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MITE 2 CHAMPIONS



The Mite 2 team was the first to win its championship game last weekend, capping off a great season and collecting the big trophy. See Page 9 for story and more photos.

Special Townies seeking to stop possible eviction

By Seth Daniel

The Special Townies organization is in the middle of fighting a potential eviction from their long-time Main Street headquarters this week, and said they have done everything they could over the last several months to try to resolve

the matter, but at the same time officials from the Mishawum Park Tenants Association (MPTA) and Peabody Properties say they are trying to reach a resolution with Special Townies and are getting no cooperation from the organi-

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With finances in decent shape, City proposes 3.9 percent budget increase

By Seth Daniel

The good news about the City Budget is that revenues are predicted to remain in good shape despite the economic upending by COVID-19, but the bad news is that the Police Department budget is likely going to dominate the conversation – and the controversy – once again this Budget season.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey released her budget on Wednesday and a piece of good news likely to

be buried in more serious structural budgetary items is that fiscal healthiness of the City. The \$3.72 billion City Budget is an increase of \$142 million over last year – or a 3.9 percent increase. At the same time, it contains no layoffs, no service cuts and fully funds all the liabilities and debt payments facing the City.

New City CFO Justin Sterritt said Boston is in an enviable position compared to many other major cities and locales near

Boston – many of whom are struggling with cuts to municipal government due to an uncertain property tax base and declining revenues.

“If you look at other cities in other parts of the state, they’re talking about where they need to spend the federal (Rescue Plan) dollars to make up for losses,” he said. “We are not in a position like that in Boston. We didn’t need to

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Debbie Hughes (left) and Deb Miller, both parents volunteers at Special Townies, say they are fighting to keep from being evicted from their long-time space on Main Street where they are the only organization catering to children and young adults with disabilities.

Battle of Bunker Hill Day parade cancelled for the second year

By Seth Daniel

One year ago, Battle of Bunker Hill Parade organizer Arthur Hurley delivered the frustrating news that the time-honored Parade was going to be cancelled due to COVID-19 and the City’s unwillingness not to issue a permit.

However, the 2021 entry into the history of the Parade was going to be the biggest and best seen since the 1975 Bicentennial. Everyone agreed it had to be special, as Bunker Hill Parades don’t get cancelled.

This week, inconceivably, Hurley announced that the Battle of Bunker Hill Day Parade was

again going to have to be cancelled.

No official 2020 Parade and no official 2021 Parade.

“We have to cancel the Parade again,” he said on Tuesday. “A lot of the bands aren’t functioning this year. Those that are only function at reduced numbers. There are a whole lot of people that can’t participate that normally would – probably including the military. It’s up and down through the lines and a lot of people wouldn’t come out to watch it anyway. Also, we have no guarantee that the City of Boston will give us a permit. It’s all a little too early I guess.”

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Monument Association wants to know how prized guest books were lost

By Seth Daniel

Members of the Bunker Hill Monument Association call three guest books now up for auction a “National Treasure” and are wondering very loudly just how it was that the items came out of their possession and have ended up at an archives auction this week –

and previously as well in 2019.

The Monument Association goes back hundreds of years and are the original caretakers of the Monument when it was a privately-funded historic site marking the Battle of Bunker Hill. Later it was transferred to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and then later became the National Park Site it

is today, but at the same time the Monument Association still meets every June 17 to commemorate the battle and the erection of the Monument. Another part of their storied history are the tremendous archives they’ve amassed over the years, including meeting minutes,

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EDITORIAL

NUMB TO THE NUMBERS

With just about all of the states now reopening their economies, the conventional wisdom among most Americans is that the worst days of the coronavirus are behind us.

Yet the reality is that hundreds of Americans continue to die and tens of thousands more are contracting the disease each and every day.

This past Monday, April 12, for example, the New York Times -- which gets its data from Johns Hopkins University -- reported that 476 Americans died from the virus and that there were 72,286 new cases on that day.

Admittedly, these numbers pale in comparison to the 3000 Americans who were dying and the 300,000 new cases that were being reported each day at the pandemic's height this past winter.

But even these lower daily figures still are huge, rivaling the numbers that were in evidence last spring and summer.

Yet despite the ongoing tragedies of friends and family members across the country who are succumbing to the pandemic, there has been a complacency developing among most Americans about the virus.

To be sure, all of us are suffering from virus fatigue, attributable to the quarantining, restrictions, and omnipresent fear of catching the disease.

In addition, with the vaccine rollout proceeding ahead of projections, most of us believe that the worst is behind us.

And while that may be true, we still have a rough road ahead. With the announcement earlier this week that the one-and-done Johnson & Johnson vaccine is linked to serious side-effects in a tiny number of recipients, the national vaccination program will be facing a slowdown.

More ominously, the so-called United Kingdom variant of the virus now is the dominant case-type in the U.S. -- and that variant has been shown to be 60% more contagious AND 67 percent more deadly.

Even more worrisome, the variants that have been attributable to Brazil and South Africa are thought to be more resistant to vaccine-efficacy AND have been shown to reinfect persons who previously had caught the disease.

The arithmetic is this: More Americans still are dying each and every week from the coronavirus than were killed on 9/11. Let that sink in for a moment.

For those of us who like to compare the fight against COVID-19 to a war, the proper analogy to WWII is this: We may have won the war in Europe (V-E Day was on May 8), but American troops still were fighting and dying in the Pacific in epic battles on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

To paraphrase Winston Churchill, we are not at the end of this pandemic and, in view of the huge numbers we are seeing nationwide, we may not even be at the beginning of the end.

Although we may be at the end of the beginning, it is premature to let our guard (which is to say, our masks) down.

The reality that we all must acknowledge is this: We still have a long way to go before we can declare victory over COVID-19.

GUEST OP-ED

Don't let the pandemic delay advance care planning

By Catherine Duffy, NP, ACHPN

Note: This article is published in observance of National Health-care Decisions Day.

Times of our lives may be forever defined as what happened "before the COVID-19 pandemic" and everything after that.

One thing that hasn't changed is the importance of having conversations with your family and health care professionals about your preferences for medical care if you were unable to speak for yourself.

In fact, the pandemic has only highlighted why it's so important. Patients and family members who had advance care planning discussions prior to the pandemic are prepared when faced with a serious illness or medical crisis. They're comfortable sharing these discussions with healthcare professionals, as in, "IF mom gets COVID-19, and IF it is severe, she would/would not want X, Y, or Z."

Unfortunately, few families are that well prepared. Only one-third

of U.S. adults have discussed or completed advance directive documents such as a health care proxy, power of attorney, or living will that help guide family members and health care professionals as to what kind of medical treatments you would or would not like to receive if you were unable to speak for yourself.

•Don't wait for a crisis

One of the biggest challenges I've seen during the pandemic is working with families who have not had any in-depth advance care planning discussions. Whether due to COVID-19 or some other illness, their loved one's health suddenly was declining, and they had not been able to spend much time together because of the pandemic. Perhaps the patient lived in a facility with visitor restrictions or the patient limited visits out of infection concerns. The patient's decline SEEMED sudden to the family, who was not seeing it happen as they normally would over days, weeks, and months. It was hard for them to believe, and thus hard to think in that moment about the

crucial need for advance care planning conversations.

Many older adults have vision, hearing, or cognitive deficits and in-depth conversations over the phone or video are difficult. And video chats are not the same as in-person discussions. The conversation flow is different and there often are technical issues to overcome.

It is never too early to start thinking and talking about your wishes for care if your health status were to change. Choose a health care agent wisely who will be your voice when you cannot speak for yourself and have those important discussions about health care preferences before a crisis occurs.

The COVID-19 pandemic opened a lot of eyes about advance care planning. Giving guidance to your family and friends will help you get the care that you want. Your loved ones can feel confident they are voicing YOUR wishes, not their guesses!

Catherine Duffy, NP, ACHPN, is a palliative care nurse practitioner at Care Dimensions.

GUEST OP-ED

Mask wearing in America

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Like most everyone else, I'm tired of wearing a mask.

