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Three members of the crew let loose the 15-star American Flag – a replica from the War of 1812 – from the stern. After the massive flag unfurled, it brought a round of applause from those on board. Meanwhile, Lt. Travis Leary comes down the ropes from the loft of the ship with the skyline of Boston in the background.



## USS Constitution sails again

Ship of State hits the water after 19 months, re-opens to the public

By Seth Daniel

Ships were meant to sail, but that's exactly what the USS Constitution in the Charlestown Navy Yard hasn't been doing for the past 18 months – as COVID-19 had prevented the ship from leaving port until last Friday, May 21.

After having been shut down

since March 2020 to visitors, and not having hosted and "Underway" since October 2019, the Navy Yard and the USS Constitution's crew were brimming with excitement and activity early on Friday morning. The crew had moved to a virtual tour format, and had been practicing their skills on land and in port, but none had been able to give a

live tour of the ship or carry out their duties on the water until last Friday.

The anticipation and energy was clear on board the ship, as the crew and the members of the Naval Heritage and History Command prepared the ship to hit the Harbor.

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### CNC CORNER

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold a public meeting on Tuesday June 1 at 7pm. The meeting will be held both via Zoom and in-person at the Knights of Columbus (<50% capacity; masks required), 545 Medford Street. Please send questions via email to [cnc02129@gmail.com](mailto:cnc02129@gmail.com). The link will be available on our website calendar on June 1 – <https://www.charlestownneighborhoodcouncil.org/Calendar.html>.

## Chelsea Street pedestrian improvements top list

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) has scheduled a public meeting on June 2 to bring the community up-to-date on the community benefits promised by MassPort for the Little Mystic mitigation package.

The meeting comes as an uproar took place amongst several community members that have been following the process when a piece appeared suddenly this month on the Public Improvement Commission (PIC) agenda related to making a connection between Barry Field and the HarborWalk.

Resident Dan Jaffe and others, noting that the plans for the connection weren't what they expected, called for a delay of the PIC agenda item. Jaffe said the plans were not extensive enough for him, and particularly given the fatal pedestrian incident earlier this

year involving a Spaulding patient who was walking alongside the road near 16th Street when hit by and killed by a vehicle.

Councilor Lydia Edwards said she did intervene in the situation, and the BPDA promised to come out to the community and gather input on the connector project and give updates on the other, larger mitigation projects.

"We agreed to allow the item to go ahead on the PIC, but the BPDA said it would schedule a meeting to inform the public of the plans," she said. "There is still plenty of time to give input on the designs and they agreed to return to the community."

Devin Quirk of the BPDA said he is excited to hold the meeting on June 2 regarding all of the projects, but also said the connector and pedestrian safety improvements within that plan were expected.

(CHELSEA STREET Pg. 10)

## Foundation Kitchen plans pop-up at The Graphic Lofts in June

Staff Report

Foundation Kitchen, a shared culinary workspace, co-founded by husband and wife team, Ciaran Nagle and Tara Novak, will host a June 5 pop-up in the lobby of The Graphic Lofts residential building to give the public an exciting taste of what's in store when the food hall officially opens this coming Fall, 2021.

Foundation Kitchen's newest location at The Graphic, located directly across the street from the MBTA's Orange Line Sullivan Square Station in Charlestown, will feature a café, wine bar, and food stalls which will be open to the public seven days a week. The space will also feature an ongoing roster of cooking classes, special events and culinary pop-ups like this one in June. Additional pop-ups are being planned throughout the summer and will move outdoors to take full advantage of The Graphic's public areas and

courtyard.

Foundation Kitchen members taking part in the pop-up (adhering to all COVID required state and city regulations) include those who will be part of the food hall when it opens at The Graphic in the Fall:

- Bagel Guild - artisan-style sourdough bagels.
- Render Coffee - premium coffees brewed in Boston's South End.
- Odyssey's - an elevated take on classic American street food
- Wild Fox Pierogi - a fresh take on traditional classics like pierogi

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Our offices will be closed Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day  
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# EDITORIAL

## A MEMORIAL DAY TO LOOK BACK AND AHEAD

If Memorial Day of 2020 was unlike any other, Memorial Day of 2021 will represent almost a 180 degree turnabout from the dark days of a year ago. Thanks to the miraculous production of vaccines and plummeting infection and hospitalizations rates, it would appear that the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us.

However, as joyful as our leap from the oppression of COVID-19 may be, we are saddened and humbled when we realize that almost 600,000 Americans, a total almost equal to the number of our soldiers killed in all of our foreign wars combined, have succumbed to the virus over the past 15 months.

But as Americans prepare to embark on the great reopening this Memorial Day weekend, marking our freedom from the virus, it is appropriate that we honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in our nation's wars so that we might enjoy the freedoms that define the American way of life.

Ever since the official inception of the holiday on May 30, 1868, when the practice of decorating the graves of the fallen Union soldiers with flowers, wreaths, and flags officially became recognized by the order of General Logan at Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) has been a time for all Americans to commemorate those who made the Supreme Sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

When Memorial Day was moved to the last Monday of May starting in 1971, the three-day weekend also came to mark the official start of the summer season when we gather for cookouts and other outdoor activities with friends and family.

Amidst the usual festivities of Memorial Day weekend however, we must remember not to take for granted the freedoms that allow us to partake of the American way of life.

Although the worst of the pandemic hopefully is behind us, we still are facing a grave threat to our democracy.

The enemy is not a foreign power or a viral infection.

Rather, it is from within.

It is fair to say that Americans are as disunited as we ever have been since the end of the Civil War itself 156 years ago. The triad of seismic events of the past year -- the pandemic, the ensuing economic dislocation, and the endemic racism in our society -- exposed the deep fissures in our country that have been lurking beneath the surface for decades and exploded volcano-like over the past 12 months.

Rather than serving to unite us in a common effort to overcome these challenges, they tore us apart even further, culminating with the shameful effort on the part of some to bring to an end the great American experiment of democracy with the events of January 6.

In searching for appropriate words to capture this moment in which we find ourselves, the Gettysburg address that was delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on the site of the battlefield on November 19, 1863, rings most true, both in terms of honoring those who gave their lives in our nation's wars and for healing the wounds created by the current crises.

We hope our readers take a moment to absorb Lincoln's words and reflect upon the meaning of Memorial Day, both in terms of our past and our future:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THANK YOU, CHARLESTOWN OLD SCHOOLBOYS

To the Editor,

To the Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association. I would like to Thank You for selecting me for one of the Schoolboy Scholarships. This award will be put to good use as I continue my education at Stonehill College.

Charles Page

### OLD SCHOOLBOYS ROCK

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the Charlestown Old Schoolboys Association for awarding me the St. Florian Scholarship. This will go a long way in helping me complete my college studies at Colby-Sawyer College (NH) and reach my goal of becoming a teacher. Again, thanks so very much and GOD BLESS!

Conor Kelly

### THANK YOU, CHARLESTOWN OLD SCHOOLBOYS

To the Editor,

I gratefully express my appreciation to the Charlestown Old Schoolboys Association for awarding me the Mary Gill Flanagan and Edward Mahan Scholarships.

I will be entering Bunker Hill Community College this Fall and plan on majoring in Psychology and these scholarship will help pay for books, supplies and tuition. Thank you so much!

Gavin Kelly

### THANK YOU, CHARLESTOWN OLD SCHOOLBOYS

To the Editor,

Thank you to the Old Charlestown Schoolboy's Association for selecting me as the recipient of the Robert, James and Ralph Smith Scholarship. With this Scholarship, I am now able to enter my Sophomore year at UMass Amherst with less stress as well as a greater motivation to succeed in my classes.

I truly appreciate the generosity of this Scholarship.

Thank you.

