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Proposed developer for Zelma Lacey just starting conversations

By Seth Daniel

The new affordable housing developer proposed for the Zelma Lacey reconfiguration said this week that they intend to move slowly and carefully coordinate third-party services with existing residents of the Zelma as they embark on a long process.

Michael Mattos, executive director of Affordable Housing Services Collaborative (AHSC), said they are excited to partner with Peabody Resident Services to bring the new project to bear over the next two years – going from a licensed assisted living property to a 48-unit 100 percent affordable senior housing model.

“Zelma is a distressed asset,” he said. “The whole economic model didn’t work for the current owner and wouldn’t work for any ownership there. We want to come in and repurpose the model to make

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Courtesy Photo

Who needs candy when you can have carrots? One big Easter Bunny exchanges a rabbit’s favorite – carrots – with a younger Easter Bunny. The effort was part of the Charlestown Mother’s Association (CMA) ‘Bunny Box’ distribution last Saturday on Main Street and Monument Street. Not able to have the traditional CMA Egg Hunt, the group distributed Bunny Boxes, while Christ Church Charlestown donated Egg Hunt Kits. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.

U12 CHAMPIONS



The U12 Townie girls celebrate their league championship win on the ice following the 4-2 victory on Saturday over Mass Bay Warriors in Watertown. Coaches praised the team for gelling and getting better through the months, and were simply grateful for being able to finish out the season in the COVID era of uncertainty. See story on Page 4.

Acting Mayor Janey launches campaign for four-year term

By Seth Daniel

Already sitting in the corner office and being the first African American and woman to lead the City, Acting Mayor Kim Janey released a video at 6 a.m. on Tuesday morning to officially announce she would be running for mayor in the September Preliminary Election.

She joins five other candidates who have already announced a run for mayor in what will surely be a very crowded ballot in September, assuming everyone running gets the required signatures to be placed for consideration on the ballot.

In the three-minute video, Janey stressed, “we can’t go back, we can only go better.”

“The work to address the challenges we face from COVID-19 and the racial inequalities that have been inherited from centuries of structural racism will take longer than a few months to change,” she said in a statement



Acting Mayor Kim Janey – the former Council President – announced on Tuesday that she will officially join the race for mayor.

during her announcement. “It is going to take fearless leadership, bold action and a commitment to doing the hard work to make Boston the equitable city our res-

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Bunker Hill development clears final BCDC hurdle on Phase 1

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Civic Design Commission (BCDC) approved the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment (BHHR) Phase 1 – consisting of two buildings and public realm improvements – by a vote of 9-0 on Tuesday evening, in the face of growing support from those testifying and despite continued calls by tree advocates to delay the project.

The approval was the final barrier to moving ahead with construction on Phase 1, which consists of the 250-unit mixed-income building F and the six-story all-affordable building M.

“This is an historic public-private partnership for Boston in every way,” said Adelaide Grady,

executive director of the Bunker redevelopment project. “The creation of new replacement public housing and new market rate units will achieve exemplary standards for environmental justice and sustainability along with vast improvements to the site with new parks, tree-lined streets and retail. Thank you to the strong voices of the CRA, Turn-it-Around, Charlestown community and elected officials for their input over the last several years, all which is now reflected in one collaborative vision. We look forward to bringing new homes to the families who have waited far too long.”

While design and architecture

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EDITORIAL

GET THE VACCINE

For the vast majority of people, getting a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they are eligible is a no-brainer.

COVID-19 not only has a high death rate for older persons and those with underlying health conditions, but it also has been shown to have serious after-effects for young, healthy people who experienced only mild symptoms when they contracted the disease.

The ramifications of the health consequences for the so-called COVID long-haulers promises to adversely impact the lives of millions of Americans, as well as burden our society and health care system, for years to come.

However, despite the obvious health risks posed by COVID-19, many of our fellow citizens say they will refuse to get the vaccine. No doubt many of those who tell a pollster that they will not get a vaccine are doing so just to be contrarian. In the end, they will get a vaccine.

But unquestionably there are segments of society on all sides of the political spectrum who are opposed to the idea of vaccinations.

In our view, vaccine-hesitancy in the face of a world-wide pandemic is both inexplicable and sad.

It is inexplicable because the benefits of vaccination are so clear. There is every reason to get it and absolutely no reason to oppose it.

But it also is sad because the vaccine-hesitancy movement shows that so many of our fellow Americans are susceptible these days to rumors, misinformation, and conspiracy theories to the detriment of their own health and that of their loved ones.

The COVID-19 vaccines are a modern scientific miracle. They represent the best avenue of protection for individuals, as well as the only chance for society to overcome the pandemic in order to return our economy to normal.

In addition, with early trials showing that the vaccines are 100 percent safe and effective for older children, a vaccination program for children will assure that our schools can reopen safely. In our view, a COVID-19 vaccine should be required for all children as a condition for returning to school, similar to the requirement that children be vaccinated against other diseases.

We urge all of our readers to get the vaccine as soon as they are eligible under state guidelines.

And to those who have some degree of vaccine-hesitancy for themselves or their children -- please stop listening to those wacky and ill-informed opinions on social media.

ROYAL FAMILY, COMMON PROBLEMS

On a certain level, it is easy to dismiss the recent interview of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle as frivolous and irrelevant to the lives of the rest of us. To most Americans, the concept of a royal family is a joke to begin with, an anachronism of history.

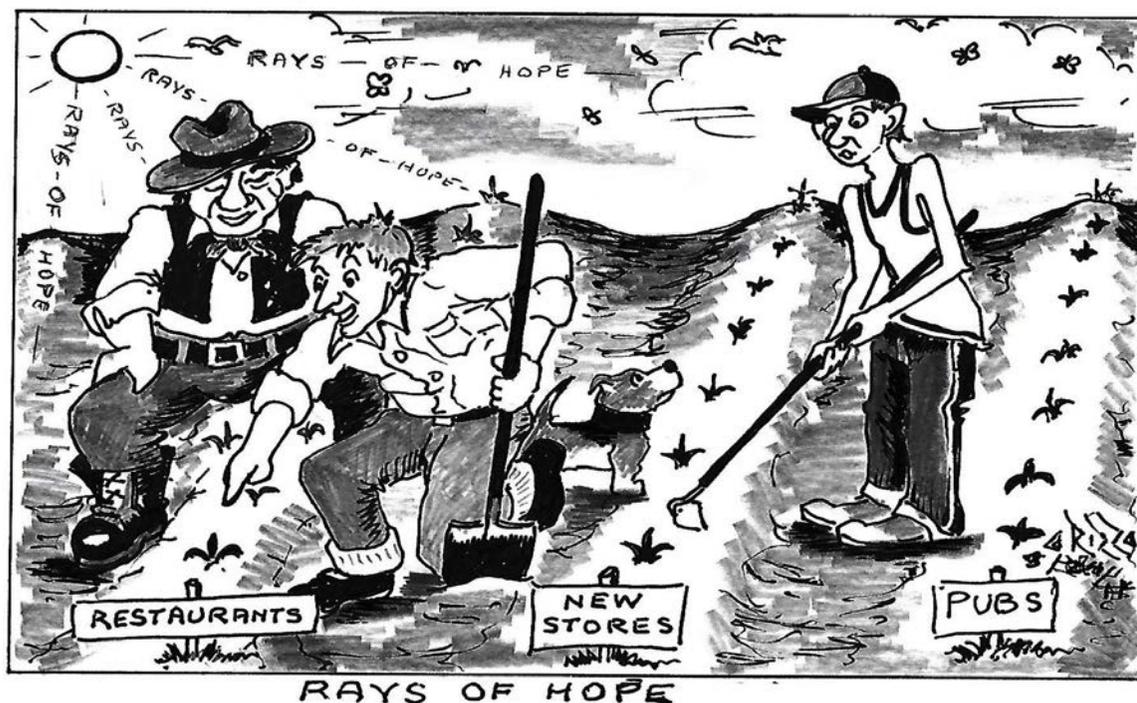
On the other hand, there were certain aspects of the interview that made the travails faced by Harry and Meghan all too real -- and extremely relevant to the 21st century.

The revelation that Meghan contemplated suicide, but received no mental health support among the royal family because it would make them "look bad," was shocking, but it is something to which ordinary families can relate.

Mental health problems still carry a stigma in society at-large. If nothing else, Meghan Markle's willingness to discuss her issues hopefully will serve as an inspiration both to those suffering from depression (among other mental health illnesses) and their families to seek help in the same way that we do for physical health issues before it is too late.

Then of course, there was the discussion of race, which demonstrated just how deeply embedded racism remains in every strata of society across the globe in 2021.

The concept of royalty may be a bunch of nonsense, but the issues of mental health and racism are not and we are grateful that Harry and Meghan were willing to share their personal and painful experiences to shed light on these matters that bear relevance to everybody, regardless of social status.



GUEST OP-ED

Let the Youth Speak for Trees

By State Rep. Dan Ryan and
Councilor Lydia Edwards

A significant amount of discussion has taken place in the last month regarding the Bunker Hill housing redevelopment. While some residents have asked to extend the review process in an effort to preserve and protect Charlestown's tree canopy on the site; others support the plan and agree the best option is to move forward to improve the living conditions of this aging development and revitalize the area. We can bridge the divide within our community by focusing efforts on tangible solutions to earnest questions as they arise. This process has allowed us to do this.

