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BUNKER HILL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT VISIT



Photo courtesy of Mayor's Office/Jeremiah Robinson

Acting Mayor Kim Janey took her first tour and got an update on the plans for the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment on Weds., July 7. Here, she stops for a photo with Charlestown Residents Alliance (CRA) members Nancy Martinez, Tina Goodnow, Phil Wright and Karla Wert. See Page 8 for more photos

Charlestown landscape architect uses Hood Park plan to advance innovative ideas

By Seth Daniel

Standing on the parking lot or open space at Hood Park in year's past meant having a front-row seat to the highway just a few knots to the west.

Now, the wind rustles in the trees, the fountains flow and the highway cannot be seen so well.

That's all part of the innovative plan for the public realm brought about by Charlestown landscape architect Kate Kennen, whose firm Offshoots is based on Rutherford Avenue and who formerly lived in the Town for several years.

When Kennen was brought onto the project by Hood Park owner Chris Kaneb, the task was to block out the highway, but through a technique she has pushed forward using native plantings – she's also looking to clean up the pollution from the highway as well.

"We're very excited because the whole object of this job is about blocking I-93, which is amazing," she said. "When we first started putting everything in, it was to help relieve pollution in

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State Rep. Jon Santiago ends mayoral campaign

By Seth Daniel

Though he had a gleaming resume for the job of mayor, South End State Rep. Jon Santiago's campaign never took a strong foothold citywide and never caught the momentum needed to show strong in September, and as a result he ended his campaign for mayor on Tuesday morning.

His move to end the campaign

leaves five announced major candidates still in the race, including Acting Mayor Kim Janey, Councilor Michelle Wu, Councilor Anissa Essaibi George, Councilor Andrea Campbell and John Barros. Also in the race of East Boston's Bob Cappucci, who has gathered some support in Charlestown of late.

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South End State Rep. Jon Santiago ended his mayoral campaign on Tuesday. He's shown here with Charlestown State Rep. Dan Ryan in June. Ryan was an early supporter of Santiago's campaign.

Demand pushes Hood to move forward on garage addition

By Seth Daniel

In the master planning process with Hood Park in 2018, a six story tower on top of the six story signature parking garage on the campus was only thought to be a distant possibility in the plan, but

with the tremendous appetite for lab and research space in Boston, the far-off expansion has become a near-term reality.

Hood Park filed an amendment to its approved Master Plan this month with the intention of adding a six-story lab tower to the top

of the very unique, six-story parking garage/retail complex that was completed only last summer.

Owner Chris Kaneb said that the building was "coming sooner rather than later," and that demand for life sciences space has begun to find a home in Hood Park. He didn't say if there was a tenant identified for the proposed six-story tower – which would make the building 12-stories in total – but Hood has just leased an existing 75,000 sq. ft. floor in the garage to a life sciences company – whose lease is firm but there is still paperwork pending, Kaneb said.

"The demand in the Boston market now is strongly in life sciences and we're right there in a good position to respond to that demand," he said.

The finished structure, including the completed garage would top out at 185 feet and would

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Hood Park has filed an amendment to their Master Plan to go forward with a six-story lab building addition on top of the completed parking garage/retail center on the campus. The building on top of the garage wasn't anticipated so quickly, but demand for life science lab space has pushed it forward.

EDITORIAL

SORRY FOLKS -- BUT THE PANDEMIC IS FAR FROM OVER

We in Massachusetts are living in a bit of a pandemic bubble right now, both literally and figuratively.

The high vaccination rate in our state, as well as in neighboring states throughout New England, has contributed to a dramatic drop in the number of COVID-19 infections, deaths, and hospitalizations in our part of the country.

The successful reopening of our economy serves as a testament to the value of having a highly-vaccinated -- and highly-educated -- population.

It's as if our region of the U.S. is equivalent to an island nation such as New Zealand, where COVID-19 has not made a dent in economic or other activity since the beginning of the pandemic because its prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, sealed off its borders to foreigners from the very beginning of the pandemic.

However, New England is not an island. Millions of our own citizens are traveling to other places and returning, and millions of non-residents are coming here to visit this summer.

The Delta variant of COVID-19 is now the dominant strain of the virus both in this country and throughout the world. The troubling aspects of Delta are that it is much more highly-transmissible than the original, it is more lethal, and the vaccines are slightly less-efficacious against it compared to the original strain of the virus for which the vaccines specifically were developed.

In Australia (where vaccination rates are very low), the Delta variant has shown itself to be a whole new ballgame, so to speak, in terms of how contagious it is. The virus has been transmitted among people who simply came fleetingly into contact with each other and shared the same airspace in an indoor mall.

"It is the most hyper-transmissible, contagious version of the virus we've seen to date, for sure — it's a superspreader strain if there ever was one," said Eric Topol, a professor of molecular medicine and an executive vice president at the Scripps Research Institution, in a recent interview in Scientific American.

The Delta variant is being blamed for the huge increases in infections and deaths throughout the world, particularly in places where vaccination rates are in the low single digits.

There also are many areas in the U.S., such as parts of Texas, Missouri, and Arkansas, where vaccination rates are low, that predictably now are seeing large increases in COVID-19 cases caused by Delta.

The Delta variant is concerning enough on its own, but the real problem is this: The more people who become infected with COVID-19, the more likely that the virus will mutate into additional variants, with the possibility that vaccination efficacy could begin to drop significantly if one of these strains develops an ability to evade the vaccines' protective effects.

It is nothing less than tragic -- and despicable, really -- that there are some in public life who are urging Americans NOT to get vaccinated. That mindset was on display this past weekend at the Republican-dominated CPAC conference, where some clown on a panel who spoke out against the nation's vaccination program was actually applauded by those in attendance.

There is a strong and vocal minority in this country who strive to create chaos -- that's what makes them tick.

Whether we as a nation can overcome the combination of venality and stupidity that was on display at CPAC this past weekend will determine whether we can beat the pandemic in the short term and whether our democracy and our way of life can survive in the long term.

GUEST OP-ED

Strategize your money flow

Dr. Glenn Mollette

If your outgo is more than your income then your upkeep will be your downfall.

A sure way to disable yourself financially is to spend more than your income.

If your income is \$2,500 a month then you can't spend \$3,500 a month and come out ahead.

An old friend used to say, "You can't borrow yourself rich."

We have "wants" and "needs." Needs must always outweigh wants. We need food and shelter, transportation and basic utilities to survive.

A person with a small income has severe financial pressure and must live on a strict budget. The person who has a lot of income still must determine a budget. The principal is the same for the person who has more income. Your outgo must not exceed your income. If you are earning \$9,000 a month but spending \$10,000 you are going to end up in financial trouble.

With a very low income even

the very basic needs become a luxury. Keeping the house warm or cool is a luxury. Buying good or healthy groceries are difficult. Buying gasoline to go to work is expensive. If you have access to a credit card, the pressure is great to put basic living needs on the card but the exorbitant fees and interest of credit card companies begin to quickly intensify your financial burden.

Your choices are few when it comes to good household budgeting. Let's look at a lean budget. Let's say your income is \$2,000 a month. You can afford the following: \$500 a month in rent, \$250 a month in utilities, \$250 a month for a used car payment and \$150 a month for gasoline. This gives you \$850 a month to buy food on and buy basic auto insurance. You will have to go through your state medical insurance program and apply for free state health insurance because you can't afford to buy health insurance. You also have to figure out how to make more money. You have to work hard where you are and do good

so you can get a better paying job. Or, you must gain additional income through a second job. With surging inflation facing our country this makes these numbers an intense strain. Consider living as close to your job as possible to save on transportation costs.

If your income is \$5,000, \$10,000 a month or more. Your strategy is easier. Your main goal must be to not buy a house or a car that stretches your income to the max. You don't need the stress. Budget so you can afford to take a vacation or have a play day. Life is short! Enjoy it along the way. How you budget and spend your money can make you financially unstable or you can live with a feeling of financial security.

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GUEST OP-ED

Financial suicide is not necessary

Dr. Glenn Mollette

There is some risk to all of life. A friend and his wife had a house paid for and a substantial savings account. At the age of 65 he was retired and bored and bemoaned he had never been a business owner. He was aware of a family who had recently closed a business so he offered to buy it from them and even employed a family member to run it. He knew nothing about the business but was confident all would be well. The cost of the investment, his lack of understanding the business and the monthly outgo spelled disaster. Within two years he had lost his house and his entire retirement savings trying to make his dream business endeavor sustainable.