Joseph N. Flanagan

### "MR. C" MADE ME AN ALL-STAR!!!

To the Editor,

I revisit the memory often. It was 1973, I was a shy twelve year old playing little league for the Boys and Girls Club Team, I wore number 8, I played second base and right field. My Best Friend, Joey Colliers Father, "Mr. C" had selected me to be on the All-Star Team for a second consecutive

year. Looking back, and in my 12 year old mind at the time, I didn't think I deserved to be there when I was twelve years old, never mind when I was eleven years old.

The vivid memory was an All-Star Game on Revere Beach Parkway. It was the third inning, the count was three balls and two strikes, and the pitcher was a big twelve year old, throwing nothing but fast balls. I saw the pitch coming right down the pipe, I closed my eyes, and I swung as hard as I could. I heard the crack of my bat. I opened my eyes, and saw the ball going over second base, into center field. I'll never forget that feeling, standing on first base, "I was ripping singles".

Mr. C and his wife Evie raised their nine children next door to my family on Albion Place. Many proclaimed to be the Tenth Collier Kid, but I put more time in the Collier backyard and in the rear seat of the Collier Family Station Wagon than any Townie Kid I know.

"Mr. C." worked for Finest Supermarkets in Wellington Circle for years, before opening and operating the successful Colliers Market on Bunker Hill Street. I remember my friend Joey coming out after Sunday dinners with left over roast beef sandwiches that he always shared and split right down the middle.

## GUEST OP-ED

# As our city reopens and the weather gets warmer, I encourage everyone who can to support our small business

By: Mayor Kim Janey

Warmer weather has brought good news in Boston's fight against the pandemic. Across our city, COVID-19 cases have dropped to their lowest levels in more than a year. And, from Roxbury to Roslindale, East Boston to West Roxbury, Boston residents are getting vaccinated at rates that outpace the rest of the country.

As a result of this progress, I recently announced that the City of Boston will align with the Commonwealth and COVID-19 restrictions starting May 29. Our battle against COVID-19 is not over. Reopening our city will only work if we all continue to do our part to fight the pandemic.

We know what works in Boston. We have created a culture of wearing our masks, washing our hands, and keeping our distance that keeps us safe. Let's keep it up, as we enjoy the recovery, reopening, and renewal of our city.

The pandemic has disproportionately impacted small businesses and businesses of color across the city. As Boston reopens, I encourage all of us to support these businesses and help our city make an equitable recovery.

Small businesses are what make Boston the city we know and love, and my administration is working

tirelessly to make sure they are front and center in our economic recovery. This includes the All Inclusive Boston Campaign to showcase stores, restaurants, and cultural assets all across the city. We've also launched the B-Local app that gives shoppers reward points at neighborhood businesses.

Small businesses assistance from our Office of Economic Development also includes weekly Small Business Calls, small business COVID surveys, and more than \$16.6 million in grants to over 4,500 businesses through five COVID-19 relief funds for small businesses. We have also expanded public space for business extensions through this year's Outdoor Dining Program, Food Truck Lottery, Outdoor Fitness Classes, and more.

As mayor, I take regular neighborhood business walks throughout our city, including in Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, Chinatown, Upham's Corner, and more. Talking with business owners generates new ideas and deepens my appreciation of the pivotal role businesses can play in Boston's equitable recovery. From restaurants, to bookstores, to clothing stores, our city is a powerhouse in its diversity of services, cultures,

and ideas.

This summer, I urge you to do your part in supporting our city and helping neighborhood businesses recover from unprecedented challenges. Here is how you can help:

- Download the B-Local app and earn rewards automatically when you shop at hundreds of participating local businesses across the City when you make a purchase with a credit or debit card. Then, redeem those rewards like cash at local businesses!

- Visit the All Inclusive Boston website and discover new and diverse businesses to explore.

- Post your visits to local businesses on social media using #AllInclusiveBos and spread the word to your family and friends about where you go!

Boston's recovery, reopening, and renewal takes all of us. Thank you for doing your part by getting vaccinated and safely enjoying all that Boston has to offer. Let's make this a happy, healthy summer.

For more information on Mayor Janey's efforts to support small businesses, visit: <https://www.boston.gov/departments/small-business-development>.

*Kim Janey is the Acting Mayor of Boston.*

## LETTERS (from pg. 2)

As long as I can remember "Mr. C" was dedicating his time as a baseball or football coach, teaching me and others, the fundamentals of the game. I remember "Mr. C." coming home from a long day at work and playing pick-up basketball games with me

and the Collier boys and playing game after game of HORSE in the backyard.

It was in the Collier Backyard, The Neck, and The Oilies, that I developed my competitive spirit, learned the importance of teamwork, and gained the incredible

confidence, determination, and character that would serve me throughout my lifetime.

I owe so much to "Mr. and Mrs. C", I am so grateful to have watched them raise their family and kids like me. I have fashioned so much of my life, from the time I spent with the Colliers and the little things they did that made them a family. I truly believe that my life, my career, my family, have benefited so much from being the Tenth Collier Kid.

Unfortunately, "Mr. C" passed away last year. A huge loss for the Collier Family, The Charlestown Community and myself. I often think of "MR. C.", Evie, and all the Collier Kids. I wish to tell Mr. C. and the entire Collier Family that because of Mr. C's confidence in me as a little kid, and the confidence I gained, Little Joey Leeman became an All Star in Life, and I'm still ripping singles every day.

Joey Leeman  
Charlestown Boy, Your Honor

## POP-UP (from pg. 1)

and grilled cheeses.

- Fermenta - beer, wine and rose with a spritz.

The event will take place on Saturday, June 5, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Breakfast will be served 9am - 11am, featuring Bagel Guild and Render Coffee; Lunch will be served 11:15am - 4pm, featuring Odyssey's; Dinner will be served 4pm - 8pm, featuring Wild Fox Pierogi; and Fermenta will serve beer, wine and rose spritz during lunch and dinner hours.

Visit [www.foundationkitchen.com/popups](http://www.foundationkitchen.com/popups) to view menus and pre-order your food, for pick-up on June 5th. Food is available to dine onsite or to-go. Orders must be placed no later than Wednesday, June 2.

Kevin Longo, Berkeley Investments' Asset Manager, points out that Foundation Kitchen is a well-suited amenity for the building, its residents and those who live (and work) nearby in what is a growing area.

"It will bring neighbors together by offering a unique hyper-local food and beverage experience with ever changing options from a diverse group of talented small businesses," he said. "It's the type of concept that excites not only our residents, but also the community as well, and this pop-up will give those who live and work in the area a taste of what's to come when Foundation Kitchen debuts in the fall at The Graphic."

From a food and beverage standpoint, plans call for the new Foundation Kitchen (when it opens at The Graphic) to offer breakfast, lunch and dinner menu

items, along with craft beers and wine, either to-go, or for in-restaurant dining through their cafe and wine bar. Co-owner Ciaran Nagle says the market and location are prime for this type of carry-out dining option, and is excited to feature this pop-up for those exact reasons.

"This pop-up is a great way to make our presence known in the community," he said. "It's a fun way to introduce the Foundation Kitchen business model and the members who will be part of the Foundation Kitchen food hall. We're committed to showcasing local culinary talent and this pop-up will let guests pre-order food that can be enjoyed onsite at The Graphic, or food that guests can enjoy at home. It's truly what our business model and mission are all about."

In addition, as a family-owned-and-operated business, Co-owner Tara Novak says the Foundation Kitchen pop-up is an exciting glimpse of how inspiring and passionate small food companies can be.

"The pandemic has reminded us all how important it is to support and sustain small, independent business owners like the establishments we're showcasing as part of the pop-up and at the new Foundation Kitchen food hall at The Graphic," she said. "Like us, many of our members are family owned and operated, so it's wonderful to be offering Wild Fox Pierogi, Odyssey's, Bagel Guild, Render Coffee and Fermenta a platform where they can showcase their talent, food and beverages."