Numerous meetings were held with stakeholders regarding this process and all perspectives were given careful consideration. A distinct commonality emerged following these discussions: we all care deeply for the future of Charlestown. In fact, we agree with one another more than we disagree.

We have some suggestions on how we can work together to achieve both housing justice and environmental justice without sacrificing one for the other:

•First, Leggat McCall should do their best to maintain as many trees as possible without delaying phase one. This is a standard they can aspire to and we can continue to hold them accountable in order to meet this standard.

They must also prioritize installing mature trees in the early phases of construction. We have seen this before at the Encore Casino where a tree farm was utilized to incorporate older and larger trees. There are multiple funding streams Leggat McCall can consider in order to make a true financial commitment and ensure mature trees are replaced. Leggat McCall should also assist the City of Boston in its "Urban Forest" plan.

•Second, we need to continue monitoring the extent of the tree canopy in order to hold the developer accountable. This must be done by an arborist or tree expert whose perspective is neutral. We believe the City can put out an RFP in a fair and consistent way that is without conflict or questionable intent.

•Finally, we would like to provide an opportunity for the youth of Charlestown to lead on this issue. We could establish an environmental justice youth corps for the entire one square mile. This idea has been presented to all stakeholders and met with great enthusiasm.

The youth in Charlestown have proven their capabilities through their stewardship of the Peace Park and activism on the Bunker Hill IAG. They've already rolled up their sleeves and invested energy in ensuring Charlestown remains a vibrant and inclusive neighborhood for all. We want to amplify their voice not just for the development but for all of Charlestown.

In other words, the youth can

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**ZELMA LACEY HOUSE
TO TRANSITION AWAY
FROM ASSISTED
LIVING MODEL**

To the Editor,

What a sad surprise to read the article in the April 1 issue of the Patriot-Bridge.

My mom lived at Zelma Lacey for six years. She moved in when she was 86. She was confined to a wheelchair and was fortunate to have her very own wheelchair-equipped studio apartment, which included an eye-level stove and refrigerator she could readily access. Down the hall from her apartment is a chapel, where every Saturday a priest came to say Mass. Billy Boyle did the readings. Then we ate dinner in the dining room. Often during the week, I joined my mom for dinner and then for a Royalty card game at the Country Kitchen outside her apartment. It was pleasant to visit in such a welcoming, loving place where I knew my Mom was being well looked after.

My mother told me after she moved into Zelma Lacey she'd

always wanted her own apartment. It seemed fitting that after spending her life raising the seven of us, then helping my dad in his retirement and later in his passing, her dream would come true. It was a challenging adjustment, just the same, and I will always be grateful to the amazing staff at Zelma Lacey and the beautiful facility itself.

My mom and Zelma went to Charlestown High School and Zelma often visited the assisted living. She saw a need in Charlestown for a place such as this and worked tirelessly to see its fruition. I feel for the families who have family members living there now and I hope they are very well accommodated and cared for, as well as the Life Focus members who added so much joy, youth, and fun to my mom's life.

Thank you again Zelma Lacey House. My gratitude is long overdue. Thank you Dodie Boyle and all the staff working there during my mom's time. You helped us so much with everything.

Helen O'Neil
Charlestown

CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Starlight

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

Have you ever had the experience of being outside on a very, very dark night with no moon, and looking up you saw a sky replete with stars – millions and millions of stars across the entire dome of the sky? It's an incredibly spectacular view, especially if you're in an area unmarred by city lights and polluted air. Those stars, we're told, are more than 25 light years away, with each light year being comparable to a distance of 5.8 trillion miles! One finds mention of the stars in sacred scripture at many different moments. But there's one particular line is Psalm 147 that always gives me pause. It says that God calls each of the stars by name. Imagine that!

Well, it was under such starlight of the Jerusalem sky that Mary Magdalene set out from her home with her friends to the tomb on that Sunday morning, arriving just as the sun was coming up. They were looking for the body of Jesus,

but the maker of these named stars had been at work. And the one through whom all things were made was no longer entombed but had risen. Jesus Christ had risen. Jesus Christ is risen

The resurrection of Jesus has catapulted the vision and plan that God has for the whole of the salvation of humankind for centuries. God's vision for a world of peace that goes beyond the absence of war. It is a vision of a world that is not divided or divisive; a world in which there is no hunger or poverty and so much more wellbeing for all. It's a world that is so much better than the one we often find in our life journey in these days. It's a remarkable and unique vision - one that we all know about because of the life, teaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Yet, it is an elusive vision. A dream that we need to continue to choose and strive towards though

we fall short of it often. Yes, it can be frustrating and we can get discouraged, yet it is a dream and a vision that we know about and desire, as imperfect as our efforts may be, because we sometimes savor it when we come together in mutually beneficial ways in relationships, in friendships, in families, in parishes, in communities, and in neighborhoods. God's plan for us is embodied in the hope that all of evil and the pathway forward from evil is conquered in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Recently, Pope Francis published an encyclical entitled, Fratelli Tutti (we are all sisters and brothers). In it, he speaks about the common heritage of all humankind as sisters and brothers. It's a simple truth although it's hard for us to even appreciate its full impact. We are all the same. We are all the work of God's

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GUEST OP-ED**It's too loud in Charlestown**

By James Medeiros

What'd ya say? Can you speak louder?! That's what it's like trying to have a conversation when walking up Lowney Way by Peace Park. The noise coming off the Tobin Bridge can be deafening. I find myself searching for small spaces of relative quiet to get a few words in before the next sound assault is volleyed in the direction of Bunker Hill.

If you're like most people, you'll pause a conversation until you reach the tranquility of the Training Field, escape up a block like Mount Vernon or walk deeper into the Navy Yard. For those living by the Tobin it's something you learn to live with, just accept the reality of noise pollution created by a bridge bisecting a community with seemingly little regard for nearby residents.

The issue has become worse since the pandemic or maybe I'm just home more often to take in the acoustic nightmare. Less traffic means higher speeds for bouncing empty dump trucks rattling over metal bridge expansion

strips, more of "The Fast and Furious" inspired after-market car exhausts speeding to nowhere and an unwelcomed spring addition of motorcycles firing out of the lower-level tunnel with unconscionable reverberation. But the King George of obnoxious noise has to be the ROAR of semi-truck Jake Braking. I'm sure you'd recognize the sound if you heard it, a pulsating machine-gun-like-pop of exhaust that blasts the neighborhood about 35 times each weekday. I know because I've counted on more than one occasion.

Most people are aware noise pollution is annoying and a growing urban issue. Simply put it's a human hazard. Many are surprised to learn about the mounting evidence that links noise to harmful physiologic effects including hypertension, ischemic heart disease, cognitive impairment in children and sleep disturbances. When viewed from this perspective, noise pollution is not merely a nuisance but a public health concern. You can pile that nugget on top of the already well-documented health

consequences of air pollution created by transportation emissions.

With the confluence of the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment (BHHR) and reconstruction of Peace Park using a \$500K grant, an opportunity exists to highlight and address the neglected noise issue. The 7-10 story BHHR buildings along Decatur Street will likely be at eye-level or above the bridge spans which is bad news for the folks living in those apartments. Monthly Peace Park meetings hosted by the Charlestown Coalition on topics like "Race and Equity" require a microphone and speaker. Think about that for a moment, you can't hold critically important discussions in a public space without sound amplification. We should no longer accept the status quo or "It is what it is" mentality concerning the conspicuous Tobin Bridge noise pollution.

So, what can be done? We can start by prohibiting Jake braking on the bridge with clearly posted signage and ticketed enforcement. You may have already seen signs

in other communities banning the practice of "Jaking." Jake brakes use the pressure produced by engine combustion to slow down the vehicle. Truckers preferentially use this method to save on maintenance costs associated with the wear and tear of traditional brake pads. Jaking augments traditional braking especially for heavier trucks moving at higher speeds. However, many trucks don't Jake. When traffic is free flowing, almost no truck follows the poorly posted speed limit of 45mph. That's right, the bridge speed limit is 45mph and trucks ought to travel slower to avoid use of Jake Brakes.

Secondly, to address all the remaining complexities of sound pollution, the MassDOT should add the Tobin to its existing noise abatement program for review ("To be Studied"). The MassDOT then can conduct a comprehensive evaluation to measure the impact of the noise on our community and what can be done to mitigate the disturbance in a cost-effective manner. On first blush, engi-

neering controls such as sound absorbing barriers seem feasible along Lowney Way/Peace Park to attenuate the amplification, reverberation, and reflections of sound as northbound traffic exits the tunnel.

We see these sound barriers erected in affluent suburban communities with far less population density and further away from the highway sources. Kudos to the Chelsea Council President Roy Avellaneda who fought for the permanent barriers now newly in place along the S-curves in Chelsea. The time has come to stop ignoring the noise pollution permeating up our city blocks, into our homes and parks. Although technically challenging, it can be done for Charlestown with a focused purpose, perseverance, partnerships and leadership. Otherwise, don't expect to hear the midnight ride of Paul Revere without a microphone and speaker.

