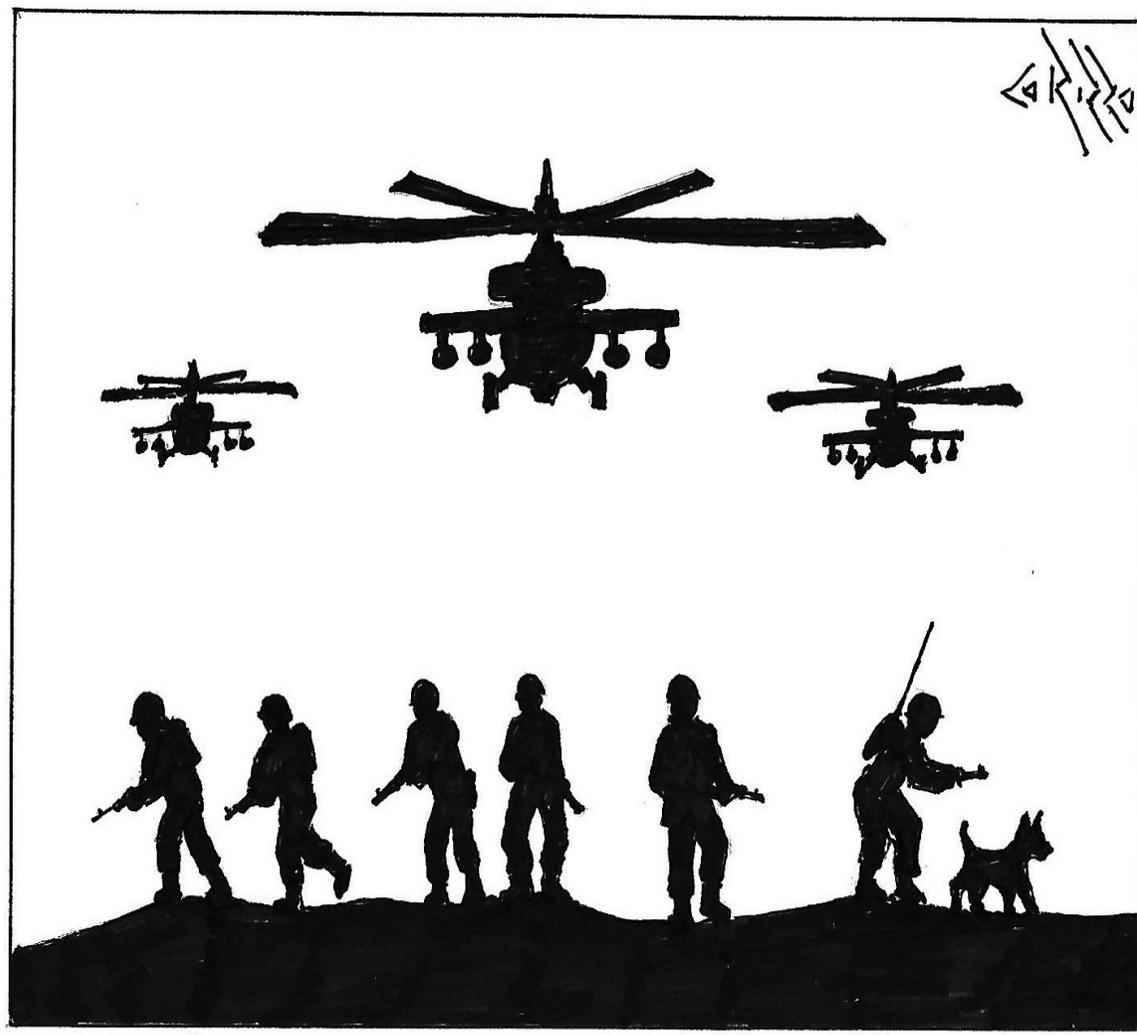
"He was a model of a man," she said.

Her words bring to mind the lines of Marc Antony from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar when Antony eulogizes Caesar:

His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, "This was a man."

Sean Connery brought fun and joy to hundreds of millions of people for generations.

May he rest in peace.



CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY NOV. 11, 2020

GUEST OP-ED

The sun is shining

Dr. Glenn Mollette

The Sun is shining today and will rise tomorrow. For more years than we know the Sun has followed this same pattern.

The rising Sun is a good pattern for all of us. We know each day we can count on the Sun. Somedays the Sun is hidden by clouds but it's there. Too often we forget to notice the Sun. Often it feels too hot or we wish it would warm up. We are never completely satisfied with the job the Sun does. Too hot, not hot enough. Too bright. Through all of our life's discontents with the Sun's performance, the Sun keeps performing. Throughout my lifetime I don't know of a day that the Sun has let me down. It just keeps on glowing regardless of the day or world events.

I remember the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. His death was one of the darkest days I can remember as a child but the Sun never ceased to shine.

When Americans came home from Vietnam in boxes and thou-

sands of funerals were held around the country, we mourned but the Sun kept shining.

I've buried a wife and a baby and it seems like looking back that for a period of time I doubt that I even noticed the Sun was shining. Often life's traumas block the Sun from our eyes even if we are staring right into its rays.

Millions of Americans are unhappy with the election, and some aspects of American life. We don't like Covid-19, unemployment nor the unrest that is all over our country. We sadly have become alienated from good people who have different opinions than we do and this is tragic.

Today we need to look for the Sun. The Sun is not political. The Sun shines on the Democrats and the Republicans. The Sun shines on sinners and the righteous. The Sun takes care of the planet providing our warmth, growth and our very lives. We take the Sun for granted. So often we don't even pay attention to all the Sun does and provides. However, we need

the Sun. We do hear about the importance of clean water and air but are you grateful for the good air and water that you do have?

Take time to notice the Sun today. A clear day or a cloudy day will find the Sun shining. Another day of life means another day to enjoy all that God has created and made. I've never known a day of life without the Sun. I've never known a day that I couldn't find good people with whom to talk. I've never experienced a day that I didn't feel there were people to love and people who cared about me.

God has provided the Sun and as long as our creator wants it to shine it's going to shine. Today, let the Sun shine on you.

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Leggat McCall commits to fewer all-affordable buildings in Bunker Hill Development

By Seth Daniel

There has been no shortage of discussion over the concerns about five affordable buildings in the massive Bunker Hill mixed-income redevelopment – a conversation that has gone on for a year or more – but the development team took a big step last week in committing to reducing those buildings to three all-affordable buildings, and potentially only two.

The issue has emerged mostly in the community at-large where many have raised serious reservations about the idea of segregating about 50 percent of the public housing residents in five of the 16 buildings. That, many felt, was inconsistent with a true mixed-income development. To date, the development team has struggled to present an alternative, and it has been a barrier to reaching ‘yes’ for some time, but during an Impact Advisory Group (IAG) meeting on Oct. 28, the team might have moved beyond the barriers that stopped other development attempts in the past.

Bunker Hill Redevelopment Director Adelaide Grady told the

online meeting they have found two alternatives they believe can minimize the need for all-affordable buildings.

