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Photo by Seth Daniel

Charlestown sports legend Patty Suprey had a special day on Saturday in the gym at Charlestown High School, where in 1980 before a packed house, she became the first girls in the history of Boston Public Schools to score 1,000 points in her career. Suprey, an excellent athlete all-around, was known to be not just a great scorer, but a great passer and teammate. However, her banner denoting the achievement had been taken down years ago and never put back up. After more than a decade of trying to get it back on the wall, last Saturday a new banner was hung on the wall and her retired jersey framed and placed on the wall. She is pictured here spinning the ball that she used to break the record (with a free throw at the south end of the gym), and with her sisters who were also great players. (L-R) Paula Suprey Rose, Patty Suprey and Peggy Suprey.



At long last, Charlestown's basketball legend gets her day

By Seth Daniel

Standing in the Charlestown High School gym, Charlestown's Patty Suprey could almost hear the sound of the wall-to-wall crowd on that January night in 1980. She could put her feet on the free throw line where she stood and shot the memorable free throw that made her the first girl in Boston Public Schools history to

score 1,000 points in a career.

She could even relive the memory with her sisters, one of whom was on the team, and the many Townies in the community that remember her winning jump shot and remarkable passing ability.

However, on the wall next to the other 1,000-point scorers from more recent history – there was no recognition for more than a decade of Suprey's amazing

achievement during a time when women's sports weren't as celebrated, but especially, during the turbulent times of forced busing in BPS.

No banner had ever been put up for her back after the event, which was witnessed by hundreds and denoted in many newspapers in Boston. Later in the 1990s,

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Two School Committee members resign after racially charged texts come to light

By Seth Daniel

Two Boston School Committee members, including Chair Alexandra Oliver-Davila, have resigned this week suddenly amidst the unexpected release of text messages that were disparaging to white people – particularly to white parents from West Roxbury.

Chair Oliver-Davila resigned on Tuesday, and Member Lorna Rivera – a professor at UMass-Boston – resigned on June 4. The disparaging text messages were part of a group of messages that were exchanged between members of the Committee during a marathon October 2020 meeting where the Committee voted in a temporary process for admission to the City's three Exam Schools. It was a highly charged and controversial meeting, one where comments derogatory to Asian people were made in a "hot mic" moment by former Chair Michael Loconto. Those comments forced him to

have to resign then, and other text messages were revealed also. However, the texts about "Westie Whites" between Oliver-Davila and Rivera weren't included in that batch, but seemingly were withheld by the City – something that is still being debated. When they were finally released on Sunday, it was a new revelation from a contentious meeting whose repercussions seemingly have no end.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey said she respected the decision of them to resign, but indicated it left a void of Latina leadership on the Committee.

"I respect and support the decisions of Alexandra Oliver-Davila and Dr. Lorna Rivera to resign as members of the Boston School Committee," she said. "Ms. Oliver-Davila and Dr. Rivera have been dedicated stewards of the committee and passionate advocates for Boston families. Their pri

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Bunker Hill Monument Association schedules official ceremony for June 17

Staff Report

Monument Association President Arthur Hurley reported that while the Battle of Bunker Hill Day Parade has been postponed this year, the official exercises commemorating the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17 are planned to take place as usual.

The official commemoration was cancelled last year due to COVID-19, but will return now in 2021.

Hurley said the 246-year anniversary of the Battle will take place on June 17 starting with an Ecumenical Service at St. Francis de Sales Church at 10 a.m.

A process will then move down Bunker Hill Street and to the Bunker Hill Monument at 10:45 a.m. for the annual Commemoration and Patriotic Exercises at the base of the Bunker Hill Monument starting at 11 a.m.

After an hour-long program of commemoration, the annual Meeting of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, with lunch, will take place at the First Church of Charlestown, 10 Green St.

Hurley said all are grateful for the return of the exercises and other services around what is a particularly sacred day in Charlestown – June 17.

EDITORIAL

HAS AMERICA GONE FROM ON THE BRINK TO OVER THE EDGE?

With Americans emerging cicada-like from the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, one would think that this would be a time of joy as we resume participating in all of the things that make life worth living.

But rather than embracing in a positive way our newly-rediscovered freedom after 15 months of restrictions, it would seem as though we have lost our collective minds.

Fights and other outbreaks of violence, once rare in our airports and on airplanes, have become so commonplace and dangerous that two airlines, American and Southwest, have decided to halt all sales of alcohol until September.

Mass shootings are more prevalent than ever all across the country thanks to the easy access to high-powered weaponry in many states.

Drug overdose deaths soared in 2020 to record heights and show no sign of abating.

Random hate crimes, especially toward the AAPI and Jewish communities, have soared in the past year.

Our political discourse has not been this divisive since 1861, when the Confederates fired on Ft. Sumter to start the Civil War.

We finally can travel, but who wants to venture to our usual getaway destinations (especially cruise ships with unvaccinated passengers) along with the hordes of other travelers who have the same idea? It's one thing for airports and flights to be jammed, but the crowds will be huge wherever we might want to go, which only will exacerbate the new epidemic of short-temperedness that seems to be infecting our present emotional state.

Here's our theory to explain the sudden surge in the general level of unruliness among our nation's population: After 15 months of being told what to do, some people feel as though they now are entitled to do as they please with no regard for the basic rules of civility that allow us to coexist peacefully.

It's as though some Americans, in their eagerness to make up for 15 months of lost time, have forgotten how to be polite and respectful of others.

The Orange County District Attorney, speaking at a press conference about the arrests of the two suspects accused in the tragic shooting death of the six year-old boy in a road rage incident on a California freeway, put it succinctly when he stated, "...how quickly we get out of control today and take actions against others....without assuming any personal responsibility."

We may be getting COVID-19 under control, but we are failing at being in control of ourselves.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REMEMBER OUR HISTORY

To the Editor,

The Battlefield of June 17th 1775, is not lost to the Historians of Charlestown, NPS or National Military historians. It is the "First Continental Army" Veterans Memorial Battlefield of our Nation. Charlestown Residents live in the shadow of Daily Markers, Memorials and Remembrances of the events of the June 17th Battlefield. Since before the First Nationally known Memorial Day, Decoration Day of the 1860's, Charlestown residents, held the First Formal Veteran's Battlefield Memorials, across all "Bunker Hill Heights" since 1789. Maps in the Library of Congress attest to History of this First National Conflict for American Freedoms..

It is time for the CNC, and all Charlestown residents to finally establish a "Charlestown Heights" National Historic Battlefield District-Landmarks Study Commission" for a "First Army" June 14th and June 17th, 2025, Anniversary of the Battlefield. In 2018, the CNC began the process for such a Commemoration for a "Battlefield District" for all "Charlestown Heights", under numerous Massachusetts Historic Preservation laws. The BRA-BPDA may have forgotten to file a Historic Battlefield Preservation report with the Boston landmarks Commission in the BHA Permit process and the BLC may have Forgotten to file that Battlefield "Open Green Space" resources report with the National Parks ABPP for the Public reuse of the Open "Battlefield" Green Space of June 17th, but the residents of "Charlestown Heights" will not, once again lose or forget the sacrifice of the First Veterans, of the First Army, of the First Battlefield, of June 17th 2025 anniversary. Under New Federal and Recent CPA Historic Preservation laws of the last 25 years, the Lost Battlefield and Lost Village of "Charlestown Heights", will be found, intact, united again as a National Historic District.

This Memorial Day, remember the National American Memorial Day of May 30th or 31st, but do not forget the First American Army Formation of June 14th on the Battlefield of June 17th 1775. The City of Boston, BLC has never

declared this Historic Battlefield of June 17th as a National Historic Battlefield District, since 1975, or as a Boston Landmarks Historic District since BLC formation. Of the Nine Historic Districts of Boston, this whole Battlefield district, June 17th, is Not LOST and will Not be Forgotten by all Charlestown Residents.

The Final Building Plans and Land use permits have been granted to the BHA redevelopment, all completed, by the BRA without any Historic Battlefield research studies. The BRA considers, a Charlestown Battlefield, Lost and Forgotten by the City of Boston and some Residents of Charlestown. No BHA Historic Site research studies, No Archaeological research plans, authorized. No ABPP report, enabled by federal legislation in 1996. No Historic Resources Preservation Plan approved by the City of Boston Civic Design Professionals. Even under CPA, 2016 Community Preservation Legislation, voted by Boston Citizens, No Environmental Preservation was ever considered for this part of the Original Battlefield "Open Space" for the "Freedom Trail" Travelers. Such Preservation plans, reports and surveys are a required component of any Public Building Permit Plan Process under CPA, The BRA-BPDA, never acted, never concerned.