Every time I go to the grocery, a restaurant, church, or work I have to put on a mask. Not long ago, if we wore a mask into a bank or convenience store, the attendants would be alarmed and call 911. Today if we don't wear one, we are in trouble and not welcomed.

A lot of people have died from Covid-19 and thus I understand masks are important in this pandemic era. I don't want a disease. I have had two Pfizer shots and I wear a mask most every place I go.

Is it our American, God given right to take off our masks? While we are free to take off our masks, others are free to ask us to put them on. The business owner has the freedom to require a mask. The airlines have the freedom to require masks. The religious assembly has the freedom to require you to wear a mask. People with whom you socialize may ask that you wear

a mask. Of course, you are free to not patronize those businesses, forsake religious assembly and not hang out with certain people.

You are free to go maskless if you want to. However, you aren't free to be in someone else's face without a mask if they don't want you there without one. There are many places where you aren't allowed to smoke. There are some businesses that will not allow your pet. They have the freedom to refuse you service and you have the freedom to go somewhere else. This is America.

We've all been to the funeral home around sick people. A dear friend of mine eulogized a funeral in late November. Two people were in attendance who had Covid-19. He caught the virus and was dead by mid-December. He spent his last two weeks of life isolated in intensive care. He meant well in trying to help out a family in their time of grief. It cost him his life. He had been very active and healthy.

I've spoken in churches and to

groups where people would come up and shake my hand and then say, "Well, I've been sick, but I came anyway." They acted like they should have received a trophy for coming and contaminating everyone. In reality, their actions were inconsiderate of everyone else's health.

State governments may remove mask mandates. However, keep in mind that business owners still have the right to require masks. Churches still have the right to require masks. You don't have to let anyone in your home without a mask if you choose.

We have freedom in America to make choices - all of us.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I CANNOT SUPPORT THE NE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AS CURRENTLY PRESENTED

To the Editor,

After attending two public meetings and reviewing New England Development's (NED) proposal for 201 Rutherford Ave., I cannot support the project as currently presented. While others may have their own concerns about the project, these are my thoughts and questions.

1. Not an "Inviting Gateway": The project is a hulking mass rather than an 'inviting gateway' into Charlestown. While I understand the phrase 'underutilized' is a term from the urban renewal lexicon, it doesn't appropriately characterize the bit of open space surrounding the 99 restaurant.

2. No Zoning Waiver: The project is too tall and too dense for the site. Current zoning allows a height of no more than 35 feet. At 85 ft. tall with 240 units of housing, this building is too much for the site. The Gatehouse across West School Street also exceeds zoning but at 5 stories/58 ft. and the Bunker Hill Community College at its tallest point is 62 ft.. Until a new zoning code is established for Rutherford Avenue through Plan Charlestown, I do not support granting a waiver for this project.

3. Master Plan for Mall: The community needs to see a Master Plan for the entire mall site. To discuss and evaluate this project, and to consider a U-Subdistrict designation without seeing how it all fits into the broader context of NED's plan for the site, leaves the community at a disadvantage, making shortsighted decisions that will impact the future.

4. Austin Street Edge: The street edge along Austin Street should be addressed as part of this Master Plan. It needs an infusion of vibrancy and activity that its current soullessness lacks.

5. O'Reilly Plaza Upkeep: NED proposes to rehabilitate O'Reilly plaza as a community benefit. I hope this includes ongoing maintenance. That strategically located plaza is the gateway for many into the mall and its condition over the past 4 decades, regardless of the City's ownership, reflects poorly on the mall's past and current

management.

6. Sewer Pipe is Construction Cost: Repairing the BWSC pipe beneath the proposed site should not be counted as a community benefit. If it was not necessary for the project, the developer would not consider repairing it. The \$600k cost is a construction expense.

7. Rethink Traffic Pattern and Parking Plan: Vehicles exiting the project's one-way through-way from West School Street onto Austin Street will enter traffic already queued at the signal most times of the day, causing further congestion at a known choke point.

The amount of proposed on-site parking seems inadequate, though it may conform to City guidelines. The most likely result will be residents, their guests and restaurant patrons parking in the already oversubscribed mall parking 1 Affordable Unit Specifics: While I commend NED for committing to 20% affordable units, more information is needed to appreciate their value. For the 48 affordable units, I ask NED to provide a breakdown by:

- unit count by affordability/income level
- unit count of compact and standard
- unit/bedroom size
- square footage
- rent
- location in building.

9. A Re-Envisioned Austin Street as Community Benefit: The most meaningful community benefits should impact as much of community as possible. Over the years, grants to local nonprofits for operating costs have left the rest of the community with little to show for the millions that have been provided by a multitude of development projects.

A more fitting community benefit and mitigation package for this project would be the redesign and reconstruction of Austin Street as a boulevard with a central mall, creating a truly inviting gateway into Charlestown. While the cost of this idea would be significant, by taking it on the developer would show goodwill and commitment to the neighborhood it's profited from since 1977.

Public comments are due to the BPDA by Friday, April 16, (though they will be accepted after that date too). Please let your voice be heard. The future of Charlestown depends on an engaged community.

Joanne Massaro

CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Renewal at Easter time

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

Each year we move through the Lenten season and arrive at Holy Week – looking toward the great feast of Easter – and in this region of the world, that corresponds with a wonderful change of seasons as well. As we yearn for the ending of the pandemic, the festivities of the Easter Masses, everything from wonderful music, larger crowds and glorious Easter Lilies, combine to give us all a "lift". People feel good about Easter and even without thinking too much about it, there seems an inner awareness that because of this event, life is different. There is a change in the way we look at our life and the world around us, for the central theme of this celebration is the resurrection of Christ and His victory over death forever.

The Church celebrates this time in prayer and song often using the word "renewal", something all of us are seeking after Covid. Perhaps Easter itself opens for us a path toward our own renewal. For example, the readings offered at Mass during the season describe

in some detail the experiences of the early Christian community. The apostles and the newly minted Christians devote themselves with eagerness and deep faith to proclaiming the gospel, the good news that Jesus Christ has risen. They seek to develop authentic community, each sharing whatever to provide for the needs of others. There is a purity, a clarity and idealism all flowing from their faith in the truths of the person of Jesus.

On one occasion as Peter and the apostles are arrested and brought before the authorities for preaching of the resurrection of Jesus they are ordered to stop using "that name". When joyfully they persist and are again arrested, they face possible execution. One of their leaders, Gamaliel, reminds the court of earlier situations when movements had begun and of themselves, ended. He counsels, "Be careful what you are about to do to these men... If this endeavor or this activity is of human origin, it will do itself in and if it is of God, you cannot stop it and may

even find yourself fighting against God"(Acts 5:34-40).

From that time until this present day Christians realize that, this movement IS from God and cannot be ended by any earthly force or power. The renewal of our spirit of hope flows from our remembering and celebrating the Easter mystery.

Refreshed and renewed in this way, I find myself going out into the world with a different attitude. I am more inclined to see all of creation as gift and precious, especially that which relates to the gift of life in all forms. Easter helps me see a closeness of God to us and a relevance of life to God's purpose. Through the remaining five weeks of this Easter season, as the grip of the pandemic eases, what if you wonder how you might be renewed by Easter – what kind of renewal wants to take place in you?

Pondering such questions wonderfully prepares us for the gift of God's loving Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, May 23.



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zation.

The situation has left the matter at an uncomfortable impasse this week, and everyone hoping for a positive resolution to help the kids and the Park.

In a meeting this week, Director Debbie Hughes said they have been going back and forth with the MPTA and Peabody Properties since last September regarding their long-time clubhouse space. The MPTA and Peabody have a need for more administrative space and are looking for Special Townies to locate in another nearby space, or to allow the Park to take over part of the existing space to accommodate the office uses. Up until Christmas Eve, Hughes said she thought she was going to get her lease renewed and that members of the MPTA Board had voted to support her, but only then learned that the program was going to have to vacate the space. Since that time, she said she's been served with a Notice of Eviction three times, most recently for April, and has been trying to find a good lawyer to help fight for the cause.