A rendering of the Foundation Kitchen food hall that will open in The Graphic this fall. A preview of the concept will take place on June 5 with a pop-up of the businesses that will be featured permanently in Foundation Kitchen.

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# USS Constitution Museum voted one of top five U.S. History Museums

By Seth Daniel

Standing near the center of Old Ironsides last Friday, USS Constitution Museum Director Anne Grimes Rand and Ship Commander John Benda announced the exciting news that the Constitution Museum in the Navy Yard was voted the #5 best history museum in the United States by a USA Today reader's poll.

"The USS Constitution Museum is pleased to announce we have been voted one of the Top 5 museums in the United States according to a USA Today 2021 Reader's Choice travel awards poll," said Rand. "They voted the Top 10 in the United States and we came in at number five.

"We are honored and thrilled

by this award, especially in the company of so many prestigious history museums," she continued. "Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who voted for us, and to our partners who supported our efforts to 'get out the vote' and achieve this wonderful distinction. The USS Constitution Museum looks forward to wowing our guests with great hands-on experiences as we share the stories of 'Old Ironsides' and her dedicated crew, both past and present."

Commander Benda said the partnership between the Constitution and the Museum is a very special one, and it goes hand-in-hand.

"This not just a national-class museum, but a world-class museum," he said. "We could not do what we do without the collabo-

ration of our great partners in the Charlestown Navy Yard like the Constitution Museum."

The USS Constitution Museum ranked #5 in USA Today's 2021 10 Best Readers' Choice travel awards in the category of "Best History Museum." In a highly competitive category of top museums from around the United States, online votes determined the winners from a group of 20 initial nominees. The Museum was the sole nominee and winner in this category from New England.

The full list of the 10 Best Readers' Choice Award-winners for Best History Museum is as follows:

- National Infantry Museum & Soldier Center (Columbus, GA)
- National Underground



Constitution Museum Director Anne Grimes Rand and Constitution Commander John Benda announce the Top 5 designation on board the USS Constitution last Friday, May 21, during the ship's first Underway in more than a year.

Railroad Freedom Center (Cincinnati, OH)

- National Museum of the Marine Corps (Triangle, VA)
- The Mob Museum (Las Vegas, NV)

•USS Constitution Museum (Boston, MA)

•Museum of History & Industry (Seattle, WA)

•Independence Seaport Museum (Philadelphia, PA)

•National WWII Museum (New Orleans, LA)

•Museum of Native American History (Bentonville, AR)

•The Henry Ford (Dearborn, MI)

The USS Constitution Museum opened last weekend, and it will be open daily for the summer beginning on Thursday, May 27. During Memorial Day weekend, Museum visitors can craft a poppy—a symbol of remembrance—to honor a fallen military service member in their life or share a message of gratitude and add it to our memorial poppy garden. The completed poppies will be featured in a Memorial Day ceremony on board USS Constitution.

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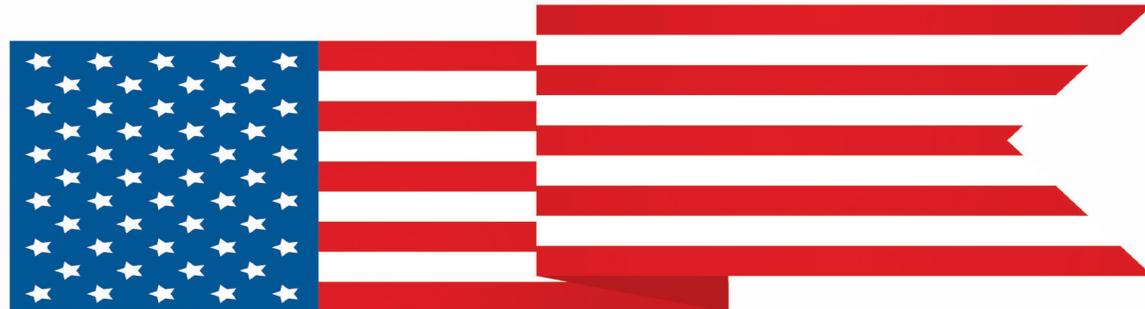


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# Marriages continue to stay postponed, skipped in 2021

By Seth Daniel

When everything shut down in 2020, and most major celebrations like marriages seemed to take a backseat, most thought the floodgates would open in 2021 for hundreds more weddings and marriage ceremonies – perhaps those that were delayed, postponed, or had already happened with the party on the docket for “next year.”

So far, according to data from the City of Boston, marriages and weddings are still more than 50 percent below the 2019 levels for statistics from March, and don’t seem to be picking up for the summer either.

A June bride they likely will not be.

Looking at City statistics for the month of March in 2019, 2020 and 2021, the numbers of marriages filed with the City are only slightly higher than they were in March 2020 – when everything shut down completely.

In March 2021, there were 563 marriage certificates granted, and in March 2021 there were 592. That is compared with the relatively normal level in March 2019 of 1,229 certificates. Marriage intentions were down in 2021 as well, going from 370 filed in March 2020 to 171 in March 2021.

That is compared to other Vital Statistics such as births, which are

up by nearly 1,000 compared to March 2020, but also still down by more than 1,200 compared to March 2019 – a statistic that is probably in line with lower numbers of marriages and weddings.

The one Vital that has recovered is death certificates, which in March 2021 were higher (3,809) than both March 2019 (3,528) and March 2020 (3,005).

When it comes to marriages, priests and pastors in Charlestown said the fact is they are performing fewer weddings, but all said it was likely due to the uncertainty over gatherings and also the lack of facilities that are available for functions.

Father Jim Ronan of St. Mary’s-St. Catherine’s Catholic Church said there is beginning to be an uptick of couples looking to get married at the church, but their wedding dates are much later in the year or in 2022.

“I had two weddings last weekend, and another one is scheduled for this coming Saturday,” he said. “There are couples who are now approaching the church looking to schedule weddings in late summer or fall and into next year. So there is an uptick, but the overall number spring and summer of 2021 is low. And that’s not a surprise, for it has been impossible for couples to make plans because of the pandemic. What it’s going to look like a year from now is anybody’s guess.”

He said couples are telling him

that many weddings were canceled, postponed or even moved to other places in 2020. This year, he said re-scheduling those weddings has been hard because no one knows if guests can make the trip for out of town, and how many people will be allowed at the wedding. The other part is it has been impossible to find a venue for the reception, as most have remained closed due to the gathering limits that are in place, but are being lifted on May 29. Prior to that lifting of restrictions announcement last week, venues had no idea when they might be able to host a reception.

That, he said, has led to more postponements of nuptials in 2021, opposite what many expected.

Pastor JD Mangrum of Christ Church Charlestown said he has noticed four factors that have been involved in the decisions to delay weddings.

First and foremost, he said he has heard of many couples that got married outside or in their living rooms in 2020, with plans to celebrate this year – only to find the pandemic still at hand.

“I know a couple of folks who basically had living room ceremonies in Boston and planned a party post-pandemic – but that was 14 months ago that they got married,” he said, noting that many like them may just choose to move on with life and not have a large celebration.

A second consideration he noted was the lack of adherence to religion by younger people, who are less interested in the religious aspects of marriage and more interested in the aspect of gathering family and making memories. Without the pomp and circumstance available, he said many younger couples are willing to put it off to another time.

One major factor is the fact that many families are more spread out than they were before. Getting everyone together is more impossible than ever, he said, especially with travel restrictions for COVID.

“In the pandemic when travel was impossible, getting family in or going back to where you’re from has been tough - so I think that’s contributed to the slowdown,” he said. “People here seem to get married more in Catholic Church buildings than in the South where I was, where people got married in barns, fields, estates’ lawns, etc. I think the culture of weddings is just different in Boston.”

Finally, he said many have realized in the interim that the whole wedding industry had gotten out of hand when it came to the cost and expectations for a wedding. Like so many things, Mangrum postulated that couples are seeing their “bid day” through a new lens.