Studies, especially for Historic Resources Public Open Space grounds, for BHA Public use Facilities, a "Battlefield Green" Historic resources Preservation Plan Study, was never completed or invoked by this BHA process, as part of the Public Record. Where is the ABPP-NPS studies? Where are our Political Leaders? A CNC, Charlestown Resident landmarks Commission with National Battlefield advisors, can restore the Balance of Housing and History on this site. Is a Beacon Hill Historic District, more Qualified than a Bunker Hill Battlefield Historic District for the City of Boston? The Battlefield of June 17th should have been the first Historic District, not the last Historic District, to be considered by MHC, since 1975 laws were established, for Boston

In this rush to approve BRA-BPDA Experimental Public Housing Planning, our Political, Cultural and Historical MHC

Leaders have forgotten to properly study and honorably recollect this Historic National Battlefield with every respect and Honor due to those who died and were buried in rough graves on this exact site, many in graves beneath our very homes. A Visit to the BH Monument will fully describe the overwhelming involvement of the WHOLE Battlefield of "Charlestown Heights", Naval and Field movements across all "Charlestown Heights" Peninsula, including the "Lost Village" Battlements.

It is time to begin the Formal Process, before the 2025 anniversary, and establish the Whole Charlestown Heights National Historic Battlefield District, including the Lost Village and First British advance, now BHA Housing Development, into One Historic Charlestown landmarks District Commission under the CNC. It is time, to make "One Charlestown", "One Historic National Battlefield Landmarks District", for the future.

Write the CNC, P.O. Box 397, Charlestown, MA 02129. If you think, after 75 years of Lost Historic Preservation Laws, by the BRA and City of Boston BLC, that it is time to support and reestablish this Lost opportunity for a Resident "Charlestown Heights" Battlefield Landmarks District Commission, for Charlestown, by the CNC, for 2025.

If the City of Boston has Forgotten ALL this Historic Battle ground, since 1975, If the "City of Boston, BPDA will not act with honor and proper application, Charlestown Residents need to act and continue the Historic "Armed Forces Memorial" Preservation process for the future of this First Army Battlefield, Historic District, "Lest We Forget" the Battlefield, we sleep upon, for our Freedoms.

Don Haska

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

To the Editor,

Pier 5, the Head of Boston Harbor is the last open public waterfront destination along the Harborwalk. Many in the community are advocating that Pier 5 is developed into a much needed public greenspace, a living shoreline, a climate resiliency water-

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GUEST OP-ED

Boston needs more affordable, affordable housing

By Councilor Annessa Essaibi George

Right now, Boston's residents are struggling to pay rent, our families can't find or afford stable housing, and too many individuals are experiencing chronic homelessness. The past year has only emphasized these realities and the effects will last long after the pandemic.

Affordability and accessibility of both rental units and homes for sale is key for a thriving city. We need to ensure that everyone who wants to call Boston home has the opportunity, option and a pathway to ownership to do so. We can start by building more housing and ensuring what we build is actually affordable for Boston's residents.

Our housing stock must also be a reflection of the needs of those

who call this city home. That's why I've called for a hearing on our City's existing residential unit diversity, so we can understand what units we have and what units we need to equitably house our residents and more proactively shape an inclusive and thriving city. We need to see what's out there and then act accordingly. We need to plan, then build for the realities of our residents.

Much of our focus should be on creating housing for the many residents and families that don't qualify for subsidized housing, but still cannot afford to pay market rate. This large gap is causing low to middle income families to fall through the cracks. We need affordable, multi-bedroom housing for our families and we need to push developers to build it. We must also look into amending and updating HUD's Area Median

Income (AMI) standard for the city. The formula does not reflect the income of the many residents who need more affordable housing.

For those who do qualify for subsidized housing, the housing voucher allocation processes are not consistent and the number of available vouchers varies dramatically year to year. As Mayor, I will push for dedicated investments in public housing and extremely low-income housing and improve measures to prevent race-based and income-based voucher discriminatory behavior.

Housing production should also provide our residents more opportunities for home ownership. In order to address the affordable housing crisis and the racial wealth gap, we need to make sure our investments in affordable rental units and home-

ownership units are aligned. Many of the residents in our City-funded rental units are paying about 70% of AMI, which equates to \$1,400 a month for a one bedroom unit. If they are able to pay that much in rent, they can also afford and sustain a monthly mortgage of the same amount—we just have to make home ownership accessible!

The City also has to invest more in our first time homebuyers program, which not only prepares first time home buyers looking to purchase their first homes, but also offers residents, many of whom would not be able to otherwise, the opportunity to purchase a home by qualifying to make a below average down payment upon purchase and lower monthly mortgage rates.

Finally, more must be done to encourage the creation of more senior-specific housing and ensure

that those who have made Boston their home can stay here. We must support our seniors to age in the community they call home by creating more secure and accessible affordable housing options, including housing for older residents who identify as LGBTQIA+ or older residents with disabilities.

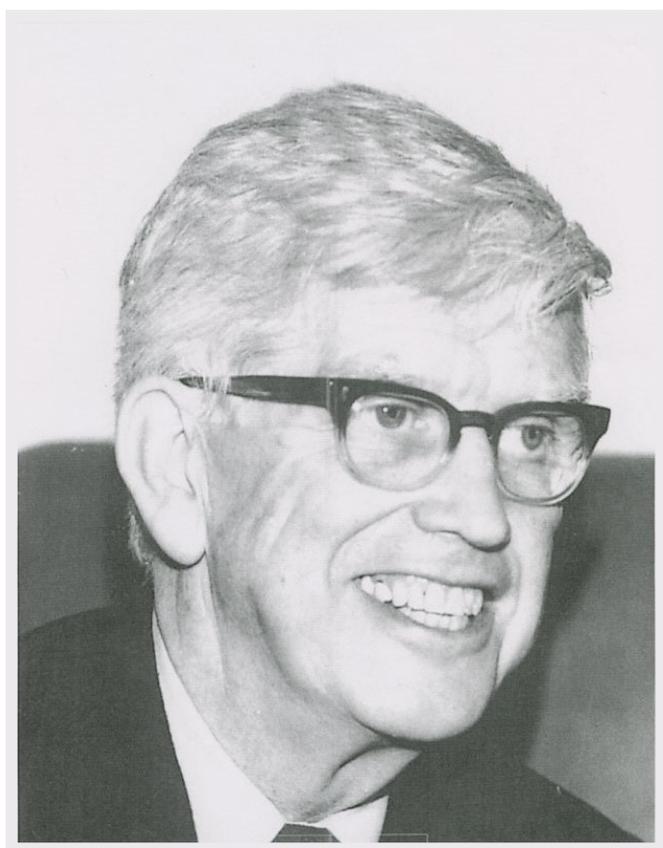
I was born and raised in Boston. I feel so fortunate that my parents were able to settle here and make this city my family's home. I'm proud to raise my children here. I want that for all of Boston's families and anyone else that loves Boston enough to choose it over any place else in this world. As Mayor, I'll work relentlessly to make this happen.

Annessa Essaibi George, is a City Councilor, At-Large and a candidate for mayor.

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Bunker Hill Associates announce mega raffle to fund community grants

Staff Report

By now, the Bunker Hill Associates would be head-on into

Charlestown Pride Week with Peter Looney Night, the CHAD March and lively Bunker Hill Family Feud events underway or on the way,

but for the second year in row, COVID-19 has put a damper on the best two weeks of the year in Charlestown, but the Associates

are ramping up a fun, fundraising activity this week.

Associates member Jimmy Lister Jr. said they have launched the 2021 Mega Raffle this week on the RallyUp website, and are poised to give away \$4,000 in prizes at an online drawing June 13. It is a similar system used for the very successful fundraising effort last year that helped provide funds for seniors in need of food, and also support local restaurants.

Now, having exhausted a lot of resources on keeping people with the life basics over the last year, the Associates are pivoting back to their mission of providing community grants and help for young people – but that’s going to take some fundraising.

“Last year we pivoted from our traditional mission of community programming to feed those deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Lister. “We’re now trying to find new ways of fundraising to get back to our mission of programming for Charlestown. Last year, our budget – we blew it out to make sure we touched all the bases in Town and helped people who needed it the most.”

Some of the things they are looking to fundraise for in 2021 include:

citizens

- Back to school ready packs for Charlestown Children
- Funding for the local food pantry
- Free lifeguard courses at the YMCA Charlestown
- Senior citizen and teen mentoring program
- Holiday care packages for seniors and shut-ins
- Gift cards to feed the less fortunate during the holidays
- Luncheons and celebrations to promote community service

Lister said they have assembled more than \$4,000 in prizes as part of the raffle, and those prizes include:

- Peloton Exercise Bike (\$2045 Value)
- Two night stay in Cape Neddick at the Cliff House in Maine (\$1,000 Value)
- Free entries to all 2021 Bunker Hill Associate Events (\$650 Value)
- \$800 Charlestown Restaurant Package.

Entries can be purchased by following this link:

<https://go.rallyup.com/bunker-hillraffle>

The drawing will take place on Sunday, June 13, so time is of the essence to purchase entries in the raffle.

HAPPY BUNKER HILL DAY

JON SPILLANE

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE



Looking forward to seeing you on the campaign trail this summer!

I'm running to ensure that we fully recover from COVID-19, and can enjoy Bunker Hill Day in person next year! As a lifelong Bostonian, I know that a real recovery is going to take all of us. Our City needs advocates and policy-makers who have been on the front lines facing Boston's toughest problems.