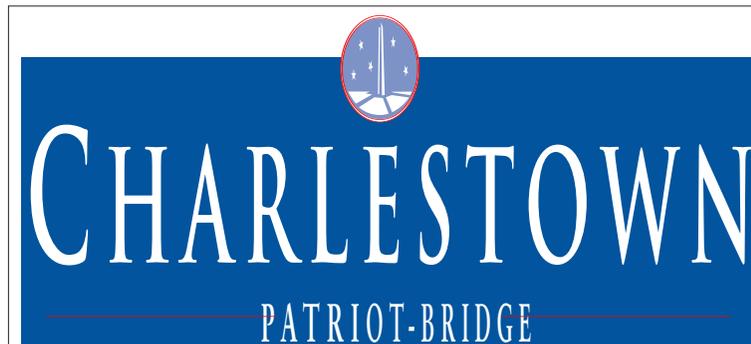
Another acquaintance had worked hard at an auto plant for twelve years but retired and took his \$150,000 retirement savings and sunk it into a restaurant endeavor. He had never run a restaurant before and within one

year the restaurant had failed. His money was gone and he had a sizable debt.

Another acquaintance retired and wanted something to do. He

got into a cookie business that lasted three months. He spent \$30,000 a month for three months

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOYS

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association for their generous

support of my educational journey. As I enter my senior year at Harvard College, I am truly grateful for the continued support of the Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association toward my goals and dreams over the past four years.

Joseph Griffith

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in a cookie franchise before he was able to get out of the venture.

Neither of the prior persons had any prior business ownership experience.

Life is filled with lessons. Education is often very expensive. You must decide if you are still young enough or too old to take on such a business venture. This is especially true if you could end up losing all your investment and further financially obligating yourself.

If you want or need something to do, then get into something that you can afford and know something about. Being informed and applying as much research to any endeavor is crucial. If you can afford a large franchise fee, other investment costs and you can make the business successful, then by all means enjoy your endeavor. If you are risking being homeless then you should probably reconsider.

Years ago, an old friend was almost financially broke at 50. He had worked in various restaurants with others but had little to show for his efforts. He rented an old hamburger restaurant that had been closed and his rent and

overhead were cheap. He went to work making the best hamburger in town. For 16 years his burger business netted him an annual salary of over \$300,000. He retired well.

Sometimes we simply need to be content with what we have. If you need to work, consider what you know, what you have and how you can make it work for you. It could require a minimal amount of advertising. Or, it might simply require letting acquaintances know what kind of work you are doing and building your business by word of mouth. You may be able to use space or land that is sitting dormant and can be rented or bought reasonably.

Life's pursuits can be, and should be, approached with reasonable caution. Financial suicide is not necessary.

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CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Lost and Found

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

Supposedly it goes with aging - forgetting where something is - not remembering where you last saw/used or placed an item. While I resist that as an exclusive characteristic of someone over '60, I have to admit some truth to the theorem. Losing one's keys seems the most annoying, perhaps only bested by misplacing a cell phone.

Most of us can identify with the emotion of discovering something is lost - seems like it happens just when we need it ...! And can you recall how you feel when the object is found, especially if the search has gone on for a bit and others have been helping? The relief is huge.

But there are other kinds of losses we all know about: jobs, homes, friendships, money, health, agility, independence, even freedom that may not be resolved as we may hope. Truth is, life includes many moments when we face loss, and some are devastating. Sometimes our losses, big and small, can nurture a self pity and that can lead to magnify the loss in our lives.

One common response to certain types of loss is, "Why?" We search for answers and we often

seek to find out whom or what is to blame for the loss. And often enough the answer is elusive and our anger is directed to God: "Why did God let this happen to ME?" This course may cause us to turn away from the very One who seeks to comfort, sustain and direct us in times of trial.

So how do we live with loss? The movement of life is only in one direction - there is no going back. The pain of loss and change can break us or can open us to a new way of being. Instead of asking "Why", in faith, one can ask "What": "What does God want me to do now? What can I do to move forward? What can I learn from this loss?"

I recall being at a very low point in my life, struggling with change and loss. I wandered into a bookstore and was browsing around. There was a display of book marks, little plastic strips printed with a quote or saying. One read, "The will of God will never lead you where the Grace of God will not sustain you". I bought that book mark and took great comfort in that truth. I needed to accept the loss and changes and seek to move forward, to

learn, to grow, to adapt and to trust.

Marion Howard once wrote: "Life is like a blanket too short. You pull it up and your toes rebel, you yank it down and shivers meander about your shoulder; but cheerful folks manage to draw their knees up and pass a very comfortable night". God gives to each of us whatever we need to live through the losses of our lives. When we believe that, actually trust that truth, then the loss can yield something to be found.

Maybe Charles Schultz is right when he says: "Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use". Indeed, we need to try out the other gears - they are there to be used and when we do, we may find a speed that really works very well for us.

Friends, the God who made us, who knows us better than we know ourselves and whose love for us is constant and unconditional will never abandon us. As we go forward with the losses and the finds of our life, look around. There is some new insight and experience awaiting, and God is behind us all the way.

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Boston housing developer makes major purchase on Rutherford Avenue

Staff Report

A major Boston housing and institutional developer, Related Beal, has made a significant purchase of three large parcels in the industrial area of Rutherford Avenue for a combined total of \$74.45 million.

Related Beal has been a major developer in the housing scene over the past several years, bringing large apartment/condo projects to the market in the South End, Fenway and around the city. They are just finishing a project called The Quinn in the South End, former home to the Quinzani Bakery and are in the midst of developing a property under the Citgo sign in Kenmore Square. In 2019, they purchased the Benjamin Franklin Institute in the South End and have proposed residential, office and assisted living there on that former campus.

In Charlestown, on the industri-

al side of Rutherford Avenue, there has been speculation for many years – mostly from land-bankers and in this case a well-heeled company based in New York City that has been making large purchases in that area since 2015. However, nothing much has ever come of the purchases, but now – after a very positive meeting on the re-design of the Rutherford Avenue corridor and a set timeline for construction – the prospects seem to look more real.

The purchases include 420 Rutherford Ave. (the CubeSmart building), 440 Rutherford Avenue, and 6 Bunker Hill Industrial Park.

Related Beal said it was very excited to enter the market in Charlestown in an area that is clearly transforming from past uses to a more residential feel.

“Related Fund Management is thrilled to acquire this three-building portfolio in Charlestown,” read a statement from the company. “Related Beal has a longstand-

ing history of creating innovative, mixed-use developments that serve a variety of uses. We look forward to conversations with the community, neighbors, and elected officials in the coming months regarding the future of this development.”

State Rep. Dan Ryan actually lives across from the parcels, and said he did take notice of the purchase and looks forward to having conversations with Related Beal as they venture out into the community.

“I did see, through social media, the major land acquisition a few hundred yards from where I’m raising the next generation of Charlestown residents,” he said. “I’ve always welcomed these transformative real estate development discussions, within reason. The redevelopment of this final Charlestown frontier has been budding for 20 years. This is why I have fought to get more voices in the crowd and more seats at

the table. The Rutherford Avenue corridor is some of the most prime Real Estate on the East Coast right now. However, new development in this area should not proceed until we have the right roads, school seats, playing fields and other pertinent infrastructure that can support the type of transformation such acquisitions require.”

The purchase marks a very successful land-banking venture for the New York company, Center Capital Partners, who purchased the three parcels from 2017 to 2019 for a total of \$36.9 million, and sold it this month for a combined \$74.45 million. That equals out to a gross clearing of about \$37.55 million for the company on the deal without having so much as proposed any changes.

The breakdown on the parcels is:

- 420 Rutherford Avenue – bought in 2017 for \$15 million and sold this month for \$36 million.

- 440 Rutherford Avenue – bought in 2015 for \$14.7 million and sold this month for \$25.95 million.

- 6 Bunker Hill Industrial Park – bought in 2019 for \$7.2 million and sold this month for \$12.5 million.

Another property owner abutting the purchase includes DLJ Partners, who at one time owned 8 Bunker Hill Industrial Park, buying it in 2019 for \$10 million from a construction materials company. That company is the same company that redeveloped 40 Warren St. into new office space and the Tatte Bakery.

They were not immediately available for comment on the purchase.

Other land abutting the parcels includes KTI/Casella Recycling, whose major recycling facility behind the parcels doesn’t seem like it’s going anywhere soon, and Boston Sand & Gravel.

LADY-TOWNIES’ G3/4 SOCCER TEAM FINISH UNDEFEATED, WIN MYSL COMMISSIONERS CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Staff Report

Charlestown Youth Soccer Association’s Girls Grade 3/4 Team-1 had an impressive season finishing undefeated, capturing the league title, and winning the Commissioner’s Cup.

At the beginning of the season the team’s goals were simple - player development, good sportsmanship, and learning how to play the game. If the team focused on these three fundamentals, Coach Nothnagle and the entire staff knew there was a chance the team could compete for the Championship. As the season progressed and the ‘Lady Townies’ continued to march through the schedule, it also became clear they could finish the season undefeated. According to Coach Dagdigian, “As the momentum continued the girls persevered and stayed focused on the match in front of them and never once let their success get in the way of their goals.”