"It is Autism Awareness month right now and this is the only program in Charlestown that serves kids and young adults with Autism and other disabilities," said Hughes, "and they want to throw us out. They want to build more office space here. We've been here 13 years with no issue. They always told me I would never have to leave unless I couldn't afford my rent...I've already had the constable at my door three different times (with eviction notices). The

politicians and officials wanted us to stay quiet and to work it out, and let it go away. I'm not being quiet now. I've had enough and the kids don't deserve this."

Long-time supporter John Taglilatella said after all they've been through in the last several months, he cannot say that the Board or Peabody Properties are friends of the community any longer.

"Peabody Properties and the Mishawum Park Tenants Association are not friends of the Charlestown Community," he said. "To disrupt and displace Special Townies is unconscionable. The Main Street center allows the Special Townies to cope with the unpredictability of daily life and is their safe haven. We all know that change and upheaval can cause a great deal of anxiety with our Special Townie friends and this is just unfair."

Attorney Jeff Turk represents the MPTA, and said the Park is in a unique situation due to it being operated by Peabody Properties, but governed by a Board of eight elected residents. That Board, he said, and Peabody have been trying to resolve the issue with Special Townies for months, with no cooperation from the group. He said the Board and Peabody have been trying to resolve "a real world problem" for office space for a long time, even before COVID. To meet with tenants and re-certify them, they need more space, he said. With the office next to Special Townies, the plan was to relocate Special Townies to the old Baby Cakes location

down the street, and build out more office space in the Special Townies location. Another option was for Special Townies to cede about two-thirds of their space to the office use, and then locate their program in a smaller space, though in the same location.

"The Board has been trying to resolve this situation with them," he said. "We've offered a new office for some of her office space or to keep her in her existing space in a smaller office and she's refused to engage with us. We're happy to do mediation. It's a real world issue we need to resolve because we need part of her space back. There's no good guy and no bad guy here. We're trying to resolve a real world problem and it takes two people to do that."

He added they have talked to two different lawyers helping Special Townies to try to get a resolution, but the lawyers have not responded after initial conversations.

Hughes disagrees with the assertion she hasn't tried to engage with them, but says so much has been done privately and without her full knowledge. It has only been since January that she learned she needed to fight the eviction, and she said she has piles of paperwork and e-mails to back up her fight. She said they have been hampered by not having a lawyer, and were disappointed when one lawyer from Everett seemed to drop the case without telling anyone.

At the moment, she said she wants residents of Mishawum Park to know what is happening with Special Townies, and the overall community to know so

they can support them. Also, she said they are putting out a call to get a lawyer with some specialty in this area to defend these special needs kids pro bono. She stressed the situation is not financial in terms of affording the rent, and certified that she has paid the rent every month of the fight and her checks have been cashed.

"I have done everything in a timeframe and timeline that I was asked to do and I have e-mails to back it up," she said. "I have never been late on my rent and they still cash the checks. We open this place to whomever is in need. This place is used a lot. Much of what we do we don't trumpet, and people have always told me I should, but that's not how we've done things. When parents don't know where to turn, we're here with the experience and help they need – and we've done that quietly for years...Now, we need an attorney to help us through this."

She said a move down the street is out of the question, and that's not out of stubbornness, but rather due to the fact that special needs children and youth would not be able to adjust to the change – and the fact that there is a dog day care/grooming business next door that possibly would not mix with Special Townies. That space was also not handicap accessible.

"It's 100 percent routine for these kids," said long-time supporter Beth Burton-Taglilatella. "Without a routine, they can end up with behavioral issues that are unnecessary. If you move the door, it's a problem. There are kids that count how many steps it is up the ramp and to the door. Now you move the door and this kid

takes his 45 steps and it's not at the door, but at a wall. How will he react to that? He will act out. He won't handle it well. It has to be consistent with these kids and that's what this space has been for so long...These kids have had their world turned upside down with COVID-19, and this is the only thing they've had. It's not just about the MPTA or the need for more office space, it's about disrupting the lives of these kids and it's wrong."

Hughes and Taglilatella said they believe there is a possibility that residents of Mishawum can overturn the action of the Board with a two-thirds vote of all residents, and they hope that something like that could happen.

Turk said he could not discuss the legal case with the newspaper, so he couldn't say if the eviction Notice to Vacate had been filed in Housing Court this week. An eviction notice sent by Constable to Hughes said the filing would take place April 12 or 19, with a trial date to be determined.

Hughes said she rarely asks for help, but at this time needed to reach out to the community for legal help and community support.

"People have no idea what Special Townies really does, but it's parents helping parents," she said. "We are a non-profit and it's all 100 percent volunteer and we're all parents of children with disabilities and friends of them. We don't always tell people everything we do because a lot of things aren't public and involve IEPs and other private help. This is the only place for people with disabilities in Charlestown."

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

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



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FEMA to reimburse families up to \$9,000 who lost a loved one due to COVID-19

By John Lynds

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. With many families struggling through the pandemic with loss of jobs and income the added expense of providing a funeral for a loved one that succumbed to the virus has been a heavy burden.

This has been especially true for many in Charlestown but a new program by the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) aims to ease some of those financial burdens.

Last week FEMA launched a new program that began providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 for deaths related to COVID to, “help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic”.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the new program will reimburse local residents who lost a

loved one to COVID up to \$9,000 for funeral expenses.

“At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters,” said Acting FEMA Administrator Bob Fenton. “The COVID-19 pandemic has caused immense grief for so many people. Although we cannot change what has happened, we affirm our commitment to help with funeral and burial expenses that many families did not anticipate.”

Over at the Carr Funeral Home in Charlestown, Funeral Director Phil Carr said the pandemic has

been particularly tough for many families in the neighborhood. Carr said the new program is a great idea and can provide some extra comfort to grieving families.

“When I think back to this point in time last year Charlestown was hit very, very hard,” said Carr. “A lot of families suffered serious, serious losses and unfortunately with all the restrictions it was a very disappointing time. A year ago, families weren’t able to mourn. Anything that helps these families out by all means is a great idea.”

Carr said he and his staff are on hand to help out in any way they can.

“We’re used to doing paperwork and what has to be done for this process,” said Carr. “While we cannot submit the forms on behalf of families we are here to help anyone and everyone that is interested in the program. They can call us anytime.”

Through the program families may qualify for up to \$9,000 for funeral costs related to a single loved one and up to \$35,500 for funeral costs related to multiple COVID-19 deaths.

Families should keep and gather documentation. The types of information should include an official death certificate that attri-

butes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. Other important documents are funeral expenses documents that include the applicant’s name, the deceased person’s name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.

To be eligible for FEMA’s funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

FEMA began accepting applications Monday, April 12 and additional information may be found at <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>.

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2	Studio	407	30% of HH Income	30%
1	Studio	407	\$1,301	60%
1	Studio	407	\$1,432	80%
1	Studio	407	\$2,063	100%
3*	1-bedroom	498	30% of HH Income	30%
4	1-bedroom	498	30% of HH Income	30%
14	1-bedroom	498	\$1,389	60%
3	1-bedroom	498	\$1,529	80%
4	1-bedroom	498	\$2,206	100%
5*	2-bedroom	883	30% of HH Income	30%
6	2-bedroom	883	30% of HH Income	30%
12	2-bedroom	883	30% of HH Income	50%
15	2-bedroom**	883	\$1,671	60%
8	2-bedroom	883	\$1,840	80%
8	2-bedroom**	883	\$2,653	100%
1*	3-bedroom	1,245	30% of HH Income	30%
1	3-bedroom	1,245	30% of HH Income	30%
1	3-bedroom	1,245	\$1,933	60%
1	3-bedroom	1,245	\$2,126	80%
2	3-bedroom	1,245	\$3,065	100%

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 Maximum Income (set by DND + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI))

# of bedrooms	Minimum Income***					HH Size	Maximum Income				
	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI	100% AMI		30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI	100% AMI
Studio	0	\$33,600	\$39,030	\$42,960	\$61,890	1	\$26,880	\$44,800	\$53,760	\$66,650	\$83,250
1-bedroom	0	\$36,000	\$39,870	\$45,870	\$66,180	2	\$30,720	\$51,200	\$61,440	\$76,200	\$95,250
2-bedroom	0	\$43,200	\$50,130	\$55,200	\$79,590	3	\$34,560	\$57,600	\$69,120	\$85,700	\$107,100
	0	\$43,200	\$50,130	\$55,200	\$79,590	4	\$38,370	\$63,950	\$76,740	\$95,200	\$119,000
3-bedroom	0	\$49,890	\$57,990	\$63,780	\$91,950	5	\$41,460	\$69,100	\$82,920	\$102,850	\$128,550
	0	\$49,890	\$57,990	\$63,780	\$91,950	6	\$44,520	\$74,200	\$89,040	\$110,450	\$138,000

***Minimum Incomes Apply. Minimum incomes do not apply to households with housing assistance (Section 8, MRVP, VASH, etc.) or for the units in this development that include a project-based housing assistance voucher.