“It’s pretty outrageous what people pay now,” he said. “I think many can’t afford it or don’t want

to pay it and just keep living together. Going back to the last point, when you take out the religious motivation and add in the overpriced cost, I think a lot of folks are just saying, ‘It isn’t worth it.’”

Mangrum said he has a hunch that many couples getting married, whether religious or not, might turn back to more of the simple weddings with smaller guest lists and lower costs.

On a side note regarding the Vital Statistics from the City, far more are sticking with getting their certificates for marriage, birth and death online. Previously, online certificate applications were available, but many more chose to come into City Hall than to take care of it online. That has completely switched following the shutdowns of 2020.

More than 90 percent of all birth, death and marriage certificates were taken care of online for March 2021, which is far more than in 2019 or 2020.

For births, in March 2019, 32.9 percent were done online, while 48 percent were done online in March 2020. In March 2021, 95 percent of birth certificates were done online.

The same increases were seen for deaths and marriages as well, and it is believed that will continue well after COVID-19 is but a memory.

## CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

### Standings for the week of 5/22/2021

	W	L	T
Bryan’s Pals	4	0	1
A-1 Convenience	3	1	1
Duce 2	1	3	1
MPTA	0	4	1

### Players of the week for 5/22/2021

- A-1 Convenience - Liam Redmond, Harper G. McLaughlin
- Bryan’s Pals - Chase Anderson, Max Carroll
- Duce 2 - Skylar Falzone, Lucciano Dechiaro
- MPTA - Brock Hess, Madison Marshall

## 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.

### Burglary - Commercial

05/03/2021 – An officer responded at about 8 a.m. to a radio call for breaking and entering to the On Again Consignment at 233 Main St.

The officer spoke to the victim, who stated she had arrived at the store at 7:30 a.m. and found the door window was broken, and that someone had entered and stole merchandise and cash from inside the business.

The victim showed the officer a surveillance video showing a male suspect wearing a dark baseball cap, a light-colored face mask, a lighter-colored jacket, and dark pants enter the store at 1 a.m. and exit with the merchan-

dise approximately a minute later. Area A-1 detectives were notified and responded to process the scene.

### Sick/Injured/Medical

05/04/2021 - Upon arrival at 149 13th St. at approximately 12:30 a.m., officers observed a man with no shirt and several cuts along with bandages on both arms sitting in the main lobby. After further investigation, officers were able to ascertain the victim was having diabetic issues. Officers summoned EMS to the scene, and the victim was transported to Mass General Hospital.

### Warrant Arrest

05/06/2021 - On arrival at Main and Green streets at around 4 p.m., a witness directed police to a male suspect sitting on the steps of 2 Dexter Row.

The witness stated that she has video showing the individual stealing packages in the neighborhood. Based on the suspect’s description, police had information linking the suspect to recent package theft in the area. Officers placed suspect under arrest for receiving stolen property, drinking in public, and larceny. The suspect was transported back to the District A-1 station to be processed.

## APPRECIATION

### Remembering Kenneth Dilanian Sr.

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

On the afternoon of May 17, 2021, Kenneth (Ken) Dilanian Sr. passed away peacefully at his home on Cedar Street in Charlestown at the age of 88, just a couple of weeks before his 89th birthday. He was surrounded by his son Ken Dilanian, his daughter Jane Reitz, and all four of his grandchildren.

The youngest son of Armenians, who fled Turkey for Boston ahead of the 1915-1917 genocide, he enjoyed a childhood in the Jamaica Plain neighborhood. He rode the subway by himself at 8 years old, played stickball on the street, and regularly snuck into Fenway Park. After the games, he would put on a jacket and tie and go to the Copley Plaza Hotel to beg autographs from famous ballplayers, believing a presentable appearance would improve his chances. He remembers where he was when he heard the news that Pearl Harbor was attacked, and also waiting in line to buy a ticket to Game Six of the 1946 World Series, only to watch the curse persist as the Red Sox fell to the Cardinals. He was the first person in his family to go to college. After getting an undergraduate and law degree, he did his military service as a clerk in the Army's ceremonial Old Guard regiment, standing at attention for President Eisenhower. He used the GI bill to get an MBA.

Ken moved to Charlestown 12 years ago to live with his daughter Jane and her family after being diagnosed with a rare form of blood cancer called myelodysplastic syndrome, or MDS. At the time of his diagnosis, he was given three years to live.

Immediately from the start, Ken was welcomed in the neighborhood. He became a volunteer reader at the Warren-Prescott School, picked up his granddaughter, Emma, every day at the Good Shepherd Nursery School and walked his grandson, Charlie, to the Warren-Prescott. Every



Kenneth (Ken) Dilanian Sr.

Friday, when it was still around, he would take his grandchildren to Friendly's, and on game days, he would bring his folding chair down to the Neck or high school fields to watch them play baseball or soccer. He was grateful to be part of a warm and friendly community and cherished, what he thought, was limited time with his family. Three years turned into 12 and while doctors were flummoxed on how he was still living with this disease, he was witnessing his grandkids grow from toddlers to teenagers.

Because COVID halted all of his grandchildren's daily activities, it gave him an unexpected gift; even more time with his family. During the pandemic, he was able to sit down to family dinners and hear the daily travails of his grandchildren every evening. When professional sports returned, he would watch every Celtics and Red Sox game, often with his grandson Charlie.

While in hospice, at his home in Charlestown, one of dad's last pieces of advice to his grandchildren, "Talk is cheap, take responsibility for your actions and be there for each other."

Words that we can all find useful in life.

Ken is survived by daughter and son-in-law Jane and Allen Reitz, his son Ken Dilanian and daughter in law Cathy Yoon, his sister Grace Skogan and his four loving grandchildren, Charlie and Emma Reitz and Ken and Max Dilanian.

## National Parks to host engagement meeting on Navy Yard Master Plan

By Seth Daniel

After a few years of planning and discussions between the National Park Service, the U.S. Navy and the Constitution Museum, a master development strategy plan will be brought to the public on June 2.

National Parks of Boston Supt. Michael Creasey announced the online meeting this week, saying they are ready for community input on the plan – which seeks to

completely revamp the visitor and community experience within the Navy Yard.

"We imagine a place that welcomes people from around the corner and around the world," he wrote. "Several workshops have been held to discuss creating a world-class visitor experience, upholding a stewardship ethic that allows for the landscape to evolve and be preserved, and reimagining the Navy Yard as portal to the Harbor, the Freedom Trail, and to our community's heritage and

public space. We now invite your input on the proposed project ideas during this planning phase."

The meeting will unveil preliminary project concepts and will take input from the public on these initial ideas. A comment period on the preliminary project concepts will run from June 2 to July 1.

Register for the public meeting at [https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?jvce=spzMiH9broR0hKq07Bl5\\_19aGgZ3s](https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?jvce=spzMiH9broR0hKq07Bl5_19aGgZ3s).

## MyRWA looking for volunteers for Little Mystic Steering Committee

Staff Report

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) is looking for volunteers to become members of the Little Mystic Channel Community Steering Committee, and has a deadline of June 4 to apply for consideration.

The Mystic River Watershed Association is creating a vision for a high-quality park along Little Mystic Channel (LMC). This waterbody is a long-forgotten corner of Boston's waterfront, characterized by years of deferred maintenance and a lack of open space amenities. In partnership with the community, they hope to create a roadmap for how the waterfront open space could be enhanced to provide better opportunities for

recreation, access to nature, social gatherings and climate resiliency.

"We are partnering with the City of Boston, Boston Planning and Development Agency and Massport to bring improvements to these waterfront open spaces," MyRWA said. "This also includes coordination with PLAN: Charlestown and Climate Ready Boston Charlestown."