It’s not often in a player’s career that they get to experience an undefeated season and it’s even more rare that they win a championship.

Head Coach David Serpa commented; “The girls have shown tremendous resiliency. It’s been wonderful to watch them mature as players and teammates, while improving skills and gaining a true understanding of what it means to be a part of a team.”

Get the Duck Boats ready . . .



Front Row – Goalie Meredith McCabe. Second Row: Margot Reinfeld, Christiana Catricketes, Elle Dagdigian, Lily Ellrodt, and Daniela Munera. Back Row: Head Coach Serpa, Darcy Serpa, Emery Deroeve, Grace Nothnagle, Eliana Andersen, and Coach Dagdigian. Missing from the photo – Evynn Kelly, and Coach Nothnagle.

Fountains of Innovation; Biotech, retail leases strong as new open space is completed

By Seth Daniel

The transformation of Hood Park has come in two waves – first the sound of wind in the new trees and trickling water in the new fountains, and second in the seemingly never-ending march of life science companies traveling across the Gilmore Bridge to Charlestown.

Hood Park Owner Chris Kaneb gave a tour of the new “public realm” open space and several spaces being transformed for life sciences and retail in the park – which is catching some outstanding momentum coming out of COVID-19.

Perhaps the most striking transformation is on Hood Park Drive, where one is no longer greeted by asphalt and concrete, but rather a new open space, significant landscaping and park feature – with a bicycle pavilion and large water features to usher in a peaceful mood and block out the sight and sound and pollution of the highway behind.

“We’ve taken away a ton of asphalt,” said Kaneb. “A lot of the green space you see now was asphalt. It’s now a lot of greenery and a lot of permeables. Plus, the hardscape that exists is multi-use. So you can have vehicle traffic and delivery trucks in the day, and then in off hours it can serve as a gathering or event space.”

The new corridor is completed with an inclining park feature that has grassy, open areas with native plants and native trees to block out and protect Hood Park and the neighborhood from particulate matter coming from the highway and the MBTA Orange Line. The inclining park will be a central feature once the campus is built out, and even before. There is space for outdoor performances, and underneath is a bike pavilion for storage and repair – which will be run by Landry’s Cycles of Commonwealth Avenue. Landry’s has also leased a major retail location in the parking garage across from the bike pavilion, and will be a central retailer in Hood Park and the only bike shop in Charlestown.

All of this now-completed open space was supposed to come much later in the process, after an office/lab tower next door was built – which would have been a few years away. However, Kaneb said he made a decision to go forward with the public realm as a way to show his commitment to the neighborhood and to the tenants and prospective tenants.

“This was intended to be built with 10 Stack Street,” he said. “I decided even though we were

not ready to move forward with that construction, I thought it was important to build out the public space ahead of time not only for the neighborhood, but also for the tenants so they know it’s a real place. That’s been a great exercise in placemaking.”

And the results have spoken for themselves.

During COVID-19 last summer and fall and, especially, into this year, Hood Park has gained traction as a celebrated place for life sciences companies and fun retail to locate.

Within the existing building on Hood Park, the long-time data center that has been there for 20 years has vacated, and a new life sciences lease with Advent Technologies for 20,000 has been signed.

Meanwhile, also on the existing campus, they’ve leased 35,000 sq. ft. to Mori – a food science com-

pany that does research to find out how to extend the life of fresh foods and produce.

He said Advent was very excited to locate at Hood Park, and even announced it on their social media pages.

On the retail side of things, many new offerings are taking root in the new parking garage and at the ground floor of The Harvey residential building, which was completed in August 2019 and has full occupancy.

On the horizon now is Tradesman Restaurant, a second location for the ownership of Tradesman on Batterymarch Street downtown. Right now, the group is fitting out the restaurant and there are plans to be open very shortly in the marquee ground-floor corner of The Harvey. Next to them are Elements Day Spa, which moved to Hood Park from Main Street last year.



A new water feature with plants and fountains now has a home on Hood Park Drive, mixing the old with the new.



The bike pavilion will have storage space for 250 bicycles and will also host a bike repair shop run by Landry’s Cycles, which will also have a retail location in the Hood Park garage.

An anchor retail tenant in the parking garage – as noted above – is Landry’s Cycles. Landry’s is one of the premiere bike shops in Greater Boston, with several locations in the region – including a large store on Comm Ave in Boston.

Turnstyle Fitness is also relocating from Sullivan Square to a retail location at the parking garage, and finally, there is 24,000 sq. ft. that has been leased to a company yet to be named for “beer and bowling” recreation.

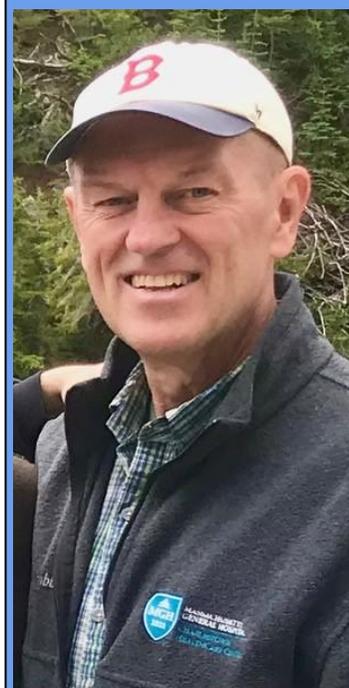
“There are people here in Charlestown now that are calling this part of Charlestown their neighborhood,” said Kaneb. “To be able to create a critical mass of retail allows you to do some things. It’s not Assembly Row, but

it’s some excitement.”

All of it has quickly taken shape due to the emergence and expansion of the life sciences and lab market in Boston – which has exploded with many burgeoning clusters outside the traditional Kendall Square Cambridge hub. It appears Hood Park – and potentially Sullivan Square – could be on a lot of up-and-coming company’s short lists.

“I think we’re trying to be in an area that has infrastructure that makes it desirable for life science companies,” said Kaneb. “We have been trying to make the most of this current market and are happy it’s been well-received in the last few years and we’re continuing to expand.”

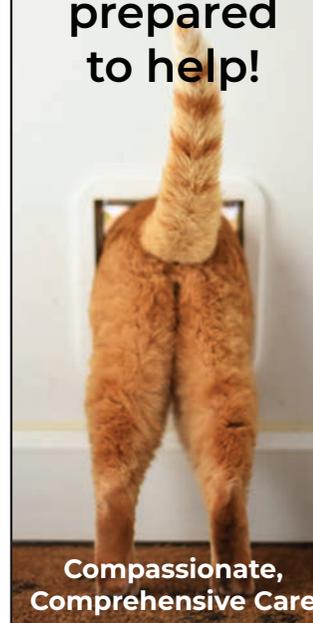
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Edwards Middle being assessed for temporary use by Horace Mann School for the Deaf

By Seth Daniel

Boston Public Schools (BPS) is working closely with an architect to determine whether the former Edwards Middle School would be a good fit for temporary swing space to accommodate the Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (HMS) – that happening while the HMS school community looks for a new home after the proposed closure of their Allston complex.

That comes in direct conflict of what many parents in Charlestown had understood and hoped for in the future of the Edwards, with it quickly being renovated and

converted into elementary or pre-K educational space to ease the squeeze on the Town's three, highly-sought elementary schools.

BPS said this week that they have recommended the HMS complex in Allston close after the 2021-22 school year, and the Edwards is one of a few facilities across the city that are being considered to temporarily house HMS while they wait for a more permanent home.

BPS did have a meeting on the matter in June with the HMS and Charlestown communities, and following that meeting they engaged with an architect to look at a few different options. That work, BPS said, still continues.

"We continue to work closely with the Horace Mann community to ensure the swing space meets the needs of HMS's specialized population," said spokesman Xavier Andrews. "We will continue our engagement with the HMS community and provide a broader update once we have completed the work with the architects. As mentioned during our last community meeting, we will continue to engage with both the Charlestown community and the Horace Mann community before moving forward with any decisions around the utilization of the Edwards building."

The long-term plan for the Edwards, however, has not

changed according to BPS. There is still money in the capital budget for the conversion of the school to meet Charlestown student needs, and that wouldn't change even if HMS needs to land at the Edwards as swing space.

"We have heard from the Charlestown community that they are interested in additional elementary space in the neighborhood, particularly to expand access to our high quality Pre-K program," said Andrews. "This remains a shared goal for the Superintendent, as part of the BuildBPS plan, and we are evaluating all proposals in light of that goal. We anticipate being able to add K0 and K1 seats through

these projects."

There is still funding in the capital budget to work with an architecture firm to convert the Edwards building into elementary school space. This could be for either upper elementary grades (e.g. 4-6) or an early childhood center (K0-3), Andrews said.

"We will work with the City of Boston's Public Facilities Department, an educational programmer and a team of consultants to assess the optimal use of the building," he said. "Our plan is to work with them to continue engagement with the Charlestown community throughout all phases of the project."