I worked to address Boston's housing crisis as part of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), helping to create over 1,000 affordable housing units across the City. As a senior staffer for City Councilor Kenzie Bok, I helped manage one of the toughest city budgets in recent memory and provided constituent services for residents and businesses affected by COVID-19.

To learn more and get involved, please visit JonForBoston.com.

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Happy Bunker Hill Day!



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General Warren Toast a fun tradition that continues

By Seth Daniel

back, Ryan and Coots concocted to make it an official toast to Warren's birthday.

"That was around 2010 when they were taking away Bunker Hill Day as a state holiday and so everyone was into the history at the time," said Ryan. "We were talking about General Warren and his birthday and soon enough we were talking about doing an event. We made it a fun event during Charlestown Pride Week and I sponsored it after I was elected in 2015. It actually started

a few years before that. We think we did it every year, but we've kept it going at least 10 years."

This year, June 11, at 6 p.m. the Charlestown Militia will appear at the Warren Tavern, dressed to fight, for the annual toast to Dr. Gen. Joseph Warren. There is plenty of merriment and a quick history lesson from Coots as well.

"It's really something for the

militia, a than you to them for all that they do throughout the year for the community," said Ryan.

"The toast itself is a very simple toast to Joseph Warren and the militia is always on hand and it's been that way for several years. One of the first years we did it, there was a family of tourists from Wisconsin there and they thought it was the best thing ever.

It's a fun night and it's become my favorite night of Charlestown Pride Week."

Ryan said they have kept it simple over the years, but he said there has been talk of expanding it in a sense. Apparently, there are 12 counties throughout the United States - in places like Ohio

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Happy Bunker Hill Day!



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STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAN RYAN

Fog On The Hill

General Gage Here We Are Come Get Us
The Battle of Bunker Hill



By Marc Stockwell-Moniz

On the morning of June 17, 1775, the fog was slowly lifting over the small village of Charlestown, Massachusetts. Tragically, a more ominous and metaphorical type of fog quickly descended upon the Charlestown Peninsula. It followed angry American patriots and their wrathful British enemies. This fog was the omnipresent fog of war. It would dictate the chaotic fighting by the combatants during the legendary Battle of Bunker Hill. In his book, *Fog On The Hill*, author Marc Stockwell-Moniz guides the reader into the bedlam of this renowned battle. He details the utter confusion which surrounded both the Americans and the British and explains the de facto political recognition by the British toward the freely elected Massachusetts Provincial Congress. Also highlighted in *Fog On The Hill* are First Nation Americans and African-Americans, along with an updated American death count from the legendary battle.

HAPPY BUNKER HILL DAY!

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Author Marc Stockwell-Moniz is a fourteenth-generation American. Marc was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1954. He was graduated from San Diego State in 1978 with a degree in journalism. His ancestors were among the group of settlers who received the charter from King Charles to establish the Massachusetts Bay Colony. They founded Charlestown, Massachusetts in 1628. Several of Marc's ancestors fought in the American Revolutionary War under the command of General Artemus Ward and later General George Washington. Marc is a member of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Union Veterans. He lives in San Diego County, Ca. with his family.
Available on Amazon at: *Fog On The Hill: General Gage Here We Are Come Get Us - The Battle Of Bunker Hill: Stockwell-Moniz, Mr. Marc Jesse: 9780976094814: Amazon.com: Books*

Bunker Hill or Bust to feature fun, dining and automobile parade

By Seth Daniel

The last time the Charlestown Militia marched up and down Bunker Hill Street for the annual parade was on a rainy Sunday, June 16, in 2019.

It seems almost impossible that two years would have come and gone without the key community

event in the Town – the Battle of Bunker Hill Day Parade, but in fact that is the case. Even so, it doesn't mean that many in the Town are willing to let the moment go without doing something, and this year All Roads Lead to Charlestown has organized an extensive agenda for Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13, to make sure no one

forgets and the community can celebrate in some fashion.

Sean Boyle, Erica Walsh and Aileen Gorman, all of the non-profit All Roads Charlestown, put their collective heads together about a month ago when they realized that, in light of the Parade and Pride Week cancellations, if something didn't happen, people

might start to forget the sacred traditions.

"After two years, things can get forgotten," said Boyle. "It's important to make sure these traditions are kept alive the best way we can. This Parade has been going on since the 1800s. It's painting the Town red, white and blue. We want and have to keep that going."

Said Walsh, "We want to show our kids and family members and the Town that the Townie spirit is still alive and well."

Added Gorman, "The Townie spirit survived the COVID-19 pandemic and we want to make sure that message gets out there."

Boyle said the momentum from the May 1 May Day business event earlier this spring really propelled All Roads Charlestown to expand that energy to the Bunker Hill Parade. Last year, Boyle and several community members staged an impromptu Car Parade simply to keep everyone's spirits up. This year, they are putting together an expansive and permitted June 12 Block Party on the Training Field, a Fitness Boot Camp Extravaganza to support the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club on June 12, and a Restaurant/Pub Crawl on June 12. On June 13, they plan to have a Car and Walking Parade throughout the traditional Parade route.

"All of this was planned and permitted within a month; we pulled it off very quickly," said Boyle. "What I like is that every single corner of the Town is included. The Charlestown Mothers Association, the YMCA, the Kennedy Center and so many others. It's not our event, but everyone's. It's about unifying everyone and bringing everyone together."

Said Walsh, "Our overall mission here is to bring everyone together and have a good time. We all love this community."

businesses and businesses owned by people of color," she said.

Boyle said the vendor fair is meant to mimic the Chamber of Commerce's annual fair that's held at the Bunker Hill Mall in most years. With it gone for two years now, they thought this event could help fill the gap.

Many local businesses and non-profits will be set up, and it is meant to continue the momentum from the vendor fair during May Day.

Gorman said the entertainment will include DJ Smokey Cain, a Trackless Train around the Training Field for kids, Rockabilly Beats, Disney characters, a Balloon artist, Tattoos by Sioux, and a table sponsored by local veterans for writing letters to soldiers. Other entertainment will include the Goulding School of Irish Step Dance, the Charlestown Militia and John Kelly & Ted O'Brien.

"There's just a lot of cool things going on," said Gorman.

BUNKER HILL BOOT CAMP

The Boot Camp will feature a conglomeration of fitness organizations running fitness classes all over Charlestown on June 12 and 13. The impetus behind it is to donate most of the proceeds to the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. Usually, on Parade Day, the Club hosts the Bunker Hill Fun Run, but that has been cancelled now for two years – leaving a hole in what was a major funding source for the Club.

To try to make up for missing the race this year, the fitness organizations plan to donate some proceeds to the Club. Those participating include:

- Weigh Betta U
- Monument Fitness
- Bar Down SC (12 & Under only)
- Turnstyle Cycle
- Asana Yoga

BUNKER HILL BAR AND RESTAURANT CRAWL

On Saturday, June 12, several restaurants are participating in the Crawl, the first one ever. The five restaurants that are involved from 5-10 p.m. include:

- Blackmoor Bar + Kitchen
- Warren Tavern
- Monument Restaurant
- Sullivan's Pub
- Tavern at the End of the World

"It's not a traditional pub crawl," said Boyle. "It's our first year doing it so it's a test. The bars and restaurants will have a special menu item or a special drink and participants can dress

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up in red, white and blue. It's a way to get people out and support the businesses. The night before the Parade was always a fun night historically, and we want that to be the case with this too."

Boyle said Casey Durham and Nicole Collier have been instrumental in putting that together this year.

BUNKER HILL CAR AND WALKING PARADE

While everyone had hoped for a Parade this year, and especially when restrictions lifted on May 29, it was just too tight a deadline for a traditional, massive Bunker Hill Parade – plus the fact that most bands and militia groups aren't yet re-formed.

So it is, Boyle said they will stage their second Car Parade this year, with cars that want to participate asked to report to Montego Bay (Boat Ramp on Terminal Street) by 11:45 a.m. to decorate. Anyone who needs decoration will find ample help at the site to deck out their wheels in red, white and blue, Boyle and Walsh said.

Those who wish to walk are asked to meet at Hays Square around noon or 12:15, where Gorman will be there to welcome walkers.

At 12:30, the Charlestown Militia is expected to kick off the Car and Walking Parade at Hays Square. The Parade will follow the traditional route, which is the following: Starting at Hayes Square; up Bunker Hill Street; down Bunker Hill Street; left onto Main Street; down Main Street; left onto Monument Avenue; Up Monument Avenue; left onto Monument Square; going around Monument Square; down onto Winthrop Street; and ending at the Training Field.

PAINT THE TOWN RED, WHITE AND BLUE

As has been the tradition for some time that Boyle had championed more than a decade ago, there is strong encouragement for everyone in the Town – particularly businesses and those on the Parade route – to decorate their homes for the week in red, white and blue. It could be bunting, flags, or any other time of patriotic display.