MyRWA said it is incredibly important for local residents and workers to be intimately involved in the planning and implementation process of the LMC Park so that values and priorities are represented within the design. The LMC Steering Committee will be responsible for leading the vision, goals and direction of the project, as well as public meeting planning,

recruitment and active participation. The LMC Steering Committee will be made up of 8-10 members from the Charlestown community. The hope is that the committee will reflect the diversity of interests, backgrounds, and ages of Charlestown residents, particularly those that are living or working near Little Mystic Channel.

Each member will receive a stipend of \$1,000 for their time and expertise, distributed in two installments. There is an option to decline stipend or donate funds to a local organization.

How to apply:

Go to the website below and fill out the application by Friday, June 4, 2021: <https://forms.gle/5tmTDsa7roNYmyaP7>. MyRWA will follow up with a short interview.

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

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

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

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



The Friends of Ryan "Duce" Morrissey Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce the recipients of the following scholarships:



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- Kaley Kyle - University of Maine, Orono - \$1,500

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- Joseph Broderick - Boston College High - \$1,000
- Austin Sa - Cambridge School of Weston - \$1,000

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## CONSTITUTION (from pg. 1)

“The crew is very excited, like me, to get to do what we love to do, and that’s being out on the ship sailing,” said 76th Commander John Benda. “That’s what sailors are born to do, and Naval officer too. We’re really good at telling the story of the USS Constitution and the legacy of it, and we’ve been very successful even in a COVID year shifting to a virtual platform with 300 virtual tours and four million views. We’re really proud of that, but what we really want to do is bring people on-board the ship to be able to touch a piece of history and really get to meet a US Navy sailor, maybe for the first time in their lives.”

The ship took its first Underway and cruised the Inner Harbor on Friday, stopping at Castle Island for a 21-gun canon salute – wow-ing many that had gathered on the waterfront to watch the spectacle. Following that, they stopped at the U.S. Coast Guard Station – where Old Ironsides was built – and fired off a 17-gun canon salute to honor the station and service members.

Once back in port, the ship was able to finally open to the public once again for live tours – the first given in-person since March 2020, when the ship closed to visitors due to COVID-19.

Benda said he was very happy to take out the ship as Commander for the first time.

“It feels really good to be out,” he said. “I had the pleasure to be second in command for a few years and took the ship out 14 times under the 75th in command. I was really excited to have the opportunity to do it last year, but the whole COVID thing happened. I’m really proud of the crew, the Constitution Museum and the Naval Heritage Command to come together and move this 224 year old historic warship through Boston Harbor safely and show it off to the American

people – then come back to the Charlestown Navy Yard to open our gates once again.”

On board during the Underway, there was a mixture of excitement amongst the sailors for being able to unfurl the sails for the first time, to practice their climbing skills up the ropes and to the loft – and simply to breath the salty air on the deck of a “moving” ship.

Halfway through the voyage, AO2 Jennifer Jordan led a group of sailors through drills with 1812 replica spears, noting the commands she used and what each meant. That is done in-person for visitors on the ship, but it has also been transferred to an online gallery for those that can’t make it to the ship – and that transition to online video coverage likely will continue beyond the COVID-19 era for the crew.

Also onboard were the 1812 Marine Guard re-enactors, many of whom hadn’t held their stations onboard the ship since 2019.

“This is my 32nd year and the hair still stands up on my neck every time we leave,” he said, as the ship began to cruise out of the Navy Yard. “It never gets old. There are a lot of Civil War re-enactors who ask why I do 1812? I always tell them it’s because I get to go out and play on this ship. It’s always been an honor and it’s great to be back.”

Said member Chris Cox, “I felt like this day would never come. It’s great to get out and do what we do rather than sit tied up for more than a year. October 2019 was the last time we were out. This ship was built to sail and not to stay in port.”

Upon return to the Navy Yard, USS Constitution reopened to the public for tours that evening. The ship has resumed public visitation, Fridays to Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The crew will continue to host a live virtual tour on Mondays at 1 p.m.



*Matt McGrath, commander of the 1812 Marine Guard re-enactors stands at attention, while Executive Officer Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Broyles tips his hat as the crew gives a 17-gun salute to the U.S. Coast Guard station, as well as the former shipyard where Constitution was built.*



*AO2 Jennifer Jordan gives commands as crew members practice with weapons.*

# HUZZAH!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO USS CONSTITUTION  
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**The Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard - [www.friendscny.org](http://www.friendscny.org)**

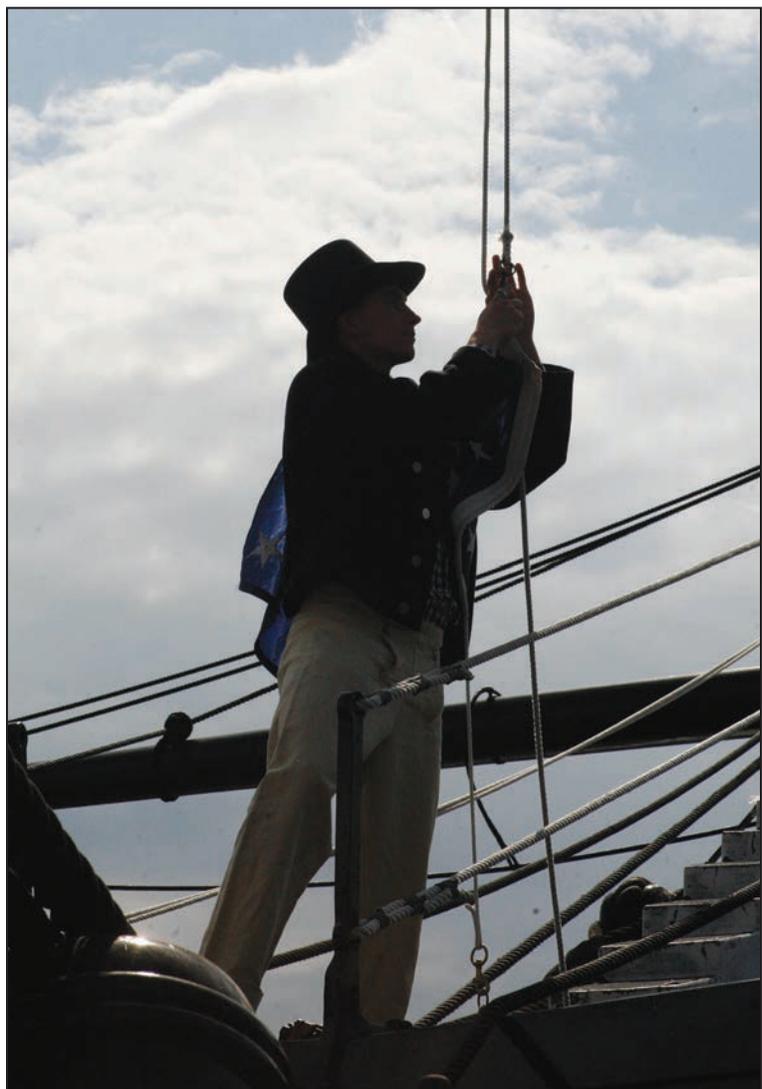




Crew members from the USS Constitution performed a 21-gun canon salute near Castle Island on Friday as the 1812 Overture played on the ship. A crowd of onlookers at gathered on the shores of Castle Island and applauded the salute.



Commander John Benda donned climbing gear and headed up the ropes to the loft of the Constitution on Friday – drawing a bit of excitement from the crew.



AN Paul Stickney takes down the ship's colors and prepares to hoist the 15-star American flag as the ship leaves the Navy Yard.



Commander John Benda raises his hat in salute to the U.S. Coast Guard Station.



Above, A prominent visitor to the Constitution last Friday was Brigadier General James Bienlin, the Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (CCDC) and the Senior Commander, Natick Soldier Systems Center. As in every Underway, there are always high-ranking military guests.



Left, Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Ryan Byrne climbs down the ropes with the City of Boston's skyline in the background.



# Congratulations to the USS Constitution for being underway!

Be sure to stop by and visit her on your next trip to The Anchor!