LANDSCAPE (from pg. 2)

Charlestown by blocking out the particulate matter and the sound and creating a backdrop."

Part of the strategy is choosing native plants, such as Quaking Aspen and Bay Berry that also serve as a magnet to trap particulate matter. It's a somewhat new idea that Kennen is pushing at her firm that is known as Phyto-remediation, and she's brought it to Hood Park.

"These leaves have been shown in studies to collect more particulate matter," she said.

The second piece of that plan is putting in native trees with deep roots that extend 20 feet into the ground and suck up the ground water – purifying it from any historic or current pollutants.

"We did Phyto-remediation on two levels – for the air quality particulate matter and for the ground



Hood Park owner Chris Kaneb with Offshoots owner Kate Kennen and her business partner Terry Kinsler. The Charlestown-based company has implemented a Phyto-remediation landscape plan at Hood Park to push native species and also block out the effects of the highway.

water too," she said. "This process is an idea that I've been talking

about and it has been something we wanted to implement for a

long time."

Another part of the plan is to create "thickets" of warm-season grasslands, and the native trees to create an edge for the campus.

Meanwhile, that all surrounds a stage for performances that could include music or plays or the like.

She said they have also planted 30,000 bulbs in the area, which are not native, but serve to create a space where they envision families from Charlestown coming to celebrate Mother's Day.

"The idea is having a space in Charlestown that would be an amazing place to go and spend Mother's Day with family," she said.

Kennen has operated Offshoots for five years, and has been based on Rutherford Avenue during that time.

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.

Investigate Property

07/01/2021 - Upon arrival at 300 First Ave. at about 2:15 p.m., an officer spoke with the manager of the facility's water rehab program. She stated the hospital was donated a blue-and-yellow Malana Hawaiian Canoe, worth approximately \$20,000.

The manager said between 1 and 1:50 pm, she and her coworkers left the dock area, where the canoes are kept at lunch break. While she was away, she said she was informed one of the kayaks was floating down the Little Mystic River. Hospital Security

stated the incident was on surveillance showing two young boys made their way onto the facilities. He noted, the two got on the canoe and were playing around on it, then it broke free from the dock. He stated once it broke free, the two young boys fled the dock area. The kayak was returned by a Good Samaritan and appeared to be undamaged.

Vandalism

07/01/2021 - Upon arrival at 17 Polk St. at 9 a.m., an officer spoke with the victim, who stated she parked the above motor vehi-

cle in front of 17 Polk St. on June 30 at about 1 p.m.

When she returned today at about 7 a.m., it appeared as if someone had deliberately smashed her front windshield with a rock. The officer observed several smashed spots consistent with a rock on the front windshield and no other damages. The victim was advised to contact her insurance company

Assault-Simple

06/29/2021 - On arrival at 149 13th St. at approximately 8:35 a.m., an officer spoke with

the caller (victim), who said at about 7:45 a.m., he was walking from Chelsea Street. on 5th Street toward First Avenue when he was hit on the head from behind. When he turned around, a male, about 50 years old with gray hair and wearing a gray shirt, was shouting at him inaudibly. The victim pushed the suspect backwards and got up as the man ran back toward Chelsea Street. The victim also spoke to a woman passing by who said she saw the man run.

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.



Councilor Edwards seriously considering run for state senate

By Seth Daniel

Councilor Lydia Edwards is giving serious consideration to running for the potentially open state senate seat that covers some of her district, including her home base of East Boston, but does not include Charlestown.

Edwards said this week she is looking at the potential opportunity, which has arisen from the speculation – and in likely factual – information that State Sen. Joe Boncore, of Winthrop, is stepping down from his seat to pursue a job at the Massachusetts Biotech

Council. The district includes East Boston, the Seaport, downtown Boston, the North End, Winthrop, Revere, parts of the South End/Fenway, and parts of Cambridge.

This week Councilor Edwards said she couldn't rule out a run for the seat, but she also said she's not made any hard-fast decisions and really enjoys her position and seniority on the City Council. A decision in either direction would emerge in the coming weeks, she said.

"It is an opportunity," she said. "It's a rare one, and I'm looking at it. I'm going to talk with my friends and family and of course

my supporters throughout the district to see what they think. Ultimately, I will have to make a decision and I'm not there yet."

In the neighboring North End, State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz told the paper he has no intention of running for state senate.

"I am very happy in my role in the House as the Chair of Ways and Means," he said.

Lisa Kashinsky of Politico Massachusetts Playbook first reported last week that Sen. Boncore was letting his colleagues know that he "plans to leave for a job at MassBio [Massachusetts Biotechnology Council]," it set off

a lot of speculation and political activity in that senate district.

The Boston Globe followed with a story stating that "Boncore, 39, still has more interviews for the leadership job, according to a person familiar with the hiring process."

The Patriot Bridge has been unsuccessful in its efforts to secure a statement from Sen. Boncore about the job offer. However, Mass. State Senate Clerk Michael Hurley has confirmed to the newspaper that Sen. Boncore has filed disclosure forms stating that he is a prospective employee of the Massachusetts Biotechnology.

Boncore has served as state senator for East Boston since 2016 when he won a special election for the seat previously held by Anthony Petruccelli.

If Edwards does run, she would likely face fellow East Boston elected official, State Rep. Adrian Madaro – who has signaled a serious interest in running. There are also at least two candidates from Revere seriously considering a run.

Were Edwards to run, depending on when and if Boncore leaves, she could potentially be on the ballot in November for both offices – Council and state senate.

BPDA to review interactive art exhibit in Shipyard Park

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Board will meet on Thursday, July 15, for its regular meeting, and will discuss two pieces of potential activation for Shipyard Park.

The first and most exciting piece is an interactive art installation proposed by the Navy Yard Garden Association (NYGA) that is titled 'Night Skies.' The Association has had a great run with public art activation using the Big Dog exhibit and the ongoing Wind on Water kinetic sculpture exhibit. Now, they have raised money and got a grant from the Browne Fund to purchase a custom mesh light art installation.

"This custom piece is being manufactured in Germany and will come in four large sections (about 7'x15') framed and ready to install," read the memo. "BPDA will assist in installing it using their electrical contractor. It is anticipated that the art exhibit will be installed along the mezzanine roof of the two-story edifice within Shipyard Park..., where Anthem currently operates its popular beer garden (The Anchor)."

The anticipated term of the installation is through 2024 with two five-year extensions possible.

"The NYGA will have the responsibility to program the art installation to change seasonally or as appropriate," read the memo. "BPDA will continue to

help with any installation or technical issues not related to the programming of the art itself."

There is no cost incurred to the BPDA, and it was recommended.

•GROOVY BABY

The BPDA will also consider a request from Groovy Baby to run music and movement classes in a 2,000 sq. ft. portion of the Park on Tuesday mornings for six weeks in the summer.

There would be no more than 10 families per session, which would last 45 minutes in the mornings, and the music would be at a reasonable volume. The dates of the classes would be July 20, July 27, Aug. 3, Aug. 10, and Aug. 17.

•DUVERGE TO LEAVE BPDA

Several IAG members on projects in Charlestown reported that long-time BPDA Project Manager Raul Duverge informed them that he will be leaving the BPDA soon for other employment.

There has been a drain lately of workers in the BPDA as City Hall transitions.

Duverge has potentially seen it all in Charlestown, having shepherded for several years the massive Bunker Hill Redevelopment project – coming in after it had started and gotten off to a very bad beginning under another project manager. He has overseen several other developments as well over the last seven or so years, including the Hood Park Master Plan.

Harvard Kent teacher to go on science expedition in Acadia NP

By Seth Daniel

An incoming Harvard Kent science specialist has a busy week ahead as she travels to Acadia National Park for a week-long expedition with Earthwatch in the program, 'Climate Change: Sea to Trees at Acadia National Park.'

Lauren Nickerson said she had applied to the program prior to the pandemic, and hadn't heard back, but recently got the news that she was one of the teachers chosen for the program in the Teach-Earth section.

Nickerson was part of the Boston Teacher Residency program for a year, and spent the last three years at the Edwards Middle School. When the school shut down for good in June, she was able to transition to the Harvard Kent – saying she has already had

a great working relationship with Principal Jason Gallagher.

Next week, she will head off to the program, which she said is intended to immerse teachers, scientists and high school students in a week-long discovery in the field. With a background in marine biology and a love of plant biology, she said she is very excited to head into the field and bring it back to her classroom in September.

"I love to learn and I love to be in the field," she said. "My marine biology background is great for this and I love plants so I think it will be a perfect combo."

Earthwatch is an international environmental nonprofit whose mission is to engage people worldwide in scientific field research and education to promote the understanding and action necessary for a sustainable environment.