“Between these two new alternatives, we’re committed as a development team in partnership with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) that we can get to three (all-affordable) buildings with the hope of getting down to two as we implement these approaches and this is all based on the financing tools available today,” she said. “New tools may become available or as the affordable housing crisis deepens and as the composition of our government changes. Whichever way we get there, we are comfortable at this time to commit to three all-affordable buildings.”

That was a big change to the landscape of the project, as the all-affordable concepts had been rebuked by the community at-large, though not so much by the actual current public housing residents at Bunker Hill. The new plan seemed to offer hope within the IAG that the project could work.

“I actually came here to fight

this,” said IAG Youth Seatholder Fatima Fontes, a resident of Bunker Hill. “I had thought the all-affordable were in one vicinity. After seeing the presentation, I am very, very happy with the way it looks.”

IAG member Joanne Massaro, one of those very hesitant about the previous plan, said she liked the options, and said it was “workable.”

“It was a difficult challenge and I appreciate the work,” she said.

However, she also challenged the developers to try to work towards having no all-affordable buildings using Low Income Tax Credits (LITC) and mixing in three- and four-bedroom resident units.

Grady said using that approach can work, but investors in the open market and in the tax credit market are typically hesitant to invest in such approaches. The developers have to raise \$1.5 billion in private money to make the development happen.

“(That approach) is really an investor challenge on the side of the conventional investor and the tax credit investor,” she said. “It

can be done. It has been done. We could explore opportunities to do that in the future, but it’s a very inefficient and complex approach and we’ve had pushback from investors in both types of financing because of the complexity. It’s something we can explore in future phases.”

IAG Member Mary Boucher, who lives across the street from Bunker Hill, said she was happy with the changes – and that came after she had expressed non-support as long as five affordable buildings were in the plan.

“I want to thank you because the two buildings of low-income, all-affordable and the elderly handicapped building are much more palatable,” she said. “Thank you for that.”

BHA Director Kate Bennett said they are also happy with the progress.

“I really appreciate what they’ve done collapsing the five into three,” she said. “They’ve come a long way and done a lot of hard work to get there. I don’t think our work is done. There’s any mix of strategies we’re going to try to make sure that third building isn’t done.”

The new plan does keep the first all-affordable building – Building M – that is in the first phase of the development. However, most are comfortable with that building being all-affordable due to the fact it will help more existing residents not have to relocate outside of Charlestown during the construction process. The new second

all-affordable building would be a 170-unit Senior Citizen and handicapped building in Phase 3 facing Bunker Hill Street. The final all-affordable building would be a 128-unit all-affordable family building coming in Phase 5 or later and located at the corner of Medford and Monument Streets. That last building, however, is hoped to be eliminated over time as the 10-year buildout progresses.

The first approach to getting to three buildings is to increase the percentage of affordable units in mixed-income buildings over time. That would entail putting 28 percent, instead of 22 percent, of affordable units in buildings from Phase 4 on. That gives more mixed-income buildings, going from 11 to 13, and also preserves \$85 million in state affordable housing resources. However, a downfall is there is economic uncertainty about the plan, and it is driven by market conditions and not planning.

The second alternative to get there would be to include in later phases two mixed-income buildings with about 80 percent all-affordable and 20 percent market rate. That would bring two new mixed-income buildings to the table, but it increases the usage of state affordable housing dollars, and could potentially slow down the timeframe of the project.

The next planned meeting will be on Nov. 18, as the Nov. 11 meeting falls on the Veterans Day holiday.

New England Development executives looking at private investments in Heritage Club

By Seth Daniel

While New England Development (NED) might not have an interest in the Heritage Club marijuana store as a company, some of their senior executives are looking at private opportunities to personally invest in the company – though there had been no investment as of yet by them according to Heritage Club founders.

There were abundant rumors about involvement from New England Development – who also owns the Bunker Hill Mall – in the land and operations of the Heritage Club, proposed for 116 Cambridge St. Last week, there was some confusion in a statement from New England Development in that they said they are not involved or interested in the marijuana store or the land around it.

That was correct, but there is a wrinkle. Apparently several senior executives from the company – including Scott Baker – are in private conversations apart from New England Development about potential investments in the marijuana business.

“Certain executives of New England Development have the flexibility and are able to focus on

opportunities outside of the real estate space and the core functions of NED,” said Deborah Black of New England Development. “In this case, it is too early to determine if an investment will occur and who within the organization might ultimately participate in this investment opportunity, but these activities and investments are made by individuals and are separate from the real estate activities of New England Development.”

Black declined to name all the executives, but said Scott Baker – a vice president at NED – is looking into a private investment with Heritage Club that has nothing to do with NED. She reiterated that any activities associated with the Heritage Club did not involve New England Development as a company.

Heritage Club founders Nike John and Maggie Suprey told the Patriot Bridge, and also said as much in their community meeting Oct. 29, that they still are the 100 percent owners of the company. They said they are in talks with about four or five potential investors in the company.

“As far as the ownership, we don’t have any investors from New England Development,” said John. “It’s just the two of us now. We’ve been bootstrapping

this with our own savings. We are talking with four or five investors and we’re trying to find the right partners. We’re being thoughtful about who we choose because this is not a one-year thing where we just sell-out quickly. We’re in this at least five years.”

John said they have not heard any news that their landlord has intentions on selling the land to New England Development.

“Our landlord owns the properties on most sides of us and we have been told that he has no intentions of selling or development on the near term, which is one of the reasons why we picked this location,” said John.

There had also been rumors that the former proponent for the property, Bloominus, was a secret partner in the company. Both John and Suprey said that is absolutely not the truth. In fact, they said they have worked hard to make sure people understood they were different than Bloominus, particularly in their focus on social equity.

“We are 100 percent owners of this business and we’re not associated with Bloominus,” said John. “It’s hard for us because we’ve done a lot of work to explain we’re not a part of that. We started this on our own and everything we’ve done is one our own.”

North Washington Street Bridge (Charlestown Bridge) Construction Look-Ahead:

North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Construction Look-Ahead: November 1–14

VIBRATORY HAMMER NOISE IMPACTS

•A vibratory hammer is being used to install the five cofferdams which will be needed to build the piers of the new bridge. Installation of each cofferdam takes about two weeks.

•Use of the vibratory hammer began on Oct. 6. Work hours are during the day (7 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

DESCRIPTION

OF SCHEDULED WORK

•Demolition of piers and center substructure, cleaning of demolition site, installation of silt curtain, north and south abutment and drain line. In addition, there will be sheeting and bracing of cofferdams.

WORK HOURS

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

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Prior to Nov. 1, crews continued to demolish the existing bridge. The bridge is 90 percent demolished and work on the cofferdam is 30 percent complete.

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.

Neighbors praise professionalism, but wary of traffic on Heritage Club

By Seth Daniel

The sentiment of the neighborhood was clear at the Heritage Club marijuana store community meeting on Oct. 29 – neighbors liked the company’s social equity emphasis and praised their presentation, but weren’t supporting them unless they could do something revolutionary about traffic and security.