BUNKER HILL BOOT CAMP

June 12

- Weigh Betta U – 10 a.m. Shipyard Park
- Monument Fitness – 10:30 a.m. Bunker Hill Monument
- Bar Down SC (12 & Under only) – 10 a.m. Charlestown Peace

Park

- Turnstyle Cycle – 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Roof of Hood Park Garage.

June 13

- Asana Yoga – 9:30 a.m. Bunker Hill Monument

*To join, please book with fitness centers individually. Donations during workouts welcomed for the Boys & Girls Club of Charlestown.

BUNKER HILL BLOCK PARTY

June 12

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Training Field

11 a.m. – The fun starts with Rockabilly Beats, Disney characters and the Trackless Train. There will also be free treats and other kid-friendly activities.

More music and entertainment from John Kelly, Ted O'Brien, DJ Smokey Cain, Goulding School of Irish Step Dance, and the Charlestown Militia – among others.

An expansive street market with vendors will run throughout the event.

BUNKER HILL BAR CRAWL

June 12

5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Participating restaurants will have specials for the crawl, and participants are encouraged to dress patriotically. The five participating restaurants include Monument Restaurant, Tavern at the End of the World, Blackmoor Bar + Kitchen, Warren Tavern, and Sullivan's Pub.

BUNKER HILL CAR AND WALKING PARADE

Anyone participating with a car should report to Montego Bay (Boat Ramp on Terminal Street) by 11:45 a.m. to decorate their car. Help decorating and supplies will be available if needed. Those walking should report to Hays Square by noon.

The car and walking parade will kick off at 12:30 p.m. and travel the traditional route.

TOAST (from pg. 3)

and Kentucky – that are named in honor of General Warren. There has been talk to reach out to their Historical Societies and try to loop them in somehow to the toast.

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New book by local author cuts through the 'Fog' of war

By Seth Daniel

There's no shortage of new revelations for the die-hard Battle of Bunker Hill enthusiast in a new book by Marc Stockwell-Moniz, including an updated death count and some insight into just how crazy – or foggy – the whole battle was on both sides.

Stockwell is a member of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, grew up in Revere, and his mother lived in Charlestown on High Street for nearly 30 years. In addition, he has at least two direct ancestors he found some years ago while in Charlestown that fought in the battle.

"I hired a genealogist at the time to find more information and in about two hours she came back with information that was so amazing to me," he said, noting that was one key starting point in his research. "It actually really changed my life in a significant way."

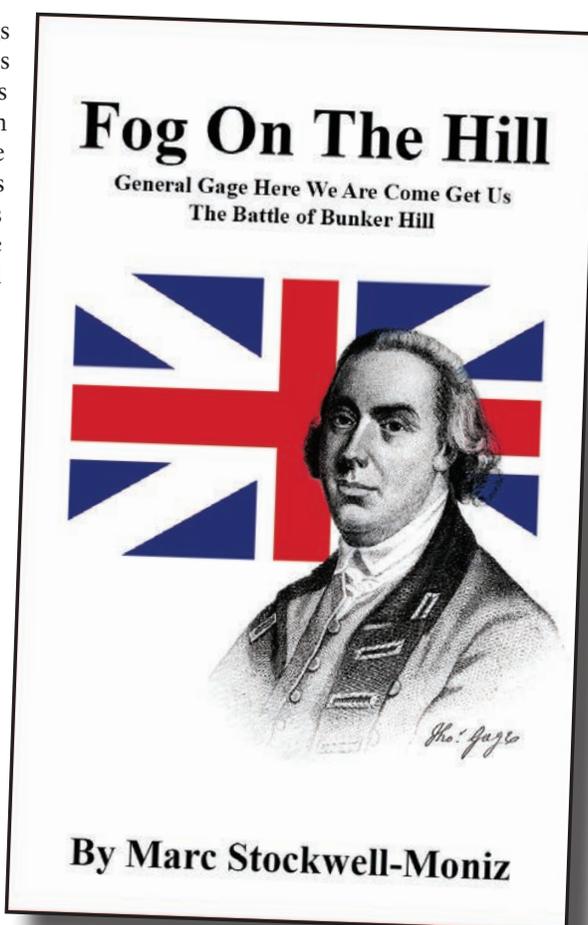
Now living in San Diego, Stockwell has authored a new book called 'Fog On The Hill: General Gage, Here We Are Come Get Us.' He said he began his interest as a kid reading about the battle, and then was engrossed in it when his mother lived in the shadow of the Monument on High Street. Finally, as an adult, he did extensive research and just put the book out in time for this year's 246th commemoration.

One of the key findings for avid Bunker Hill fans is Stockwell believes he has found a revised American death count. While there are 153 American deaths listed in the history books and on the tablets at the Training Field, Stockwell said he has found in research three more deaths – making the count 156.

"I have updated the American death count that has stood since 1889 when the Bronze Memorial Tablets were placed at the Training Field in Charlestown 132 years ago," he said. "These tablets proclaim 153 deaths and I say there were 156 deaths of Americans, either at the battle or who later died from their wounds. This is of course new information, but I searched and searched and lo-and-behold I found three more men."

Another interesting tidbit he advances is the fact that Stockwell believes the battle was not on Bunker Hill (which we all know), and it was not on Breed's Hill either – which is new.

"The thing that historians or people that like to think they're in the know will say is it was fought on Breed's Hill and



A new book by Marc Stockwell-Moniz, a native to the area, has just come out and details some new revelations about the Battle of Bunker Hill, and also includes an overview of the foggy that clouded the judgement of both sides.

not on Bunker Hill," he said. "However, there was no such thing as Breed's Hill when they built the redoubt.

It was Russell's Pasture or Green's Pasture. Breeds land was further away than what is today Breed's Hill. At the time, it wasn't known as Breed's Hill; it was just pasture land."

Some of the biggest revelations in the book, however, are long and drawn out sketches of the fog-giness of war – and particularly a war in 1775 between a mighty power like England and a rag-tag group of militias under differing commanders. He said after years and years of research, he came away thinking the Battle of Bunker Hill was a comedy of errors on both sides that contributed to the foggy on the Hill.

From the British ignoring the warnings of Henry Clinton prior to June 17, to the haughtiness of the British to order soldiers up the Hill into incoming bullets – a suicide mission. Then on the American side, it was the insistence by Gen. Israel Putnam to build a second redoubt instead of concentrating on the battle, as well as the confusion in

commandment – whereby New Hampshire soldiers wouldn't take orders from a Connecticut officer. All of that, Stockwell said made him focus on that one word – Fog.

"There was this fog of war that began to cloud everyone's judgement, especially the British and to an extent the Americans," he said. "It was the old saying that the left hand had no idea what the right hand was doing. That was absolutely going on with the British and the Americans. It just became clear to me everything both sides were doing was crazy. They were flying by the seat of their pants. That's when I started focusing in on it being the fog of war, which gave way to the title become 'Fog on the Hill.'

"It was all really a comedy of errors," he continued.

Stockwell said he does believe the Americans won the war, even though the British seemed to "carry the day." However, he views it as a major blow to the British, and for the Americans, it was the moment of no return.

"It was the Battle of no return," he said. "It was the battle where there was no going back to being a British subject. We will fight on and emerge as free people in a new nation, or we would be subjugated and become British subjects with no rights or freedoms."

'Fog on the Hill' by Marc Stockwell-Moniz is available on Amazon.com.

Bunker Hill Associates announce 2021 mega raffle to fund community grants

Staff Report

By now, the Bunker Hill Associates would be head-on into Charlestown Pride Week with Peter Looney Night, the CHAD March and lively Bunker Hill Family Feud events underway or on the way, but for the second year in row, COVID-19 has put a damper on the best two weeks of the year in Charlestown, but the Associates are ramping up a fun, fundraising activity this week.

Associates member Jimmy Lister Jr. said they have launched the 2021 Mega Raffle this week on the RallyUp website, and are poised to give away \$4,000 in prizes at an online drawing June 13. It is a similar system used for the very successful fundraising effort last year that helped provide funds for seniors in need of food, and also support local restaurants.

Now, having exhausted a lot of resources on keeping people with

the life basics over the last year, the Associates are pivoting back to their mission of providing community grants and help for young people – but that's going to take some fundraising.

"Last year we pivoted from our traditional mission of community programming to feed those deeply impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Lister. "We're now trying to find new ways of fundraising to get back to our mission of programming for Charlestown. Last year, our budget – we blew it out to make sure we touched all the bases in Town and helped people who needed it the most."

Some of the things they are looking to fundraise for in 2021 include:

- Meals and groceries for senior citizens
- Back to school ready packs for Charlestown Children
- Funding for the local food pantry

•Free lifeguard courses at the YMCA Charlestown

•Senior citizen and teen mentoring program

•Holiday care packages for seniors and shut-ins

•Gift cards to feed the less fortunate during the holidays

•Luncheons and celebrations to promote community service

Lister said they have assembled more than \$4,000 in prizes as part of the raffle, and those prizes include:

•Peloton Exercise Bike (\$2045 Value)

•Two night stay in Cape Neddick at the Cliff House in Maine (\$1,000 Value)

•Free entries to all 2021 Bunker Hill Associate Events (\$650 Value)

•\$800 Charlestown Restaurant Package.

