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OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY



International Overdose Awareness Day is a global event held each year on August 31 that aims to raise awareness and reduce stigma drug related death. The Charlestown Coalition held its Second Annual Overdose Awareness Day event at the Charlestown Peace Park - where family, friends and community could come and pin a small purple ribbon with their loved ones name to a giant purple ribbon. There was also information on Narcan access and administration. The Charlestown Coalition's Program Manager of Addiction and Recovery Services started a new initiative this year.... The staff at the Warren Tavern and Monument Restaurant and Tavern participated in the Overdose Awareness Campaign by having staff members and servers wear Overdose Awareness T-shirts sponsored by Rise Construction Management. Next year the plan is to expand the Overdose Awareness T-shirts to more businesses in the Charlestown community to participate in Overdose Awareness Day 2022.

Janey withdraws Waterfront District Municipal Harbor Plan

By John Lynds

Last week, Acting Mayor Mayor Kim Janey announced the city's withdrawal of the Downtown Waterfront District Municipal Harbor Plan and will focus city efforts on creating a more equitable and resilient waterfront in Charlestown and other coastal Boston neighborhoods. Janey said the decision to reeval-

uate Boston's waterfront development comes in the wake of the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report that indicates coastal cities are especially vulnerable to the negative impacts of climate change, and as a means to continue addressing racism as a public health crisis. Janey said she is committed to meeting these crises with urgent climate action to ensure our waterfront is as resil-

ient as possible while enhancing community benefits.

"We have an opportunity and an obligation to meet this moment of the climate change crisis and protect our waterfront for generations to come," said Janey. "I look forward to working with local advocates and civic leaders to embed our shared values of

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Boston's Municipal Primary set for Tuesday, September 14

By John Lynds

Next Tuesday on September 14 Charlestown voters will head to the polls during the Boston Municipal Primary election and cast their ballots for Mayor and At-Large City Councilor.

Charlestown voters will choose from a field of seven mayoral candidates and a large field of candidates running for City Councilor At-Large.

Who is on the Ballot next Tuesday

In the Boston Mayoral race four have emerged as favorites among voters ahead of the Primary and include Acting Mayor Kim Janey, Michelle Wu, Annissa Essaibi George and Andrea Campbell with John Barros, Robert Cappucci, and Richard Spagnuolo rounding out the field of mayoral candidates.

The top two vote getters will

compete in the Boston Municipal General Election in November.

In the At-Large race Charlestown voters can pick up to four candidates from the field of 17 At-Large candidates running in the Primary.

The candidates for At-Large are incumbents Michael Flaherty and Julia Mejia, Ruthzee Louijeune, Jonathan Spillane, David Halbert, Erin Murphy, Said Abdikarim, Kelly Bates, James Colimon, Domingos DaRosa, Althea Garrison, Alexander Gray, Carla Monteiro, Bridget Nee-Walsh, Roy Owens, Donnie Palmer, and Nick Vance.

Where to Vote in Charlestown

The following are the polling locations broken down in order of Wards and Precincts. All polling locations will be open between 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday,

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CNC resumes in-person meetings

By Dan Murphy

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council held its first in-person monthly meeting since the pandemic struck on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Knights of Columbus Hall.

Before introducing Caitlin Stapleton, Charlestown's new liaison in Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, CNC Chair Tom Cunha said the community had lost many members in recent months, including Mike Charbonnier, a six-term former council member, who died Aug. 30 following a four-year battle with cancer.

"He will be missed by Charlestown," Cunha said of Charbonnier. "He was one of the jewels in our Town."

Stapleton, who just recently joined the Mayor's office, said the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a Ryan Playground Design Meeting via

Zoom on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m.

The meeting, said Stapleton, would focus on what the community wants to see incorporated into the park and its existing conditions, as well as flood resiliency.

In another matter, the CNC has endorsed an idea put forward by longtime resident, Don Haska, to attempt to establish "a 'Battlefield District' for all 'Charlestown Heights,'" under numerous Massachusetts Historic Preservation laws," as Haska explained in his June 10 Letter to the Editor in this publication. The CNC asked him to move forward with his idea, which would "designate Charlestown as one of the few battlefields in the country," said Cunha.

The CNC also unanimously endorsed a proclamation put forward by Ted White, a former

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September 14, 2021. Ballots will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese. Language assistance will be available on Election Day by translators at polling locations or by contacting the Election Department's translation phone bank. Those interested in volunteering can apply to be a poll worker here.

Ward 2

Precinct 1 & 3, Zelma Lacey House - 9 West School St. Vote in the community room.

Precinct 2 & 4 Harvard/Kent School - 50 Bunker Hill St. Vote in the gymnasium.

Precinct 5 & 6, Clarence R. Edwards Middle School - 28 Walker St. Vote in the gymnasium. Voter entrance in the rear of the school yard from Eden Street.

Precinct 7, Golden Age Senior Center - 382 Main Street. Vote in the lunchroom. HP entrance at rear of building

Vote by Mail Ballots

The City of Boston has also installed 20 ballot drop boxes across the city for voters to drop off completed vote by mail ballots.

The Ballot Drop Box location in Charlestown is at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street or on the first and third floor entrances of Boston City Hall.

All drop boxes are monitored under 24 hour video surveillance. Drop boxes will also be available at each early voting location during the scheduled voting hours.

Applications for vote by mail ballots have been mailed out to

every registered voter in Boston. Voters are asked to fill out the application, including their signature, as applications received without a signature will not be accepted. To be eligible to vote by mail in the Preliminary Municipal Election, applications must be returned to the Boston Election Department by Wednesday (today), September 8, by 5 p.m.