Incoming Harvard Kent science teacher Lauren Nickerson was chosen to spend next week at an intensive field study in Acadia National Park with the Earthwatch organization. The competitive program chose around eight to 12 teachers worldwide.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through July 24

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge (Charlestown Bridge) Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

DESCRIPTION

OF SCHEDULED WORK

•Building the piers:
*Pier 1 (closest to the North End): Hammer Head V-Pier formwork

*Pier 2: V-arms formwork

*Pier 4: Post Tensioning V-Arms and Precast Beams

*Pier 5 (closest to Charlestown):

Post Tensioning V-Arms and Precast Beams

•Installing, moving, and maintaining silt curtains and barges in the water

•Installing permanent fender piles and temporary bents

WORK HOURS

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

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

•Prior to 7/11:

*Pier 3: V-Arms concrete placements

TRAVEL TIPS

The sidewalk over the temporary bridge and the Lovejoy Wharf stairs near Converse are open.

The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

Visit www.charlestownbridge.com

JANEY VISITS THE BUNKER HILL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Photos courtesy of Mayor's Office/Jeremiah Robinson

Acting Mayor Kim Janey made a stop at the Bunker Hill Housing Development on July 7 to see the development, tour its programs and meet with the Charlestown Resident Alliance (CRA) about the upcoming, multi-year re-development project. CRA President Nancy Martinez welcomed Janey and showed her around, accompanied by other members of the CRA Board and Boston Housing Authority Director Kate Bennett.

It was Janey's first visit to the development since taking leadership of the City.

"The Mayor had a great meeting with members of the Charlestown Resident Alliance to discuss their priorities for the Bunker Hill community," said a spokesperson for Janey. "After the meeting, the Mayor walked the development, met some residents and enjoyed a nice tour of the Bunker Hill Adult Education program."

Martinez said the CRA appreciated Janey coming out for a visit and hearing their needs and concerns as they transition to the construction phase of the redevelopment.

"The CRA appreciates that Mayor Janey took time out of her busy schedule to meet for an update on the redevelopment and to hear about the priorities of our residents," said Martinez. "We are grateful for the support of all of our elected officials, including



Janey visits with Lori D'Alleva, director of the Adult Education program, about how they kept things going during COVID-19.

City Councilor Lydia Edwards, Representative Dan Ryan, and Senator Sal DiDomenico, and we look forward to working together as the project progresses."

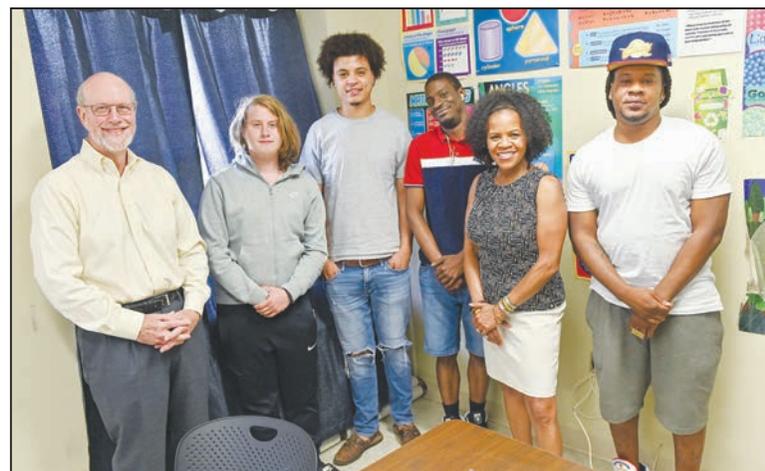
The BHA said they were also happy to welcome Janey and bring her up to speed on the coming Phase One of the redevelopment.

"The Boston Housing Authority and the Charlestown Resident Alliance were pleased to welcome Mayor Kim Janey to the Bunker Hill public housing community last week," they said in a statement. "The Mayor had a pro-

ductive meeting with the CRA to discuss resident priorities and their hopes for the future of Bunker Hill. The City has been a vital partner in our efforts at Bunker Hill, and the Mayor has been highly engaged and supportive in this process. After the meeting, the Mayor walked the development, met some residents and took nice a tour of the Adult Education program. It was a great visit, and we look forward to working with her going forward as we prepare for Phase One."



Janey, CRA President Nancy Martinez and BHA Director Kate Bennett.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey with students and faculty at the Adult Education Program.



Janey also met with Mswati Hanks and several young people from Bunker Hill housing.

Last Weekend, Ends Sunday

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Julie Alalima, StoveFactory Gallery Chair AGC

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Cities and towns applaud increase in state climate resilience funding

Staff Report

Cities and towns involved in the Resilient Mystic Collaborative applauded the doubling of annual funds for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant Program to \$21 million in the Baker Administration's FY2022 Capital Plan.

"Chelsea has already suffered through two debilitating heat waves and a dozen days over 90 F even before July 1st," said Alex Train, Director of Housing and Community Development. "Our same residents who suffered disproportionately through COVID are now at risk from heat-related illnesses. We need to upgrade our infrastructure and services for the summer of 2050, not 1950."

In the latest MVP grant round, the Commonwealth received 92 applications requesting a total of \$28 million for action grants out of \$10 million available. "Extreme heat, storms, drought, and flooding are no longer a thing of the future. Climate resilience needs to become a core government function, just like schools and roads," said Julie Wormser, deputy director of the Mystic River Watershed Association. "This funding increase is a critical down payment." Below are some of the projects in Greater Boston's Mystic Watershed seeking MVP funding this year.

"Twelve municipalities depend on the Charles River and Amelia Earhart Dams to prevent catastrophic coastal flooding of residential neighborhoods and businesses," said Owen O' Riordan, Commissioner of Cambridge's Department of Public Works. "It is of critical importance that these dams and portions of our shoreline be elevated to ensure we

protect tens of thousands of people and billions in property from harm. We could use every penny in the MVP program over the next decade just to solve this one issue."

"Belle Isle Marsh is by far the largest remaining salt marsh in Boston Harbor providing a crucial buffer for flooding to neighboring communities and critical habitat for over 250 bird species, mammals and marine animals, said Mary Mitchell, president of Friends of Belle Isle Marsh. "Funding for restoration projects and nature-based resiliency projects within the marsh is needed now to best protect against climate change and sea level rise."

"One of Winthrop's most valuable resources is Ingleside Park, a vast green space enjoyed by the entire Town," said Rachel Kelly, Director of Planning and Development. The Park floods after heavy rains and snowmelt. Winthrop would greatly benefit from additional MVP funding to mitigate flooding with improved drainage and green infrastructure."

The Resilient Mystic Collaborative includes 20 of 21 communities (Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Burlington, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lexington, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Reading, Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Watertown, Winchester, Winthrop, and Woburn) and over 98 percent of the population and land base in the Mystic River Watershed. Together, RMC municipalities represent one percent of the state's land base and 10 percent of its population. The partnership focuses on fresh water and coastal flooding, and protecting vulnerable residents and workers from extreme weather, including heat.

"The Resilient Mystic

Collaborative and MVP Program has brought together cities and towns in ways that we could not foresee," said Alex Rozycki, senior civil engineer for the Town of Reading. "As these communities continue to work together and evaluate shared MVP grant possibilities the scope and breadth of these complex projects quickly expands as well. Regional MVP funding is supporting a revitalized trail system and green stormwater treatment systems to increase storage and water quality in Reading, which provides similar benefits to downstream communities. The estimated cost to complete this project alone is over two million dollars."

"Climate change is bringing intense rainfall that overwhelms our aging stormwater systems with increased frequency," said Elena Proakis Ellis, Melrose Director of Public Works. "We are working with 16 other communities to manage local and regional flooding through expanded wetlands and other nature-based solutions. With enough small projects combined, we can make a real difference in our region. These projects are too costly for communities like Melrose to afford with local funding alone, however. This work is essential to the region and brings other habitat and social benefits along the way."

"The industrial district that spans Chelsea and Everett provides thousands of good-paying jobs and billions in annual economic activity," said Chelsea's Alex Train. "It was unfortunately also built by filling in the Island End River, which is now chronically flooding during heavy storms. The price tag for protecting this area from flooding over the next fifty years is north of \$50 million."

LEGAL NOTICE

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Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU19P0359EA
Estate of:

Albert Maurice Reilly

Date of Death: 12/31/2018
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Patricia J. Reilly of Medford MA
Requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, Approve the 1st and final ac-

count(s) as filed, including the distributions stated therein, an adjudicate a final settlement of the estate. Construe the will as provided in the attached statement. And other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceed-

ing. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/12/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ANNOUNCES SPRING 2021 DEAN'S LIST

The University of Maine recognized 3,670 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the spring 2021 semester. Of the students who made the Dean's List, 2,392 are from Maine, 1,195 are from 39 other states and 83 are from 35 countries other than the U.S.