Entries can be purchased by following this link:

<https://go.rallyup.com/bunkerhillraffle>

The drawing will take place on Sunday, June 13, so time is of the

essence to purchase entries in the raffle.



SUPREY (from pg. 1)

the community held a ceremony and put up a banner for her. That banner, though, was not the same as the others and eventually was taken down during renovations to the gym. After the renovations, no one seemed to ever be able to find it.

This year, on the 41st anniversary of her fete, a new momentum came about and family members and friends of Suprey started a push to get her banner back up and her achievement recognized properly. It had been ignored for so long that few had any hope.

However, the persistence of Suprey's niece, Maggie Suprey, was unmatched, and Charlestown High Athletic Director Paige Lemieux eventually was contacted and revealed that she had found the banner in storage when cleaning out spaces during COVID shutdowns.

Soon enough, a new banner had been made for Suprey, her jersey property retired under glass with the others, and a ceremony set for last Saturday, June 5.

"I've been here seven years and I've heard so many stories about Patty's exploits as an athlete," said Lemieux. "As a woman of sport myself, I have a lot of respect for a woman like Patty who paved the way for me and helped all of us women athletes be able to play sports in the City of Boston."

Charlestown High Principal Joel Stenbridge said it was important to recognize Suprey with a banner – noting that it was evidence of the achievement and a recognition that she is here and they see her.

"It's not only to show what it is you did and how hard you worked, but it is also as an inspi-

ration to our students now that they can work hard and achieve what you did," he said. "Next to your banner there are some empty spaces up there, and perhaps one day our students can be inspired to join you with their own banners."

Maggie Suprey told the large group of family and friends assembled that when she heard about the banner not being on the wall, she wasn't going to let that go. As a star hockey player in high school and college, Maggie Suprey said she understood how hard it is to succeed in high-level athletics as a woman.

"When I heard my aunt tell me she couldn't get her banner back and how many years it had been – I said no way," said Maggie. "It's amazing to score 1,000 points, but to do it 40 years ago is incredible. That was still a time when women couldn't get a mortgage without a male co-signer. And in that time she's out here and she did this. It's amazing...You're one of the people that made people start paying attention to women's sports. You helped women athletes like me."

Patty Suprey, who was very emotional, thanked all of her coaches, her parents, her siblings, her teammates and those players that came before her.

As a little girl, she said she always went to games and watched them play – boys and girls – and decided she wanted to be out there too on championship teams.

"It's because of them that I stand before you now," she said, while also recalling fond memories of she and her friends beating the boys at basketball on the courts at Doherty Park.

But it was her family – many

of whom were there on Saturday with her – that she thanked the most. From her sisters whom she played ball with, to her mother who was a pro softball player, to her father that taught her how to play, and to her niece, Maggie, who wouldn't give up on getting the banner up, she gave them tremendous praise.

"On the court or off the court, you made me a better person," she said. "Because of you I would not be standing here. I love you all to death."



Patty Suprey's banner hanging proudly once again in the wall of the Charlestown High gym.



The family and friends held a free throw contest for a certificate to the 99 Restaurant. Niece April Suprey took home the family free throw title, and the certificate.



Patty Suprey (right) and her niece, Maggie Suprey, who played a major role in pushing the powers that be to get the banner up and hold a small ceremony.

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Patty Suprey and friends JoJo Byrne and Marian Callahan.



Patty Suprey and a large contingent of her family gathered Saturday to celebrate the re-banging of her 1,000 point banner and her retired #22 jersey. In 1980, Suprey was the first girl in the history of Boston Public Schools to score 1,000 points in a career.



New Charlestown High Principal Joel Stembbridge said the banner being replaced denotes the achievement of Patty Suprey, and also invites current students to be inspired to do the same.



Patty Suprey and her long-time friend Tina Arroyo, who helped to get the banner cause moving through a post on Facebook earlier this year.



Charlestown High Athletic Director Paige Lemieux said in her seven years at the high school, she has heard so many great stories about Patty Suprey's accomplishments.

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BPDA proposes to hire consultant for PLAN Charlestown

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) is petitioning its Board at the meeting on Thursday, June 10, to hire a consultant to assist in the preparation of the planning study for PLAN Charlestown.

In a memo to the Board, the BPDA is asking permission to put out an RFP to engage a consultant to assist with the end study for the process at a cost of \$190,000.

“The Study will be a collaborative effort between the BPDA and several City of Boston Departments and other public agencies,” read the memo. “Work on the Study is expected to begin

in late September 2021 and is anticipated to be completed within 12 months. BPDA staff requests that a RFP be used to identify the consultant team to assist in the preparation of the Study rather than an Invitation for Bids due to the highly specialized nature of the Study. The Chief Procurement Officer of the BPDA has determined that the selection of a consultant team to complete the Study requires comparative judgments of factors in addition to price.”

Director Brian Golden has approved and recommended the RFP and expenditure.

The memo said the study will consider “opportunities to preserve, enhance, and grow the

neighborhood of Charlestown.”

The four primary points in the study will be:

- Urban Design (updates to Urban Design guidelines for Charlestown’s original peninsula and Urban Design frameworks and buildout scenarios for Charlestown’s Rutherford Corridor and Sullivan Square).

- Mobility (Transportation capacity analysis assistance and enhanced mobility recommendations).

- Financial Analysis (Financial model to quantify the value share for the creation of public goods, estimated market value analysis of public land, and public land disposition strategies).

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Project process equity impact assessment).

The PLAN Charlestown process began in January 2020, and the Study is expected to be released in 2022.

“(The Study) will outline a long-term vision for land use, public realm, and mobility in the...Study Area map,” read the memo. “Following completion of the planning process, this plan will be used by the BPDA and its partner agencies to update zoning regulations, guide the review of development proposals, and direct public and private investments to improve the neighborhood’s public realm and transportation net-

works.”

1-2 THOMPSON SQUARE

The BPDA Board will be facing a vote at the Thursday meeting to recommend the construction project at 1-2 Thompson Sq. – a fill in project that includes demolishing the one-story commercial building next to the Five Cent Bank and replacing it with a new five-story building with nine condo units and nine underground parking spots. The project is targeted at \$10.6 million.

The recommendation is to approve the project, which has undergone the Article 80E Small Project Review. If approved, it will move to a hearing at the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Councilor Edwards enjoys political win in advancing structural change for City budgeting

By Seth Daniel

Several observers and prognosticators of Boston City politics are giving a tip of the hat to the astute political path Councilor Lydia Edwards walked over the past year in getting her Charter Amendment for radical change in City budgeting past the Council and signed by Acting Mayor Kim Janey.

The complexity and detail of the amendment can sometimes overshadow the fundamental change that it would bring about. Edwards pointed out it has never happened before that Bostonians could have this much direct participation in the City Charter. Most Charter Changes go through a different process, and are reliant upon a full vote of the State Legislature. Using a different process few knew about, Edwards

pushed the Charter Change to a vote of the public instead.

On Monday, Janey signed the measure, and pledged to allocate even more money to the participatory budgeting piece of the Charter Amendment – an charter change that would allow the Council to have more say in the give and take of pieces of the City Budget and would also introduce a public participatory budgeting program to the process. Now that the measure is approved at the City level, it has to be reviewed by the Attorney General’s Office, and if it meets muster, it would be placed on the November ballot and would be up to the voters to approve or reject it.

This week, Councilor Edwards said getting the amendment passed was tough work over the course of more than a year, but it was all done due to a promise she made during last summer’s frus-

trating budgeting process – when many outside observers learned the Council has little power at the moment to negotiate or change the budget. They can either vote it down or vote it through. That, said Edwards, is something she hopes Boston voters want to change in November.

“I kept my word,” she said. “I voted for the budget last year, and caught hell for it from a lot of people. I also said I would come back with something stronger and better. I made a promise that people would have more of a voice and could choose their system. I fought quietly diligently and consistently to get it this far and I want to thank my staff and advocates and of course my colleague on the City Council.”

The matter had passed the Council unanimously in May.

Janey said on Monday she had supported the measure while on

the City Council and continues to support it. As an added bonus, she pledged an additional \$1 million in the FY 22 City Budget to create the first Office of Participatory Budgeting – all of that dependent on whether or not the measure clears Boston voters.

“On my first day as Mayor, I promised to bring new voices to the table and include those who felt shut out by City Hall,” said Janey. “Signing this charter amendment delivers on that promise and creates a path forward for city budgeting that is more democratic, inclusive, and transparent. I want to thank the advocates and the Boston City Council for their partnership on this important issue.”

If the charter amendment passes this November, both the City Council and the Mayor will have the authority to amend the City’s budget in whole or in part,

a power currently only held by the Mayor. Independent of the ballot measure, the amendment also establishes the Office of Participatory Budgeting, which will lead the Administration’s efforts around expanding opportunities for community involvement in the City’s annual budgeting process. Guided by a community-based Participatory Budgeting Committee, the Office will be tasked with determining resident priorities when it comes to the City’s investments.