# Friends of City Square look to study pedestrian safety near park

By Seth Daniel

The Friends of City Square Park have landed a grant from the Charlestown Community Mitigation Fund to study pedestrian improvements that will make the park less dangerous on its edges – particularly for those trying to cross traffic from various locations to and from the park.

Earlier this Spring, the Community Fund awarded the Friends a \$20,000 grant for consultant Howard Stein Hudson to study pedestrian safety around the park – particularly in light of the

pedestrian fatality that took place on Chelsea Street earlier this year, ending in City Square.

Grace Bloodwell, governor of the Friends of City Square Park, said they have engaged the traffic engineer to come up with some solutions that will improve pedestrian safety along Chelsea Street.

“Our focus would be just on the park near Chelsea Street,” she said. “I think it would be great to also look at the crossing further up on Chelsea Street by Blackmoor. Any improvement would be great.”

She said a major concern is the

right hand turn off of the North Washington Street Bridge, which is confusing to pedestrians and drivers and is almost an invitation to get hit by a car.

“This has been on our radar because we have people and performances in the park and concerts and we see the issues,” she said. “So, we wondered what we could do to mitigate those pedestrian concerns. It really did come to the top of our list though when the gentleman got hit and killed this year. They did find him here by the Park.”

At this point, the traffic engi-

neer is looking into it, but one thing that could come out of the study is to perhaps put up some fencing to prevent people from scurrying back and forth across Chelsea Street to the businesses and playing hopscotch with oncoming traffic trying to make the stoplight. Other suggestions could be signage, or re-routing pedestrians to go under by the locks.

“I think it will be a combination of signage, re-routing pedestrians and some safety measures,” she said.

Another part of it will be hav-

ing traffic safety and crosswalk safety programming with children during any summer concerts and events that take place in City Square. With the prospect of outdoor concerts being a real possibility in June, July, August and beyond, Bloodwell said they are hoping to use the grant to bring down a Police Office or Traffic Safety Officer to run programming before the summer events that train children how to safely cross the street.

## CHELSEA STREET (from pg. 1)

ing on June 2 regarding all of the projects, but also said the connector and pedestrian safety improvements within that plan were expedited due to the fatality at 16th Street this year.

“Because of a traffic fatality there, it’s really important that gets installed as quickly as possible to ensure safe crossing for pedestrians,” he said.

The project was always part of the mitigation package, and was meant to better connect Barry Field, also known as The Oilies, to the HarborWalk on the other side of Chelsea Street. There is an existing traffic light there, but the crossing is treacherous, and a

grade change from the Oilies to the street makes it nearly impossible.

That project includes adding a stair and ramp at the grade change, upgrading the signal and enhancing the crosswalk to make a smoother connection between the two amenities. He said they hoped to gather input from the community at the meeting, use that to finalize plans and then start on July 1.

That said, the meeting will also tackle the much more ambitious plans to build out a Medford Street pedestrian and bike trail along the old railway, and also the improvements proposed at the

Little Mystic parcels.

The mitigation package was negotiated after the community demanded something more in return for the renewal of a long-term lease with MassPort for the Little Mystic parcels on Terminal Street. That lease was renewed, and it came with a robust menu of community projects MassPort agreed to fund in conjunction with the BPDA as part of the renewed lease agreement.

The meeting is scheduled online from 6-7 p.m. on June 2, with registration information to be sent out soon.

## Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER	ADDRESS	PRICE
Pardo, Stephen A	Anderson, James C	42 8th St #3526	\$875,000
Callahan, Leigh F	Oppenheimer, John	42 8th St #5402	\$542,000
Frahm, Ingrid	Bergee, Gregory	102 Baldwin St #3	\$555,000
Garvin, Brendan	Riso, Amanda	406 Bunker Hill St #4	\$542,000
Papas, Dante	Chestnut Street RT	64 Chestnut St #1	\$512,500
Frank, Adam	Follansbee, Russell S	7 Holden Row #1	\$1,377,000
Ladd, Haven F	Fisher, Linda W	52 Monument Ave #3	\$596,820
Ladd, Haven F	Fisher, Linda W	52 Monument Ave #4	\$628,180
Carroll, Alyssa	Rodney RT	19 Mystic St #3	\$475,000
Forsa, Kevin	Scorza, Paul	82 School St #3	\$1,100,000
Frank, Adam	Follansbee, Russell S	Sullivan St	\$1,377,000
Tran, Vanessa M	20 Waban Street LLC	72 Washington St #1	\$1,505,000

### CHARLESTOWN GIRLS SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Malden	6	2	0	6
Charlestown	4	4	0	4
Medford	3	4	0	3
Cambridge	2	5	0	2

TEAM	W	L	T	Pts
Charlestown	7	0	0	7
Medford Burns	6	2	0	6
Medford Taste	4	3	0	4
Somerville	1	3	0	1
Medford Vibes	1	6	0	1
Malden	1	6	0	1

#### GAMES THIS WEEK

8u Charlestown Blue Diamonds - 5/29 vs Malden Blue 9:00am	10u Charlestown Blue Diamonds 5/27 vs Medford 6:00pm
8u Charlestown Gray Diamonds - 5/29 vs Malden Gold 10:00am	6/2 @ Somerville 6:00pm
14u Charlestown Blue Diamonds 6/2 @ Medford 6:00pm	6/3 vs Somerville 6:00pm
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# Spaulding celebrates two EMTs who received statewide awards

By Seth Daniel

Two EMTs from Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital were among only a handful of EMTs statewide that were honored last week at a ceremony that was part of the state's EMT Week celebration.

Glen Timmons and Mark Davenport were awarded with the 2021 Massachusetts Star of Life awards at the state ceremony, and both work out of the Charlestown location and are value members of the staff.

Both received their awards from Dennis Cataldo, of Cataldo Ambulance, who officiated the ceremony held in Worcester last week.

Timmons has been with Spaulding Hospital Ambulance Service since 2018. From the moment he joined the organization, he continually went above and beyond to provide the highest levels of clinical care and professionalism. He is seen a leader and role model by his peers and is well

respected across the network. His decades of experience and drive to succeed made him the ideal clinician as the department began operating a mobile healthcare program as part of the COVID-19 response. Since the mobile healthcare program launched last spring, Timmons has been the primary clinical provider for the program. His clinical knowledge, dedication, and passion and commitment to the program and the patients continue to drive the program forward, advancing the care that's provided. Spaulding said Timmons has been the critical key to the success of the mobile healthcare program.

"Whether he is comforting a patient in need, helping out a staff member or advocating for what he believes in, Glen always gives it all he has," read a statement from the hospital. "We are extremely grateful to have him as part of the team and are proud to call Glen Timmons our 2021 Massachusetts Star of Life."

Davenport has been with

Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Ambulance Service since 2016. He brings an energy and drive with him every day that is unmatched. Davenport is continually looking for opportunities to improve himself and his knowledge, his clinical skills and his ability to provide outstanding patient care. It was his energy and drive to succeed that made him a natural choice to help the department in its COVID-19 response. As the network was preparing to begin receiving COVID patients that were in need of post-acute care, the department needed to develop policies and practices that kept provider safety at the forefront without compromising the ability to care for patients. Davenport helped to develop all safety protocols and train all department staff. During the COVID pandemic, he served as the Safety Officer and made it his personal goal to keep staff safe. The safety program that he developed went far beyond the written procedures and created an environment where the EMTs

and Paramedics that were transporting COVID patients felt safe and secure.

"In the early days of the pandemic response, Mark's efforts and work in developing and implementing our safety program, helped reduce provider stress and anxiety, allowing them to focus

on patient care while knowing that he had their back and was watching out for them," read a statement from the hospital. "We thank Mark for his dedication and commitment to keeping our crews safe and are proud to call Mark Davenport our 2021 Massachusetts Star of Life."