Heritage Club is proposed for 116 Cambridge St. in the Lost Village and is owned by Maggie Suprey and Nike John – with Suprey’s extended family hailing from Charlestown and the Lost Village, while John comes from Dorchester. In their presentation to the community, they stressed their company’s commitment to social equity in hiring and supporting the community with mitigation. Their proposal is in direct competition with a similar marijuana store owned by Jack Kelly of Charlestown and slated to be



A rendering of the proposed Heritage Club marijuana store on Cambridge and Roland Streets in Charlestown.

in the old R. Wesley’s Bistro on Sullivan Square. Both cannot be licensed in their current locations, so it’s one or the other.

“We hope to make it very clear in this process that our location is best equipped to serve the community,” said Suprey, who grew

up in South Boston after he family moved from Charlestown. “I understand the loyalty and pride the people from the neighborhood have because my dad, aunts, uncles and cousins embody it. I have a lot of respect for my family name and that’s what will hold me account-

able and will inspire me to bring good business and good opportunities to the Town and more specifically the Lost Village...I’m not going to be able to show up to Parade Day after having done bad business in Charlestown.”

Said John, “A lot of people have compared us in this process to a David versus Goliath situation. We’re really excited about that because we know David wins in that story. We don’t want you to give us this opportunity because you know us or you look like us or because we’re from Boston...We want you to support us because you believe we’ll do a good job... We want you to see we’re thoughtful and prepared for what comes next.”

It was clear, though, the neighborhood near the proposal, such as those on Brighton, Parker and Clinton Streets, want major traffic relief before they’ll support even the best of proposals.

“I can’t support this unless our streets become resident only access,” said Anne Marie Callahan. “If you’re looking for support from Charlestown and this neighborhood, I would suggest you look at helping us get resident-only access for our streets.”

David Worsham, a neighbor, said he appreciated the proposal more than the competing one, but there is a clear need to mitigate traffic.

“This is the second business here, and I think we can all say this was a much better business proposal than the previous one,” he said. “That said, it has been quite clear that traffic is a huge issue. It’s not Nike or Maggie’s issue to fix it, but many people here are in opposition of what would be a fantastic business because of a City problem.”

One neighbor, Paige, from Parker Street, said she is torn. She likes the approach, but there is so much cut-through traffic in the Lost Village, she felt the store would only amplify drivers zigging and zagging through their residential streets looking for a way in or out.

“I’m really on the fence,” she said. “I’d like a business like yours here. The equity piece is important, but the traffic and noise and speeding. I don’t know.”

More than a few neighbors, also, were not exactly happy about a dispensary coming to the Lost Village, particularly when there is one already a few blocks away in East Somerville. Neighbors said their part of Charlestown always gets things that the other part of the neighborhood doesn’t want. Some parents said they have chil-

dren that frequent that area on their way home, or when walking the dog – and they’re not comfortable with a marijuana store so close to the residential area of the neighborhood.

The nuts and bolts of the proposal is to run a 3,000 sq. ft. adult use store in the back building on Roland Street, and fix up the auto body building on Cambridge Street for office space and training areas. They have 11 parking spaces off-street, with the ability to add 12 more in the evenings and weekends. They said their store would be unseen by the neighborhood as it is behind Cambridge Street. They also added they are in negotiations with private parking lot owners nearby to provide employee parking – promising their employees would not be parking on neighborhood streets.

The company expects to have about 500 customers per day coming through in-person, and they also expect about 40 percent of their business to come through delivery – a service that is soon set to be approved by the state Cannabis Control Commission (CCC). They would employ 15 kiosks to serve customers, an education area, and five kiosks for pre-order pickup. The hours for in-person would be Monday to Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Delivery hours are slated for Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 :30 a.m. They would open Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Mitigation commitments, beyond security and lighting and other basics, include establishing a Neighborhood Community Fund for the Lost Village with 3 percent of net profits put into the fund annually. They would also commit to sponsoring home ownership classes, and paying downpayment/closing costs in a home purchase for 10 Charlestown residents per year. They have committed to hiring 51 percent of their employees from Charlestown and 20 percent from Boston, with 51 percent women and 51 percent people of color. They also have committed to hiring 20 percent of employees from Areas of Disparate Impact (ADI), and 20 percent of employees with CORI issues.

Their timeline includes a Nov. 12 date at the Boston Cannabis Board, and then an expected trip to the ZBA in November. They hope to have all approvals ready to submit to the state CCC by December, start construction in January, and get final licenses in March and April. If that happens, they could be open mid- to late-April 2021.

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COVID positive test rate remains at 4.6 percent in Charlestown

By John Lynds

As Boston tries to get a handle on the city's COVID-19 spike the positive test rate remains above 4 percent according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

After Charlestown posted a 176 percent increase in the neighborhood's COVID-19 positive test rate the numbers have leveled off for two weeks in a row but still remains above 4 percent. According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) of the 7,757 Charlestown residents tested for COVID-19 4.6 percent were found to be positive by last Friday. The citywide average is 7.2 percent of those tested--a 7percent reduction over the course of last week.

Last month, only 1.7 percent of Charlestown residents were testing positive for the virus but that number jumped dramatically as cases continue to spike in the city.

The data shows that overall since the pandemic began 4 percent of Charlestown residents tested were found to be COVID positive.

The COVID-19 infection in Charlestown increased 7 percent last week but still remains below the citywide average.

According to the latest BPHC data released last Friday the neighborhood's COVID infection rate went from 139.5 cases per 10,000 residents to 149.3 cases per 10,000 residents. The citywide average is 296.8 cases per 10,000 residents.

Over the week 19 more Charlestown residents became infected with the virus bringing the total number of cases in the neighborhood to 271.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its week-

ly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus last week were set at 21,275 cases and deaths from the virus were totaled at 871. This seems like a huge jump from last week's numbers but the BPHC explained the numbers posted Tuesday, "include a one-time increase that is part of an ongoing effort to ensure data accuracy in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The additional cases are no longer active and were contacted appropriately when the individual tested positive. The additional deaths are spread out over the last 3 to 6 months."

In response to the spikes here and across the city, Mayor Martin Walsh is urging everyone to get tested in order to stop the spread.

The philosophy of Walsh's administration is now, 'the more people who know they have COVID, the more we can isolate the sick from the healthy'.

In order to ensure more people get tested Walsh said Tuesday the city has continued to add free testing resources, especially in neighborhoods with higher case rates.

The Mayor noted that the City has passed the 20,000 case mark, or 2.9 percent of Boston's population, a clear indicator of the reach of the virus and the work needed to prevent further spread.

Last week Walsh unveiled the city's "Get the Test, Boston" pledge, campaign, and social media toolkit. The new initiative to encourage everyone to get tested regularly for COVID-19.

He discussed the importance of getting tested as part of keeping yourself and your family safe,

and helping the City track the presence of the virus and respond effectively.

"The City is currently investing in more testing resources, more contact tracing capacity, and more ability to support people who need to quarantine," said Walsh. "But, despite increased access, we've seen our daily testing numbers fall off in recent weeks."

The Mayor said we need to get more people tested, and asked for everyone's help.