For more information about sound mitigation efforts related to the Tobin Bridge contact: medeirmj@gmail.com.

Charlestown Youth Hockey brings home a championship, one still in the hunt

Staff Report

The Charlestown Youth Hockey Association (CYHA) brought home one championship to the Town last Saturday as the U12 girls team beat the Mass Bay Warriors, 4-2, in Watertown to claim the Middlesex Yankee League North title – a fitting end to a season that saw the team log a 17-8-3 record.

The game was close for a good portion of the first two periods, with Mass Bay striking first and fast on the Townies. However, as has been the routine for the scrappy Townie girls, they pulled surplus energy out for the third period – especially in one exchange where they scored two goals in

about one minute. That took them from losing 2-1, to suddenly being up 3-2.

Julia Lambert scored two goals, Abby Deroeve hit one goal and Estelle Corbitt hit the first goal early on. Goalie Erin Alves logged a great game with dozens of saves and really shut off the net down the stretch.

Coaches John Sutich, Anthony Alves and Joe Deroeve said every member of the 18-girl team had improved significantly over the year and gelled in the final months as a cohesive squad.

•SQUIRT 4 BOYS IN THE HUNT

The Squire 4 boys' team is the top-seeded team in their Valley Hockey League division After a

bye in the first round, the team easily took care of Brookline, 3-1, in Lawrence on Saturday. Now, they move to facing CM Revolution on April 10 for the National Division championship. If they win, they will move on to the overall championship game against the American Division winner on Sunday, April 11, in Malden. Stay tuned to this stellar team.

They are the final team competing in the program this year, with all other teams now having ended their 2020-21 campaigns.

•U10s and U14s FALL

The talented U10 girls team fell 2-1 to Allston-Brighton on Friday, April 2, in a close contest at Watertown. They finish second

in league play in the Middlesex Yankee East, and had an overall record of 10-13-3.

Meanwhile, the U14s met their nemesis Andover in the U14 Middlesex Yankee North final on Saturday in Watertown, and fell in a close 3-2 contest. The teams had battled it out all year in league play, with Andover finishing in first place for the season play – beating Charlestown in February and tying the Townies in March. It was an epic battle for an extremely talented team that next year will return even stronger with a super-deep lineup that will likely contend for State Championship honors. For this season, the team had an excellent run of 12-6-6.

•THREE LOSE CLOSE ONES

ON BOYS SIDE

Three of the boys teams were also active last weekend, and hit a roadblock to end their very successful seasons. First, the Bantam team faced off against a talented Needham team in a #2 vs. #3 battle on Saturday in Malden. The game remained close but Needham pulled away 4-2 in the end.

The top-seeded Pee Wee 2 team took a tough loss, 3-2, against #5 seeded Parkway on Saturday in Hockeytown. Meanwhile, the talented Squirt 2 team met their match in the semi-final game in Revere on Saturday against Everett/Revere – losing 5-2 to end an amazing playoff run that included knocking off #1 Belmont on March 28.

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are usually the hotbed of discussion at the BCDC, the BHRH brought to the review board the issue of tree removal and perhaps made that aspect of design more important now citywide.

However, the unfortunate underbelly of the debate in the neighborhood was that it ended up pitting public housing residents and long-time neighbors desperate for new housing – some of whom had already been relocated out of the neighborhood – against tree advocates – a majority of whom didn't live in or abutting the project and sought to delay the start. That resulted in a number of contentious meetings featuring harsh words, carefully crafted slights and outright insults at times.

Tuesday's BCDC meeting was much more tame in respect to the debate, but while it did approve the housing development, it also didn't push the tree issue to the side.

Member Deneen Crosby said that over the six years of planning and review on the project, the information that has come in the last year of debate and discus-

sion has re-shaped how planning should go in the future.

"I think there is a lot of information that came into the project after much work was done that has made this a better project," she said. "I feel with all the information we have now, a fresh look on the rest of the project would be a good idea. We have all the information on things and an open space plan...If there's something worth preserving and it can be incorporated in the plan, I want to hear more of that...I'd be supportive of suggesting that all work like this be looked at more before the project comes back for another phase...I just think we might end up in a slightly different position if we take what we know now and look at it again."

For Chair Andrea Leers, two public comments stood out to her from Tuesday.

Resident Dan Jaffe said the design of the buildings didn't get the review it needed due to the heavy talk of trees.

"I'm really concerned that while trees are important, it has caused us to lose focus on the structures,

which are permanent," he said. "Trees can be improved on and buildings cannot. These designs are not interesting and they need character."

Meanwhile, Leers also highlighted the comments of Tess O'Brien, and indicated that her idea of trees as a design restriction might be a pattern going forward citywide.

"I would like to have explored this ahead of time so we're not put in a bind in future phases," she said. "I think mature trees should be viewed as a design constraint and not an after-thought."

Leers said those comments shaped her opinion on the matter, and stressed that future phases would be shaped with those sentiments in mind – and perhaps in projects beyond Bunker Hill.

"We will be coming back block by block for each remaining portion of the development," she said.

Member Linda Easterley said the tree canopy discussion was important, but the need for housing outweighed stopping the project to design around trees. She said the discussion had at the BCDC

has resulted in a better indoor and outdoor environment.

Councilor Lydia Edwards and State Rep. Dan Ryan submitted a letter of support for the approval on Tuesday, while also calling for the developer to adopt more thought and action on trees in the development and overall neighborhood.

"I will never assume any ill will from anyone because they are passionate about an issue," she said. "I do also believe it's time to land this plane and advocate for an increase and preservation of the tree canopy while also moving forward on Phase 1 of the project."

Tree Advocate Johanna Hynes said the vote should be delayed, and indicated a crime was being committed against the residents of Bunker Hill – and she also indicated she had done interviews in the development and no one knew about what was going on.

David Meshoulam, of Speak for the Trees, advocated to adopt a four-point plan for the trees in the development – including a detailed Master Plan and having an arborist on duty at all times

during construction.

Several residents of the development – officers of the Charlestown Residents Alliance (CRA) – testified that they wanted to save trees where possible, but housing was critical due to the poor conditions they live in and the more than 100 families that have already been relocated in preparation for Phase 1.

"I have lived here for 26 years and I am tired, tired of living the way we live in buildings that have deteriorated beyond repair," she said. "This is a once in a generation opportunity to build this neighborhood in the right way regardless of income, class or race."

In the end, the BCDC vote did include a proviso that the developer continue to look carefully at saving every existing tree possible in Phase 1, and that future phases that come back to the BCDC would continue this same conversation.

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idents want, need and deserve. I am 100 percent committed to leading this change."

The video was filmed in her Roxbury neighborhood, in Nubian Square, on the bus and at City Hall. It recounts the past and present individuals who blazed the trail to her announcement – Mel King, Melnea Cass, Bruce Bolling, Ayanna Pressley, Rachael Rollins and many others. In her own words, Janey then tells her story

and the story of Boston — the challenges the city faces and her commitment to building a more equitable city for every resident.

"You've heard the problems," she said in the video. "It's a broken record. Affordable Housing isn't actually affordable. Deep racial inequities. The median net worth for white Bostonians is \$247,000. For Black folks it's eight. Eight Dollars. It's all centuries in the making. But women — Black

women — have been stepping up to do the work, and we're winning. They're inspiring little girls and boys everywhere, including my own grandkids. And my life's work, from education advocacy to leading the City Council, has been centered around making sure every child has the opportunity to learn and succeed in a more just city than the one I grew up in."

Janey recalled being part of the desegregation of schools era,

and the pitfalls of being bused to attend the Edwards Middle School in Charlestown when she was 11, before joining the Metco program in high school and graduating from Reading High School as one of only two Black students in her class.

"I was part of desegregation busing," she said. "Eleven years old having rocks and racial slurs thrown at me. I've been at the center of Boston history. The bad

and the good. I'm ready to lead our city. To listen. To collaborate. To fight this pandemic and the racial and economic inequalities that COVID only worsened."

She said the pandemic is an opportunity to change the City into a more just place to live for everyone.

"We can't go back, we can only go better," she concluded.

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New judge at Charlestown Court starts well by renaming popular program

By Seth Daniel

Judge Lisa Grant has now settled in as the First Justice of the Charlestown Court, and one of her first changes to the long-time courthouse on City Square is to change the name of the popular Drug Court program – renaming it Recovery Court with the blessing of advocates and participants.

Seeking to end the stigma related to the use of Drug Court for what is truly a recovery program, Judge Grant agreed with participants and advocates in granting the name change.

“We’re not a drug court,” she said. “We’re not using drugs or talking about drugs. We’re a recovery court and people in it are working toward being clean and sober. It’s a much more positive way to approach this session. The former name was condescending and kept them in a dark place.”

Judge Grant came to be First Justice in Charlestown quietly back in July 2020 due to the fact that COVID precautions had closed down the courthouse and its sessions – including Recovery Court that has been held on Zoom for more than a year now. Long-time Judge Lawrence McCormick had been a retired judge on recall for some time, and was not called back for the new Fiscal Year in July. Judge Grant came over from the Central Division of the Boston Municipal Court, which serves downtown, on a temporary basis in July, but was made the permanent First Justice in September. She was first appointed to the bench in



New Charlestown Court First Justice Lisa Grant sits in the court under a picture of former First Justice Mary Brennan. Judge Grant has already made an applauded move in changing the name of Drug Court to Recovery Court.