Vote by mail applications can be returned by U.S. mail with the prepaid postcard or in-person at the Boston Election Department, City Hall, Room 241.

If a registered Boston voter did not receive or lost their application, they can request a new ballot application by completing the form available on the City's vote-by-mail website. The form can be sent to the City of Boston's Election Department, via mail, email, fax, or in-person. The Boston Election Department is located at Boston City Hall, City Hall Square, Room 241, Boston, MA 02201. Fax: 617-635-4483, Tel: 617-635-VOTE (8683). Email: absenteevoter@boston.gov

Vote By Mail

The Election Department will send out vote by mail ballots as soon as the application requests are processed. Once a voter receives their ballot package, they should follow the enclosed instructions. It is important to sign the yellow ballot affidavit envelope. Unsigned ballot affidavit envelopes will cause a ballot to be rejected. To return ballots by U.S. mail, make sure to apply sufficient postage.

While ballot package weight can vary, two First Class stamps is generally sufficient.

To be counted, ballots must be received by the Boston Election Department or in a ballot drop box by the close of polls on Election Day, Tuesday, September

14, 2021 at 8 p.m.

Tracking Your Ballot

Boston voters can track their ballot request through the state's website. The city will continue to mail ballots as applications arrive, until the application deadline of

5 p.m. Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

For more information on how to participate in this year's elections, please visit boston.gov/election.

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firefighter and U.S. Marine and Purple Heart recipient (who was in attendance at the meeting), along with Bill Foley, vice president of the USS Cassin Young (DD-793) Association, to make Charlestown a "Purple Heart Community," as well as for Charlestown to recognize Aug. 7 as Purple Heart Day.

In providing an update on the redevelopment of the Bunker Hill housing project, Cunha said the Kennedy Center, the biggest abutter, had asked the developer to try to keep dust to a minimum.

The redevelopment project is slated to get underway with the demolition of Building F in December or January, said Cunha.

"Once it starts, we're going to

have to jump in with both feet," said Cunha, who added that he would like to see "dust cages" 15 feet above the buildings, as well as workers on site Saturdays and Sundays.

Meanwhile, CNC member Nancy Johnsen provided an update on "Plan: Charlestown," a neighborhood planning initiative led by the Boston Planning and Development Agency that, according to their website, "builds on earlier planning work and will produce a framework to predictably shape the future of Charlestown."

The plan will look at "what the priorities are for the neighborhood," she said, including providing better transportation

to CharlesNewtown, as well as looking at the vehicle capacity that Sullivan Square and all of Charlestown can ultimately accommodate.

Consultants for the plan were hired last month, who will be charged with "hard infrastructure suggestions," said Johnsen.

The city will also hold two "Plan: Charlestown" meetings in October, she said, with the first focusing on Sullivan Square and the second on the "main body" of Charlestown.

The CNC will hold its next monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, said Cunha.

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resilience, equity, and access into the City's development process Downtown and throughout all of our neighborhoods."

In the spring Janey's FY2021-2022 budget made investments in accessible infrastructure funding to protect some of the most flood-vulnerable neighborhoods like Charlestown.

This includes Phase II of the ongoing Climate Ready Charlestown—an initiative to prepare for the long-term impacts of climate change.

Throughout the year the City has been hosting virtual workshops with Charlestown residents to begin addressing real solutions in the neighborhood to protect against sea-level rise.

The world is expecting to see about 40 inches of sea level rise by 2070. So in the next 50 years, if we don't intervene by adapting to climate change impacts and coordinating climate change impacts by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions there will be more flood entry points into Charlestown. The low lying areas in the neighborhood are more susceptible to

flooding, both during extreme weather events, such as hurricanes or rain events, but also gradual sea level rise. Some of these entry points are issues now whereas others will become an issue over time.

Charlestown is already seeing the impacts of climate change with seeing extreme temperatures. There has also been more extensive precipitation, sea level rise, and coastal storms. Those three things coupled together are leading to more storm water flooding inland in areas that residents wouldn't think would be subject to flooding because they're away from the coast.

Phase II of Climate Ready Charlestown will examine areas of the Charlestown coastline not addressed during the Phase I study in 2017. The study area wraps the Charlestown waterfront from approximately the base of the Lower Mystic Greenway on Medford Street, around the Boston Harbor Autoport and Little Mystic Channel, along the Navy Yard and historic Charlestown waterfront to the Charles River Dam and up New Rutherford Avenue.

Janey has also charged her administration with convening stakeholders to determine the future of equitable and resilient development throughout Boston's waterfront neighborhoods like Charlestown. This group will include environmental justice organizations, residents, and experts in resilient, equitable, and accessible waterfront development. The goal of this process is to develop a new approach to waterfront development in Boston that generates community benefits and protection from extreme weather and pollution.

"We must meet the climate crisis with urgent action through maximizing resiliency, equity and accessibility in Boston," said the City's Environmental Chief Mariama White-Hammond. "As our City continues to evolve, climate change and racial justice must be at the forefront of our development process. I am grateful to Mayor Janey for leading on this critical movement to ensure Boston's waterfront is resilient while providing equitable access for all Boston residents."

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CORRECTION: Regarding the press release, "Decorated veterans join Charlestown residents in opposition to park on Pier 5" published in the Sept. 2 edition of this publication, the Travis Mills Foundation is not associated with any published statements attributed to Travis Mills in the piece, nor is the organization involved in the Pier 5 project in any way.