“We are so grateful for Mayor Janey’s support of this charter amendment. Participatory budgeting will allow for residents across Boston to have direct decision making in our tax dollars, and strengthens our city’s democracy, transparency, and civic participation,” said Roxbury-based activist Armani White.

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



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Charlestown COVID update listed

By John Lynds

Charlestown’s COVID-19 positive test rate remains below 1 percent according to the latest data released last Friday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

According to the latest BPHC report, last week 336 residents were tested and 0.07 percent were found to be positive—a 50 percent decrease from the 0.14 percent reported two weeks ago.

According to the weekly report, of the 15,646 Charlestown residents tested for the virus since the pandemic began 9 percent were found to be positive by last

Friday. This was the same percentage reported by the BPHC two Fridays ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate continues to decrease. According to the BPHC 13,064 residents were tested and 1 percent were COVID positive--this was a 9 percent decrease from the 1 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed Charlestown’s infection went from 721.1 cases per 10,000 residents to 721.6 cases per 10,000 residents—a 0.07 percent increase.

One additional Charlestown resident tested positive for the

virus last week and the number of positive cases went from 1,400 to 1,401.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.25 percent last week and went from 70,628 cases to 70,810 confirmed cases in a week. Three additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,386 total deaths in the city from COVID.

Andrew Biggio, veteran and founder of annual Wounded Vet Ride, pens first book

By John Lynds

Andrew Biggio's basement at his Winthrop home has been converted into a museum-of-sorts with display cases of war memorabilia, artifacts and other keepsakes he's collected since serving his tours of duty as a US Marine in Iraq and Afghanistan. Biggio, who founded the Boston Wounded Vet Ride that would roar through East Boston and Revere every year to raise money for wounded vets, is busy organizing a countertop stacked with autographs of the 22 World War II veterans that have been immortalized in his first ever book.

"There are people who got the book and want an autograph of one of the vets that appears," explains Biggio.

With a book tour and book signings on the immediate horizon Biggio says this is the best way to ensure readers get an autograph of one of the vets that appears in the book.

"We just don't know how much longer they'll be around," he says.

According to the US Department of Veterans Affairs statistics, 325,574 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II are alive but around 296 die every day in the US.

In a race against time, Biggio began a quest five years ago to get as many World War II veterans on the record from across the US and from every branch of the military and tell their story.

The result was "The Rifle: Combat Stories from America's Last WWII Veterans, Told Through an M1 Garand", which was released on Amazon last

week and quickly became the #1 best selling United States Military Veterans History book on the website.

The idea from the book stemmed from his experience returning home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I served in Iraq and Afghanistan and I came home and I'm pretty confident I'm okay, I'm fine," said Biggio. "What bothered me was coming to Winthrop every day and seeing that Andrew Biggio Square sign. It's not dedicated to me, but to my grandfather's brother, who was killed in World War II and I'm named after him. So to see a sign that says Andrew Biggio Memorial Square just made me feel really bad for that Andrew Biggio. So I began to ask, What happened to him that didn't happen to me. I really started asking questions about this poor 19 year old kid from Winthrop who was killed in Italy in 1944."

Biggio remembered his grandmother saying she had saved letters from her late brother-in-law that he wrote home before he was killed.

"So I went into a shoe box at their bedside and began reading the letters," said Biggio. "One of the first letters he talked about how much he enjoyed the M1 Garand rifle. So I immediately ran out and bought one because I wanted to hold it. I want to connect to this long lost relative and feel what he felt holding that rifle."

While showing friends and relatives his new purchase Biggio said they didn't seem that impressed with the World War II relic so he



"The Rifle: Combat Stories from America's Last WWII Veterans, Told Through an M1 Garand" is available on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/Rifle-Stories-Americas-Veterans-Through/dp/1684510791>.

had an idea.

"I figured I'd do one better and bring it to a Marine I knew who lived in West Roxbury," said Biggio.

Biggio headed over the Westie with the rifle to visit 91-year-old Joe Drago.

"So I knocked on his door and I noticed he had gotten really skinny, his legs were atrophied and he was bound to a recliner, like most men in their 90s," he said. "But when I put the rifle into his hands to show him what I got, I got a totally different reaction than everyone else. He puts it to his shoulder, he's waving it around, he's aiming and he's talking endlessly about the rifle. So that's what I knew I was on to something because I just saw this 91 year old man become a 19 year old kid again."

So Biggio had Drago sign the rifle's stock because he didn't want to ever forget the moment.

"We talked about his participation in the Battle of Okinawa for about two hours and after I left his house I looked down at the rifle and I was hooked," said Biggio. "I decided right there and



US Marine veteran and founder of the Boston Wounded Vet Run Andrew Biggio with the M1 Garand that was signed by dozens of WWII vets and is the subject of his first book, "The Rifle: Combat Stories from America's Last WWII Veterans, Told Through an M1 Garand".

then I wanted to get as many signatures on this rifle as possible. If Joe Drago was a little taste of the Pacific I wanted to get a guy who fought in Europe next and then Italy."

For the next five years, with the rifle in tow, Biggio visited every corner of the US seeking WWII vets willing to talk about their experiences in the war and sign the one thing that bound them all together.

"I was very careful to let them know this wasn't going to be a book that glorifies war," said Biggio. "Some of the guys signed the rifle but wouldn't hold it because they vowed they'd never hold a gun again after the war and those are some of the stories I wanted to hear. I wanted to hear the reasons why they felt that way because the younger generation of vets coming home can really learn a lot from this generation that is getting smaller and smaller by the day."

So now that his research and work is complete and the book published after years of work,

Biggio said he was really surprised by the reaction as it shot to #1 in its category on Amazon.

"Before it was released there was a lot of anticipation and anxiety," said Biggio. "I knew I was doing good by bringing a lot of light to WWII veterans but to put a physical book out there that's going to be looked at by other historians and authors who've already written multiple books about WWII was a little nerve wracking. But what makes my book a little different is that it's really just a bond between a young veteran and the veterans of WWII. And for us, the young veterans, it's really a way for us to learn from the older generation about the costs of war and life after war. Many in the book definitely hit bumps in the road but they bounced back, raised families and went on to live long, successful lives after war. Ultimately, it is proof that if they can go through the hell and carnage they went through and live as long as they did--we all can."

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SCHOOL (from pg. 1)

private remarks, which were recently made public, were unfortunate and unfairly disparaged members of the Boston Public Schools community. As women of color who advocate for racial equity in our schools, I also understand their comments were made in the wake of death threats and unacceptable racist attacks that were frightening, offensive, and painful. As their time on the school committee ends, their work to lift up equity in Boston Public Schools must continue.

“The shared experience of Ms. Oliver-Davila and Dr. Rivera, and their decision to step down, amplifies the need for meaningful dialog and important work we must do as a city to address racism,” she continued. “Sadly, their departure also leaves a void in Latina leadership on our school committee that I am determined to address.”

Supt. Brenda Cassellius said the situation will require accountability and community.

“The challenges BPS face will require both district accountability and community healing,” she said. “I will work alongside the School Committee to continue our work with our stakeholders as we dismantle systemic barriers to opportunity and open up access for all students. Creating a safe, welcoming, and culturally affirming environment for all students is a core value that we seek to live out every day.

The information shared...is disappointing and hurtful to the Boston Public Schools community, and to our larger efforts to combat racism in all forms,” she continued. “This is especially true after a year of racial reckoning and personal reflection unlike any other.”

The departure of both came in a flurry, starting with Rivera on June 3, when she sent an e-mail to City officials saying she needed to resign due to racist attacks on her that have continued since February. She said she has received

racist e-mails and social media contacts from those that disagree with her position on the Exam Schools vote, and she said white supremacists are coordinating efforts to oppose programs like Ethnic Studies, diversity and inclusion activities.

“I am being targeted as a Latina gender studies professor who teaches about racism and patriarchy and oppression,” read the June 3 e-mail provided by the City. “Because of the harassment and overwhelming stress from School Committee-related work, my mental and physical health has deteriorated, so I need to resign and recuperate.”

It was a few days later that her texts to Oliver-Davila were revealed in the Boston Globe, particularly the one about disliking “Westie Whites” as they were released to that newspaper over the weekend.

Oliver-Davila released a statement through the Mayor’s Office

earlier this week, after officially resigning on Tuesday. She said the meeting last October transported her back to when she was an immigrant youth, who was not worthy. She said the testimony on that night about the Exam School process pushed her over the edge to do something she now regrets.

“It was painful,” she wrote. “And in the heat of the moment it caused me to vent by sending inappropriate personal text messages to one of my colleagues,” she wrote. “I regrettably allowed myself to do what others have done to me. I failed my own standards in this private exchange. These messages matched the sharpness of what was being delivered via public testimony that night.”

She said she has also been subject to constant racial undertones and personal attacks at School Committee meetings and in regular e-mails received by herself and other members. However, she said she did not want her actions to

distract the Committee from its important work, and thus decided to step down.

Oliver-Davila is the long-time director of the Sociedad Latina program in Mission Hill, and became the chair in January.