2014 by Gov. Deval Patrick after having been a successful criminal defense lawyer for more than 30 years.

“One thing I really like about the court is it is a community court,” said the judge. “The people that utilize the court here, whether they are defendants or seeking a restraining order or a Section 35, they are community people. Downtown in the Central Division most of the people coming through there were transient or visitors or part of the homeless community...For that reason, I enjoy being here. I can get to know people better and have more of an impact on their lives than downtown.”

Already she has made a few

cosmetic changes to the courthouse and its offices, but one of the first moves she made was the name change as the Recovery Court is an integral part of the Charlestown sessions.

“Part and parcel of the First Justice here is to run the Recovery Court,” she said. “Previously, I had come here as a visiting judge. I had some experience with the people and providers here.”

That has been a very positive turn of events, as already the Recovery Court advocates like Shannon Lundin of the Charlestown Coalition are giving positive marks for Judge Grant’s first moves.

“The more we continue to associate shame with Substance Use Disorders with the words we use the less likely we will change our attitudes as a whole and get people the help they need,” she said. “People living with SUDS aren’t bad people trying to get good, they are sick people who need help to get well. Changing the words we use will help change beliefs that addiction is a moral failing, instead of what we know it to be—a chronic, treatable disease from which people can recover and continue to lead healthy lives.”

Said Recovery Coach Kevin O’Brien, “I like the new name; it’s gonna take a while to get used to, but I like it because it’s positive and not negative sounding.”

Recovery Court participant Frank Hargett said he felt the name change could save lives here.

“I believe changing the name



The Recovery Court team includes Chief Probation Officer Michelle Williams, Specialty Court Coordinator Kevin Rainsford, First Justice Lisa Grant and Shannon Lundin of the Charlestown Coalition.

from Drug Court to Recovery Court is a great idea because it sounds a lot less intimidating and I wholeheartedly feel just the name change itself will save lives,” he said. “Recovery Court has been a blessing to me and I know that this time around I will be more focused on the recovery instead of the drug.”

Right now, Recovery Court has about 10 participants and a potential of adding about three more people. They all have been meeting on Zoom for the most part, and a lot of people in Recovery Court are doing quite well – though there are limitations to the computer format.

Chief Probation Officer Michelle Williams said the computer format has been wonderful, but it’s hard to detect early signs of problems online.

“What we’ve learned is when they’re on screen, we are not able to detect the early signs of them starting to fail like we used to be able to do in person,” she said.

While Recovery Court is the first step for some changes to a Courthouse that hasn’t changed much in decades, Judge Grant said the biggest thing she wants to change is the experience of fairness for all who use the court – whether for Recovery Court or for a criminal proceeding.

“My thought about justice here is I want people to come to the court and feel they were treated fairly – win or lose,” she said. “At least they will feel they had respect and they will come back to the court believing they will be treated fairly. I want there to be a positive feeling about court and not such a fight.”

ZELMA LACEY (from pg. 1)

it sustainable economically. Our new goal as to the services side is not to let services slip through the cracks. We don’t want to flip the light switch tomorrow and it begins. We’re talking 12 to 18 months. This is a long conversation. It had to start somewhere. We started conversations a couple of weeks ago with residents and families.

“We are only in early conversations here,” he continued. “You don’t have to do anything now. You don’t have to move now. It sounds scary but we will work with everyone to keep them informed.”

He said beginning that conversation has been scary for a lot of folks, but they have started the process very early to make sure people are re-assured that they can stay and have person-

alized services – yet live in an updated unit with a kitchen that functions independently. He said Peabody Resident Services would coordinate caregivers and provider services while AHSC would be the owner and developer of the property.

“The way I am approaching this is right now is the services wouldn’t be different for residents, but it’s that they would be delivered differently,” he said. “The current services would be provided by staff at the facility until the transition occurs. Between now and then there will be lots of meetings as a group and individually with families to come up with a plan for each household and family and develop a personal plan for services.”

Mattos said there are 66 units in Zelma, but only 42 are now

occupied. To reconfigure the units to be rehabilitated and to add kitchens to each, that would push the unit count down to 48 units (nine studios, 38 one-bedrooms and one two-bedroom). Another major change is that the rents won’t be jacked up as is the rumor, but in fact the property will become more affordable, he said. Right now the Zelma is 50 percent affordable and 50 percent market rate. The new configuration would be 100 percent affordable and affordability would be in three tiers – including 30 percent of AMI, 50 percent of AMI and 60 percent of AMI.

Mattos said the owners of Zelma have historically had trouble filling the market rate units and that has led to some of the shortfalls financially. That would all change, he said, under the new

plan.

“The only time they were 100 percent full was 18 months after they opened,” he said. “They have really never been fully occupied and have struggled to fill market units. It’s been a challenge over the years to fill those market units. We’re excited to expand that affordability and that it will be in three different tiers.”

AHSC is a non-profit, affordable housing developer that has been around for 20 years and has had a long, strategic partnership with Peabody Properties, Mattos said.

“Ed Fish, who was the Zelma developer, was the one that sort of helped seed AHSC to get started in the early days,” he said. “There’s no legal affiliation, but there’s been a strategic partnership for a long time.”

The specialize in developing affordable housing for elders, youth, families and tend to include wrap around services in those developments with providers. Most of those services at their other developments have been coordinated by Peabody Resident Services, much like what is proposed for the reconfigured Zelma.

Finally, Mattos said if any family feels the new configuration is not for them, he said they will go above and beyond to help them find the right situation.

“If anyone feels it’s not right for their mom or dad and they want an assisted living somewhere else and not third-party providers, we will help them with the cost and relocation of that once we get there,” he said. “We’re not there yet.”

VIEWPOINT (from pg. 3)

hands. God's fingerprints are on each one of us and yet God made us to be entirely unique individuals. God's vision is for each one of us to take the thread that is me, that is you, and weave it into one remarkably united, precious, and beautiful tapestry through friendships, families, communities, institutions of various sorts, workplaces, schools, countries and throughout the world.

This remarkable vision is pregnant with hope for us to become one, distinct and different as we are, into one, integrated, and desirable tapestry of life. When you look at a tapestry there is so much color, variability, and beauty to it. But did you ever look at the reverse side of a tapestry? It's really messy. This is the story of our life - weaving that tapestry, that beauty that is God's dream for us can be messy but when we choose to live it and get a taste of it, it spurs us onward. And the pattern to create this incredible tapestry is found in the person of Jesus - in his life, his teachings, his cross, his resurrection.

This spectacular vision can only fully come to be if each of us chooses to earnestly engage in the full practice of love - the practice of authentic love. It's not the superficiality of love that we hear about in our culture, the totally self-defined and self-referential and all about self, kind of

love. No, truly authentic love is pure at its core and includes the wellbeing of others. Because, you see, the dream will never come true if it's the "I'm number one" kind of love. It's not about me or you, it's about us, all of us. It's the first person plural that must be the operative and defining aspect of completing the vision that God has for us.

You know, starlight can sometimes be intoxicating. It can set us off in a dreamy place. Fairy tales are told about starlight. But starlight is real. For me, when I think about and observe starlight, it gives me hope because it helps me recognize the truth of the omnipotence of God, that nothing is impossible for God. With God all things are possible - but God needs our cooperation to make the dream become a reality. So let's not get stuck and want to give up, allowing ourselves to believe that our dreams, our political systems, our health care systems, our education systems, sensible immigration policies, work situations or our caring for one another are impossible to ameliorate.

That we can be as united as we are different is the ultimate dream for which each of us long. The strength that flows from our unity can realize in little and big ways the vision God holds for humankind.

Laborers Local 223 back Santiago for Boston Mayor

Staff Report

State Rep. and mayoral candidate Jon Santiago has earned the endorsement of Laborers International of North America Local 223, marking a major endorsement in the race for Boston mayor and a significant boost to Santiago's growing citywide organization.

Laborers Local 223 is part of the Massachusetts and Northern New England Laborers' District Council. Local 223 was the union of U.S. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh.

"The relationship between the building trades and the mayor of Boston and the future development of our city is essential and we know that Jon Santiago is the leader that will continue that tradition of partnership," said Laborers Local 223 Business Manager Marty Walsh. "Boston has been fortunate to have had three decades of the strongest partnership between the mayor

and the working people who build our city. This tradition has made Boston the global city that it is today and in that spirit, I'm so proud to endorse Jon Santiago and pledge our commitment to elect him the next mayor of Boston."

They are the largest Laborers local in the city of Boston and one of the largest in Massachusetts, representing an estimated 1,700 members.

"Jon has shown through his career of service and giving back to his community an uncommon ability to get things done and deliver results when people need them most. He's a true leader for working people and exactly what we need in city hall," concluded Walsh.

The Local 223 announcement marks Santiago's first labor endorsement. Santiago, who himself is a former union member, having been part of CIR-SEIU at Boston Medical Center, announced his campaign for mayor in late February.