Flaherty announces additional endorsements in his bid for re-election

Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty announced 45 additional endorsements in support of his re-election, bringing the total to 53. The endorsements came from elected officials at the federal, state, and local levels and a broad coalition of labor unions active in the Greater Boston area.

“I am honored to have been endorsed by these great organizations as I work towards re-election,” said Councilor Flaherty. “These unions represent a diverse swath of my family, friends, and neighbors across the city, and they demonstrate a shared belief in my vision for the future of Boston.”

The full list of endorsements is as follows:

Congressman Stephen Lynch, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve

Thompkins, Clerk Magistrate of Suffolk Superior Court Maura Hennigan, Suffolk County Register of Deeds Steve Murphy, Former Boston Police Commissioner Willy Gross, Suffolk Superior Court Clerk Mike Donovan, Suffolk Supreme Judicial Court Clerk Maura Doyle, State Senator Nick Collins, State Senator Mike Rush, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, State Rep. Ed Coppinger, State Rep. Dan Ryan, State Rep. David Biele, State Rep. Kevin Honan, State Rep. Dan Hunt, State Rep. Jay Livingstone, Councilor Lydia Edwards, Councilor Ed Flynn, Councilor Frank Baker, Councilor Matt O’Malley, Councilor Liz Breadon, Boston Carmen’s Union #589, Boston Firefighters Local #718, Teamsters Local Union #25,

Unite Here Local #26, SEIU Local 888, Boston Teachers Union, SEIU NAGE, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1445, IBEW 2222, Boston Police Superior Officers Federation, AFSCME 93, Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts, Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association, The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers Local 29, International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 103, International Union of Elevator Contractors Local 4, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers

Local 6, International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers Local 7, Laborers’ International Union of North America Local 22, Laborers’ International Union of North America Local 88 (Tunnel Workers), Laborers’ International Union of North America Local 151, Laborers’ International Union of North America Local 223, Laborers’ International Union of North America Local 1421 (Wreckers), International Union of Operating Engineers Local 4, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 35, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States, Canada (UA) Pipefitters Local

537, Operative Plasterers’ & Cement Masons’ International Association Local 534, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States, Canada (UA) Plumbers & Gasfitters Local 12, United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 33, Sheet Metal Workers’ International Association Local 17, and United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States, Canada (UA) Sprinkler Fitters Local 550.

The endorsement process is ongoing and future announcements of additional support can be expected in the coming weeks.

Dr. Michael J. Garrity, retiring from MGH Charlestown HealthCare Center

The Adult Medicine practice at MGH Charlestown HealthCare Center bids a very fond farewell to Dr. Michael J. Garrity, who is retiring after 30 years of serving the Charlestown community as a primary care physician. Dr. Garrity has been one of the most admired primary care physicians at MGH and is a role model for many at the Health Center and at the MGH Main Campus, where he worked for many years in the MGH Medical Walk-in Unit. At MGH Charlestown, he served as Associate Unit Chief of the Adult Medicine practice for almost a decade, helping the practice expand from just three



Dr. Michael J. Garrity.

physicians to its current staff of ten. He has also been one of the most popular primary care preceptors at MGH for Harvard Medical School students, hosting

many grateful students in his clinic at the Health Center every year and winning numerous teaching awards for his efforts. In recent years, he has become an expert in addiction care to meet the needs of his patients and has spearheaded a long-term partnership between MGH Charlestown and the Rosebud Native American reservation in South Dakota that will live on. As he retires, he leaves behind many grateful patients and colleagues and leaves a legacy of compassionate primary care and exemplary teaching that will never be forgotten. Thank you, Dr. Garrity, for your many years of service!

Pipefitters Local 537 endorses Essaibi George

Pipefitters Local 537 endorsed At-Large City Councilor Anissa Essaibi George in her candidacy for Mayor of Boston citing her long-time advocacy for and commitment to Boston’s hard working residents. Pipefitters Local 537 represents more than 3,000 pipefitters, welders and HVAC technicians employed in the construction industry across Massachusetts.

“Pipefitters Local 537 is proud to back Anissa Essaibi George for Mayor of Boston. She has the necessary experience and clear vision it will take to recover from this pandemic and create a better Boston for everyone,” said Thomass Kerr, Business Manager of Local 537. “As a former longtime union member herself,

Anissa will govern with hard working families top of mind, advocating for and amplifying the voices of our members in Boston and across the region.”

“I’m honored to have the support of Pipefitters Local 537 in this race. I promise you that an Essaibi George Administration will uplift unions, champion labor and fight tirelessly for our hard working families,” said Councilor Essaibi George. “For Boston to truly thrive, we need to leverage our city’s talent to grow our workforce and I’m committed to doing that work in partnership with all of you.”

Included in Essaibi George’s economic justice and workers’ rights policy plan is the creation

of the first-ever City of Boston Department of Economic Justice and Workers’ Rights, headed by a cabinet-level chief who will report directly to the Mayor and have a seat at the policymaking table to assess the potential impact proposed policies and initiatives may have on Boston’s working families.

Directly overseen by the Chief of Economic Justice and Workers’ Rights will be an Economic Justice Task Force to intentionally address racial discrimination, identify economic inequities in our City, and create and implement city-wide initiatives that focus on economic justice and prosperity, while consistently measuring impacts and progress.

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EDITORIAL

GET OUT TO VOTE ON PRIMARY DAY THIS TUESDAY

The highly-anticipated primary election for the City of Boston is set for this Tuesday, September 14.

For the first time in the city's history, the two successful candidates in the primary who will vie to succeed Marty Walsh (who took the post of Secretary of Labor in the Cabinet of President Joe Biden) in November will NOT be a white male.