Due to the unusual and challenging circumstances faced this semester amid the global pandemic, the university has modified its Dean's List policy for the spring 2021 term. The requirement that students earn 12 calculable credits to be eligible for Dean's List has been waived. Instead, students will be eligible if they earned a minimum of nine letter-graded (A-F on the transcript) credits for full-time students in addition to the criteria in the catalog. For part-time students to be eligible, they must have earned at least six letter-graded credits across the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters, in addition to the criteria in the catalog

for Part-time Dean's List. Courses with P/F grades selected by the student will not count toward the total of nine (for full-time) or six (for part-time).

Charlestown: Caroline Collier, Kaley Kyle, and Hayley McGowan.

CAO NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Xiaoxiao Cao, a native of Charlestown has been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. Cao is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2023. The requirement to make Emerson's Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

About Emerson College

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged lead-

ership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,700 undergraduates and 1,400 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups.

Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, Washington, DC, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals. The College has an active network of 51,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES 2021 LOCAL GRADUATES

Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require intern-

ships of its students, held its 81st annual Commencement exercises on May 22. Endicott's undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students participated in the ceremony at Hempstead Stadium on the Endicott campus in Beverly, Mass. The commencement speaker was Dana Bash, CNN's Chief Political Correspondent and Co-Anchor of State of the Union with Jake Tapper and Dana Bash, who provided a virtual address. Bash received an honorary Doctor of Journalism, which was accepted on her behalf by Melissa Hempstead '69, Chair of the Endicott College Board of Trustees.

Graduating was Maeve Fittz, who earned a Bachelor of Science, Nursing and is the daughter of Julie Treanor and Liam Fittz

WILLIAMSON GRADUATES FROM UNION COLLEGE

SMark Williamson, of Charlestown, graduated from Union College.

Williamson, a member of the Class of 2021 majoring in Economics, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts summa cum laude.

Through the hard work and sacrifices of many, Union was able to give its seniors an in-person ceremony. The featured speaker was Sue J. Goldie '84, a renowned physician, medical researcher and educator whose work has greatly influenced the field of public health.

Read more about the event here.

Union College, founded in 1795 as the first college chartered by the New York State Board of Regents, offers programs in the liberal arts and engineering to 2,100 undergraduates of high academic promise and strong personal motivation. Union, with its long history of blending disciplines, is a leader in educating students to be engaged, innovative and ethical contributors to an increasingly diverse, global and technologically complex society.

BPS releases draft of 3-year federal funding plan

Staff Report

Boston Public Schools (BPS) Superintendent Brenda Cassellius this week released the first draft of the district's plan to distribute Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief II (ESSER II) federal funding.

The funding, approximately \$400 million over the next three years, will provide opportunities to support the Return, Recover, and Reimagine agenda to return students safely to classrooms; recover from the pandemic and create the conditions for reimagining BPS; and reimagine a sustained, successful and equitable

district. The one-time funding will also further support the district's implementation of the five-year strategic plan.

The ESSER funding plan was developed and informed over the past three months through a robust community process that engaged students, families, teachers, staff, and the larger Boston community. The plan outlines how 100% of funding will be utilized to support stronger student outcomes. The plan ensures that the first 50% of funding is invested directly to schools; the next 30% will go to schools via school department investments; and the final 20% will be allocated to fund districtwide innovation, collabora-

tion and community partnerships.

"This federal funding represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us to dismantle systemic barriers to opportunity that have persisted in the Boston Public Schools for far too long. I am so thankful to all the many stakeholders who contributed the ideas that you see reflected in this plan," said Superintendent Cassellius. "We are utilizing this ESSER funding as a continuous improvement strategy, directing funds to sustainable investments which will allow us to boldly confront the hard work ahead and achieve our goal of providing every student in every neighborhood with access to an excellent education in a high-quality school."

ity school."

The funding is expected in three rounds and the first round of \$55 million was already used in 2020 to return to school safely. Other rounds include:

- ESSER II - Recover lost learning and wellness: \$123 million.

- ESSER III - Reimagine BPS for a sustained strong and equitable system: \$276 million.

ESSER II funding, totaling approximately \$123 million, and ESSER III funding totaling approximately \$276 million, have not yet been received from the state. The draft plan released is specific to the ESSER II funding expected this fall. BPS will continue engagement on ESSER III

funding through the fall.

Superintendent Cassellius and her team solicited feedback from students, families, teachers, local leaders, and the general public as part of an engagement process. BPS is also launching a student commission for rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders to share their thoughts as to how the ESSER III funding should be spent. Meetings will be held this summer beginning Thursday, July 22.

The plan will be available for public comment until July 30 at which time BPS will make final revisions based on feedback before submitting the plan to the state.

Wu endorsed for Mayor of Boston by Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund

Staff Report

The Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund has endorsed Councilor Michelle Wu in the election for Mayor of Boston, a credit to her commitment to the environment and climate action. With issues of public health, environmental justice, transportation, and energy policy inextricably linked, we need leaders at every level of

government who understand the intersectionality of issues within their community and will call for bold action.

"Michelle Wu tackles the climate crisis not as a standalone issue, but at its intersection with the economy, public health, justice, transportation, and more," said ELM Action Fund Executive Director Clare Kelly. "She is the climate champion our city needs to meet this crucial moment for climate action."

"I'm grateful to the Environmental League of MA Action Fund for their endorsement. Their organization is doing the work necessary to end the climate crisis and keep Boston families safe and healthy, and I look forward to continuing the fight alongside them," Michelle Wu said.

Councilor Wu has been leading on environmental and energy issues since she was first elected to the City Council in 2013 and she

has led the fight on community choice energy, plastic bag ban and so many other issues. Before running for office, she worked at City Hall for Mayor Tom Menino and on Senator Elizabeth Warren's first campaign. She was the first candidate to enter the 2021 mayoral race and has released an ambitious and comprehensive plan for a Boston Green New Deal and Just Recovery.

To learn more about Michelle Wu, visit her website at [\[forboston.com\]\(http://forboston.com\).](http://michelle-</p>
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Boston School Police quietly phased out from all BPS schools

By Seth Daniel

Though very few know, the long-standing Boston School Police have been phased out this month, losing their arrest powers and most other powers on July 1 due to the state Police Reform Act – and they will now be known as the Office of Safety Services.

The Boston School Police have been in place for several decades, and are a force that is in effect under the Rule 400 process that allows Special Police Officers (SPOs). While they are not armed and were instituted as a mediation group to keep regular Boston Police out of the schools, Boston School Police had arrest powers and could carry handcuffs and produce Police Reports – and also remove those trespassing on school grounds. With little fanfare, all SPOs under the state Police Reform Act lost their police powers on July 1 when the law went into effect. One of the largest forces to lose their powers were the Boston School Police, but other Rule 400 SPOs that lost their powers were hospital police forces like the Boston Medical Center Police, private companies like Longwood Security, Boston Common Park Rangers and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) Police, among others.

Few are talking about the changes, which have already been put into place, and current and former SPOs estimated that around 400 officers lost their

powers in Boston.

Boston Public Schools (BPS) said it had been working on a plan to implement the Office of Safety Services and to phase out the Boston School Police since May. They said Supt. Brenda Cassellius mentioned it in her report on May 12 and June 16. However, it has not been well-publicized and it appears parents have not been informed of the change yet.

“BPS is committed to providing safe, welcoming and culturally affirming environments for our students and staff,” read a statement from the schools. “Since September 2019, Superintendent Cassellius and her team have been working to address student safety policies that have adversely impacted students in our schools. A key component of this work is the new student data privacy policy that was approved in September 2020.

“The Governor’s new law accelerated the work BPS is already doing to reimagine the role of the Office of Safety Services,” it continued. “The ultimate goal of this ongoing work is to promote school safety while cultivating trust in the community, building strong relationships, and placing a greater focus on intervention and restorative justice practices.”

BPS said the Police Reform Act impacted the ability of local police, in this case the Boston Police Department (BPD), to issue police licenses to SPOs like the Boston School Police patrolmen

and superior officers. The change in the law removed their authority to make arrests, and write/access police reports. Now, in the event that police are needed, BPS said it will be calling Boston Police to respond instead of the School Police.

Those on the School Police are now known as Safety Services, and they now wear polo shirts and not uniforms, and no longer have cruisers or carry handcuffs. BPS said they have been meeting with Safety Services staff over the summer to develop a plan that promotes school safety through relationship building and intervention strategies that are

not dependent on officers having police powers. The district also said the relationships built by officers over the years will provide a foundation for the Safety Services to move to their next phase of work, being mentors, coaches and valued members of the school community.

Boston Police Department officials did not wish to comment on the School Police situation or the SPO situation in general.

Ames Stevens is a former Boston School Police officer and the former vice president of their union. He quit the force when the changes came down, and entered the regular Police Academy to become

a Boston Housing Authority Police Officer. Stevens had also worked for Longwood Security as an SPO for many years.