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PARADE (from pg. 1)

Two months from this week would have been Parade Day, June 13 – the Sunday preceding June 17. It will be the second straight year that no official procession will be seen going up and down Bunker Hill Street, around Main Street and into the Training Field in mid-June.

Hurley said he hopes that next year can be the blockbuster, and he also said he couldn’t believe that COVID-19 has lingered this long to eliminate two years’ worth of Parades.

“Hopefully next year,” he said. “A year ago I said we’d have a big Parade next year and now it’s next year and I’m here saying that next year we’ll have to have it bigger and better.”

Already the South Boston St. Patrick’s Day Parade was cancelled, and the Dorchester Day Parade one week before Bunker Hill has also been cancelled. The

Pride Parade in Boston, which is usually the same day as Bunker Hill, was cancelled two months ago. So, Hurley said he had held out to see if things might take a quick change, but it hasn’t happened yet and this week was the time to make the cancellation official.

One of the biggest issues comes from the bands, most of which haven’t been functioning for more than a year. Because bands make most of their money to operate via marching in Parades, there has been a drop-off in revenue for most bands as they haven’t marched in more than a year.

It is, of course, the biggest downer that can happen in Charlestown – the cancellation of a time-honored tradition that has rarely been cancelled in its long, long history.

“It’s a lot of work for getting cancelled on you,” said Hurley.

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The spirit of the Bunker Hill projects will live on

By Bill Durette

There is a common belief that the Bunker Hill Housing Projects were built for Charlestown WWI veterans.

This is partially true; the main purpose was to provide quality affordable housing. The actual funding for the Bunker Hill Housing Projects came into existence through the passage of the Housing Act of 1937, which helped fund what was called "slum clearance." This program came into existence around the country to clear out dilapidated housing and create new affordable public housing. The current area of the Projects in Charlestown was identified and hence began the construction. About 90 houses were razed by the City of Boston to make way for the Projects which began in 1939. Today we see the Projects in the opposite role.

Prior to the construction in 1938, as WWII loomed in Europe, the importance of the Bunker Hill Projects took a more prominent role. That year in preparation for war, President Roosevelt declared a limited national emergency, which directed measures to strengthen the national defense. This declaration poured money into the defense industry. Housing planners worried about the influx of workers into areas that had defense plants and Navy Yards. Conveniently, as the Bunker Hill development was nearing completion in 1940 it would provide the housing needed



Thomas Starr King, the man who prevented the succession of California during the Civil War.

for the Charlestown Navy Yard workers. Those workers certainly could not complain about the commute. That year in 1940, the first 100 families moved in. They were mostly families that had their houses demolished to make way for the Projects and families of Navy Yard workers. When the US entered WWII, the Projects also became home to many families that had someone serving in the military or merchant marines. I can attest to this because my Grandparents, Eileen and Edward Strout, moved into 105 Walford Way in 1940-my grandfather having served in WWII. Sadly, 14 of those men would lose their life during the war and never return home.

During the construction planning of the Projects several streets were eliminated and several new



Stephen O'Meara, who became the first police commissioner of Boston in 1906.

streets where formed. Streets like Sprague, Marion, Princeton, Stone and Bainbridge were eliminated and new streets and courts created. The new streets and courts were named after notable persons of prominence that lived in Charlestown, something we have no shortage of. Samuel Morse Way is the easiest one to identify, having been the inventor of the telegraph and Morse code. O'Brien Court was named after Lt Colonel James F. O'Brien who served with the 48th Infantry and was killed during the Civil War. O'Meara Court was named after police commissioner Stephen O'Meara who became the first police commissioner of Boston in 1906. O'Reilly Way was named after Irish born Charles B. O'Reilly, poet, writer and journalist. Carney Court was named after Lt. Daniel Carney who served with the 26th Yankee Division. He was the first



Lt. Col James O'Brien.

person from Charlestown killed in WWI. McNulty Court was named after William McNulty, another person killed in WWI. Tufts Street is named after Peter Tufts who was an early settler of Charlestown and whose family founded Tufts University. Other streets like Walford Way were named after Thomas and Jane Walford who also were Charlestown early settlers. Thomas Moulton was also an early settler for which Moulton Street is named. Starr King court was named after Thomas Starr King, a minister who preached in his Father's church in Charlestown. He was made famous by Abraham Lincoln as the one person that prevented California from succeeding from the Union. He is sometimes referred to as "the orator who saved the nation. A mountain in the White Mountains is named after him and a peak in Yosemite National Park bears his name. The

corner of Polk and O'Reilly Way is dedicated to Lt. Michael Quinn who lost his life serving with the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam.

As the Bunker Hill Projects now see the beginning of the end, today we look for the new development to carry on that same spirit for which the projects were built, providing affordable housing for veterans and working class families, this along with retaining our current dedications. The Boston Housing Authority and the developer, Leggat McCall Properties and Joseph Corcoran Company, have recognized the importance of all this and have committed to retaining all the Street and court names. Pamela Jonah of the development team stated, "We are committed in keeping intact the historical dedications that are part of the Bunker Hill Redevelopment."

In the case where a court is physically eliminated an alternate dedication that is agreed upon by the Charlestown Historical Society and the Charlestown Veterans Partnership program will be put in place. Julie Hall from the Charlestown Historical Society states, "We are relieved in knowing our history will not get lost with the development and Leggat McCall has been a willing partner in helping with this important piece."

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Bryan's Pals.	1.	0	
A-1 Convenience.	1.	0	
MPTA.	0.	1	
Duce 2.	0.	1	

Players of the week for 4/10/2021

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to be developmentally appropriate for each age group.. The Summer Fun program also offers children music appreciation, gymnastics, arts and crafts, and interactive storytelling. Parent involvement and participation are always a part of the program, which begins July 12 and ends Aug. 6, 2021

If you would like your child to become part of the 2021 Summer Fun Program at the Boston Children's School, call Judy Langer, Program Director, at 617-367-6239. We are also now enrolling for the 2021-22 academic year. To learn more about all of the programming we offer, visit our website bostonchildrensschool.org.

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Be A Maker by Katey Howes includes the robot project. Craft materials for this project will be available at the Charlestown Library the week of April 19th 2021. Other titles include Tiger Days by Clark, I Promise by Lebron James, In The City by

Chris Rascka, The Sandwich Swap by Kelly DiPucchio, and Michelle's Garden by Sharee Miller. In addition, each session will include reading a poem from Mr Rogers' A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.

The Zoom meeting link will be given to you closer to the date of the first program. To sign up contact ewhittle@bpl.org

Also, on June 9th the BPL wil welcome Wally (the Green Monster) from The Red Sox for a virtual, interactive reading adventure. Visit bpl.org for the Zoom link for this webinar or contact the Charlestown Branch at 617-242-1248.