Exam School lawsuit gets hearing

By Seth Daniel

The blockbuster case now in Superior Court before Judge William Young had a hearing on Tuesday in the case, and Judge Young has said he would rule some time by mid-April to allow for the school assignment process to move forward in some fashion - but within that hearing on large law firm arguing for the temporary system says Boston's changing demographics support their claim.

Brown Rudnick law firm has signed on to represent a plethora of organizations and civil rights groups that are supporting the plan that looks to achieve socio-economic diversity in the three exam schools via using zip codes across the city and their corresponding median income - as well as school-age population while eliminating the exam school test for this year only. That sparked a lawsuit from 14 families in West Roxbury and Chinatown known as the Boston Parent Coalition for Academic Excellence Corp. and represented by Attorney William Hurd. They claim the zip code method is a proxy for race-based admissions and discrimination against Asian American and white students.

Brown Rudnick Attorney Brian Alosco has filed an interesting amicus brief in the case that is one of several being considered, but it's focusing on the fact that there is a new Boston that has changed so

much since this argument started many years ago - when he says the City was much more segregated.

"Their understanding of Boston's neighborhoods focuses on what happened in the 20th Century in Boston, but present day Boston isn't what it used to look like," he said. "Even in a certain zip code there is now diversity of race and socio-economic status... To say it's about race just is not accurate."

One of the examples Alosco's brief has cited is the Mission Hill/Roxbury zip code (02120) and the East Boston zip code (02128)

"We have a lot of examples, but both of these zip codes has a white population of about 34 percent," he said. "However, East Boston is going to gain 24 seats and Mission Hill/Roxbury would see a reduction of about two seats."

He said only four zip codes have one racial group representing 80 to 90 percent of the population, which is the white racial group, and those areas are Beacon Hill, North End, Seaport and Downtown.

"Undoubtedly, race, poverty, and geography are inextricably linked; past and present racial and socioeconomic discrimination has confined communities of color to low-income sections of neighborhoods," read the filing. "Those sections, however, do not remain stagnant. More important, the racial boundaries that divide

Boston's communities of color continue to take shape and change over time and are not confined to ZIP code boundaries...For example, historically Black and Latino neighborhoods in the South End, Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, and Dorchester became demonstrably whiter between 1990 and 2017. Those communities cannot be identified by ZIP code because they are within and across most ZIP codes."

Alosco said there is such diversity now in Boston, and also between racial groups in Boston - such as Asian Americans - that the old arguments don't hold.

"You can't just say, 'This admissions plan discriminates against white and Asian students,' because even within that group there is diversity of race and socio-economic status in zip codes," he said. "It just doesn't hold that there was some hidden agenda."

That, of course, is in the hands of Judge Young, and Alosco said the judge has told them he will rule by April 15. Meanwhile, Boston Public Schools announced this week they are holding up all school assignments for grade 6 going into grade 7 in order to wait for the results of the case. Because exam school assignments make up about 25 percent of the assignments, they have chosen to wait and have indicated that decisions will be sent out by late April so families can plan accordingly.

TREES (from pg. 2)

speak for the trees. We ultimately would encourage them to take ownership of these efforts because they will inherit all of our decisions.

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sus that is desperately needed for Charlestown.

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CMA OFFERS 'BUNNY BOXES' ON MAIN STREET AND ON WALFORD WAY

The Charlestown Mothers Association (CMA) wasn't able to have its long-standing traditional Egg Hunt this year due to COVID-19 (or last year for that matter), but instead changed up the plans to offer 'Bunny Boxes' on Main Street and on Walford Way. Christ Church Charlestown partnered with the CMA to give out Egg Hunt Kits as well. Kids from all over the Town were able to enjoy some neighborhood generosity and fun on Saturday, April 3.

Courtesy Photos



CMA Board Members with Councilor Michelle Wu – who happened to be in the neighborhood - and the Easter Bunny, including Kari Cavanagh, Stacey Mundele, Marcie Miller, Elizabeth Fisher, and Erin Davies.



The CMA Bunny Boxes were a hit throughout Charlestown.



Augusta Fry enjoyed her time with the Easter Bunny.



The O'Shea Family with the Easter Bunny.

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Christ Church Charlestown volunteers Nikki McGehee, Kayla Stephens and Barb Augusta; CMA Board Members Debbie O'Shea with daughter, Alex O'Shea, and Laura Carroll; CRA volunteer Betsy and CRA President Nancy Martinez.



Nancy Martinez, president of the Charlestown Residents Alliance (CRA), with friends who came to visit the Easter Bunny.

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STATE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE SILVER LINE EXTENSION ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

The MBTA and MassDOT project team will present an overview of the Silver Line Extension (SLX) Alternatives Analysis, share the findings so far, and gather input from the community at a virtual public meeting being held at 6 PM on Tuesday, April 27.

The project team is seeking the public's input on the project's needs, goals, and objectives; the findings so far; and what alignments should be considered in connecting Chelsea with Everett,

Somerville, Cambridge, and/or downtown Boston.

Feedback can be provided via online polls during the meeting. An online feedback form will also be available closer to the meeting date and for the weeks following the meeting.

The virtual meeting will be held via Zoom. Participants are asked to pre-register. The meeting will be recorded and posted online for those who cannot attend

OLD SCHOOLBOYS SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN

The Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association isn't able to have its annual banquet this

year, but it is going ahead with a plan to distribute up to \$26,000 in scholarships to students in the Town.

The deadline for the Old Charlestown Schoolboys scholarships has been extended to April 28 and the scholarships are open to any Charlestown resident who:

- is a senior in high school.
- has been a resident of Charlestown.
- will be entering college or preparatory school or technical school this year
- is a senior in high school or freshman, sophomore or junior in college or preparatory school.

Applications can be obtained at the Boston Public Library, the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, St. Mary-St. Catherine of Sienna office, St. Francis de Sales office, St. John's Office, and the First Church of Charlestown Office.

Applications are due April 28, 2021.

This year no transcripts are required.

For more information, please contact Jim O'Brien (617-543-5384).

SUPPORT CHARLESTOWN PRESERVATION SOCIETY FUNDRAISER WITH 50/50 RAFFLE

Due to the pandemic restrictions, most of The Charlestown Preservation Society (CPS) fundraisers have been put on hold. That's why the 50/50 raffle is so important to the day-to-day operations of CPS.

Only 200 tickets will be sold. One lucky winner will be drawn on May 20, 2021 at 8 p.m. for One Prize of \$10,000. One raffle ticket is \$100, and friends can split the cost of a ticket if that makes it easier.

The funds go to support the ongoing operation of the society. The CPS is involved in a

number of critical planning issues that are facing the neighborhood, including PLAN Charlestown, Preservation Park in Thompson Square, and the Design Review Committee that reviews the impact of development.

Ways to Buy/Donate:

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Again, please be sure to include one's mailing address somewhere. Checks must be received prior to drawing night. We will send you your ticket(s) after your donation is received and you can go to our CPS webpages for more info about the live drawing and other raffle news. Good luck and thank you.

USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM REOPENS TO PUBLIC ON 45TH ANNIVERSARY

The USS Constitution Museum will reopen to the public on Thursday, April 8, at 10 a.m., the 45th anniversary of its opening in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Following that date, the Museum will be open Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Anne Grimes Rand, USS Constitution Museum President & CEO, will be there with a wide smile under her mask to greet visitors on this historic day.

"We are thrilled to welcome vis-

itors back to the USS Constitution Museum on our 45th birthday," said Rand. "We are committed to safely providing educational and engaging experiences for our guests."

On April 8, Anne Grimes Rand will commemorate the Museum's 45th anniversary by firing the morning cannon on "Old Ironsides" at 8:00 a.m. Immediately following that ceremony, USS Constitution's Commanding Officer John Benda and Rand will share their favorite Museum and Ship memories.

Rand and Commander Benda will head to the Museum for remarks and a ribbon cutting at 8:30 a.m.

Anne Grimes Rand is also celebrating a milestone anniversary: 2021 marks her 35th year at the Museum. She has been a guiding force at the Museum during her more than three decades. Rand has navigated a pandemic, recession, government shutdowns, and myriad transformative projects along the way, but the USS Constitution Museum's longest-serving employee approaches it all with undaunted courage and positivity. "We can and have weathered the storms together, and come out stronger because of it," explained Rand. "The key is to be respectful, to listen, and to incorporate different perspectives and ideas."

As the Museum readies for the next chapter in its history, Rand looks forward to sharing historic and contemporary stories of "Old Ironsides" with new armchair sailors. "The USS Constitution Museum shares stories of innovation, teamwork, service and sacrifice, both past and present. We encourage life-long learning and inspire the next generation of citizens and leaders. What could be more exciting than that?"

The Museum will reopen with visitor safety enhancements and policies in accordance with city and state requirements and guidelines.

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Charlestown's weekly COVID positive test rate decreases

By John Lynds

Charlestown's weekly COVID-19 positive test rate decreased last week while the cumulative rate increased slightly according to the latest data released on Friday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

According to the BPHC report, last week 1,023 residents were tested and 3.4 percent were positive. This was a 12.8 percent decrease from the 3.9 percent that tested positive two Fridays ago.