Glen Timmons, a Spaulding EMT, was awarded the Massachusetts Star of Life award from Dennis Cataldo last week as part of EMT Week.

## BHCC awarded \$100,000 Cummings Grant

Staff Report

The Bunker Hill Community College Foundation, Inc. is one of 140 local nonprofits to receive grants through Cummings Foundation's \$25 Million Grant Program. Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) was chosen from a total of 590 applicants during a competitive review process. It will receive \$100,000 over the next two years.

BHCC will use the funding to contribute to a just and equitable post-pandemic economic recovery in Massachusetts through a Rapid Recovery and Reemployment (R3) Program that will allow students to study over a shorter period, develop skills in a field, and earn an industry-recognized credential, which makes them employable quicker.

The R3 Program at BHCC is a unique initiative that allows students or community members impacted by the COVID-19 economic downturn to get back in the game with financially supported training. An Employment Placement Specialist will lead this program, and eligible participants will have access to full tuition and materials scholarships, as well as a stipend for successful attendance and completion. Students who are unemployed or demonstrate financial need will be considered first.

"With this generous support, we can meet urgent workforce needs by placing trained individuals with local employers in the diverse communities we serve. It is a win-win for students and the local economy," said Dean of Workforce and Economic Development, Kristen McKenna.

The Cummings \$25 Million Grant Program supports Massachusetts nonprofits based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties.

Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate, Cummings Properties. This Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 10 million square feet of debt-free space, most of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

"We aim to help meet the needs of people in all segments of our local community," said Cummings Foundation executive director Joel Swets. "It is the incredible organizations we fund, however, that do the actual daily work to empower our neighbors, educate our children, fight for equity, and so much more."

With the help of about 80 volunteers, the Cummings Foundation first identified 140 organizations to receive grants of

at least \$100,000 each. Among the winners were first-time recipients as well as nonprofits that had previously received Cummings Foundation Grants. Bunker Hill Community College Foundation received another grant from the Cummings Foundation in 2017 to support the C-Town Business Pathways program.

"We have adopted a democratic approach to philanthropy, which empowers an impressive roster of dedicated volunteers to decide more than half of our entire grant winners each year," said Swets. "We benefit from their diverse backgrounds and perspectives; they benefit from a meaningful and fulfilling experience, and the nonprofits often benefit from increased exposure and new advocates."

This year's grant recipients represent a wide variety of causes, including social justice, homelessness prevention, affordable housing, education, violence prevention, and food insecurity. The nonprofits are spread across 43 different cities and towns.

The complete list of 140 grant winners, plus more than 800 previous recipients, is available at [www.CummingsFoundation.org](http://www.CummingsFoundation.org). Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$300 million to Greater Boston nonprofits.



Mark Davenport, also a Spaulding EMT, was praised for taking on the role of Safety Officer for staff at the Spaulding during the height of COVID patient care. He is seen accepting the 2021 Massachusetts Star of Life award from Dennis Cataldo.



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# Kenneth R. White named Dean of School of Nursing at MGH Institute

Staff Report

Kenneth R. White, PhD, APRN, FACHE, FAAN, has been appointed Dean of the School of Nursing at MGH Institute of Health Professions in Charlestown.

Dr. White, who recently completed service as the Associate Dean for Strategic Partnerships in the School of Nursing and Endowed Professor of Nursing at the University of Virginia and where he continues in that affiliation as an emeritus professor, will begin his new role at the MGH Institute on July 1, 2021.

“Dr. White brings a wealth of academic, health care, and administrative experience to the role,” said Alex F. Johnson, PhD, CCC-SLP, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at the MGH Institute. “We look forward to having him join us in leading our School of Nursing in its next chapter.”

While at UVA, Dr. White also held joint appointments at the Darden School of Business, the McIntire School of Commerce, and the School of Medicine. He also maintained a clinical practice as a palliative care nurse practitioner at UVA Medical Center. Earlier in his career, he was an executive with the Mercy Health System, an international provider of health care, where he led the civilian hospital on Guam and served in various administrative roles with Mercy Health Center in Oklahoma City.



Photo by Dan Addison.

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From 1993-2013, Dr. White was a professor and directed the graduate programs in health administration at Virginia Commonwealth University. He also held the inaugural Sentara Professorship in Health Administration until his transition to UVA in 2013. He has completed visiting professorships at the Luiss Business School in Rome and at the Swiss School of Public Health. He also has completed consultancies in the Republic of Kazakhstan, Guam, Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

Dr. White’s scholarly work is extensive. He has published many refereed articles as well as chap-

ters and texts on several areas important to the practice of nursing including: intensive, hospice and palliative care; nursing innovation and entrepreneurship; the evolution of Catholic health systems; access to health care for vulnerable populations; and many areas of hospital leadership and management. He is widely known for his award-winning text, *The Well-Managed Healthcare Organization*, published by Health Administration Press which now is in its 9th edition. In 2019, he received the American College of Healthcare Executives Gold Medal Award, its highest award for lifetime contributions to health and health care leadership.

Dr. White received his BSN, MSN, and PhD degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University. He also holds a Master of Public Health degree in health administration from the University of Oklahoma and a Post-MS Certificate as an Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. In his work as a certified nurse practitioner, he also holds specialty certification in hospice and palliative care.

Dr. White was inducted as a Fellow in both the American Academy of Nursing and the American College of Healthcare Executives. Later this year, he will begin a two-year term as the President of the American Academy of Nursing, an organization with which he has been actively involved for years.

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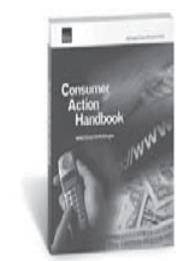
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# U.S. Secretary of State Blinken to be the keynote speaker at BHCC Commencement

U.S. Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken will be the keynote speaker at Bunker Hill Community College's (BHCC) 47th Commencement exercises in a virtual celebration on May 27 at 6 p.m.

"We are honored to have Secretary Blinken as this year's Commencement speaker," said

BHCC President Pam Eddinger. "His commitment to fight for the interests and values of the American people and his insistence on equity and opportunity speaks to the very heart of Bunker Hill Community College".

In addition to serving in President Biden's administration, Blinken served in the Obama and

Clinton administrations spanning over three decades, shaping U.S. foreign policy. Blinken is a graduate of Harvard College and Columbia Law School.

The virtual ceremony will include remarks from Massachusetts Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Carlos Santiago, Board of Trustees Chair

William Walczak, President Dr. Pam Eddinger, Provost Dr. Jim Canniff, Student Government Association President David Ernesto Kim Brady, and other special guests.

BHCC Deans will be reading the names of graduates in each of their divisions. There will be a special recognition to nine early

college graduates who will receive their associate's degree and high school diploma consecutively.

This celebration is open to the public and will be streamed on YouTube and Facebook Live. Learn more, including links to the event at bhcc.edu/commencement

## Boston Firefighters endorse Essaibi George for mayor

Staff Report

On Monday, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 718 unanimously endorsed At-Large City Councilor Annisssa Essaibi George in her candidacy for Mayor of Boston citing her unwavering support for Boston's first responders.

"Boston's firefighters are proud to endorse Annisssa Essaibi George for Mayor of Boston," said John Soares, IAFF Local 718 President. "Since her early days on the Boston City Council, she has demonstrated her unwavering commitment and support for Boston's first responders. From showing up at our firehouses with coffee, to picking up the phone to check in on our brave men and women, to advocating for investments in our health and safety, she has our backs and we have unanimously voted to have hers in this race."

Said Essaibi George, "Our firefighters are a constant source of inspiration and pride to our city," said Essaibi George. "As a little girl, my family home caught on fire, but we all made it out safely thanks to Boston's brave firefighters. It's no surprise that I hold a special place in my heart for them. Their sacrifices and bravery keep our city and its residents safe. I'm honored to have their support."