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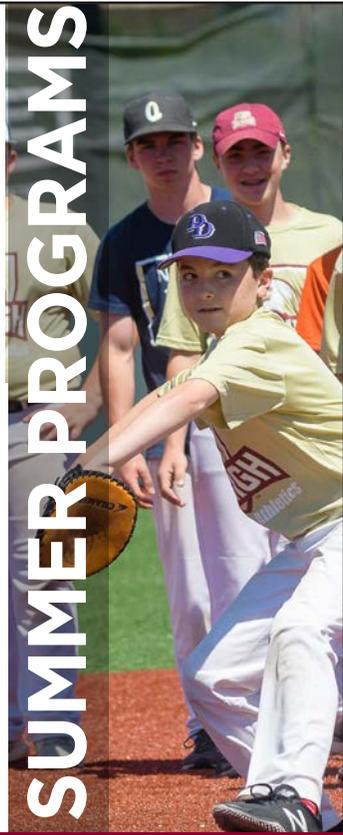
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CYHA Mite teams claim two championships, one finalist with great run

By Seth Daniel

The Charlestown Youth Hockey Association (CYHA) Mite programs have grown tremendously in the last few years, and this year two of the four teams claimed league championships and another played in the finals – narrowly losing to a top seed last weekend.

In other action, the competitive Squirt 4 team won its Divisional Championship, but lost the overall League Championship on Sunday to North Andover, 2-1.

•The Mite 2 team was the first to win its championship game last weekend, capping off a great season and collecting the big trophy.

•The Mite 3 team had been on fire going into the playoffs, going 10-2-2 in their last 14 games of the year. Coach Jim Gibbons said they had just come off a 10-5 win in the semi-finals and were ready for last Sunday's championship game.

"It was a total team effort on Sunday resulting in the 5-1 victory," said Coach Gibbons. "Polly Allen completed a stellar campaign as our #1 backstop, making several key stops and minding the net with confidence and poise. She's tough to score against."

Standouts on the defensive end were Kevin Heimlich and Julian Ashe. Clutch offensive performances came from Chase Anderson, with two goals, Charlie Orlowsky, with two assists, and Bo Gibbons, with two goals.

"William Manning contributed both a goal and a defensive gem, hustling back to dive and prevent a Waltham scoring bid when the game was still in the balance," said the coach. "Julian Flores, Zachary Sorgini, Grayson Rogers, P.J. Cangiano, and Evan Lally each had tremendous games as well to help capture the championship trophy."

•The Mite 4 team has made a tremendous journey of improvement since beginning last September, said Coach Dean Hoeger. With a losing record, the team ended up in the playoffs as a #6 seed and thus began their magical playoff run.

Coach Hoeger said they beat South Boston, 3-2, in overtime in the quarterfinals, on April 3. This past Saturday, they had a come-from-behind win in the semi-finals over third seeded Medfield, 7-5.

"It a great team effort, but we unfortunately lost the championship game to top-seed Framingham on Sunday," said Hoeger. "The coaches were so proud of how hard the team fought to win games and

to make the Championship game and how they competed against Framingham to end the season. While they would have loved to take home the Championship trophies, the recognition they got from the Framingham team and the other Charlestown Mites in attendance made it feel like a win for the team."

Declan Melendy really played well as goalie in both play-off games, he said, and the Championship game - holding top scoring Framingham to only one goal in the first half. The top scorer in the playoffs for the team was Giovanni Brocca with eight goals.

•The Squirt 4 team was the top seed in their division and faced the third-seeded CM Revolution on Saturday, April 10, in Lawrence. The Townies cruised to a 5-2 win and the National Division title. However, the Squirt 4 league is divided into two divisions, so the win on Saturday set them up with an overall title game against North Andover on Sunday, April



The Mite 3 team hoists their trophy after beating Waltham last weekend to claim the league championship.

11, in Malden.

It was a tough game against North Andover, and the Charlestown team came up just short, losing 2-1 in the finale – though still claiming a divisional championship.

The action puts a complete end to the Mite and Travelling team

season for the CYHA program, skill sessions despite the constant threat of COVID-19. season of games, practices and



The Squirt 4 Townies claimed a divisional title over CM Revolution on Saturday, but lost the overall league title, 2-1, on Sunday.



The Mite 4 teams played in the finals against top-seeded Framingham, losing a close one after a magical playoff run from the #6 seeded team.

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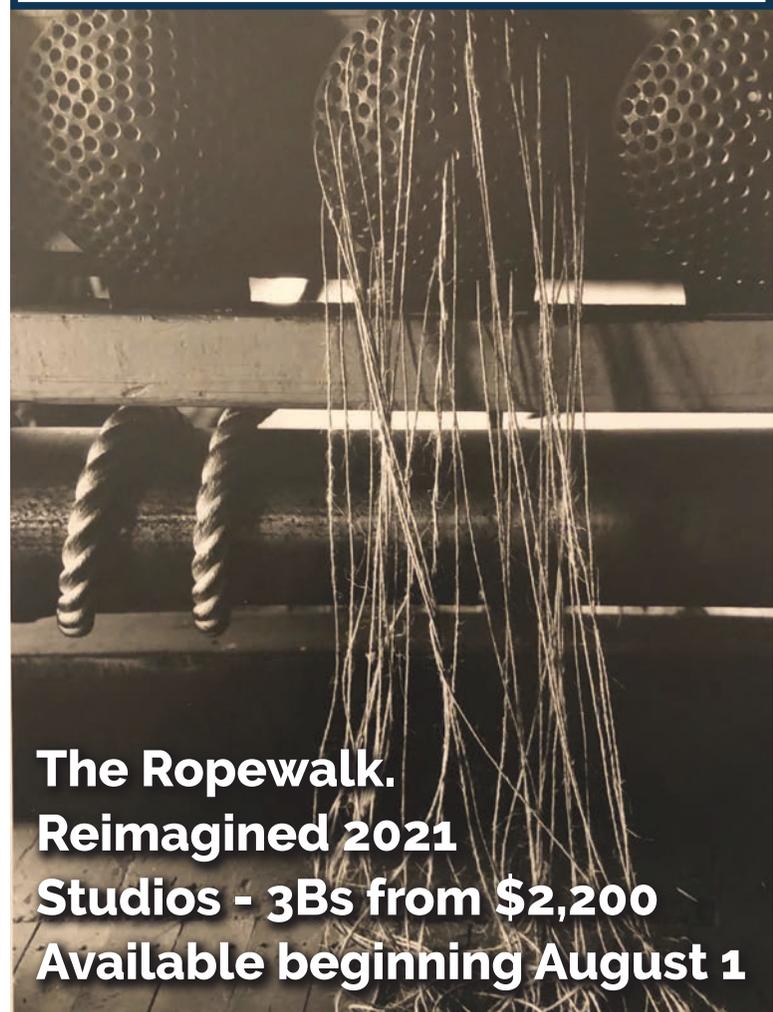
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Councilors call for hearing on enforcement of short-term rental regulations

Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn, Kenzie Bok, and Lydia Edwards are calling for a hearing this week regarding the status and the enforcement of the Short Term Rental Ordinance passed in 2018. The hearing order follows a decision at the Zoning Board of Appeal last week, opposed by both Councilors Flynn and Bok, in which relief was granted for Sonder to convert 26 units to Executive Suites on Battery March St. This decision runs contrary to the spirit of the 2018 ordinance, which sought to remove non-owner occupied properties, Investor Units and large corporate operators from participating in short term rental activity due to their impact on Boston's housing stock, rental market, and quality of life issues they presented in our neighborhoods.

In 2019, a hearing from

Councilors Flynn and Edwards on the implementation of the ordinance specifically raised these concerns, of both the Councilors and civic organizations across the city, that large corporations could potentially continue operating short term rentals in the same manner under the guise of Executive Suites. The Councilors seek to discuss this critical issue and other concerns that exist regarding enforcement of the ordinance, the eligibility criteria and screening process, and the removal of Investor Units.