According to the weekly report, of the 14,465 Charlestown residents tested for the virus since the pandemic began 8.8 percent were found to be positive by last Friday. This was a 2.3 percentage increase from the 8.6 percent reported by the BPHC two Fridays ago.

However, positive test rates continue to rise citywide. According to the BPHC 28,007 residents were tested and 5.2 percent were COVID positive--this was a 23.8 percent increase from the 4.2 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago. This was the first time in weeks the city

went above its 5 percent threshold used to plan Boston's phased reopening strategies.

On Monday the Baker-Polito Administration announced that residents 55 and over and residents with one certain medical condition will be eligible for the COVID vaccine beginning on April 5.

In addition, the Administration announced that Massachusetts will adopt the CDC's updated list of medical conditions. This week, the CDC added more medical conditions that are linked to an increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Massachusetts will adopt this guidance and make individuals eligible starting April 5th if they have one of these medical conditions. As a result of adopting the CDC's list, more residents will be eligible starting April 5th.

The full list of conditions can be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html and the full timeline of the state's vaccine rollout is available at mass.gov/

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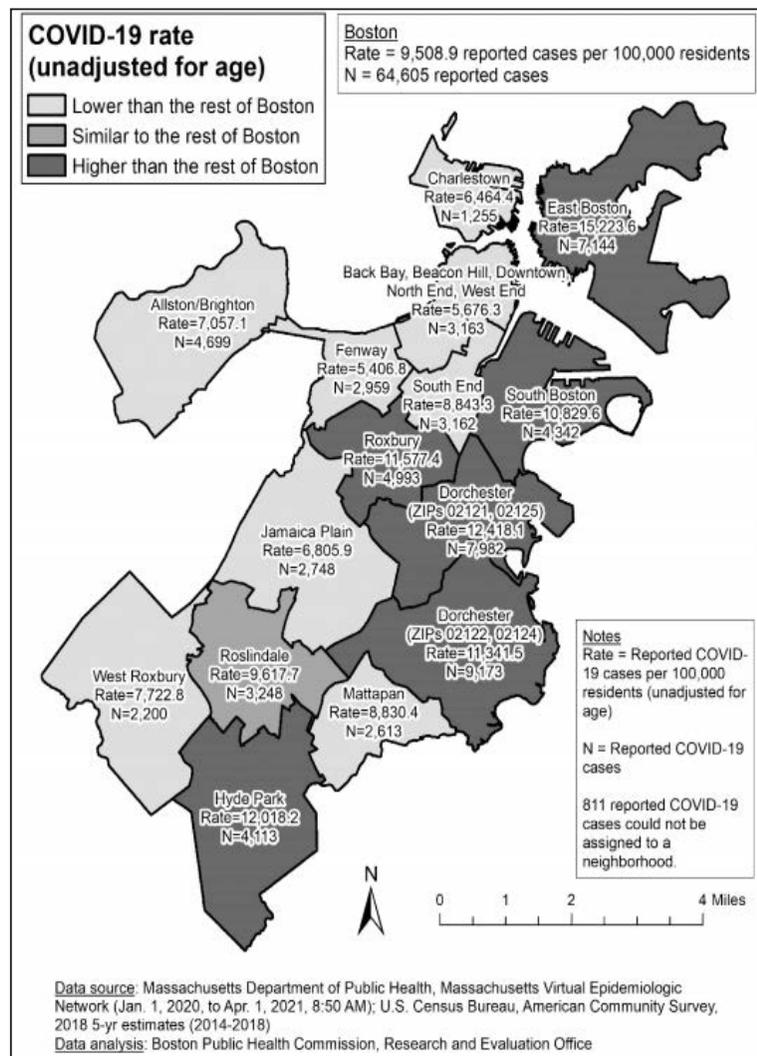
The infection rate in Charlestown and surrounding neighborhoods increased 3.2 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Charlestown's infection went from 626.3 cases per 10,000 residents to 646.4 cases per 10,000 residents.

An additional 39 residents became infected with the virus last week bringing the total to 1255 confirmed cases in the neighborhood.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly 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 increased 3.1 percent last week and went from 63,748 cases to 65,728 confirmed cases in a week. Fourteen additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,355 total deaths in the city from COVID.



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

Part One crime down 29 percent so far this year in Charlestown

By Dan Murphy

With the first quarter of '21 on the books, Charlestown had seen a 29-percent decrease in Part One crime from last year.

According to Boston Police, 62 incidents of Part One crime were reported in Area A-15 between Jan. 1 and April 4 of this year, compared with 84 during the same timeframe in 2020.

One homicide was reported in the district this year as opposed to none in 2020, while no rapes or attempted rapes were reported either this or last year.

Robberies and attempted robberies were down 20 percent as the number dropped to five from four in 2020.

The rate of domestic aggravated assaults remained steady, with five incidents both this year and

last, while the rate of non-domestic aggravated assaults increased nearly triple-fold as the number shot up to eight from three last year.

Commercial burglaries held steady, with one incident a piece both this and last year, as did residential burglaries, with nine incidents this year, as well as in 2020.

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle were down nearly 38 percent as the number fell to 15 from 24 last year, while other larcenies were down nearly 36 percent, dropping to 17 incidents in 2021 from 31 last year.

Auto theft was also on the decline as the number fell to two from six last year.

Citywide, Part One crime was down 25 percent from last year as the number of incidents dropped to 3,081 from 4,120 last year.

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For high-schoolers without a start date, sports are their only in-person outlet

By Seth Daniel

For Charlestown High School students, there still is no inkling when it is they might get back to the classroom every day in person for those who choose to do so – even as elementary and middle schools students have dates etched in stone – but no doubt many have found healing in the late winter and spring through competitive sports.

One of the few things allowed in person for young people in the high school grades are school sports, and for students at Charlestown High it can be the only time they get to see, socialize and be active with friends they have known for years – but maybe haven't seen in months.

Athletic Director Paige Lemieux said this year's sports started with girls and boys basketball in January. At the moment, it's morphed into what is called 'Fall 2' where they are playing soccer, football, volleyball and cheerleading. It's an uncertain existence, she said, but rather than focus on the usual aspects of competition and winning – it's more about healing for an age group that has had little public attention and is suffering greatly at times.

"It's about the social-emotions and physical health and being active and being able to simply get out," she said. "It's been fantastic for the kids so far... We started with girls and boys basketball on Jan. 19 and we had a COVID outbreak for the girls' team, but overall it's been going well. The City provided us with a check-in process and we do testing on all athletes every Monday."

Right now, the football team is on quarantine due to some COVID positive tests, but they are expected to get back on track. Meanwhile, many teams the high school is supposed to play don't have enough kids to field a team.

"We have had enough players to field our teams, but work has been a huge factor for kids now," she said. "Some kids now have to work to help their families. Other kids don't have to work, but they've found this new flexibility under this new online schedule so that they can work more and make more money to save for college or just to have. They can work more and make more money, or they can play a sport. I've found those that are choosing the sport are very happy with that."

One might think it sounds like less than successful.

Once talking with the kids –



Charlestown High senior Adrianna Gutierrez, with Athletic Director Paige Lemieux this week, is playing soccer this spring, but cannot wait for softball to start. She said sports have been the only way she and her friends can see each other and be active again. High schoolers in Boston Public Schools still don't have a definitive date for re-starting in-person learning five days a week.

who are often out practicing on the high school fields each afternoon – it becomes obvious that even just practicing soccer with friends is a blessing to these young people. While one might expect to play a set number of games in a sports season, that isn't necessarily the case for these young athletes and they're okay with it. Many log off of their remote classes and commute on public transportation for an hour just to get to a 90 minute practice.

"For many of them they finish school at 1:50 p.m. and they have to get out of bed and out of their house and commute here for a practice at 3 p.m.," she said. "That's been a factor for some, but the players here are committed and excited to be here. They are willing to commute an hour after being on Zoom all day just to feel normal again and be active and be around friends again that they haven't seen. It's been more than a year since they've had sports."

Lemieux said from the time school started until winter sports began in January, she estimated receiving about 1,000 e-mail messages from students and families inquiring about the possibility of sports resuming.

Senior Adrianna Gutierrez is doing cheer and soccer, and for the first time. While her main sport is softball, which is coming up on April 26's spring season start, she said COVID has afforded her the opportunity to play soccer, which she could never do before due to cheerleading.

She said COVID and lockdowns and Zoom school – all without organized sports – has made it hard for her to maintain her physical fitness, and she has lost weight due to

the change. Now, she's just trying to get used to being the active teenager – one that says she loves learning about and coming to school in Charlestown – that she once was.

"Being in the house all the time caused me to lose weight," she said. "I felt so alone and isolated, but now I feel free because I can play sports and get back to being in shape and physically fit... Without this you get trapped in the social media world and not seeing friends every day. You begin to think people don't like you because they don't text you back, but everyone was living in their own world in COVID. I realize that now."

She said sports has also come with a push by the school to get she and her classmates more engaged – maybe to try a sport they've never done before simply to get out. There has also been ample opportunities for counselling at MGH Clinic, which has an affiliation with the high school.