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# NYGA launches Friends group

Staff Report

The Navy Yard Garden Association (NYGA) is forming a Friends group to support its work to invigorate plantings in Shipyard Park, restore waterfront gardens, promote public art, and offer free programming throughout the Navy Yard.

Established in 2017, NYGA is an independent volunteer Section 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to revitalizing and enhancing public open spaces within the Charlestown Navy Yard, including Shipyard Park, through planning, design, programming, and implementation for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

While Covid-19 caused health and safety restrictions on normal life, many of us have been fortunate to access nature's beauty and healing freshness outdoors in our shared backyard here in the Navy Yard.

The unique waterfront location invites us daily to walk, jog, bicycle and push strollers alongside our historic harbor. Shipyard Park continuously welcomes small gatherings of friends and family at its picnic tables, benches and Adirondack chairs. Some of us photograph the Yard's glorious sunrises and sunsets, participate in outdoor book club meetings, and Zumba dance near the park fountain... and, amazingly, all while masked and maintaining six feet of social distance!

Despite the pandemic's challenges, in the past year NYGA volunteers were able to partner with the National Park Service (NPS) to plant annuals at the Commandant's House and over 600 daffodil bulbs in NPS planters and Shipyard Park. In partnership also with the Friends of Boston Harbor Now (FBHN) NYGA volunteers planted perennials at the Korean War Veterans' Memorial.

The Navy Yard Garden Instagram account grew to more than 1300 followers, NYGA improved lighting at the Shipyard Park amphitheater, and installed 24 white Adirondack chairs for public use on the Shipyard Park lawn facing the City of Boston skyline. Residents and visitors continue to enjoy the family friendly outdoor WOW wind sculpture exhibit that consists of 32 kinetic metal sculptures by Lyman Whitaker and organized by the Navy Yard Garden Association.

We invite everyone to join these efforts and become a NYGA Friend today. The rates are \$25 for individuals and \$50 for households. Payment may be made by check, PayPal or credit card at [www.navyyardgarden.org/friends](http://www.navyyardgarden.org/friends). Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent granted by law. For further information please email [info@navyyardgarden.org](mailto:info@navyyardgarden.org).

# Essem Art Studio re-opens for in-person summer programs

Staff Report

After closing its studio doors to in-person events back in March 2020 and quickly pivoting to virtual programming, Essem Art Studio is reopening for in-person summer programs this coming June. Essem will be hosting weekly Art Labs for little artists ages 2-4.5 years old; and 3-day minicamps, for artists ages 5-10 years old. Minicamps run for ten consecutive weeks and families can opt in to one (or more) minicamps around their summer plans.

The first 3-Day Minicamps kicks off on June 22-24 with the theme, Sweet Treats. Each week will feature a fun and engaging theme like, All About Me, Butterfly Garden, Cityscapes, and Magical Creatures. The minicamps will run weekly from Tuesday through Thursday, from

9am – Noon. Artists, ages 5-10 years old, will explore different mediums and various processes to create fun arts and crafts within the weekly themes.

Chief JoyMaker, Sophia Moon says, "We are super excited to be back in person and can't wait to [safely] create with our artist friends again."

Essem Art Studio's mission is to spark joy and to cultivate creative confidence through art explorations. To that end, Essem will also resume hosting adult art nights, private play dates, workshops, and private art parties.

For more info on Summer 2021 Program and to register your young artists, please visit: <https://essemartstudio.com/summer-2021-programs/>

If you have any questions, please contact Sophia Moon at [hello@essemartstudio.com](mailto:hello@essemartstudio.com).

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## For the Record

WARREN PRESCOTT SCHOOL  
May 31 - Memorial Day : No School  
June 9 - Site Council Meeting @ 5:30

p.m.

June 17 - Early Release

June 18 - Last Day: Early Release

CITY COUNCIL BUDGET  
HEARINGS FOR THE WEEK:

•May 27, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budget for the Fire Department.

•June 3, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budget for the Department of Innovation and Technology.

\*6 p.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is public testimony on any aspect of the FY22 Budget.

From the March 26 License Board hearing, online:

•BLACK OWL, LLC; D/B/A: BLACK OWL, 1 SIXTH St. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day Wines and Malt Beverages License has petitioned to change the classification of its license to Wines Malt Beverages and

Liqueurs. Secondly, has petitioned to change the d/b/a of the licensed business – From: Black Owl To: Dovetail. Thirdly, has petitioned to change the Officers/Directors. Lastly has petitioned for a change of Officers/Directors and Ownership Interest.

National Park Service Navy Yard Civic Engagement meeting, June 2, 6:30 p.m.

Over the last several years, the National Park Service (NPS), U.S. Navy and the USS Constitution Museum have been working to develop a master development strategy that aims to transform the National Park area of the Charlestown Navy Yard. We imagine a place that welcomes people from around the corner and around the world. Several workshops have been held to discuss creating a world-class visitor experience, upholding a stewardship ethic that allows for the landscape to evolve and be preserved, and reimagining the Navy Yard as portal to the Harbor, the Freedom Trail, and to our community's heritage and public space. We now invite your input on the proposed project ideas during this planning phase.

The NPS will be accepting comments on the preliminary project concepts from June 2 through July 1.

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Garden Tour of Historic Charlestown - Come and explore 10 gardens on Saturday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nestled behind stately brick facades and tidy clapboard homes, these gardens are hidden oases of beauty and calm. The tour starts at Gardens for Charlestown (499 Main Street), where one will pick up the guidebook. Tour tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 day of the event. Raffle. The Gardens have several amazing prizes to raffle off the day of the Garden Tour. Learn more and purchase raffle tickets online at the website. Raffle tickets are \$1.

PLAN Charlestown upcoming meetings and workshops:

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

At these workshops, we will dive deeper in conversations about the future priorities and needs for these areas, as well as shaping future investments in these areas. In the coming weeks, you will be able to sign up and find more information about these workshops.

•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.

# Council votes unanimously to urge Congress to pass carbon dividend bill

Staff Report

The Boston City Council unanimously voted on Wednesday, May 12, to pass a Resolution Urging Congress to Enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 2307. Boston joins 136 other local governments who endorse the legislation, including Los Angeles County, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Miami, Pittsburgh, and New Haven, CT. The resolution was introduced by Lydia Edwards of East Boston and Matt O'Malley of West Roxbury.

"This urges Congress to move and to help us become more carbon net neutral, and also put money in the pockets of Americans. I think it's something that we can all agree: that we need more of both," said Councilor Edwards as she introduced the resolution.

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 2307, would establish a Carbon Dividend Trust Fund that would send equal per capita payments monthly to every American. The dividends would be funded by a steadily rising fee on fossil fuels based on the amount of polluting greenhouse gases emitted when burned. Studies show that 95% of the poorest 40% of American households would receive more than they could face in increased energy costs, and 68% of all U.S. households would come out ahead.

The carbon fee would send a clear predictable signal to capital markets and businesses, spurring American innovation in energy and transportation. The plan is predicted to decrease emissions by 30% in the first five years, and

put the United States on track to meet its Paris Agreement commitment of net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Decreased emissions as projected in the bill would improve health, especially those most burdened by air pollution currently. It is estimated it will save 4.5 million American lives over the next 50 years.

"I am delighted that the city council is supporting this bill, making decisions geared towards protecting the environment and improving the long term health of Bostonians," said Matt Lok, Citizens' Climate Lobby volunteer from Brighton.

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act was first introduced in the 115th congress by bipartisan groups in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Reintroduced in the 116th congress, it gained 86 cosponsors in the House. The current version of the bill was introduced last month with more original cosponsors than any other carbon pricing bill has achieved. As of May 14 it has 56 cosponsors, including Seth Moulton of Massachusetts District 6 and Jake Auchincloss of District 4.

Councilor O'Malley emphasized, "As I have said time and time again, every fiscal conservative ought to be an environmentalist, because this is just another example where doing the right thing for the planet will also help benefit the economy."



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