The five candidates who will appear on the ballot in the primary are (in alphabetical order): John F. Barros, Andrea Joy Campbell, Annissa Essaibi George, Kim M. Janey, and Michelle Wu.

Although there are relatively few points of disagreement among the candidates on the major issues facing our city, there are discernible differences in their leadership style and backgrounds.

We urge all of our readers to read up on the candidates and to examine their various approaches to the problems facing our city in order to make an informed decision.

We also would note that in addition to the mayor's race, there will be primary contests for City Council-at-Large and in Districts 4, 6, 7, and 9.

We urge all of our readers to participate in this historic occasion and get out to vote in the primary election this coming Tuesday, September 14.

RESTORE HAPPY HOURS? ARE THEY CRAZY?

There seems to be a move afoot to place a ballot question for the November, 2022, state election that would allow for the return of so-called Happy Hours (a/k/a, drink as much as you can, as fast as you can) to Massachusetts.

Happy Hours have been illegal in this state since 1984, after a young woman was killed in a Happy Hour-related drunk-driving accident. George R. McCarthy, the former mayor of Everett who back then was the chairman of the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, which sponsored the ban, said, "I've heard all the horror stories I'm going to listen to," referring to the many fatal accidents at the time in which drivers and pedestrians tragically were killed as a result of excessive drinking at Happy Hours.

Those in support of restoring Happy Hours make two arguments. First, they say it will increase business for bars and restaurants, which need all the support they can get amidst a pandemic, and second, they point to the use of Uber and Lyft that will reduce drunk-driving incidents.

Neither argument is backed-up by any data and both lack common-sense.

We would like to make a number of points in response:

1) The majority of bar owners/restaurateurs reportedly are not in favor of restoring Happy Hours, which probably is why the Mass. Restaurant Assoc. has yet to take a position on the matter. Sales of alcoholic beverages are the main source of profit for most establishments -- so why would they want to discount them? Admittedly, there probably would be a few bars that would do so in an effort to increase business, but that only would create a race to the bottom, so to speak -- all establishments would feel the need to compete with the place down the street that is offering "all-you-can-drink for \$5.00" or \$1.00 pitchers of beer (which were typical of Happy Hours back in the 1980s). We are not aware of any study that shows how much, if at all, Happy Hours might add to an establishment's bottom line.

Moreover, we can't imagine that for any reputable establishment, the increase in business would outweigh the headaches of having to deal with the increase of inebriates on their premises, with the need to greatly-enhance their self-policing, and with absorbing higher insurance liability premiums.

But even if there might be some small financial benefit for some establishments, is it worth the cost to society for the inevitable increase in drunk driving, assaults, and other accidents that unquestionably will flow from a policy that encourages patrons to drink heavily and irresponsibly?

2) While it may be true that many people plan ahead to use Uber and Lyft -- typically for special occasions -- that does not mean that folks who decide to hit the Happy Hour at a nearby bar after work will do so on a regular basis.

The use of Uber and Lyft has not led to a decrease in drunk-driving deaths. In 1984, there were 411 drunk-driving fatalities in Mass., constituting about 62% of the total of all fatal auto crashes.

But by 2009 -- before Uber and Lyft were around -- drunk-driving fatalities in Mass. had plummeted precipitously to 130 and accounted for just 39% of all traffic-related deaths. The numbers have remained about the same both in Mass. (and nationally) for the past 12 years -- even with Uber and Lyft available. Our strict drunk-driving laws, including the ban on Happy Hours -- not the ride-sharing services -- are responsible for the sharp decline in drunk-driving deaths in Mass. over the past 37 years.

3) Proponents of lifting the ban point out that other states -- primarily in the South and West -- allow for Happy Hours. But what they don't say is that the states with the 10 highest-rates of drunk driving fatalities per capita are -- take a wild guess! -- Montana, Wyoming, So. Carolina, Mississippi, New Mexico, South Dakota, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

Massachusetts ranks 4th LEAST in drunk-driving deaths per capita and by a wide margin. So why would we want to emulate those states -- don't we want to continue to be safer (and smarter)?

4) Finally, beyond the issue of drunk-driving, we know so much more about the damage that alcohol wreaks both individually (to every organ in our bodies) and collectively (to our families and society), than we did in 1984. Alcohol has been labeled a Class 1 carcinogen and plays a huge role in domestic abuse, non-auto accidents, date rape, and other assaults (i.e., the proverbial bar-room brawls). Happy Hours encourage binge-drinking, which will exacerbate every one of these issues. Human nature and the devastating effects of alcohol abuse are the same today as they were in 1984.

To those young people for whom reinstating Happy Hours is a driving (no pun intended) force in their lives, we simply would say this: Please wait until you grow up. You'll realize there is a lot more to life than getting hammered at a Happy Hour every week and endangering the safety of yourself and others.



LETTERS to the Editor

WALKING THE WALK AND TALKING THE TALK

To the Editor,

As I glanced at the morning's local newspaper [September 3, 2021], the headline shouted out, "Swamped and Stunned". It only took a few seconds to reimagine the Blizzard of 78 and the headline in my head would have been, "Swamped, Stunned and Stranded".

After finishing my nursing shift at the Mass General late afternoon on the 6th of February 1978, I was anxious to get home, catch up with the family, have dinner and settle in to watch a movie on TV. Before long with no warning, our house on Revere Beach was surrounded by water, we were trapped.

Trapped not just for one evening but for the next four days, as the tides came in and went out. The only moving activity were the sea gulls, Army and rescue vehicles.