He said the changes in the School Police and for other SPOs were abrupt and he doesn’t agree with them.

“That was our big gripe is that it was done so abruptly and so quickly,” he said. “Parents and staff and families should know and I don’t think they do. They’ve been trying to move away from the police in the schools. There are ways for them to get us certified and retain police powers, but

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Baker proclaims “Hurricane Preparedness Week”

Governor Charlie Baker has proclaimed July 11 - 17, 2021, to be Hurricane Preparedness Week to emphasize both the Commonwealth’s vulnerability to tropical storms and hurricanes and the importance of preparing for their impacts.

“As we saw during our recent experience with Tropical Storm Elsa, planning and preparing in advance for a tropical storm or hurricane can help protect individuals and families and limit damage to property,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “We encourage residents in every part of the Commonwealth to develop an emergency plan, prepare emergency supplies and

stay informed throughout hurricane season.”

While hurricane season in Massachusetts runs from June 1 to November 30, historically, most tropical storms and hurricanes have hit New England during August and September.

“Our administration continues to work with cities and towns across the Commonwealth to enhance their preparedness before the next hurricane or tropical storm,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “As shown during Tropical Storm Elsa, that collaboration and coordination is key to keeping our residents and communities safe. We join MEMA is encouraging all residents to take the time to prepare this hurricane season.”

“Tropical storms and hurricanes don’t often happen in New England, but it only takes one storm to cause major damage,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco, “Every corner of the state is at risk and we remember especially Tropical Storm Irene, which caused significant flooding damage in Western Massachusetts ten years ago. As first responders prepare for these events, we’re asking everyone to take time make a household safety plan.”

Earlier this month, MEMA updated its annual Massachusetts Tropical Cyclone Profile, which includes information about tropical storms and hurricanes, associated hazards, and a seasonal outlook for what is expected to be an above-normal hurricane season.

“MEMA and more than 70 Emergency Support Function organizations continue to prepare for disasters such as tropical storms and hurricanes,” said MEMA

Deputy Director Pat Carnevale. “Hurricane Preparedness Week is a reminder for residents to prepare by learning if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone, developing an emergency plan, building an emergency kit, and staying informed before, during, and after the storm.”

How Residents Can Prepare

- Know Your Evacuation Zone - Learn if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone: www.mass.gov/knowyourzone

- Make an Emergency Plan – Have an emergency plan of how your family would communicate, evacuate, and shelter in place that addresses the needs of all of your family members, including seniors, children, individuals with access and functional needs, and pets. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>

- Build an Emergency Kit - Build or customize an emergency kit that will sustain your household for three to five days without power. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>.

- Stay Informed - Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts. Learn more about different types of alerting and information tools, including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, social and traditional news media, 2-1-1 hotline, and local notification systems: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts>

For more information, including interactive evacuation zone maps, a social media toolkit, flyers, and more, visit MEMA’s Hurricane Preparedness Week webpage.

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The USS Constitution slow-pitch softball team kept the ship's undefeated streak intact last week when defeating the crew of the USS Nautilus in New London, CT, at the Naval Sub Base. The Constitution crew won 18-17 in a nail-biter.

Old Ironsides remains undefeated, defeats USS Nautilus in slow pitch

Staff Report

Crew members from USS Constitution and USS Nautilus went head-to-head during the annual softball game between the two historic commands with Constitution narrowly prevailing 18-17, June 23.

The nine-inning slow pitch softball game took place at Naval Base New London with the two commands grilling out together after the game.

"It's great to get together and

continue building the relationship between these two historic Navy commands," said Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Grant Grady, Constitution's Second Baseman. "The Nautilus were fantastic hosts, and the game itself was a blast."

Constitution held a five run lead heading into the bottom of the ninth inning as Nautilus pushed to tie, or even win the game.

Nautilus' "now or never" rally fell just one run short as Constitution shut the door on a

possible comeback.

The two teams then joined together for a well-earned grill out before Constitution departed back to Charlestown.

USS Nautilus (SSN 571), commissioned in 1954, was the world's first nuclear-powered submarine. In recognition of her pioneering role in the practical use of nuclear power, Nautilus was designated a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior on May 20, 1982.

Hunger relief organization food for free to expands

Staff Report

Food For Free, the Cambridge-based non-profit hunger relief organization, announced they are expanding to a new space in Somerville at 59 Interbelt Rd., on the Charlestown line.

The organization will expand operations to the 12,000 square ft. location over the next month.

The expansion is critical, as despite the challenges brought by the pandemic, Food For Free rescued 2.2 million pounds of food in 2020 and distributed 4.7 million pounds of food to those in need, which is more than double the amount of food distributed the previous year. This new space will

support expanded programs, cost savings and more flexible volunteer opportunities – including larger groups. Food For Free plans to distribute over 5 million pounds of food over the next year to community partners throughout Greater Boston.

"This year, Food For Free is celebrating forty years as a hunger relief organization in Boston, and what better way to celebrate than opening a new space which will allow us to help even more people who are food insecure across the Greater Boston Area," said Sasha Purpura, Executive Director of Food For Free. "We can't wait to move into the new space and are actively looking for volunteers to help us fill our Just Eats grocery

food boxes which will be distributed to Boston area families in need."

Food For Free will keep their office in Cambridge and continue to support the Cambridge community - as they have since 1981. The new space in Somerville will replace a temporary distribution spot in Cambridge, and is scheduled to be fully operational by mid-July. Food For Free is actively looking for people to volunteer at the new Somerville location which is close to I-93 and Boston, Cambridge, Charlestown, Everett, Medford, and Chelsea with ample free on street parking. For more information, visit www.foodforfree.org.

Additional information will be provided in the next few weeks.

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be situated in the middle of the garage – adding 254,100 sq. ft. for a total of more than 600,000 sq. ft. when adding in the existing garage. There are 802 parking spaces in the garage as of now.

The project got a public airing last week at the Boston Civic Design Commission (BCDC), and the biggest challenge identified was to integrate architecturally a very “quiet” building into an existing and unique parking garage and retail complex.

“The foundation and core are fixed,” said Mark Rosenshein of Trademark Partners, part of the development team. “To a great degree this is a discussion about architecture and what is a very complicated design process of a very strong existing anchor base with a new form on top.”

Mark Spaulding, the architect for the addition, said they wanted to include a new, low-key form on top that showed fluidity, but wasn’t something new.

“The goal in the addition was to balance the fluidity and quiet,” he said. “It wasn’t about yet again adding another piece of architecture that was going to be its own... We wanted to look at this as a terminus on the street that is more quiet and keeping with the existing building.”

The addition in many respects is very simple in design, just being a six-story block dropped atop the parking garage, which was built in full anticipation of one day adding the six-story building. The design uses fenestration, solid panels and curved fins to create unity with the parking garage, and a sense of motion on the building created by a wave effect in the metal fins.

Rosenshein added that they hope to provide an outdoor space on the top of the garage in space that would be at the nexus of where the garage meets the new building. That space, they hope, could be utilized by one of the ground-floor retailers as addition-

al outdoor serving space.

“The views from there are tremendous,” he said. “It’s one of the best views of downtown Boston. Getting people up in the air at Hood Park, we think is a benefit to the culture...”

BCDC member Mimi Love, as well as others, said the striking parking garage copper arch didn’t seem to be amplified by the new building, and they’d like to see a change in design to respond to that.

“You really made the archway be a focal point to the garage element, but the building above it doesn’t respond to the arch,” she said. “In fact, it dwarfs the archway move.”

The comment period for the addition on top of the garage ends Aug. 23.

A much larger building at 10 Stack St., across the road, has already been approved.

WBZ-TV Meteorologist to headline event at the Gardens

Staff Report

Channel 4 meteorologist Eric Fisher will be at Gardens for Charlestown with the WBZ TV Mobile Weather Lab on Saturday July 24, 10 a.m. sharp for the Gardens’ first-ever Weatherfest!

The event will be celebrating the installation of the Gardens’ very own weather station and enabling kids (and the adults in their lives) to learn about weather and climate in a fun interactive way. There will be snacks and refreshments, free swag, and plenty of chances to “meet the weatherman” and explore the weather lab.

There is no charge for the event. “This event is an expression of the Gardens’ commitment to make our space more accessible to kids and family members and to help raise awareness about the natural environment,” says Chris Schiavone, Board president.



Charlestown resident and WBZ Meteorologist Eric Fisher will headline the Gardens for Charlestown’s first-ever Weatherfest on Saturday, July 24, at 10 a.m.

super psyched to be able to host a fun and enriching event for Charlestown kids mid-summer when families might be looking for something different to do.”

The event is intentionally on a Saturday morning to give families a chance to participate and still have the rest of the day for summer fun.