At the moment, Vice Chair Michael O’Neill, of Charlestown, confirmed that he would assume the role of chair for the time being. At the next meeting, he said, he would convene the assembly of remaining members and the first order of business would be to select a new chair.

The meeting this week had been cancelled in the wake of the scandal, and the next meeting has not yet been called.

In the Exam School admissions change for the incoming class, the entrance exam was waived and a new seating formula was used. In that formula, Charlestown did lose seats from what it historically has received, but West Roxbury lost the most seats.

For the Record

WARREN PRESCOTT SCHOOL
June 17 - Early Release at 12:40 p.m.

June 18 - Last Day: Early Release at 12:40 p.m.

Artist Group of Charlestown will host a show of the late Donald Kelley entitled ‘Donald C. Kelley: Works on Paper.’ It will run in the StoveFactory Gallery, on Medford Street, from June 5 to June 20. Also, the Group has a call to artists for the Navy Yard show, ‘Navy Yard Off Map: Exploring the Secret Life of a Historic Icon.’ Julie Alailima is co-curating the show with fellow member and photographer, James Labeck. The hope is to encourage artistic exploration, and exhibit pieces with unusual perspectives of the Navy Yard. The Call to Artists ends on June 13 and the show will go from June 25 - July 18.

From the June 8 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, online:

•499 Main St. Applicant: Andrew Oliver. Purpose: Install a wooden apiary or beehive.

Planning, Designing and Building the Charlestown HarborWalk: Weds., June 16, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m., online. Learn more about the Charlestown Harborwalk at this month’s Harbor Use Public Forum. Boston Harbor Now holds monthly Harbor Use Public

Forums for interested stakeholders to learn about and provide feedback on waterfront developments, public planning initiatives, and other harbor projects along Boston Harbor’s waterfront and on the islands. Join us in June for a conversation about sections of the Harborwalk in Charlestown that are or will be undergoing change – with pieces in the community visioning phase, other parts the design and construction phase, and some section recently completed.

Restore Pier 5: Restore Pier 5 (<https://restorepier5.org>) will sponsor an informational gathering on the future of Pier 5 June 16 at 7 p.m. in the Navy Yard at the Flagship Plaza overlooking the pier. Restore Pier 5 seeks to preserve Pier 5, an historic structure situated at the Head of Boston Harbor, as a fully accessible, environmentally resilient, recreational and educational open public space. The gathering will include a presentation from Tom O’Neill of O’Neill and Associates on strategies for accessing financial resources to restore the pier and achieve an outcome beneficial to the community, city and state. All are invited without need for registration. Further detail is available at Restore Pier 5. Restore Pier 5 is a 501(c)(4) organization.

Public Meeting - PLEASE NOTE: This meeting has been rescheduled from

6/2 to 6/24. Description: The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) invites you to a virtual information session regarding the community benefits for the Little Mystic Parcel. The meeting runs from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

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 29, 6 p.m., 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.

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Leventhal Map Center announces Nelson as new president

Staff Report

The Board of Directors of the Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library announced last week that Garrett Dash Nelson, the Center's Curator of Maps and Director of Geographic Scholarship, will become President and Head Curator on July 16, following the departure of current President Connie Chin.

A historical geographer whose work bridges landscape history, urban and regional studies, and critical cartography, Nelson (l.) joined the Leventhal Map and Education Center in 2019, after three years as a Junior Fellow in the Society of Fellows and Department of Geography at Dartmouth College. During his tenure at the Center to date, Nelson has managed exhibitions in the Center's gallery and launched the digital exhibition



Garrett Dash Nelson, new Leventhal Map Center president.

Bending Lines, overseen development of new tools and resources to enhance access to the Center's vast holdings, and designed and hosted public-facing community events that have brought the Center and

its work into critical local and regional conversations about people and places.

Nelson holds an A.B. from Harvard College in Social Studies and Visual & Environmental Studies, an M.A. from the University of Nottingham in Landscape & Culture, and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Geography with a minor in Culture, History, and Environment. He has been published in peer-reviewed journals on topics ranging from Frederick Law Olmsted to the spatial analysis of American commuting, as well as in public-facing outlets such as The Boston Globe, Places Journal, and CityLab. He is also a designer and developer, and has produced numerous interactive projects for researchers and the public.

"We are very pleased to welcome Garrett into the top leadership role at the Leventhal Map

and Education Center," says Alan Leventhal, chair of the Center's Board of Directors. "His work is an appealing, impressive mix of academic rigor, and a keen sense of how to make the history and social implications of maps and data relevant to modern audiences. It is particularly exciting as we plan for the public reopening of the Center's gallery."

Nelson says his vision for the future of the Center emphasizes the possibilities of working with maps across different ways of thinking. "I believe public humanities in the 21st century will be championed

by institutions like the Leventhal Map and Education Center: organizations that can bridge between scholarly discoveries, a commitment to preserving history for the public trust, an ability to engage with a diverse mix of audiences, and a facility with the new methods made possible by digital technology. We are bringing those strengths together to make the case for why geography is so crucial for stories about the past, present, and future."

Nelson lives in Melrose, Massachusetts, with his wife and daughter.

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.

Larceny Theft from a Motor Vehicle

05/17/2021 - Upon arrival at Sullivan and Wall streets at about 8:05 a.m., police met with the victim who stated she had parked her 2015 red Ford Escape at that location at about 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 8. After entering her vehicle this morning at about 7:45 a.m., she discovered unknown person(s) had rummaged through her vehicle and stole a turquoise Coach sunglass along with spare change.

Investigate Person

05/18/2021 - On arrival at 50 300 Main St. at approximately 6:23 p.m., police spoke with a witness who stated that she called the police to report a fight. Witness informed me that an

unknown male, 40 to 50 years old, and wearing a gray T-shirt, black shorts and black shoes, was beating up an unknown male victim. The witness took a picture of the suspect on her cellphone. Officers search of the area for the suspect by police came to no avail.

Larceny - Shoplifting

05/20/2021 - Upon arrival at 19 Austin St. at about 12:58 p.m., police spoke with the CVS store manager who stated someone just shoplifted in their store and fled towards Main Street in an unknown direction. A description of suspect was a male wearing a black hat, white mask, white hoody, black jean jacket, and blue jeans. The store manager stated the same suspect has been in the

store shoplifting frequently over the last few weeks. The officers search of the surrounding area for the suspect was to no avail.

Noisy Party

05/23/2021 - Upon arrival at Short Street at around midnight, officers heard loud music and talking as they approached the scene. Officers were able to make contact with the registered resident and observed other people inside drinking alcohol. Officers gave a verbal warning in regards to the loud music and the overall noise coming from the residence. The non-residents stated they were going to leave, and officers were able to clear the area without further incident.

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LETTERS (from pg. 2)

front, as a place for all of the residents, visitors as well as Greater Boston and beyond as a destination to visit and enjoy the harbor activity.

Our online petition with close to 1700 signers and growing can be found at www.pier5.org. Please review some of the comments written by the signers. These are snapshots of what Pier 5 means to them. In addition, this site explores the history of this pier and gives the reader an appreciation to better understand the importance of preserving the pier now and for future generations.

As our nation just observed Memorial Day, one signer shared his thoughts, "Let's keep Pier 5 as a public space, dedicated to the men and women who served and passed through the Navy Yard during the 170 years plus it served our community as a Navy Yard." What a thoughtful, timely, and appropriate statement, thank you to the writer.

There are many convincing, logical and profound comments, such as concerns about rising sea levels, climate change, as well as the desire for more open and greenspace in our community.

The community is speaking out and asking that Pier 5 remain as a public space.

Please visit our pop-up table site, "Restore Pier 5 for the Public" as we will be locating in different

areas in the community with our petition, information and listening to your thoughts and concerns.

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This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to keep the Jewel of Boston Harbor as a public space for ALL to enjoy.

Ann Kelleher

THANK YOU, MORRISSEY FAMILY

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the Morrissey family and the Duce Morrissey Scholarship fund for granting me the opportunity to finish my undergraduate career at a reduced cost, as it is a huge help to me and my family. This

opportunity will forever serve as a reminder of what it truly means to come from Charlestown, and of how lucky I am to have grown up in such a generous and supportive community. In the spring of 2022, I will be graduating from the University of Maine, Orono with a degree in Psychology and a double minor in Neuroscience and Child Development & Family Relations. I plan to pursue my graduate degree in the field of Child Life, in hopes of eventually working as a certified Child Life Specialist in one of Boston's many major hospitals.

Kaley Kyle

PRESERVE THE 'FORGOTTEN' BATTLEFIELD

To the Editor,

With Memorial Day fresh on our minds and Bunker Hill Day approaching, it is time to consider the "forgotten" section of the battlefield of June 17, 1775. Namely, the area north of Breed's Hill – above what is now Bunker Hill Street and extending to the shore of the Mystic River – an area which is now slated for large-scale private redevelopment. All along that pivotal section of the battlefield, American troops formed defensive positions behind a long rail fence and in columns on the

beach where they successfully repulsed a flanking maneuver by British light infantry companies and grenadiers that had landed at Moulton's Point. This section of the battlefield has been swept away by real estate development, first with the construction of row housing in the 1850s, then with eminent domain by the City of Boston in the 1940s to make way for the public housing development in the 1970s, and now with the transfer of the massive parcel by our city to a private developer.