Passed in June of 2018, the ordinance regulates short term rentals on platforms, such as Airbnb. Only units that are owner-occupied are eligible for short term rentals. The ordinance would also require short term rentals operators to register their units, apply for a license yearly,

and notify the abutters. Currently, Executive Suites are exempt from the ordinance and residents, advocates and civic organizations have expressed concerns that large corporations will continue to operate their units by pursuing these conversions. Last week's decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals included a large, corporate operator who had similar proposals elsewhere Downtown and in the South End. This decision has raised concerns from civic organizations and housing advocates that commercial operators will now seek to exploit Executive Suite conversions to once again run unregulated, de facto hotels, and taking much needed units from our housing stock.

"In the midst of an affordable housing crisis, and as we recover from both a pandemic and economic crisis, I find it wholly

unconscionable and disappointing that the Zoning Board approved last week's proposal from a large, multinational corporation to convert 26 units to Executive Suites. It's time for us to stand up for our values as a city. I voted to ban these large companies from operating these unregulated hotels because they take away precious housing stock, drive up the market, and present serious quality of life issues in every neighborhood," said Councilor Flynn. "We must not let these large, corporate operators exploit any potential loopholes or circumvent regulations to take away valuable housing stock. I look forward to having this discussion to ensure that our regulations are enforced and our neighborhoods are protected."

"As we have seen in the past few years in the downtown neighborhoods, if we don't continue

to take action against short-term rentals, housing stock will be converted and residents will not actually live in our neighborhoods anymore," added Councilor Bok. "We can't allow an executive suite loophole to frustrate our efforts to preserve much-needed housing in our community."

"Both the current and previous administrations supported the ordinance," said Councilor Edwards. "Why are they now supporting workarounds and loopholes? It doesn't benefit Boston and goes against the spirit and intent of the ordinance."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203, or at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

BUDGET (from pg. 1)

have any layoffs or cuts, but actually we added new programs... That's the position Boston is in."

The Operating Budget is accompanied by a five-year \$3.2 billion Capital Plan that is the largest in history, representing a \$200 million increase over last year's plan.

"During the past year, Boston has come together like never before, and we must take that spirit of inclusiveness and compassion and translate it into real investments for the City of Boston and our residents. COVID-19 has brought on unprecedented eco-

nomical and social change for our city, and this budget proposal meets the moment and makes targeted investments to ensure that as we emerge from this public health crisis we are not going back to normal, but going forward better than before," said Janey. "I am proud of this budget and the enormous work that goes into running our City government and providing the services Bostonians need and rely on. No one can be left behind as

Boston recovers from COVID-19, and looks forward to the future."

Sterritt indicated that the City was slated to get about \$435 million in federal funding from the recently-passed Rescue Plan, and that money is something they hope to have a further conversation about – perhaps looking at one-time investments and not using it to fill gaps in municipal government as is being done elsewhere.

As far as revenues go, property tax collections were seen as being very reliable and certain, and the only revenues that were down were parking fines and license fees – down about \$7 million. Revenues for hotel excise tax and other local options like Meals Taxes were also down, but Sterritt said they expected those revenues to return with the economy turning around after the pandemic

lifts.

All that said, the focal point of the Budget once it gets to public hearings before the City Council is going to be the Police Department budget – a controversial topic last year that was only going to grow this year.

One councilor has already told the newspaper that there was some discomfort with the proposal, as it doesn't seek to cut the Police Department budget very much at all – that coming after Acting Mayor Janey issued the Black and Brown Agenda last year calling for a full overhaul and major cut to the Police budget. Not having such a cut in her first budget proposal has brought confusion on the Council already, said the councilor.

Sterritt said last year's \$12 million cut to the Police Budget didn't materialize, and in fact the Police budget exceeded its allocation.

"The Police had a \$12 million cut last year," he said. "We did not hit that number."

Most of the overages, he said, came due to overtime paid for the large numbers of protests and election-related unrest that required a large police presence, most of it paid via overtime. That also came at a time when there were large amounts of retirements in the Department, and few new officers coming into the ranks.

As a counterweight to that

news, he said this budget cuts overtime by 33 percent, taking it from \$65 million last year to \$21 million this year. That is accompanied, he said, by a plan that will sustain the cut and not require so much emergency overtime.

He said they plan to add more than 30 officers to the ranks, increasing the numbers to 2,300 officers in the budget. Those officers will hit the academy in June and be on the streets in December. Having more officers available to work, he said, will cut down on having to call in officers on overtime due to shortages in staffing.

That will be accompanied by a 50 percent increase to the Police Cadet program, and a \$500,000 investment in a medical team to help officers that are injured or out of work return safely.

Another piece of that puzzle with the Police Department budget is a \$1.75 million allocation to fund the design of an Alternative Police Force. That force would respond to things like mental health issues, and drug addiction issues – something that has been called for over a number of years by residents. The allocation would be to hire staff and consultants that would usher in the framework of the program – but only after "a robust community process that involves intense and direct conversations with the community."

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MONUMENT (from pg. 1)

souvenirs, speeches and even guest books.

The guest books used to be a part of visiting the Monument – as people would sign the books before touring the structure. Those books were kept by the Monument Association as they were the operators of the site in the early days, and the books in question have several interesting signers – including Mary Todd Lincoln, potentially Prince of Wales Edward Albert, and Civil War military officials like William Steffe. All of the signers are from the Civil War era and the books are from 1860, 1861 and 1865. The online auction lasts through this week, and by Wednesday, there had been nine bids on the books and the high bid was \$8,000.

Monument Association long-time President Arthur Hurley said they are likely the property of the Association, but he has no idea how they left the care of the Association, or when. It was likely long ago, he said, but he and other Board members said they would like to see them back in Charlestown.

“It is the alleged property of the Bunker Hill Monument Association,” Hurley said. “How it got out of the possession of the Monument Association is a great question. I have no doubt that it wasn’t sold or given away... The Monument was a big New England tourist site. It was really big back then. It was a skyscraper in 1861. It was the biggest build-

ing around and the biggest in New England for sure.

“(The books) are a national treasure,” he continued. “They should be in the hands of the Monument Association. That’s who I think owns it, but only God knows.”

Monument Association Board member Julie Hall, also president of the Charlestown Historical Society, said she felt that the right thing would be to have the guest books back in the possession of the Association so they can be viewed by the public, rather than a couple of people in a private collection.

“I can’t understand how they got it; it seems like it belongs with the Monument Association,” she said. “I would like to see them come back here. I’m happy the Monument Association is getting a lot of attention right now... We’re kind of a sleepy organization, and I say that with love and as a member. We have all the minutes of all the past Association meetings... They even detail what the lunch was after the June 17 meetings... The Monument stands for a united country and a united nation. These books were signed by Mary Todd Lincoln and others who are important people. They are important to the Monument and should be in Charlestown for the public to see them.

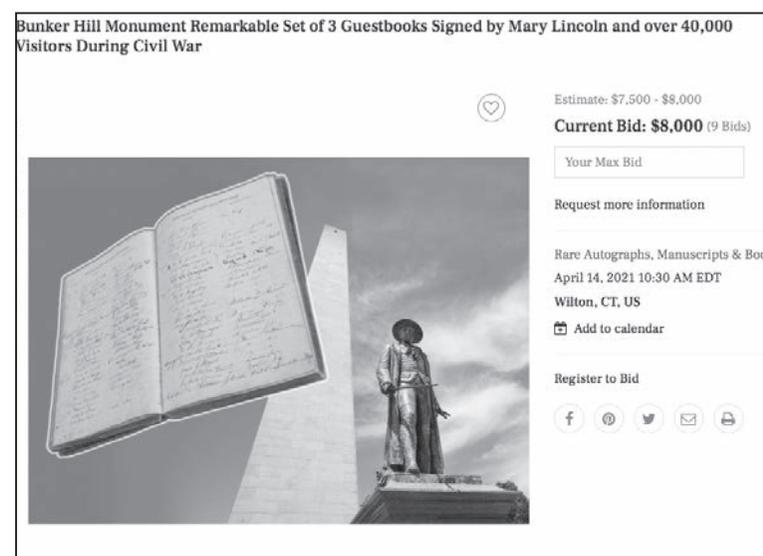
“If we got them back, that would be incredible and we would open them up to the public on June 17 – put them in under glass in the Lodge for everyone to see

on Bunker Hill Day,” she continued. “If we don’t get them, we’ll survive. We’ve been around a long time.”