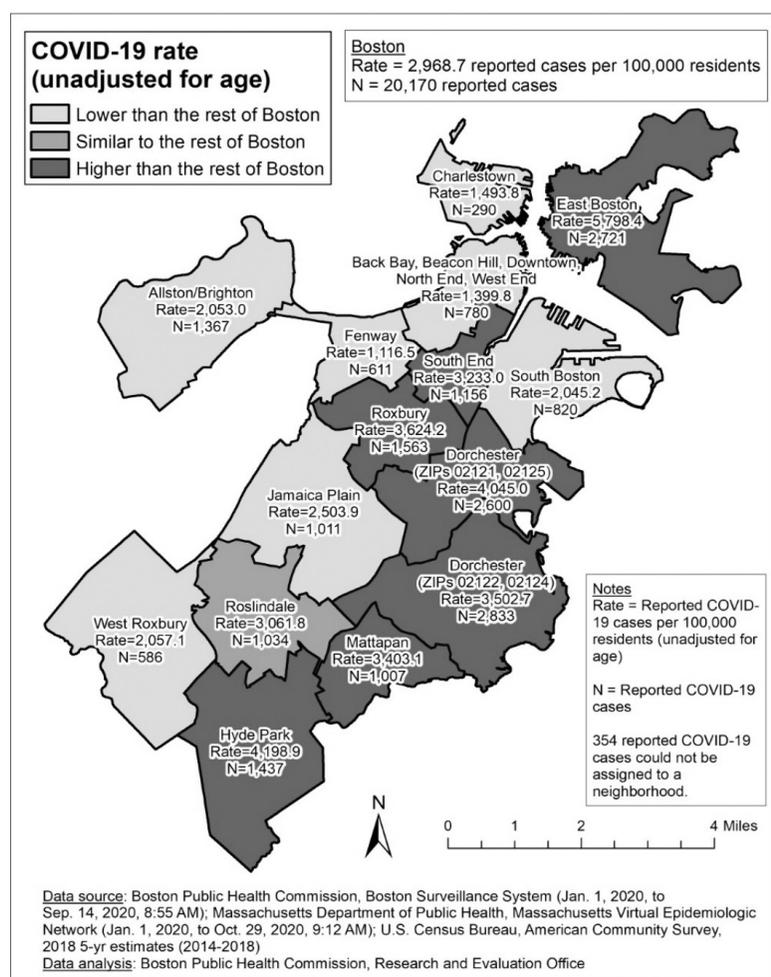
"Reasons to get tested immediately include having COVID-like symptoms, having been exposed to someone with a confirmed case, having been part of a large gathering, or having recently traveled," he said. "In addition the virus is spreading among people who don't have symptoms who may not know they've been exposed. So we want everyone to be proactive and get tested if you are leaving your house for any reason."

The Mayor said that he gets tested regularly and that it's a quick and painless experience. He also called it an opportunity to arm yourself with knowledge and be part of our community's defense against this virus.

"We will soon have stickers available at our mobile testing sites that say "I got the test" to help raise awareness and show there is no stigma to getting tested," he said. "We also have a social media toolkit available and we're asking everyone to promote the importance of getting tested throughout their networks."

The Mayor recognized that work hours can make it harder to find time to get tested, so he is asking employers to make it easier for workers to get tested.

"The "Get the Test, Boston" Pledge is a commitment that employers and individuals can



On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

make to support testing access," said Walsh. "It keeps your workforce healthy and productive, it prevents an outbreak that could hurt business, and it's a way to help our city avoid having to roll back reopening. The City of Boston is taking the Pledge and offering eligible City employees one paid hour every 14 days to get tested during work hours. Employees will receive regular compensation for their time spent testing, and

will not be required to use sick or personal time for that hour."

Other employers can fulfill the Pledge in ways that work for them and their industry.

"All you have to do is encourage your employees to get tested and provide them with information about how and where to get tested," said Walsh. "You can also consider giving paid time off or other forms of flexibility, for workers to get tested during work hours."

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35th Annual Monument Square Halloween raises over \$15K for Harvest on Vine

Staff Report

The cancellation of the Monument Square Halloween celebration might have been a COVID-19 trick, but it was a treat to those serving the most vulnerable families in the Town – raising thousands of dollars in donations for Harvest on Vine Food Pantry.

Harvest on Vine Executive Director Tom MacDonald expressed his gratitude this week for more than \$15,000 in funds and in-kind contributions, dedicated to the month of October “Eat & Treat” campaign aimed at providing food and supplies to Charlestown residents who are affected by the pandemic.

Included in the food pantry donations were 250 Trick or Treat bags for the children, made by Ruth Gonzalez Vega and her family, which included book markers made by Ann Kelleher and Coloring Book pages organized by Judd Katz, plus crayons, toys and treats.

The 35th Annual Parade was cancelled in an abundance of caution, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Instead, the Charlestown community redirected their gen-

erosity and their efforts to help the Harvest on Vine Food Pantry feed neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

“The Charlestown community heeded the call for a safe, fun, and memorable holiday this year, without a parade or trick or treating,” said organizers. “For over three and a half decades, thousands of people created a magical and inclusive night in Charlestown. Thank you for keeping the tradition alive.”

The creative team is already planning Halloween 2021.

In moments when this COVID pandemic, political discord, or everyday life gets you down, organizers provided this video link below, provided by The Bubble Guy, Jim Dichter, featuring his awesome bubbles:

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Donations to Harvest on Vine are welcome and needed: <https://mygoodness.benevity.org/community/fundraiser/42637>.



Charlestown residents line up for trick or treat bags and food as part of Monument Square Halloween Food drive that raised \$15,000 for Harvest on Vine.

Camille Valentine chosen as the new Director of Greater Boston Food Bank

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the largest hunger-relief organization in New England, is responding to historic levels of food insecurity in 2020, while adding several new members to their Board of Directors and Board of Advisors in 2020 including Charlestown resident Camille Valentine.

“The more I learn about the incredible demand for food assistance in Boston and the surrounding communities, the more passionate I become about trying to help fill this basic human need for our most vulnerable neighbors,” said Valentine. “While unemployment and food insecurity skyrocketed during the pandemic, the GBFB was well prepared to provide assistance. I admire the entire organization and it’s dedicated employees and I am thrilled to be able to help.”

Valentine is Senior Vice President of wealth Management for UBS Financial. She grew up in Galesburg, Illinois and received a bachelor’s degree from Smith



Camille Valentine, Senior Vice President, Wealth Management at UBS Financial.

College and master’s in business administration from Babson College.

The Charlestown native joined the GBFB Board of Advisors during a historic year due to the

impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on food insecurity. Feeding America projected back in May that food insecurity would increase by 59% in Eastern Massachusetts in 2020, so that one in eight peo-

ple are expected to not have access to enough food for three healthy meals a day.

These food insecurity projections are staggering, but GBFB and its network has supported the surge in demand with resiliency. Since the onset of COVID-19, the GBFB network of food pantries have reported, on average, a 91% increase in clients served.

In September 2020, GBFB welcomed five new members to its Board of Directors and nine new members to its Board of Advisors.