And interestingly enough, some of the sports may not even include many games, but that's not a game-changer, Gutierrez said.

"A game is a gift, especially because it's my senior year," she said. "I really want to get softball in. I wanted to show off for my final year. Thank God they allowed us to play sports. Softball was cancelled last year. I didn't get a chance to show out and get the attention of scouts and compete for a scholarship opportunity. I'm hoping to do that this spring."

Spring sports at the high school – consisting of softball, baseball, and outdoor track – will begin on April 26, and for many high schoolers still trapped every day in the world of Zoom, it can't come quick enough.

CNC asks developers for better, thoughtful mitigation

By Seth Daniel

The new residential building at the Bunker Hill Mall that proposes to surround the 99 Restaurant got an airing at the Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) on Tuesday night in what was the CNC's first attempt at an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting.

New England Development was the main presenter for the meeting on April 6, and they relayed a presentation about the seven-story, 240 unit building that looks to be a new gateway to the Town and spark new investment in the Mall on Main Street – the Main Street wall of brick being a sore subject for a number of years.

After the presentation, the CNC got straight to the point about the lack of parking, having 76 spaces, and the mitigation that is being proposed – including fixing a regional sewer pipe under the Mall that many have ignored for decades.

Chair Tom Cunha said he doesn't necessarily believe the development – though very close to transit – will fully support a transit-oriented development.

"I just don't think everyone who lives there will be working downtown," he said. "I would like to see the backup data that proves that will work – it's critical here. That's a big thing for me."

The unifying tone by the CNC though was that mitigation needed

to be real mitigation.

"We need to negotiate that a little bit," Cunha said. "None of our mitigation should be paying for O'Reilly Park to be taken care of because the BRA didn't take care of it for 30 years...I don't want to see things that should be done anyway. Some of the stuff you're putting in your mitigation program the BRA and developer should be responsible for."

Member Elaine Donovan said New England Development should have long ago improved the Main Street side of the Mall and giving support to a new housing building shouldn't be attached to improvements at other parts of the Mall that are long overdue.

"Sewer systems and O'Reilly

Park are things that should be on you anyway," she said. "That shouldn't be on us. I don't like that this is the catalyst for improving our Main Street. You couldn't afford to update the front of our shopping center for 45 years? We shouldn't have to support a building to finally upgrade our Main Street so it looks like part of our community and not like the Charles Street Jail from 1972."

It being one of the only commercial centers in Charlestown, and also the project surrounding a popular restaurant in the 99's, many were worried construction on the new building would shut down stores.

"We're not at all worried about our ability to do it and keeping

the stores open and viable and thriving during construction," said John Twohig of NED. "You're not going to lose any stores..."

Cunha and Ed Grace were concerned about AirBNB's and short-term rentals in the building, and also about ride-shares like Uber not using the designated spaces and snarling traffic.

The CNC has revived its Development Committee, and Cunha said he wanted to set up a meeting with Member Rich McGuinness and New England Development to discuss the problems identified and the mitigation presented. He also proposed a public meeting on the development for the community in person at some point later.

Mobile health initiative brings information and resources to local communities

Staff Report

Mass General Brigham has launched a mobile health initiative to leverage the knowledge of its world class providers and researchers to help answer people's questions and boost confidence in the COVID-19 vaccines.

"With the information about COVID-19, the vaccines, and public health measures changing day to day, it's understandable that people feel conflicted about how to keep up with the information and where they should go for trusted answers," says Tom Sequist, MD, MPH. Dr. Sequist is the Chief Patient Experience and Equity Officer at Mass General Brigham. "The lightning fast speed of social media can be invaluable to get a message out quickly, but can also enable the spread of inaccurate information."

Nearly 120 physicians, nurs-

es, researchers, and other experts from across Mass General Brigham have come together to volunteer their expertise in a variety of ways. These "Community Messengers" are reaching people in the community—both in-person and digitally—by making informational videos in a variety of languages; hosting "live" social media sessions to answer patient questions; and offering their time at public speaking engagements or on other media like podcasts and radio.

The goal is to connect with communities hard hit by the pandemic—which are overwhelmingly communities of color with a historical mistrust of the health care industry. The Mass General Brigham community messengers are multi-lingual and multi-cultural, with many having shared life experience with the people in the communities we serve.

"When I'm with my patients I can answer their questions face to face," says Cheryl R. Clark MD, ScD, who recently volunteered as a community messenger at the Reggie Lewis Center. Dr. Clark is a Hospitalist and researcher in Brigham and Women's Hospital Division of General Medicine and Primary Care, and Director of Health Equity Research & Intervention in the Center for Community Health and Health Equity at Brigham.

Dr. Clark explains, "We're taking that trusted relationship and amplifying it to a larger scale to reach more people who have questions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine."

Additionally, these community messengers have played a crucial role in our Community Care Van initiative. While there is a van dedicated solely to information sharing, many volunteers accompany

vans handing out resources like food or care kits, or our mobile testing vans.

The vans will be located alongside other community resources such as food pantries.

While partnering with community organizations has helped reach more people, it hasn't opened every barrier to community access. One hurdle that medical staff have had to grapple with is the mistrust of the communities they are trying to reach.

"It's no surprise that people of color and those in marginalized communities want and need information that they can understand, in their language, from caregivers who look like them," says Joseph Betancourt, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President of Equity and Community Health at Massachusetts General Hospital.

He explains that the health care system has a difficult history that

providers are working to counteract. The Tuskegee study and Henrietta Lacks are just two historical examples. And while this lack of confidence is real and well-earned, communities of color aren't the only ones who are hesitant about the vaccine.

"Many really want it, and we need to make sure vaccines are available to them in their communities, and easily accessible, as we answer their questions and gain their trust," he says.

The vans have been stationed in communities hardest hit by COVID such as Chelsea, Revere, Everett, Charlestown, Lynn, Roxbury and Dorchester, with other communities as needed. The hope is that these vans will become a valuable health care resource for local communities during the pandemic and beyond.

Ruthzee Louijeune raises over \$100,000 from 750 contributors in two weeks

Ruthzee Louijeune launched her campaign for Boston City Council At-Large on March 16th, and has raised over \$100,000 from 750+ contributors. In just two weeks, Louijeune's campaign has raised more year-to-date than any candidate for Boston City Council At-Large.

"I'm excited to announce that our campaign raised over \$100K and had 750+ donors step forward to support my vision for Boston," said Ruthzee Louijeune. "I'm thankful for the strong start,

and the outpouring of support our campaign is seeing. We are just getting started!"

Ruthzee, 34, is the daughter of Haitian immigrants, born and raised in Mattapan and Hyde Park. Ruthzee served as Senior Counsel for U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign. A trained attorney and advocate, Ruthzee graduated from Columbia University, Harvard Kennedy School, and Harvard Law School. She is also a proud graduate of Boston Public Schools:

Charles H. Taylor Elementary School, the John W. McCormack Middle School, and Boston Latin School. She resides in Hyde Park, and is fluent in French, Haitian Creole and speaks conversational Spanish.

Ruthzee would be the first Haitian-American City Councilor. In 2019, the Boston City Council elected its first majority-female city council in Boston's history. You can find more information about her campaign at: www.ruthzeeforboston.com.

FREE LIFEGUARD TRAINING

With special thanks to the Bunker Hill Associates, the Charlestown Y is excited to host FREE lifeguard classes this spring for interested teens! Teens must reside in Charlestown and be 15-20 years old.

Space is limited per class – we will host two: May 21-23 and June 25-27.

Anyone interested or looking for additional information can reach out to Bridgette at

bridlon@ymcaboston.org.

Carla B. Monteiro announces candidacy for Council at-Large

Staff Report

Carla B. Monteiro (MSW, LCSW) announced her candidacy for Boston City Council at-large in Dorchester recently, surrounded virtually and in-person by family, community members, and leaders including Sheriff Steve Tompkins.

Monteiro lives out her deep-rooted values of compassion and caring for others through her professional career in social work. She believes we can achieve a

Boston where everyone's basic needs are met if we're bold enough to imagine it and passionate enough to fight for it.

As a teen mother, Monteiro fought to overcome the housing insecurity, gun violence and mass incarceration that impacted her family and the lives of so many other Bostonians. With life-changing resources and support from government and local organizations, Monteiro obtained vocational training that enabled her to work her way up from an

Associates' Degree to a Bachelors and ultimately, obtain her Masters in Social Work and begin a stable career.

"My story is possible because of all the resources that were available to help me succeed," she said. "We must ensure all families can live well. In this period of healing and recovery, Boston's City Council needs a social worker, one who knows how to put services in place for the people. As a social worker, I know what it takes to help our families and children be

successful and how to prevent people from being left behind. I'm running for City Council to use my experience to ensure every Bostonian has what they need to thrive."

Carla B. Monteiro is running to represent every neighborhood of Boston as a City Councilor at-large. The preliminary election is on September 21, 2021. For more information, go to CarlaForBoston.com.



Carla B. Monteiro of Dorchester announced her candidacy for at-large City Council recently.