John Reznikoff, president of University Archives – which is hosting this week’s auction of the guest books, said he feels a little unfairly targeted regarding the books – as they’ve gained a fair amount of media attention. He said they have a long-standing record of being careful about selling artifacts.

“We have a longstanding record of being very careful about what we handle in terms of title,” he said. “I would hope that if there is a title issue that those people (in Charlestown) would contact the police and file a report if this was removed illegally as opposed to using reporters to pressure an agenda. We cannot withdraw an item without proof of ownership that is other than the consignor. You can understand that many items of historical importance are discarded or sold along the way, and anyone can make a claim. Sometimes, as we have learned in 42 years in business, the culprit, if there is one, is the person who works in the institution and more often than not the powers that be want to sweep the incident under the rug to save face and recover the item at the same time.”

He said they have a long-standing policy of insisting there be a police report so the culprit is punished to prevent it from happening again. He said this is something that all reputable people in his



A photo of the auction page at University Archives as of Wednesday, where the high bid was currently \$8,000.

line of business support. He mentioned that the three guest books came from a rare book dealer, and a small auction house.

“Having said all this, I would love to see the books get back to Boston and if the Association ends up with them I will donate \$1,000 of my Commission towards the purchase and will absorb the cost of expedited shipping,” he concluded.

The Monument Association said it isn’t the first time things have gone missing over time, including a prized musket from a Black man who purchased his freedom and then fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill. Likewise, a painting of Lafayette somehow left their possession and got to the

private market.

Members of the Board said there were a lot of things that disappeared from the grounds when the state had possession of the Monument and it was patrolled by the old MDC Police. Now, however, is a different time and members said they would like to try to get help to reclaim their old property when such things show up in auctions or on display.

Hall and Hurley said they have started a fundraising effort over the last week to try to get the winning bid for the three books, but at \$8,000 right now, they are not able to afford that much from their own funds.

Hall said they are raising money and have set up a Go Fund Me page.

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Five of six mayoral candidates take Nomination Papers on Day 1

By Seth Daniel

Five of the six declared candidates for Mayor of Boston took out their Nomination Papers on the first day of their availability, April 13, with only Acting Mayor Kim Janey still not yet taking papers.

An inquiry to her campaign late on Tuesday was not returned.

The Boston Election Department showed that 11 people had taken out papers for the mayoral campaign, including the declared candidates John Barros, Councilor Andrea Campbell, Councilor Annessa Essaibi George, State Rep. Jon Santiago, and Councilor Michelle Wu.

Janey is the only other major candidate that has declared, but the only one as of Wednesday morning not to take out papers.

Others taking out papers included Michael Bianchi of Brighton; Robert Cappucci of East Boston; Joao DePina of Dorchester; Roy Owens Sr. of Roxbury; Richard Spagnuolo of the North End; and Patrick Williams of Dorchester.

Candidates for mayor and City Council have until May 11 to get their Nomination Papers, though many do it on the very first day, and must file them by the end of business on May 18.

Nomination Papers came just as a new voter poll from WBUR, the Dorchester Reporter and the Boston Foundation came out with interesting results – most notably that around 46 percent of voters were undecided.

Of all the candidates, Councilor Michelle Wu had a 47 percent favorability rate, but also the highest unfavorability rate of 11 percent. Only 21 percent had never heard of her before. Acting Mayor Kim Janey registered at 34 percent favorability, the second highest, and 5 percent unfavorable – with 35 percent having not heard of her before. Councilor Annessa Essaibi George landed in third place virtually tied in all metrics with Councilor Andrea Campbell. Essaibi George had a 27 percent favorability and Campbell had 26 percent. Some 44 percent had never heard of Essaibi George and 42 percent hadn't heard of Campbell.

Meanwhile, State Rep. Jon Santiago found himself at the bottom of the list with a 13 percent favorability rank, and 57 percent not know who he was. John Barros was ahead of him with 17 percent favorability, and 50 per-



Taking out Nomination Papers for Mayor on Tuesday were five of the six declared candidates for the open seat – including John Barros (bottom right), Councilor Andrea Campbell (middle right), Councilor Annessa Essaibi George (top right), Councilor Michelle Wu (bottom left), and State Rep. Jon Santiago (top left). Acting Mayor Kim Janey had not taken out Papers by presstime, but has until May 11 to do so.

cent not knowing him.

Mayoral candidates must get 3,000 signatures of registered voters in Boston. At-large councilors must get 1,500 signatures and a District Councilor must get 200 signatures.

For Charlestown, in District 1, Councilor Lydia Edwards has already declared her re-election campaign and held a kick-off this month. However, by Wednesday morning she had not taken out her Nomination Papers, but was expected to do so in the coming days.

Meanwhile, Richard Martell of the North End did take out Nomination Papers for a potential run.

The at-large Council race will have a full slate, with two seats vacated due to Wu and Essaibi George running for mayor.

Councilors Michael Flaherty and Julie Mejia are expected to run for re-election, but only Mejia

had taken out papers on the first day.

Already, declared candidates Kelly Bates of Hyde Park; Alexander Gray of Jamaica Plain; Ruthzee Louijeune of Hyde Park; and Erin Murphy of Dorchester had taken out papers.

They were joined by new names in James Colimon of Roslindale; Domingos DaRosa of Hyde Park; Raymond Vasquez of Dorchester; Althea Garrison of Dorchester; Bridget Nee-Walsh of South Boston; Roy Owens Sr. of Roxbury; Donnie Palmer of Brighton; Nick Vance of Hyde Park; and Patrick Williams of Dorchester.

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Action won't be immediate in demolition of Bunker Hill Development

By Seth Daniel

With the green light now in place for the first phase of the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment, one might expect quick action in taking down the first several buildings nearest the Mystic/Tobin Bridge.

That, however, is not going to be the case.

Officials from Leggat McCall and the Boston Housing Authority said there might seem like a quiet period through most of the rest of the year at the site as they prepare for demolition later in 2021.

"There is some work to be done around the site to prepare for the demolition and removal of our units," said Lydia Agro of the BHA. "We expect later this year, or by the end of the year, we'll start the demo. We'll work to get

to that part as quickly as we can. After the demo, we'll quickly go right into construction..."

"It might feel to the community that there is a lull," she continued. "There is a lot of work that will be happening behind the scenes. There won't be a lull, but for the community, it might feel it's quiet for a bit of time. That doesn't mean nothing is happening to proceed. Plenty will be done in that period to proceed."

Pam Jonah of the Redevelopment team said that site prep and demolition is scheduled on Phase 1 for the winter of 2021-22, and that the Building F (behind the Kennedy Center School) site will be demolished and prepped first. That will be followed a few months later by the Building M site next to Medford

Street. That encompasses a total of 126 public housing units that will be demolished and replaced on site with the new buildings – along with market rate units. There will be a total of 350 units in the two new buildings, with Building M being all public housing units and Building F being a mix of public and market.

She said the site preparation process would take about three months.

That said, a lot of work has already been done in preparation for Phase 1. Geotechnical work was done on site long ago during the design process, and the public housing buildings to be demolished have already been vacated and the families temporarily relocated on-site and off-site.

"Residents have already been

relocated so the buildings are vacant and they've been boarded up to seal them in preparation for demolition," said Agro.

Right now, all of the buildings are being abated for dangerous materials, and are being made safe for demolition and for containing the demolition within the small footprint.

A key element that will be coming in the summer and fall will be communication with the residents on other areas of the Bunker Hill Development and the general community regarding a Construction Management Plan.

Many residents still living in the Development have long expressed concern over what would be done to keep them safe while demolition and construction is going on, sometimes just 50 yards away

from existing units still occupied.

"Engagement will be ongoing," said Jonah. There will be more detailed meetings that will take place with abutters over the summer and with the community in the fall as we develop the project's Construction Management Plan. Communication with Charlestown and Bunker Hill Residents will be ongoing and the development team will also continue to provide the latest information via the Bunker Hill website and monthly e-updates."