2020 Additions to GBFB Board of Directors

- Heidy King-Jones, Chief Legal Officer at Proventio Bio
- Edward Mackey, Executive Vice President, Global Operations at Boston Scientific
- Carl Paratore, Chief Audit Executive at Tufts Health Plan
- Cedric Terrell, Chief Pharmacy Officer & Vice President Health and Medical Management at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

- William Truscott, CEO at Columbia Threadneedle

- 2020 Additions to GBFB Board of Advisors
- William Adams, Chief Investment Officer: Global Fixed Income at MFS Investment Management

- Hannah Comross, Institutional Portfolio Manager at Fidelity Investments

- Mark Friedman, former Vice President of Marketing at Corporate Turnaround

- Kim Goldinger, Manager at Silk Fields Farm

- Sean O’Brien, Senior Operating Executive at Hellman & Freeman

- Timocin Pervane, Head of Fulfillment Finance, Shopify

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- Camille Valentine, Senior Vice President, Wealth Management at UBS Financial

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With most of the large Charlestown Halloween events cancelled, neighbors on Cook Street figured out a way to have a socially distanced parade up the street and around Sheafe Street while doing non-contact trick

or treat along the street. Colleen Lally helped to organize parents and get the parade moving, and

the little ones – and adults – were grateful for the opportunity to celebrate Halloween.



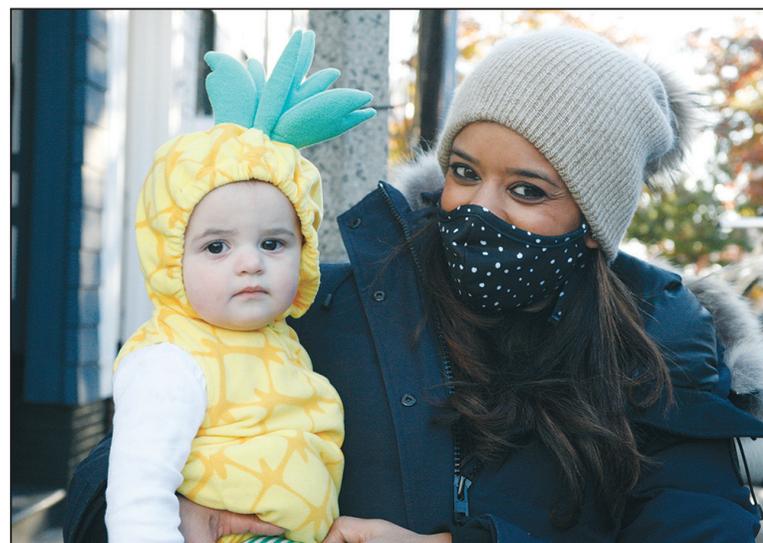
Julia Beilenin sported some wild pink hair.



Olivia and Amelia Pratt with Cyril Slemaker and Strider the dog.



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Gigi and Calvin Bonacorsi-Lee were buzzing over to the Cook Street parade Saturday night.

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The Falcone family brought the cookout to their costume.



Colleen Lally helped to organize the safe parade and bring a little normal to this Halloween.

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Charlestown parents pushing back on notion of full-remote schooling

By Seth Daniel

It started at the playground, as parents in Charlestown took work breaks and hustled their kids to the playground during a break in remote school to get some fresh air.

Parent Erica Haydock was talking with on parents about the frustrations of remote schooling – and particularly for the most vulnerable students – and suddenly a group was forming. That group has grown and grown and parents are hoping the City can become more creative and innovative in its approach to trying to get kids back in school as soon as possible.

“When they sent the highest needs kids back and announced remote schooling for everyone, a lot of people were offended and disgusted at that fact,” said Haydock. “I didn’t think it was acceptable. I don’t have a high-priority student. The bottom line is remote schooling isn’t easy and it isn’t really working. The emphasis is to get the more high-priority students back as soon as possible, and then come up with a plan to get everyone else back in school too.”

The announcement for all-remote school came on Oct. 21 from Boston Public Schools, and Mayor Martin Walsh, and by Oct. 23 the parent group had solidified into a movement.

Haydock said what started with a few people in the park has grown to a group list of 120 parents in a two-week period. They are now looking for other like-minded parents in Charlestown and throughout the city to join their call for innovation and planning.



Several Charlestown parents have banded together to become quite a large group that is pushing back on remote education for high-needs and general education students. The group has had some protests at City Hall, and boast about 120 like-minded people in their movement.

“The announcement on the 21st was a catalyzing moment for parents,” said JJ Gilmartin. “This group formed immediately after that because many parents had grown frustrated. We have yet to hear a plan from the district for our kids, high-needs or otherwise. There was no reliable plan coming from the district.”

He added that there are so many resources in Boston, and wondered why no one is leveraging the colleges, universities, hospitals and corporations that are on the cutting edge of innovation to help the local public schools.

“My initial frustration is we have a city with some of the brightest minds in the world and some of the best institutions of higher education in the world and no one is coming up with any out of the box ideas to get our kids back in school.”

Added Haydock, “Between the Teacher’s Union, the Mayor’s Office and the District, it doesn’t seem like anyone is focusing on what’s best for kids.”

Marcy Carmody, who has three kids in BPS – one that is a high-priority student, said there has to be a real plan right now for the high-needs kids.

She said the in-person supports at their school, the Eliot K-8, have helped her son make great social progress. Now she said, she has seen all of that progress reverse itself.

“Zoom is just not a way to engage this population,” she said. “I’ve seen all the gains made by my son erased in the last eight months.”

Gilmartin he has grown frustrated as he watches his son withdraw from school. As a kindergartner last year, his son would run to school and it was a highlight of the day. Now, one year later, he hates school.

“For my son, he’s learning to hate school,” he said. “He loved school last year. The teachers are working so hard, but he’s trying to get away from his schooling. He used to run to school.”

The purpose, however, is not to find fault, they said, but to bring people together to look for innovative solutions. They have had meetings with BPS leaders and Jessica Tang, president of the Boston Teacher’s Union. They hope to bring them all together.

“Boston could be a world leader in getting kids back in school,” said Gilmartin. “Boston had the first public school and we could be first on this too. The mayor, superintendent and teacher’s union are doing a fantastic job. We just want to advocate for them to work together and have a plan.”

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Spaulding Rehab salutes Richard Shelton “Mayor of Spaulding”

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“Anyone who interacts with Richard immediately experiences his genuineness, humor and compassion. For so many people he is their first impression of Spaulding. Whether in person or on the phone, no matter the stress they may feel, they know they are speaking to someone who cares and will do all he can to help,” said David Storto, Spaulding President.

In addition to several gifts of appreciation presented to

Richard, Spaulding also renamed their October employee of the month award the Richard Shelton Award for his example of exemplary customer service. Richard was also surprised with official declarations from both the Boston City Council and Mayor Martin Walsh in honor of his long service to the community. Known for his prowess on the golf course, Richard even got a special signed putter from Patriots Legend Tedy Bruschi, who hosts his Tee Off with Tedy Golf Tournament at the TPC Boston to support Spaulding and has played with Richard there in past years.

Storto concluded, “The stories of small acts of kindness by Richard are too many to name. However, they all helped make Spaulding a more welcoming place. All of us wish him well and feel so fortunate to have him as part of our community.”