For the Record

WARREN PRESCOTT SCHOOL
April 19-22 - Spring Recess : No School

April 26 - Students return to school

NO EXAM SCHOOL WAIT LIST

Attention all 6th grade Charlestown families. If you have applied to an exam school and know that your child will be attending school elsewhere...PLEASE contact BPS and pull your exam school application. There is NO waitlist so if your child receives an invitation and declines it, it will NOT go to another Charlestown student.

Email address:

exam@bostonpublicschools.org

Include your child's name, birthdate, school, and zip code.

Phone: 617-635-9512

CMA SCHOLARSHIP

The Charlestown Mothers Association is pleased to offer up to \$13,000 in college scholarships, to men and women who have been residents of Charlestown for at least five years, and will be attending college full-time this fall. The amount of each scholarship awarded will be determined by the CMA Scholarship Committee. Last year, CMA awarded eight scholarships. Copies of the application are available at the "Scholarship" tab on the CMA website, www.charlestownmothersassociation.org. The completed application is due by April 23, 2021.

LT. MICHAEL P. QUINN SCHOLARSHIP

The Lt. Michael P. Quinn Scholarship was established in 1969 and nearly \$250,000 has been awarded to "Townie" high school graduates looking to pursue a college education. Applications

are available online or can be picked up at the Charlestown Public Library, the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club Teen Center, and the Charlestown High School Guidance Office. The application deadline is April 15, 2021. The scholarship includes \$12,000 for the first year of college and \$6,000 for the second year. Lt. Quinn (USMC), who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War, was recognized for his bravery and awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart and is honored on Panel 18W, Row 8 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.. For questions about the scholarship, please contact Ronan FitzPatrick at 617-242-5493.

From the April 7 School Committee meeting, online:

- Adjourn to Executive Session

- The Boston School Committee will immediately adjourn to an executive session for the purpose of conducting a strategy session related to collective bargaining with the Boston Teachers Union. The Committee will return to public session.

- Superintendent's Report

- Report: Operational Readiness for the Return to 5 day In-person Learning on April 26.

- General Public Comment

- Policy Regarding the Requirements for Graduation from the Boston Public Schools

- Revised Attendance Policy and Procedures SY21-22

From the April 7 Conservation Commission meeting, online:

- Notice of Intent from GEI Consultants on behalf of Diversified Automotive, Inc. for the proposed maintenance dredging of the berthing area fronting the north

side of the pier located at 100 Terminal St, Charlestown.

- Notice of Intent for DEP File No. 006-1775 and BOS File No. 2021-013 from GEI Consultants on behalf of the Environmental Police for the proposed installation of two steel pipe piles and a concrete float located at 1 Mystic Pier, Charlestown,

From the April 9, 2:30 p.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS WORKING SESSION: Ordinance restricting the use of chemical crowd control agents and kinetic impact projectiles, referred to the Committee on March 3, 2021. The sponsors of this docket are Councilor Ricardo Arroyo and Councilor Andrea Campbell.

From the April 12, 3 p.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION HEARING: Order for a hearing regarding summer learning opportunities and summer planning for the 2021-2022 school year for Boston Public Schools. This matter was sponsored by Councilor Andrea Campbell, and was referred to the Committee on February 24, 2021.

From the April 13, 9:30 p.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE HEARING: Order for a hearing regarding inaccuracies in Analyze Boston's crime incident report datasets. This matter was sponsored by Councilor Andrea Campbell, and was referred to the Committee on March 10, 2021.

SCHOOL MEAL SUPER SITES/ CHARLESTOWN

Every Monday and Thursday from 10

a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Edwards Middle School - 28 Walker St.

- Harvard/Kent Elementary - 50 Bunker Hill St.

SCHOOLS INFO

- School Return Timetables – March 15-18 – Students in Grades 4-8 (Groups A & B); and March 29-April 1 – Students in grades 9-12 (Groups A & B).

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.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through April 17

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.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

- Building the piers:
- *Pier 1 (closest to the North End): sealing and dewatering cofferdam
- *Pier 2: sealing and dewatering cofferdam
- *Pier 3: installing rebar to pour concrete footing

- *Pier 4: V arms formwork and rebar being installed
- *Pier 5 (closest to Charlestown): V arm form work
- Installing, moving, and maintaining silt curtains in the water

WORK HOURS

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

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

- Prior to 4/9, pier 5 column concrete pour was completed.

TRAVEL TIPS

The 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.

CHARLESTOWN BEAT

POLICE/COMMUNITY MEETING: Meet the police & discuss public safety issues on the last Wednesday of every month at the police station, 20 Vine Street, at 6:00 p.m., 2nd floor, community room.
POLICE RELATED INFO: Contact the District A-1 Community Service Office at 617-343-4627.

Assault Aggravated

03/29/2021 – A victim walked into the District A-15 station at about 9:30 a.m. to report as she was walking down the stairs to walk her dog, her neighbor exited her apartment at 41 Carney Court and attacked the victim.

The victim stated the suspect swung at her multiple times while holding something shiny in her hands. The victim said she put up her hands to defend herself and was cut in the process before the suspect left the scene and reentered her apartment.

Officers responded to the suspect's residence, but were unable to locate the individual. The victim said she believes the suspect isn't mentally well.

The Best Team will be conducting a follow-up investigation on the suspect.

Assault Aggravated

03/26/2021 – Police responded to 75 West School St. at around 1:51 a.m., and on arrival, officers spoke to the victim, who stated he was walking to his car when a man wearing a dark-colored gaiter-style mask approached him from behind and cut the victim on the neck.

The victim was unable to identify the suspect because, he said, everything happened so fast that he blacked out. Officers were unable to determine if victim was robbed or if anything was missing from the his motor vehicle at this time.

The victim was transported to Mass General for an evaluation.

Area A-1 detective arrived on scene, and are conducting a follow-up investigation.

Larceny - Theft from a Motor Vehicle

03/24/2021 – Police responded to 15 Washington St. at approximately 4 p.m., and, on arrival,

spoke with the victim, who stated she had parked her motor vehicle in the area of 15 Washington. St. on Sunday, March 21, about 4 p.m. But when the victim returned to the vehicle on Wednesday, March 24, she observed the passenger's side door was ajar, and after inspecting the vehicle for missing items, she discovered her jacket, along with loose coins, had been stolen from the vehicle.

Burglary-Residential

04/05/2021 - Upon arrival at 4 Sheafe St. at around 12:45 p.m., police met with the caller who stated an unknown person had entered their three-unit condo and taken some clothing left outside their apartment door on the second floor. The officers also spoke to the resident of Apartment #3, who stated she was missing a navy-blue Michael Kors long puffy coat she left hanging on the wall outside their apartment door on the third floor. A-1 Detectives responded to scene to gather evidence and video surveillance of a female suspect leaving the scene.

Larceny Theft From a Motor Vehicle

03/31/2021 - On arrival at 36 Baldwin St. at about 7:30p.m., the officer spoke to a victim, who reported her neighbor informed her that someone had rummaged through the victim's vehicle in the early morning hours. After conducting an inventory of the motor vehicle, she determined that only an old iPhone and loose change were taken, but the victim said she had surveillance footage of the incident.

Warrant Arrest

03/29/2021 - Upon arrival at 41 Carney Court at 11:17 a.m., police had an active warrant out of Barnstable District Court for a female suspect. The officer confirmed the suspect was in fact inside the apartment, but the suspect refused to open the door. The Boston Fire Department responded to the scene and was able to gain entry into the apartment. The suspect was arrested without further incident and transported to District A-1, where she was booked in the usually manner.

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21 Grand Street, 4th Floor
Hartford, CT 06106-1561
860-541-3400

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51 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333
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Boston, MA 02108-1599
617-994-6000

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USS Constitution's first female executive officer returns as part of Women's History Month

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Retired Lt. Cmdr. Claire Bloom, former executive officer aboard USS Constitution, visited the command to speak to the crew as part of the ship's observance of Women's History Month, March 30.

Bloom made history during her time at Constitution by becoming the first female officer to serve aboard the ship and participating in the 1997 sail, the first time Old Ironsides sailed under her own power since 1881.

Bloom visited the command to engage with the crew about her experiences on board and to link the past and present.

"I totally enjoyed it," said

Bloom. "Talking about my history with the ship is really talking about the ship's history, but from a personal perspective!"

Bloom provided an in depth view of the efforts of the 1997 crew along with talking about her role not only as executive officer, but as the first female officer to serve aboard the ship 200 years after it was commissioned.

"I hope I am a good role model," said Bloom. "If I can see smiling faces or nodding heads, I know I am making a positive difference, so I am fulfilling my mission."

Bloom's visit served as a living inspiration, especially to women serving in today's armed forces.

"Having someone who we



Retired Lt. Cmdr. Claire Bloom, former executive officer aboard USS Constitution.

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learn about, talk about and celebrate speak to us in person was an incredible experience," said Seaman Katrina Mastrolia, who organized Bloom's visit. "She serves as a tangible inspiration for

women who hope to break down barriers inside and outside the military."

Constitution went through a major restoration from 1992 to 1996 in preparation for the 1997

sail.

On July 21, 1997, Constitution sailed under her own power for the first time since 1881 and for the only time during the 20th century.

RECYCLE YOUR YARD WASTE!

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