How could this happen? Mother Nature really does rule as the confluence of a full moon and high tides came together, unpredicted and catching everyone by surprise,

What came as a surprise in this week's Charlestown Patriot Bridge, is the headline, "Decorated veterans join Charlestown residents in opposition to a Pier 5 park." One of the proposals is advocating for a few units of housing be dedicated to the veterans. A few units of housing for a few veterans? What about the rest of the veterans and the general population?

Where are they to go and enjoy the harbor, greenspace and the peacefulness that we all crave?

Coming from a family of veterans, I am always in awe of our servicewoman and men who have dedicated their lives for this country. I was privileged to volunteer as a Red Cross nurse in the early 70's at RAF Lakenheath Hospital as my drafted husband served his

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tour of duty in England.

It was always humbling and an honor to care for and listen to our service folks. It is still rewarding as I have not always been far away from the veterans. Whether it be a homeless shelter, soup kitchen, a local park, or random encounters here and there. It's always gratifying that they share such personal and remarkable stories and I think, it's made me a better person.

Would I be so foolish to advocate for any of my family, veterans or anyone to be a resident of Pier 5? NO!

Why would I advocate for anyone to be in harm's way? Why are there proposals to put any type of residences on Pier 5? Where is the commonsense from the Boston Planning and Development Agency to even entertain any residences on this Pier? I can only surmise that a waterfront park, greenspace or climate resilient body is not a money maker.

It's time for this disingenuous chapter of the BPDA to stop and do what's best for the community, veterans, and visitors.

It's also time for the BPDA to stop using the poor excuse that there is no money or too costly of a repair for a waterfront park. Decades of collecting millions of dollars after every sale and resale in the Navy Yard, begs the questions. Where is the money? Why wasn't the decaying Pier 5 addressed and fixed in a timely fashion? It seems like a gravy train that gives back to the BPDA over and over again, and then some.

The only residents on Pier 5 should be the seagulls and other birds as they can make a fast getaway when the flood waters appear, and they will. I was witness to this. I can talk the talk

as I have walked the walk and watched as the sea gulls and other birds flew off to safety while us humans coped and tried to put our lives back together, as we are now witnessing across this nation.

Our petition. Pier5.org is now in Spanish and Chinese and we are happy to report over 3000 and counting signers, Thank- you to this community and beyond for your support, we will not let you down.

Can we all please sit down at the table, work together and correct past mistakes for the 20,000 residents, 500,000 visitors and countless veterans that are deserving of a place of honor at this historical site?

Ann Kelleher

READER CITES ERRORS IN PIER 5 COVERAGE

To the Editor,

To be open about my biases, let me first inform you that I am a member of Restore Pier 5.

I am writing to express my view that either this news piece was very poorly researched or (and I hope this was not the case) intentionally misleading.

There are two factual errors. First, there is no organization named Save Pier 5, although this might have been confused with Restore Pier 5. Second, while it is implied that the present housing proposals being considered would significantly benefit veterans, I am not aware of any preferential treatment being offered to veterans.

The title of the piece is "Decorated Veterans Join Charlestown Residents in Opposition to a Park on Pier 5."

And yet, there are no residents of Charlestown cited let alone quoted. Where were they?

Given the estimated expense to repair Pier 5, the group Restore Pier 5 was organized to initiate an effort to obtain public funding from the Federal Government in order to make it financially possible to preserve this unique asset for public use and to keep it in public ownership.

Pier 5 is a rare opportunity to preserve a significant space open for public use. Given the Infrastructure and other spending bills being considered in Washington, we believe we are in a unique to get adequate funding to do the necessary repairs to retain Pier 5 for many and not just benefit developers and others through private and restrictive ownership.

Stephen O'Brien

PIER 5 COVERAGE RANKLES READER

To the Editor,

The staff written article, "Decorated Veterans Join Charlestown Residents in Opposition to a Park on Pier 5," is inaccurate and represents a cynical and despicable manipulation of Staff Sergeant Mills, the Patriot-Bridge and all veterans. Pictured with Staff Sergeant Mills and Mr. Lyons are Mr. Caulder and Mr. Nolan who are principles of 6M, one of the developers vying for BPDA approval to build private exclusive for-profit housing on Pier 5.

The 6M BPDA proposal mentions nothing about veterans. Only 13 percent of the units will be affordable housing. Their proposal is for floating housing that is not handicapped accessible due to variably pitched ramps and tidal change. The residential development proposals for Pier 5 will NOT be "housing for Veterans and middle-income residents" stated erroneously in the article.

The content of the article is an attempt to discredit the many Charlestown residents who favor a waterfront park on Pier 5. They are not a "handful". Over 2,700 have signed the petition of the Pier 5 Association to create an open access, public, climate resilient, open space waterfront park on Pier 5.

On August 26, an estimated 300 Charlestown residents from all areas of the community joined the Save Pier 5 event in the Navy Yard. Dan Ryan and Lydia Edwards attended this event. Who are the "Charlestown Residents" Staff Sergeant Mills and Mr. Lyons are reportedly joining? No one else is mentioned.

This article was created to oppose the growing movement for saving Pier 5 as a resource for all and not just as a benefit for a few. Pier 5 belongs to everyone. The article's content should have been vetted for accuracy. The Patriot-Bridge should apologize to readers and Staff Sergeant Mills.

I am an Army veteran of the Viet Nam era. A waterfront park on Pier 5 can be a tribute to all those who have served. Preserving Pier 5 will give lasting tribute the extraordinary role the Navy Yard and Pier 5 played in protecting and sustaining our country.