Richard Shelton, Spaulding greeter, and the Mayor of Spaulding has retired after 33 years.

The Castle Group Earns Spot on Forbes’ Inaugural “America’s Best PR Agencies 2021” List

The Castle Group, a Boston-based public relations and event management firm with offices in Atlanta and Maui, is one of the country’s top PR agencies, according to Forbes’ first-ever ranking of the 200 best public relations firms in America. More than 5,000 companies were evaluated for this list. The Castle Group shares this honor with eight of its Public Relations Global Network (PRGN) affiliates: Three Box Strategic Communications (Dallas), Landis Communications Inc. (San Francisco), LCWA (Chicago), The Hoyt Organization (Los Angeles), The Conroy Martinez Group (Miami), S&A Communications (North Carolina), Buchanan Public Relations (Philadelphia) and The Fearey Group (Seattle).

“As we approach our 25th anniversary, this recognition from decision makers, clients and colleagues validates the commitment, values, energy and ideas our entire team brings to every client relationship,” said Sandy

Lish, principal and co-founder of The Castle Group. “Our integrity and culture are the backbone of our work together, on crises, long-term PR programs, events and more. This means an awful lot at a time when gratitude is especially important, and we are massively grateful for our team, client and community relationships.”

“Castle has stayed true to our scrappy roots to ensure that our clients reach their goals and tell their stories, and that Castle scrappiness has underscored our team’s ability to meet the challenges of 2020,” added Wendy Spivak, principal and co-founder of The Castle Group. “I’m so proud of our team, who continue to work in true partnership with our clients and each other, despite the realities of this chaotic year. Being named alongside many of our trusted PRGN colleagues is an additional point of pride, and reflects the importance of the company we keep.”

In partnership with market research firm Statista, Forbes identified the best PR firms in America

through a survey of more than 12,700 experts and 20,500 customers who nominated more than 5,000 firms.

In making the announce-

ment, Forbes commented: “As public relations professionals look to navigate their clients through an uncertain, volatile and noisy year. . . PR agencies have increas-

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Halloween and fall activities continue for second weekend at The Anchor

Staff Report

Despite the cold and precautions, The Anchor saw such a great turnout for its fall programming and Halloween events that it's going to do it again.

Who said Halloween can't repeat?

Certainly not Chris Sinclair, of The Anchor.

"I was hoping things would go well last week and weekend in our fall programming here," he said. "In fact, it went particularly well and I think the safe trick-or-treating went really well. I'd say we had 200 to 300 kids over a period of time. I don't know how many kids there are in Charlestown, but it felt like we had a lot of them. So, we've decided to do it all again this week. In a regular year, I would be shocked by a good response for Halloween #2, but this year there's not a lot happening and people need it."

So it is, they will repeat the pumpkin patch, the apple trees, the kid's activities, and the adult party afterwards. They will, though, have to follow the governor's new guidelines and close by 9:30 p.m. Friday onward. But that won't stop a lot of the fun prior to. One of the most exciting features was the professional pumpkin carver, he said. The carver was designated as the 2019 Food Network Carver of the Year, and his designs and work process were fascinating to watch. However in the pandemic, he had very little business until appearing at The Anchor.

"We brought him here three times, and we'll bring him one more time," said Sinclair. "It keeps him in business and it's clearly been a fan favorite."

This week will also feature a gourd painting party, another Dia De Los Muertos paint party, trick or treating around 3 p.m., costume themed fitness classes, "paint the colors of the fall" canvas party, a fourth pumpkin carving demo and of course, Nightmare In The Navy Yard #2 on Saturday evening.

Sinclair said they would be ready for any chilly weather, though this weekend is supposed to be seasonally warm, but they have more than 5,000 single-use blankets ready and 10,000 hand-warmers to pass out.

"It keeps people warm and keeps people happy and helps us open," he said. "These things go hand-in-hand."

Here are some quick stats on The Anchor's fall presentation:

- 5 tons of pumpkins in the "city's largest urban pumpkin patch"

- 60 eight to ten foot-tall corn stalks

- 22 apple trees

- Approximately 1,000 gourds

- Nearly 1 ton of hay/straw

- All sourced from a small regional farms

- Three professional pumpkin carving demonstrations and a fourth this week

- 100+ Halloween props (many of which were custom fabricated)

- Daily socially distanced Halloween programming including sugar pumpkin painting, Dia De Los Muertos paint party, succulent decorating, tricking or treating, pumpkin carving, costume contest and live children's music - daily leading into Halloween.

"It goes without saying that we are grateful to Mayor Walsh, his administration and the BPDA as their support during an extremely

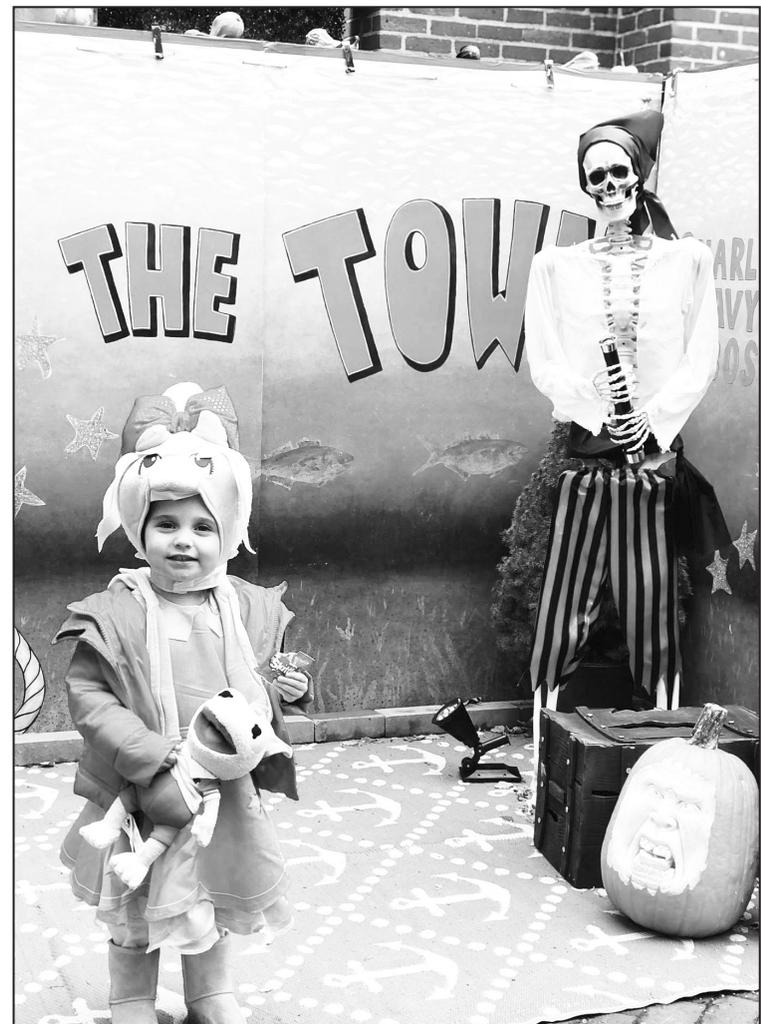


After the family activities concluded in the day, the adult-themed party started with friends able to keep warm and socialize for Halloween. They'll do it again this weekend too.

challenging year that enabled us to come together as a community and celebrate a fall tradition with some semblance of normalcy," he concluded. "Plus we've created new traditions, like the pumpkin patch and our other themes, that we look forward to continuing in years to come."