At no time has any federal, state, or city agency stepped in to consider preserving any measure of the land as an open green space commemoration or as a "battlefield district" under the federal American Battlefield Protection Program or under any Massachusetts Historic Commission regulations. The City's BRA-BPDA should have (but did not) prepare a Historic Battlefield Preservation report with the Boston Landmarks Commission as part of the Boston Housing Authority's original permitting process. The Boston Landmarks Commission also omitted to include that section of the battlefield in an "Open Green Space" resources report with the National Park Service under the American Battlefield Protection Program. These steps should have and would have triggered some

form of open green space commemoration on the land between Bunker Hill and Medford Streets and the shore of the Mystic River.

It is not too late to correct these omissions now that this 27-acre parcel is again to be redeveloped. The National Park Service, the Massachusetts Historic Commission, and the Charlestown Neighborhood Council should jointly undertake a historic study of our "forgotten" battlefield in order to establish the parcel as a National Historic Battlefield District. The hope is that some section of the redeveloped parcel can be set aside and preserved as an open green space commemoration for those who died fighting the British on that fateful day. Otherwise, our "forgotten" battlefield will be lost forever.

Jonathan D. Sweet

THANK YOU, OLD SCHOOLBOYS!

To the Editor,

Thank you for awarding me The John Boyle O'Reilly scholarship. This scholarship will help me as I continue my studies at SUNY Maritime College and seek a commission in the US Navy upon graduation.

Thank you!

Jeremy Shea



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Spaulding staff are health care career role models for Charlestown High students

Staff Report

For communities of color, the access to health care has been shown to be a serious obstacle to health and wellness during the pandemic. A major aspect of that has been the underrepresentation of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) populations within the work force especially in clinical roles.

“For young people from communities of color, seeing someone that looks like you is so critical to connecting to the profession and believing they can also follow that path” said Alana Casey, Occupational Therapist, Spaulding Rehab. Recently staff from Spaulding’s Equity Dignity and Respect Council presented to a group of students from Charlestown High School’s Early College and Career Health Pathway for a virtual career day, bringing together predominantly BIPOC students and speakers, to learn about career options in health care.

From taking students into a ground-breaking robotics lab to learning about what day in the life of a nurse is like to how therapists help patients re-learn daily tasks, the team brought students into all aspects of the hospital. “Our goal was to introduce students to the wide variety of jobs a hospital can offer and speak to



Pictured above and right, students at Charlestown High’s Early College and Career Health Pathway heard from professionals at Spaulding Rehab Hospital for a career day.

their interests. Most importantly we wanted them to know that these jobs were possible as many of us presenting sat in their seats as youth,” Magdalena Lemoine-Clerdonna, Human Resources, Spaulding Rehab.

Charlestown High School is an open-enrollment Boston Public School serving 800 students from all across the city. CHS offers three Early College Pathways in partnership with Bunker Hill Community College. In the Health Pathway, students earn college credits, prac-

tice interacting with patients, and explore medical careers. Sarah Grimmett, who teaches the Health Pathway introductory course, said that “the primary focus of our Pathway is exposing students to as many medical careers and settings as possible. Students loved seeing Spaulding’s different departments and meeting so many professionals who looked like them.”

One of the Health Pathway students, 10th grader Ariana, reflected on her virtual experience



at Spaulding saying: “My favorite room at Spaulding was the Physical Therapy room because the rewalk machine was so cool and interesting! There are different

settings to help people learn to walk again. I wasn’t interested in PT before, but the field trip made me think about PT as a career.”

POP-UP ON THE PATIO



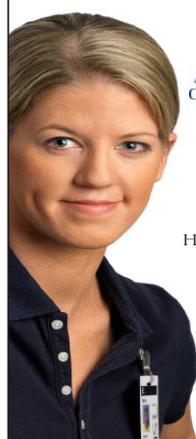
Last Saturday afternoon, the forthcoming Foundation Kitchen held a pop-up event preview with vendors that, next fall, will be located in the Kitchen’s food hall – an operation in The Graphic Lofts on the ground floor. The Kitchen owns a commissary in Somerville just down the road with 25 tenants who use that facility, and owner Ciaran Naple said they will be rotating vendors through the Kitchen at the Graphic on a seasonal basis once it opens. On Saturday, the Pop-Up on the patio of The Graphic featured Lala’s Pizza, Kind Roots Veggie Burgers, Odyssey Gourmet Hot Dogs, Wild Fox Pierogi’s, Render Coffee, and Fermenta Wine & Beer. Here, Naples is pictured with Conor Cudahy of Lala’s in front of their mobile wood-fired pizza oven.

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

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

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

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



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BCDC voices grave concerns over One Mystic

By Seth Daniel

Members of the Boston Civic Design Commission (BCDC) expressed numerous concerns about the design, height and connectivity of the proposed One Mystic residential tower during a review meeting on Tuesday night.

The BCDC is an appointed group of architects that work in tandem with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to review design elements and other pieces of proposed projects under BPDA review.

Virtually every member of the BCDC said they had concerns about the project design, with the top concern being the height of the 29-story tower on the edge of Sullivan Square. Other concerns were fundamental, such as having an open concept in an area where most thought people would want a protected environment.

The BCDC decided to send the matter to Committee for further discussion, but suggested the developers go back to the BPDA to make major changes to the design as proposed.

"You talk about Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing, so where are the places for the kids to play?" said Member Andrea Leers, noting that she thought

the design should include closed off courtyards and not the open Paseo. "I urge you to think about this as a living place and an example of how all the other industrial properties can also develop."

I encourage you to step back and think again about not having it be so much a gateway as it is a place to live," continued Leers. "It will be a gateway if it achieves that quality of life...I encourage you to go back to the BPDA and look at some major alternatives and we'll see it again in Committee."

Said member William Rawls, "Having tall towers indiscriminately placed over the landscape is a pretty scary thing. I hope you have time to review it with the BPDA and everyone else."

At the outset, Member Mimi Love expressed several concerns about the height – noting that it was a huge massing.

"I'm just troubled by the height," she said.

"I'm having a hard time understanding the thinking behind the massing, but the height of the proposal is one that's troubling to me," she said.

Member Linda Eastley said she was also concerned about the height, but also expressed concerns about the centerpiece Paseo – a ground level open space that

bisects the tower and would offer activation and programming.

"My worry is that between now and when the area catches up with you that Paseo will be empty and won't be used because it doesn't connect to anything," she said. "That's my first concern and I'm sure you too are concerned about that as an early adopter to this area...It feels like we have a lot of building program here. It does feel extremely tall to me."

Most all of the members said they understood it was a very difficult site, and the project is a pioneer in an area that hasn't seen such development in generations – if ever. They also expressed an understanding of the busy-ness of the area – including the transportation hubs like the Bus Barn, Sullivan Square T Station, I-93 and Assembly Row. However, members said they felt with that in mind, the building was a great design for some other site – somewhere downtown in an area with established high-rises.

The BCDC did vote unanimous to send One Mystic to Committee, but encouraged them to make major design changes with the BPDA before engaging in that process.

The comment period for One Mystic is to close on June 11.

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Staff Report

USS Constitution is scheduled to go underway from Charlestown Navy Yard, Massachusetts on Friday, June 11, at 10 a.m. to recognize and honor the service of healthcare workers and first responders during the Global

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USS Constitution will conduct a 21-gun salute at approximately 11:30 a.m. at Castle Island.

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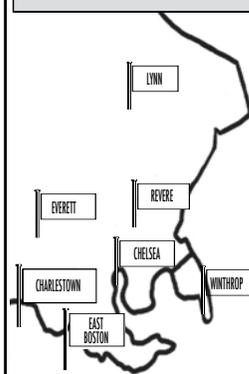
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Project File No. 606226
A Live Virtual Design Public Hearing will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Reconstruction of Rutherford Avenue, from City

Square to Sullivan Square project in Boston, MA.
WHEN: 6:00PM, Wednesday, June 23, 2021
PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan Square Improvements Project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.
PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of the reconstruction of Rutherford Avenue from City Square to Sullivan Square, about 7,000 linear feet. The Sullivan Square rotary will be replaced with a grid of streets including new sidewalks, separated bicycle facilities, and new traffic signals. The Sullivan Square underpass will be decked over to create an urban park with pedestrian and bicycle connections to Sullivan Station and Ryan Playground. The project includes three new signalized intersections near Bunker Hill Community College, creating a linear greenway and allowing safe pedestrian crossings from the neighborhood. The project will enhance transit mobility with a dedicated bus lane from Everett to Sullivan Station. The underpass at Austin Street will be rehabilitated to have fewer lanes and better sight lines. Resiliency of the neighborhood is addressed by the raising of Main Street, near the railroad crossing, as this was identified by the city's Climate Ready Boston team as a pathway for future flooding. A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City of Boston is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

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