Gerald Angoff

ANOTHER READER TAKES ISSUE WITH PIER 5 COVERAGE

To the Editor,

Thank you for publishing our letter to the Editor thanking the community and also for the wonderful coverage of our Pier 5 party on Page 12.

So it is somewhat disheartening to see that there was a disparaging and error-filled article on Page 8 in the same edition regarding Veterans who are against a park on Pier 5. It was published in the print edition without any

byline and appears online as from "Patriot Bridge Staff."

People are certainly entitled to their opinion and indeed there are a few varying opinions in the community about what should happen with Pier 5. They are not widely supported. The Pier 5 Association has broad support from throughout the community and an online petition with almost 2,100 signatures and a further 600 or so of physical signatures from Charlestown proper. The comments we receive are virtually unanimous in strong support for a public park on the Charlestown waterfront as we are one of the few neighborhoods in the city without a waterfront facing park.

In fact, many of our supporters were in favor of a particular housing option and when presented with facts and an alternative are now enthusiastic supporters of a public park on the Pier.

The neighborhood vision of the Pier 5 park would acknowledge the rich Naval history of the Pier and honor the sacrifice of all our men and women who fought in the wars and supported the operations at the Charlestown Navy Yard throughout the decades. Please don't conflate our desire to have a open public space on the Pier as disrespecting the Veteran's who so bravely fought on behalf of all our citizens. We have veterans in our group working with us in support of a park in addition to most of us being spouses or children of veterans. My father served in World War II on the Troop Transport, the U.S.S. Wakefield and his tour of duty ended some one and a half years after peace was declared until every serviceman was brought home safely from all the far flung locations throughout the South East Asian operating theater. It is a specific point of pride for me that the Wakefield came to the Navy Yard on two or three occasions during the war to repair damage to the ship from torpedo attacks.

In the article, the name of our organization is incorrect. We are called the Pier 5 Association. To my knowledge, there is not a Save Pier 5 group. The article further goes on to state that we have pooled resources to hire lobbyist Tom O'Neill. That is factually incorrect. There is another group that is working to restore Pier 5 who have engaged the services of O'Neill and Associates. It is presented as a negative, although I would assert that 6M Development has also employed a lobbyist in the hiring of Greg Nolan.

Flagship Wharf residents were

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British Consul General Peter Abbott tours Chelsea Creek

By John Lynds

Last Friday, British Consul General Peter Abbott, in partnership with Mystic River Watershed Association, GreenRoots Chelsea, and Climable.org, hosted a Climate Equity Boat Ride through Chelsea Creek. Abbott got a first hand look at the effects climate change may pose on Environmental Justice Communities that line the Mystic River and Chelsea Creek like Charlestown, East Boston and Chelsea that are already overburdened with industry and pollution.

Historically, the Chelsea Creek has played host to oil and jet fuel storage facilities as well as other industrial uses. During the tour leading environmental activists shared the history of inequality in the area, but also pointed out the current partnerships and programming being done to benefit communities along the Chelsea Creek.

These partnerships aim to improve public health from pollution, adapt to sea-level rise, and engage in local communities.

During the tour Abbott highlighted workforce development opportunities and green jobs for local citizens, as well as discussions for future US-UK partnerships on climate.

“I’m standing in front of Boston Harbor, and I just came back from a boat trip with some folks to look at some of the environmental justice communities that live and work behind me on Boston Harbor, and in Chelsea Creek,” said Abbott after the boat tour. “Some of these communities are always hit first and worst by the effects of climate change. We’ve looked at some of the salt piles that are stored here that increased aspirates. We’ve looked at some of the jet fuel containers and heating oil containers that make these areas suffer some of the worst pollution levels in Massachusetts. It’s really been an inspiring trip to understand a little bit more about some of the work that’s going on to help these communities mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change, and this is at the heart of what we’re trying to achieve in COP26 in Glasgow, making it one of the most inclusive climate conferences that we have seen yet. So we’re looking forward to keeping up that dialogue with these amazing groups here in Boston.”

COP26 will be the biggest summit ever hosted in the UK, with around 30,000 attendees expected. It’s been described by climate change experts as the most significant

climate event since the 2015 Paris Agreement. That’s because COP26 is the first moment when countries must report back on their progress since the Paris Agreement and set out more ambitious goals for ending their contribution to climate change.

The state legislature recently passed a national-leading climate legislation known as the Next Generation Climate Roadmap bill. The bill overhauls the state’s climate laws, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, advances the clean energy industry, and prioritizes and protects environmental justice communities.

An amendment to the bill once and for all set criteria of what

defines an environmental justice community based on race, income, and language-proficiency criteria. The amendment gives community members a much more meaningful role in the decision-making process about new projects that impact the environment and quality of life for thousands living here.

One key point of the amendment is something called cumulative impact rule. The cumulative impact rule must take into consideration environmental impacts new projects may have when weighted cumulatively with past projects that bear environmental burdens on Environmental Justice Communities.



British Consul General Peter Abbott tours Chelsea Creek with local environmental activists from Environmental Justice Communities.



The boat tour was hosted by British Consul General Peter Abbott, in partnership with Mystic River Watershed Association, GreenRoots Chelsea, and Climable.org.

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“Voice of the Celtics” Eddie Palladino lends voice to new NBA video game

By John Lynds

Diehard Boston Celtics fans are sure to recognize the new voice that will serve as the announcer for Visual Concepts upcoming NBA 2K22 video game that will be released around Christmas.

The “Voice of the Celtics” Eddie Palladino, who has served as TD Garden’s public address announcer since the early 2000s, has lent his voice to the upcoming video game.