The professional pumpkin carver was a hit at the fall presentation, and he'll be back again this weekend.



This young trick-or-treater visits the photo gallery at The Anchor.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

“e” inc.’s Science Emporium – the Amazing Store with a Mission!

“e” inc.’s Science Emporium is going online with Curbside Pickup!

The “e” inc. Emporium, Charlestown’s own Science Store for kids (and some adults), is hatching plans for the holidays. The Emporium is placing its entire catalog online, with a big sale starting November 9th. ALL current inventory will be 15% off for all merchandise, plus an added 5% more (or 20%) for books. Orders will be available for pickup Curbside every Friday between 2 and 6 PM! Call the store number - give us your last name - and your purchases will be taken out to you.

All the funds “e” inc. collects at the Emporium are used for its mission to teach children and youth the science driving the planet and the skills to make a difference. “e” inc. students have been helping the planet for over 15-years. Your gift shopping supports this local non-profit.

Starting on November 9th you can visit the “e” inc. Emporium online at: www.einc-action.org. Click on the Science Emporium on the “e” inc. home page and will be there!

Free Fall Story and Art for Children

The Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library and Essem Art Studio are happy to present a FREE Fall Story + Art series. Children’s Librarian, Mrs. Eileen Whittle will read a selected book and local artist, Sophia Moon, will present a family/sibling friendly art project that can be modified for little artists as young as 2 years old (with adult guidance). Every Wednesday at 10am, the installation will launch on the Facebook page of the Charlestown BPL, and on Essem Art Studio’s virtual Art Studio (tv.essemartstudio.com).

Free Virtual Art Studio Trial

Essem Art Studio launches a virtual art studio with monthly subscriptions to continue sparking joy and cultivating creative power in little artists (age 2-10) and families with young children. The virtual art studio provides engaging virtual art labs and resources for parents and families who are looking for ways to introduce more art and creative practices at home. Every week, new art labs and creative prompts are added to the growing online catalog.

You can enjoy a free 7 day trial of the virtual art program now. Visit essemartstudio.com for more information!

MICRO HOCKEY IS BACK!

Charlestown Youth Hockey has opened registration for Micro Hockey, which is a Learn-to-Play Hockey program for boys and girls that are five to eight years of age, who have not yet played organized team hockey. Only basic skating skills are necessary. Younger players may qualify after a coach evaluation. For Discounted Equipment Package, you must register ASAP. The program will run on Saturdays from 10:15am to 11:45am. The first session will begin on November 14th and run until March. Space is limited. To register, go to WWW.CYHA.COM and click on the MICRO HOCKEY tab. Email questions to MICROHOCKEY@CYHA.COM.

LEARN to SKATE!

Charlestown’s Learn-to-Skate program begins November 14th and runs to mid-March. The program is on Saturdays from 12:25pm to 1:15pm. It is open for children ages 3 and up. On ice instruction will be staffed by

Charlestown Youth Hockey volunteers. For more information and to sign-up, visit the Charlestown Youth Hockey website at WWW.CYHA.COM and click on the Learn-to-Skate tab.

Harvest on Vine Food Pantry appeal

The Food Pantry has had a great need at this time as it has been very busy serving many more residents in town and providing more frequent distributions. Donations of all non-perishable foods are

greatly appreciated. Donations drops are: Food Pantry, 49 Vine St. (Hayes Square), The

Cooperative Bank - 201 Main St. or the Parish Center - 46 Winthrop St. (by the Training Field). Or

donate by sending checks to: Harvest on Vine, Parish Center, 46 Winthrop St., Charlestown, MA

02129. They are also looking for volunteers to assist with distribution. For more information, call Tom

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The Anchor is Open!

The Anchor, in The Charlestown Navy Yard, is now open 7 days a week until 11pm. The Anchor has an enhanced garden and water-

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NEWS BRIEFS

CHARLESTOWN MOTHERS ASSOCIATION GETS RESILIENCY FUND GRANT

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, along with the Boston Resiliency Fund Steering Committee, announced \$360,000 in funding to six non-profit organizations serving the community, including the Charlestown Mothers Association.

Organizations who receive this funding work directly with the Boston community to increase the availability of essential needs. Of grantees awarded this round, 67 percent are led by a person of color and 45 percent are led by women.

“Collaborating with commu-

nity partners and nonprofits has been fundamental to providing supports to residents as part of our response and recovery from COVID-19,” said Mayor Walsh. “I want to thank every organization who has been involved in our efforts to ensure vulnerable residents have the resources they need. When we work together, we are able to help more residents get the vital help they need.”

Since March, the Boston Resiliency Fund has raised \$33,300,000 and distributed \$28,700,000 to 353 local non-profit organizations in Boston. Fifty-four percent of organizations to have received funding are led by a person of color, 56 percent are women-led and 27 percent are immigrant-serving. A map and

list of every organization that has received funding from the Boston Resiliency Fund can be found here.

This round’s grantees represent organizations working to expand food and testing access, hygiene products and cleaning supplies for community members and organizations. Those locally included:

- Charlestown Mothers Association, Inc.: CMA will use this grant to create family support kits for residents in need. Each support kit will contain items such as grocery store gift cards, health essentials, and activities to engage small children while staying safe at home. Kits will be distributed at partner sites in Charlestown including the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, the Kennedy Center, and Harvest on the Vine.

SAINT JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VIRTUAL HARVEST FAIR, 2020

St. John’s 2020 Harvest Fair goes Virtual!

St. John’s Episcopal Church on Devens Street in C’town has celebrated its annual Harvest Fair for 179 years. The Fair traditionally includes sales tables upstairs with craft items, a bake sale, homemade jams and jellies, and a really superior table of high-quality jewelry and interesting second hand items. Downstairs the church puts out a marvelous turkey dinner for the Charlestown community. But for the 180th anniversary this year, because of the Covid-19 virus, the Fair is going virtual.

But though the Harvest Fair

has undergone a metamorphosis, the tradition will remain unbroken, but now the sale items can be purchased at our on-line shop, and so can dinner, which has become turkey dinner in a pie!

There will still be the amazing apple pies baked by Paul Newell and Steve Spinetto will be making mouthwatering turkey pot pies, while, for the daring, Jake Sterling will be making raised turkey pies with the whole works, turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce and gravy, inside. You can find the St. John’s on-line at www.StJohns02129.org/fair/, The on-line shop will open on November 1 and continue until December 3, with pick-ups at St. Johns Episcopal Church, 27 Devens Street are on November 12, 19, 25, and December 3 from 4 to 6 o’clock pm.

OBITUARIES

Timothy Callahan Of Braintree, formerly of Charlestown



Timothy T. Callahan, 81, entered into eternal life on October 26. Tim was born and raised in Charlestown, lived in North Quincy for 30 years and has lived in Braintree since 1999.