Meteorologist Eric Fisher lives with his wife and their son in Charlestown and is a big booster of community gardens across the city. Before joining WBZ TV in 2013, Eric was on The Weather Channel. But his love of gardens and gardening long pre-dates that, having worked in retail greenhouse for 10 years starting in high school.

For current weather conditions in the Gardens, go to <https://www.gardensforcharlestown.org/> weather For more information about this event, email weather@gardensforcharlestown.org.

Says Amy Kennedy Slesar, a long-time Charlestown mom who leads the Gardens’ popular Tend & Tell program, “We’re

BUNKER HILL DAY ELDERLY LUNCH AT THE WARREN TAVERN

The annual Bunker Hill Day elderly lunch took place on Monday, June 14, at the Warren Tavern sponsored by Fulcrum Investors - One Mystic. Sean Boyle provided flowers and the day was coordinated by Meghan Murray from Golden Age and MaryBeth Kelly from the City’ Age Strong Commission.



Sean Boyle and Bridget Bohne, of Baby Boyle Bouquets, handed out flowers.



Courtesy Photos

Several of the Charlestown’s older adults enjoyed being able to have the annual luncheon in person once again after missing last year’s due to COVID-19.



MaryBeth Kelly of the Age Strong Commission, Scott Brown of Fulcrum Investors – One Mystic, John Brainerd of Fulcrum Investors, Age Strong Commissioner Emily Shea, and Meaghan Murray of the Golden Age Center.



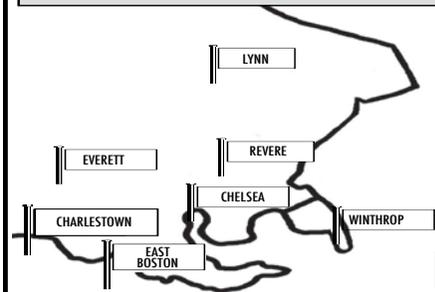
Sean Boyle and Bridget Bohne hand off a rose to Dodie Boyle.

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SCHOOL POLICE (from pg. 11)

they didn't want to entertain that because it meant sending us to an academy...It was perfect for them because they were looking for this anyway. This law allowed them to do this quickly and quietly. This was a two-year plan and when the law passed and the date was July 1, it made that two-year plan into a two-month plan."

Current School Police President Ian Maclean said they are left with little to no power, and he said now all they can do is call the Boston Police when something happens and, with BPD being understaffed, hope that they respond. He recalls breaking his leg and hand at English High School in Jamaica Plain when trying to remove a fire-arm from a young adult that had trespassed from outside, and noted there would be little he could do about that now.

"I took the gun from the kid and basically let him go to remove him," he said. "I don't know how that would play out now. We don't have the authority to do much. We can't even remove someone trespassing or deal with an external threat, which worries me the most. Even with external threats, we can't even move people out of the property now. The only thing we can do is call for someone to help. Five minutes go by before a response, if that, and that's five

minutes of people getting their butt kicked or worse...We don't even have the authority to tell people to move that are sleeping or loitering on school property. It's a real mistake."

Stevens said it also undermines the reason the School Police were brought in to the schools many years ago – as a diversionary force that could protect the school and also mediate situations to give kids a break and potentially avoid an unnecessary arrest. Now, he said, the whole idea of mediating situations will be thrown out the door if BPD shows up and has to arrests kids without the understanding or relationships.

"Now, all they can do is call 9-1-1 and hope that the call is prioritized and then the Boston Police come in," he said. "We had relationships and we handled a lot of situations. The BPD won't come in with those relationships. Do you really want street cops coming in with guns? That's the last thing I would have thought...We could keep street cops out of the schools by handling and mediating things ourselves. An arresting officer has discretion and we could keep things in house and maybe not bring charges if we felt it's not the best thing. Now you don't have that. If there's any crime, they have to call 9-1-1."

SANTIAGO (from pg. 1)

Santiago had significant support in Charlestown from several community leaders, including State Rep. Dan Ryan and nearby State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz of the North End.

Santiago has had a great run as a state representative in the South End, and was a natural fit when he announced for mayor. However, polls continued to indicate that he was running too far behind other candidates to likely catch up.

"When I announced my campaign for Boston Mayor, it was with optimism, energy, and a sincere desire to serve the people and families I see every day across our city," he said. "Today, I announced that I am ending my mayoral campaign. But my intention to serve remains as strong as ever. Service has taught me so much about life, Boston, and myself. That drive to give back led me to serve my country in the Army and as a Peace Corps volunteer. It gave me an opportunity to provide medical care for patients in the most difficult of times. And it inspired me to represent my community as a state representative in the Massachusetts Legislature. These experiences in service are what drove me to launch my campaign for mayor.

"I'm deeply proud of the impact our campaign was able to have, the relationships we've built, and

the race we've run," he continued. "It was a true honor to join a historic field of candidates, and I look forward to supporting the first elected woman of color to lead Boston."

Santiago sent out a letter to his campaign team and supporters thanking them for their work and contributions to the campaign over the last six months. He also thanked his wife, Alex, for standing by him since day one. Beyond that, Santiago – having been re-elected last year to the state rep seat – will return to the State House to resume his duties there having learned a great deal about the residents outside his district. He said he would be a tireless advocate for issues such as the opiate epidemic at Mass and Cass and other inequities even though his mayoral race has concluded.

"My campaign for mayor may be ending, but let me be clear: The work to address our systemic inequities and crises like Mass and Cass has never been more urgent," he said. "You have my commitment to remain a tireless advocate on these issues as we move forward. But, for now, my message is simply thank you. I'm full of gratitude and optimism, and I look forward to talking soon."

State Rep. Dan Ryan said he appreciated Santiago's campaign and was proud to support him.

"Representative Santiago is a trusted friend and colleague," said Ryan. "I admire his willingness to step up and run for Mayor. I equally respect his decision to leave the race at this time. Jon's experience and dedication to serving community, country and Commonwealth make him a great candidate at every level. I know he will continue to strive as a legislator, Dr. and Army Captain."

Ryan didn't indicate if he would throw his support to any other candidates in the race.

Councilor and mayoral candidate Andrea Campbell – formerly Santiago's opponent in the mayoral race – issued a statement immediately thanking him for his advocacy.

"I am grateful for the unique experience and passion for service that Representative Santiago and his team brought to this race," she said. "I look forward to continuing to work in partnership to move our city forward."

Many wonder where Santiago's supporters might turn in the wake of him leaving. In his base of the South End, many have already turned support to Councilor Anissa Essaibi George due to her long-time advocacy for Mass and Cass opioid issues. Meanwhile, other support is likely to go to Campbell and Wu and Janey.

For the Record

SCHOOL INFORMATION – SUMMER EATS

The Mayor's Office of Food Access (OFA) announced that 53 Boston Summer Eats Program meal sites opened on June 21, 2021, with an additional 14 sites opening later in the summer. The Boston Summer Eats program is an innovative effort to lessen the summer food gap by increasing the availability of non-traditional meal sites. The program launched in 2017 with the goal to expand access to free and healthy meals for youth and teens in Boston.

The Charlestown site will be the Kennedy Center, 50 Monument St., open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

PANDEMIC EBT SUMMER EDITION

P-EBT funds will now be available for Summer 2021. All K-12 students who received

P-EBT this school year will receive a total of \$375 in P-EBT benefits in two equal payments of \$187.50 this summer. The first payment was issued on July 1, 2021 and the second payment will be issued on August 1, 2021.

These funds will go directly to the P-EBT card or your SNAP/EBT card if you are enrolled in SNAP. Remember to keep your P-EBT cards even when you have used all of the funds, in case benefits are added in the future.

From the July 14 Boston School Committee meeting, online:

- Superintendent's Report.
- Report: Exam Schools Admissions Policy Recommendation.

- General Public Comment.
- Exam Schools Admissions Policy Vote.

From the July 15 School

Committee Nominating Panel, 2 p.m., online:

- Interview applicants for the two open School Committee seats previously held by Alexandra Oliver-Davila and Dr. Lorna Rivera.

- Public Comment.
- Deliberate to determine lists of candidates to present to Mayor Janey.

The USS Constitution is hosting the first "Charlestown Navy Yard Concert Series" event for the park on July 17 at 6 p.m. The stage will be between the Golden anchors next to the ship. It's lining up to be a fun night with a great local indie rock n roll band, Hallelujah the Hills, a multi-time winner of the Boston Music Awards.

There will be a community open house at the Ropewalk on July 20 from 4-6 p.m. All are invited. The tours will begin in the Tar House, which can be

accessed by walking down 13th Street and 5th Avenue.

- The Friends of the Training Field will bring back their concerts this summer, with the first one in the Field on Saturday, July 24. President Billy Kelly said the concert is sponsored by The Cooperative Bank and will feature the Blue Troubadours with Charlestown's Johnny Kelly from 3- 7 p.m.. Bring blankets and chairs and maybe a picnic. Rain date is July 31.

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

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