Instead of hearing a generic PA announcer, players of NBA 2K22 that chose to play as the Celtics at the Garden will hear Palladino’s voice and give the basketball simulation game the real feel of a home game in Boston. Developers of the game decided to tap each NBA team’s actual PA announcer to make the in-game audio experience more realistic.

That means when Jayson Tatum hits a 3-pointer in the game, you’ll hear Palladino announce, “Jaaaaayson Taaatum, for threeeeeee!!!”.

In the game, Palladino’s voice will also announce the Celtics starting lineup as he’s done at the Garden for two decades.

Palladino said he spent time out



“Voice of the Celtics” Eddie Palladino lends voice to new NBA video game.

on the West Coast recently laying down his voice for the video game but couldn’t tell friends and family of his work until the new game was announced.

“It was a pretty great experience. I really had to bite my tongue every time I wanted to tell somebody, but then I thought about my contract that I signed and the confidentiality agreement so I did not want to blow the check that I already spent,” joked Palladino.

Palladino said when he got out to the West Coast and started working on the voiceovers the

response was great from the video game developers.

“They loved it,” he said. “I may have to go out there two more times over the next two years if players change and update some of the roster.”

Palladino said he had to record over 3,760 voice segments to cover all aspects of what might happen during game play.

“I had to do the monotone voice, the announcements, the

excited voice when a player scored,” said Palladino. “It was a very interesting and painstaking process and I was out there recording for four days from nine o’clock in the morning to four o’clock every day with an hour lunch break. The graphics in the game are unbelievable and it’s almost like you’re watching a live video of a Celtics game.”

The Celtics tweeted the release of the new video game that highlighted Palladino’s work for the Garden and his involvement in NBA 2K22.

“To be in that (PA) chair, and as everyone calls it the best seat in the house, no one gets to know how much pressure there is being that close,” said Palladino. “I’ve got to be constantly alert for any call or any play on the court that happens because it’s my responsibility to keep the game moving and make sure that the crowd is informed as it goes along.”

When Palladino became the PA for the Celtics he said it was a dream come true for a kid from Eastie that was a lifelong Celtics

fan. “This was always the dream as a kid going back to when I used to be sort of sequestered up in my bedroom,” said Palladino. Palladino said he used to watch the Celtics’s games on TV in his room with the volume off and make his own calls as if he was the PA.

“This was a legacy of responsibility that I was going to be a part of and I felt responsible to give back not only to the team, but to the fanbase,” said Palladino. “Everywhere I go, I’m the Voice of the Celtics, but I’m not really seen and I love it that way. I always consider myself the man behind the curtain because I’m really not on any of the jumbotrons at all and it’s just my voice that you hear.”

For over two decades as the Garden’s PA Palladino has had a front row seat to the local passion for the Celtics from fans.

“Celtics fans are the most dedicated fans in sports,” he said. “They eat, sleep, and drink Celtics basketball.”

96th Annual Italian Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian this weekend

The 96th Annual Italian Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian will be a great celebration of tradition, cultural pride and fun for the whole family this weekend (September 11 and 12) on Warren and Porter Streets in East Cambridge. The amazing entertainment lineup includes national recording artists that have become legends in the music industry.

This year’s Feast headliners are music icons Russell Thompkins, Jr. and The Stylistics and Jay Siegel and the Tokens. The fun begins on Saturday night with the Stylistics singing their hits, including “Betcha By Golly, Wow” and “You Make Me Feel Brand New”. Sunday’s main act will be the famous Jay Siegel and The Tokens. They will be entertaining the crowd with their mega #1 hit “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” as well as many of their other hits such as “Tonight I Fell In Love” and “Portrait of My Love”. This year’s entertainment schedule also includes performances by local favorites such as The World Premier Band, Smokin’Joe and the Henchmen, SeaBreeze with Stephen Savio, and Italian crooner Gian Faraone.

As always, there will be a food



A scene from a previous Italian Feast.

festival, parades, amusement rides, “Monsters, Inc.” and “Star Wars” movie characters, carnival games, street performers, and live entertainment throughout the weekend. On Saturday night at 6:30pm the Saints will be brought out for the first time for a short procession through the neighborhood. At 7:00pm that same night there will also be a special feast blessing and remembrance for those who perished on 9/11.

The Feast has food options for every taste as a “food festival” will be created on Warren Street. Come and try traditional feast fare such as sausages and peppers, zeppoles, steak tips, chicken parmesan, meatballs, eggplant, stove oven pizza, raviolis, calzones, lasagna, arancini, gnocci, tiramisu, mozza-

rella sticks, chicken fingers, french fries, cotton candy, fried dough, kettle popcorn, slush, steak & cheese, and everyone’s favorite – fried oreo cookies!

There will also be an Outdoor Feast Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Uglietto on the Warren Street Stage at 10:30am on Sunday. At 1:00pm that same day, a feast highlight, the grand procession winds its way through the streets of East Cambridge and East Somerville with marching bands, floats, trolleys and the Saints. The parade will arrive back on Warren Street at 7:00pm for a large celebration and shower of confetti – don’t miss it! There will also be radio stations and family activities throughout this fun filled weekend, as well as Covid-19 vaccines by Cambridge Health Alliance. This is a great event for all ages. Play a game, watch a parade, try some great food, listen to music, go on a ride and have a great time! Feast hours are Saturday 1:00pm to 11:00pm, and Sunday 1:00pm to 10:00pm.