Mr. Callahan was a manager for Invesco Management Company in Boston, served in the U.S. Army National Guard and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 62 in Charlestown. He belonged to the Quincy YMCA and was a member of the Sons of the Civil War Union Soldiers.

He was the beloved husband of the late Dorothy M. (Tucker) Callahan, devoted father of Carol London and her husband, Ken of Braintree, Charles "Chip" Walker of Clay, West Virginia, and the late Leon Walker; beloved brother of Marie Alves and her husband, John of Beverly, Kathy Callahan

of Middleton, Daniel Callahan and his wife, Patricia of Selden, N.Y., Deborah Forrest and her husband, Gerard of Whitman, and the late Michael Callahan and Jean Walsh; brother-in-law of Angela Callahan and the late Eugene Walsh, father-in-law of Diane Walker; loving grandfather of Joel Walker, Sadie Rush Young, Charles Walker Jr. and Janelle Walker and great-grandfather of Riley Walker Rush and Morgan Walker.

Funeral arrangements were by the Clancy-Lucid Funeral Home, 100 Washington St. Weymouth. Burial was in New Calvary Cemetery in Boston.

The Callahan family wishes to thank all of Tim's caregivers during his various illnesses. If desired, donations may be made in his memory to St. Francis House, 39 Boylston St. Boston, Ma 02116 or to the Boston Rescue Mission 39 Kingston St. Boston Ma 02111

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Commonwealth
Of Massachusetts
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CITATION ON
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Docket No.
SU15P1530EA
Suffolk Probate
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24 New Chardon St.
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Estate of:
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Also known as:
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Date of Death:
05/07/2015

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Sylvester J. DiDiego, Jr. of Basking Ridge NJ and Dwayne A. DiDiego of Waltham, MA requesting that Duane Sullivan Esq. of Quincy, MA be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 12/09/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection

if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 28, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate Court
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TIER
CLASSIFICATION
MBTA Storm Drain

Washington Street, Somerville, Massachusetts RTN 3-28231
A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as Tier II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On November 2, 2020, UniFirst Corporation filed a Tier II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information

on this disposal site, please contact Timothy Cosgrove, UniFirst, 68 Jonspin Road, Wilmington, MA 018870, 978-658-8888.

The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-28231 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA, 978-694-3200. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

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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.

For the Record

•SUPER SITES FOR BPS MEALS

Beginning October 26, BPS Super Sites open for Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. BPS families can pick up free breakfasts and lunches. Some locations also provide free toiletries and free groceries on select days.

*Edwards Middle School – 28 Walker St.

*Harvard/Kent Elementary – 50 Bunker Hill St.

From the Nov. 5 Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, 4 p.m., online:

•Determine deadlines and process for filling the remainder of the term of Michael Loconto.

•Review School Committee application.

From the Nov. 6, 11 a.m., COMMITTEE ON CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES HEARING: Order for a hearing to discuss house parties and gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic. This matter is sponsored by Councilor Ed Flynn and Councilor Michael Flaherty and was referred to the Committee on City and Neighborhood Services on October 21, 2020.

From the Nov. 10, Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, 9:30 a.m., online:

•41 Mount Vernon St. Applicant: George Morancy. Purpose: Renovate existing three family dwelling (see ALT1019151), extend living space into basement, new second floor bay window, construct rear addition and deck at third floor level, erect roof deck.

•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.

•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.

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Encore casino analyzing changes under new state closures, will close gaming floor at 9 p.m.

By Seth Daniel

The impact to the workforce at the Encore Boston Harbor casino is still being analyzed after the major rollback of hours by Gov. Charlie Baker on Monday due to escalating case numbers statewide – a rollback that will take effect on Friday and is still an uncertainty as to how it will affect the casino and other businesses in Everett.

On Monday, Gov. Baker put a new stay-at-home curfew statewide from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., calling on businesses of many types to close by 9:30 p.m. to in-person services, including restaurants that are already hurting and the casino which had just gotten some gains in bringing back the Roulette game to its offerings.

The governor cited that cases are up statewide 278 percent since Labor Day, and hospitalizations are up 145 percent in the same time period.

“These measures are meant to disrupt rising trends now, so the Commonwealth can keep the economy and schools open for residents and to prevent the need to roll back to Phase I or Phase II of the reopening plan,” he said in a press conference on Monday afternoon.

All orders and advisories will be effective Friday, Nov. 6 at 12:01 a.m.

Encore Spokesperson Rosie Salisbury said they will analyze the business demand under the new regulations, but they fully support the governor’s new regulations.

“We’re still analyzing the impact to our operations and making adjustments accordingly,”

said Salisbury. “We need to better understand what the business demand will be under this new operating model. Encore Boston Harbor supports and will adhere to the additional directives put forth by the Commonwealth aimed to reduce the ongoing risk to public health. As a result, the resort will adjust its operating hours to be in compliance with new regulations.”

The new casino operating hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week, beginning Friday, Nov. 6.

In addition, all hotel reservations at Encore Boston Harbor have been cancelled through Dec. 15. Wynn Resorts has a quarterly earnings call on Thursday, Nov. 5, and the matter is likely to come up during that call.

The early closure of businesses comes at a time when many restaurants and licensed establishments – such as bar and grill setups with alcohol sales – had been struggling with an 11 p.m. closing time across the board. Now, with a 9:30 p.m. closing time, many will struggle to keep the doors open.

The specifics of the business closures are as follows:

Effective Nov. 6, the following businesses and activities must close to the public each day between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. A full list can be access at the state’s website.

*Restaurants (in-person dining must cease at 9:30 p.m., although takeout and delivery may continue for food and non-alcoholic beverages, but not alcohol)

*Liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alco-

hol must cease alcohol sales at 9:30 p.m. (but may continue to sell other products)

*Adult-use marijuana sales must cease at 9:30 p.m. (not including medical marijuana)

*Indoor & outdoor events
*Theaters/movie theaters (including drive-in movie theaters), and performance venues (indoor and outdoor)

*Youth and adult amateur sports activities

*Golf facilities
*Recreational boating and boating businesses

*Outdoor recreational experiences

*Casinos and horse tracks/simulcast facilities

*Driving and flight schools
*Zoos, botanical gardens,

wildlife reserves, nature centers

*Close contact personal services (such as hair and nail salons)

*Gyms, Fitness Centers and Health Clubs

*Indoor and outdoor pools
*Museums/cultural & historical facilities/guided tours

Gov. Baker’s announcement on Monday also included an updated face covering mandate in public places, and a reduction for gatherings – which have been a prime area for spreading COVID-19 this fall.

The new gatherings order reduces the gathering size limit for gatherings at private residences: indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 peo-

ple. The limit on gatherings held in public spaces and at event venues (e.g. wedding venues) remains the same. The new order also requires that all gatherings (regardless of size or location) must end and disperse by 9:30 p.m.

The new gatherings order also requires that organizers of gatherings report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community and requires organizers to cooperate with contact tracing. The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments and specifies that fines for violating the gathering order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

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