She said they encourage everyone to sign up for the e-updates, and she added that the Charlestown Residents Alliance (CRA), the BHA and the relocation firm HOU would continue communication with residents as part of the relocation plans.

BPDA looking for permission to survey Navy Yard area for structural damage

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) will host its monthly Board meeting on April 15, and there will be a major request to survey the Navy Yard for structural issues – some of which have already popped up over the last few years in the form of sinkholes.

The BPDA staff is looking to issue an RFP for a consulting firm to identify all of the issues below grade and find out why they are happening with more frequency. Already, in 2020, sinkholes were repaired in the Historic Monument Area of the Navy Yard, but more potentially exist.

"To ensure public safety and protect property values and the waterfront's beauty, the maritime engineering industry recognizes that inspecting maritime infrastructure on a regular basis is 'best practice,'" read the request. "The BPDA is committed to its role in maintaining the public safety of the Charlestown Navy Yard for residents and visitors. To mitigate the recent sinkholes, masonry deterioration and other issues, the BPDA seeks to identify the causes and provide the direction neces-

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From the April 13 School Committee Exam Schools Admissions Task Force, online:

- Review of admissions processes for selective schools in other districts
- Public Comment (30 minutes)

From the April 15 Zoning Advisory Board of Appeal, 5 p.m., online:

•9 Kelley Ct. Applicant: Chandler Miller. Purpose: Convert existing roof into family recreational space and install 6ft high fence. Install landing and stairs as required for access.

•2 Laurel St. Applicant: Eliza Becton and Glen Kruger. Purpose: Build another story onto the existing 2 story 10x7"ell" at the rear of the building to expand the bathroom and also renovate the second floor bathroom.

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From the April 16, 1 p.m.,

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION HEARING: Order for a hearing regarding the status of Universal Pre-K given the Covid-19 pandemic. This matter was referred to the Committee on February 17 2021.

From the April 20, 11 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HEARING: Message and order changing the date of the Preliminary Election for this municipal year from September 21, 2021 to September 14, 2021. This matter was sponsored by former Mayor Martin J. Walsh was referred to the Committee on March 24, 2021.

From the April 21, 1 p.m., COMMITTEE ON CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES HEARING: Order for a hearing to discuss off-leash dog recreation spaces in the City of Boston. This matter is sponsored by Councilor Ricardo Arroyo and was referred to the Committee on City and Neighborhood Services on March 21, 2021.

The City of Boston launched its latest project to protect neighborhoods from future coastal flooding as a result of climate change. The project is focused on the flooding vulnerabilities in the Charlestown neighborhoods. The first online meeting will be later this month.

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BPDA says PLAN Charlestown has already developed 'tools' to use

By Seth Daniel

The second edition of the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) Land Use Through Time in the PLAN Charlestown process took place last Wednesday, April 7, with a large group of residents coming to help define the neighborhood and learn about how the process figures into current proposals.

The PLAN Charlestown effort kicked off in January 2020, and while hampered a bit by COVID-19, has motored on since last summer with Zoom meetings about various topics, including a historical look at Land Uses in the Town.

That said, the biggest news out of last week's workshop was from BPDA Planner Ted Schwartzberg, who said a lot of tools have been developed already that can be used in current evaluations – such as the current 201 Rutherford project and the upcoming One Mystic high-rise.

That answered a question many were asking in that the planning process and study is ongoing, but at the same time there is a

building boom in the Town with many projects up for review – and rumors having it that many more are to come, particularly near Sullivan Square.

"We don't have to wait until the last sequence in this process (the recommendations) to start applying the Plan findings," he said. "Right now we're far enough in the planning process that we have the tools that would inform the review of large proposals... We have developed a whole new set of tools to evaluate projects by."

"This is not to be anti-development versus pro-development," he continued. "It's about improving the review process we have to evaluate projects."

He said there are limitations to density in Charlestown that need to be considered, including the road infrastructure and the fact that the Town is surrounded by water with only a few ways in or out. He said new development would need to be considered in relation to how infrastructure supports it, and what a developer is willing to do to improve that infrastructure, meaning things like

streets and parks.

"Even though the process here is not to the stage of a final document, we're developing tools that can be used in the public review processes," he said again.

The main work going on now in the process is for people to identify Districts and sub-areas of the neighborhood that make sense to those that live here. Some of those districts include the Sullivan Square area, the Navy Yard area, the Historic Peninsula area, the Rutherford Corridor and the Lost Village.

There was some discussion about renaming the Rutherford Corridor, as well as including Sullivan Square in the Historic Peninsula as 'The Neck,' and even more suggestions about breaking out the commercial areas for more sub-areas within the Historic Peninsula. Others also asked that the Mystic River Designated Port Area (DPA) be included as a space to look at, even though there are heavy restrictions on what can be done there.

Getting those boundaries and areas labelled and understood

would be the first step to identifying zoning areas within the Town – places where different zoning rules could be applied in different ways. Meanwhile, it would also help to identify pressing issues within each district, Planner Anna Callahan said (who is new to the process and a recent hire of the BPDA). For instance, those in more of a waterfront area might be more concerned about flood-

ing, while those in a commercial area might want economic development discussions.

There are future meetings coming up in May and June with separate topics. They include:

•Monday, May 26, 2021 on the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square subareas.

•Wednesday, June 23, 2021 on the Original Peninsula and Lost Village sub-areas.

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sary to address such deficiencies. Recommendations and findings made will be used to inform future capital planning."

The Project Site includes approximately two acres of land and one-half mile of waterfront including Pier 3, Drydock No. 2, the Building 123 Pump House, Pier 4 and the area of HarborWalk adjacent to Pier 5. The Project Site is open to the public as part of the City's HarborWalk system and is adjoined by parks/open space, roadways, developed and future development sites. Community resources such as the child day-care center in the Flagship Wharf Condominium building,

Courageous Sailing, the MBTA ferry terminal and Shipyard Park.

Pier 5 is not within the scope of the work anticipated for this project.

The RFP scope for engineering design services will include design, permitting, construction bid documents and construction administration. The upcoming BPDA Budget proposal does contemplate \$2.7 million in design and construction repairs.

•EXTEND ART SCULPTURE

The Navy Yard Garden Association and the BPDA are looking to petition the Board to extend the agreement to keep the Whitaker Wind Sculpture exhibit up beyond the approved May 31 limit. The art installation went up last May, and has been up ever since.

The group would like to keep the kinetic wind sculptures up through Oct. 31.

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Parking enforcement activities to return on April 20

Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced that the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) has updated parking enforcement regulations in the City of Boston. Starting Tuesday, April 20, parking enforcement will return citywide, including towing during posted street sweeping and for parking in spaces without an appropriate resident sticker. Also, BTD will not be ticketing residents with an expired inspection sticker until

May 31. Additionally, on April 20, the Boston Transportation Department's ticket amnesty for healthcare workers will expire. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, BTD announced that healthcare workers could have non-public safety violations dismissed upon appeal if the ticket was received while working. The intent of the program was to assist local healthcare workers as

they dealt with the public health emergency. The City of Boston and its municipal partners in Brookline, Cambridge, Everett, and Somerville will continue to offer all essential workers in metro Boston a free 90-day pass for the public bike share system, Bluebikes. More information is available at boston.gov/bike-share. "As we continue to plan our recovery from the COVID-19

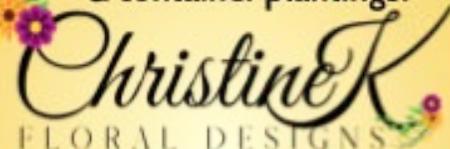
pandemic, I am grateful to all of our residents for their cooperation in following our parking enforcement," said Janey. "As warmer weather comes, it's important that we take the necessary steps to keep our streets clean." The following parking regulations remain in effect in the City of Boston:
•RESIDENT PARKING AT METERS
Boston residents with resident

parking permits will continue to be allowed to park at meters within their neighborhood without having to abide by the time limits or pay the meter.
•DISABILITY PLACARDS
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