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Charlestown's weekly COVID positive test rate decreases

By John Lynds

Perhaps the City's new mask mandate policy for indoor venues that went into effect two weeks ago is having some impact on stopping the spread of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus in Charlestown and throughout the city as some neighborhoods have seen a decline in cases last week.

Ahead of the mask mandate, Charlestown's weekly positive COVID test rate spiked 31.4

percent between August 16 and August 23 and another 2 percent between August 23 and August 30. Charlestown was second only to Roxbury in the percentage of people testing positive during that time period.

However, the numbers have begun to trend downward.

According to the weekly report released Monday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 734 Charlestown residents were tested and 3.5 percent

were found to be positive--a 25.5 percent decrease from the 4.7 percent that tested positive between August 23 and August 30.

According to the weekly report, of the 17,796 Charlestown residents tested for the virus since the pandemic began 8.8 percent were found to be positive. This was the same percentage reported by the BPHC on August 30..

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate decreased about 3 percent last week. According to the

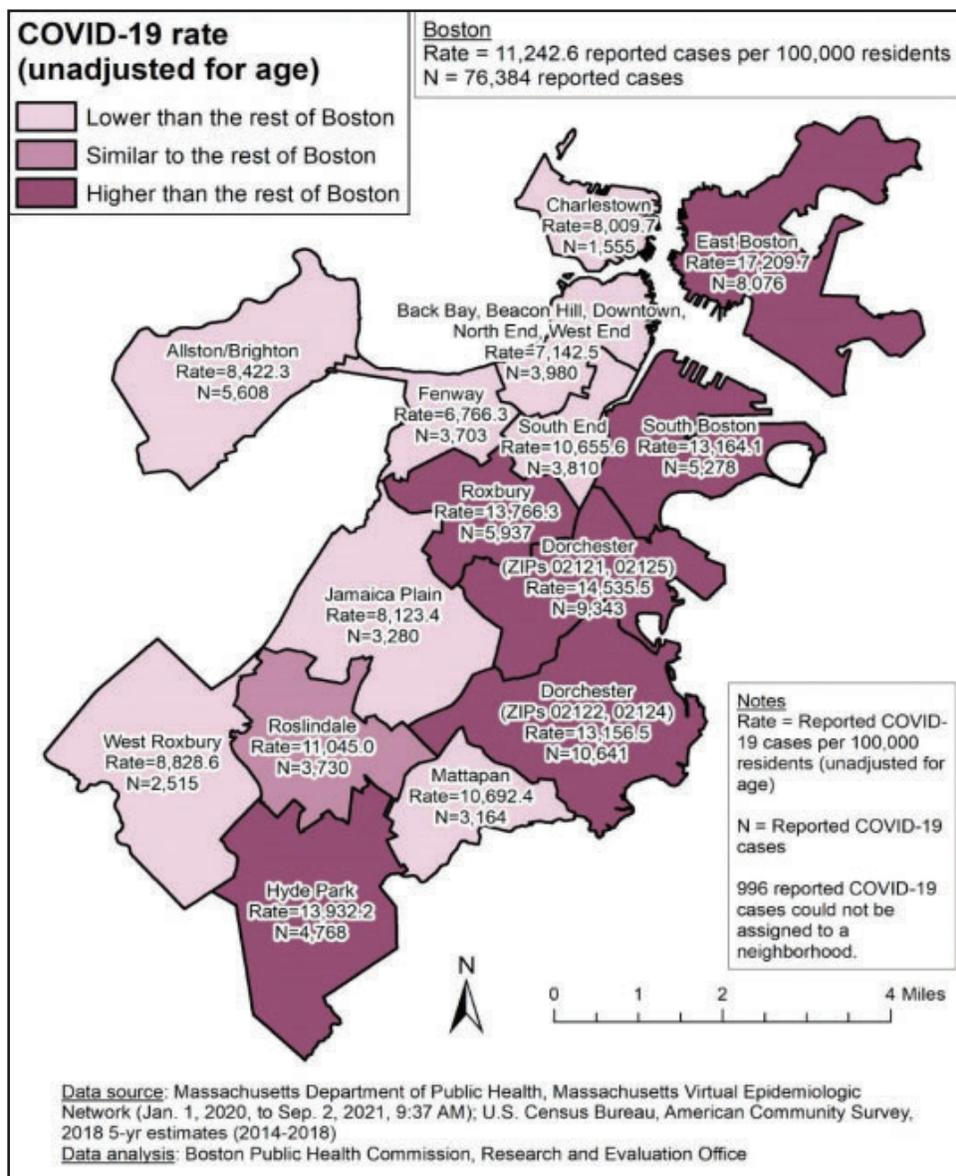
BPHC 22,466 residents were tested and 3.5 percent were COVID positive--this was a 2.7 percent increase from the 3.6 percent reported by the BPHC on August 30.

Twenty-six additional Charlestown residents tested positive for the virus since August 23 and the number of positive cases increased to 1,555 overall since the start of the pandemic.

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 1.5 percent since August 30 and went from 75,888 cases to 77,015 confirmed cases in a week. There were five additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths since the start of the pandemic is at 1,411.



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

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A group shot of the Boston University scholarship winners. In Charlestown, Emily Huang was the recipient of BU's Thomas M. Menino Scholar scholarship while Jenny Wang was the recipient of BU's Community Service Award.

Two Charlestown residents receive BU scholarships

By John Lynds

At a ceremony last Tuesday evening at the Boston University Questrom School of Business Auditorium and Atrium two Charlestown students were announced as recipients of Boston

University Scholarships.

Charlestown's Emily Huang was the recipient of BU's Thomas M. Menino Scholar scholarship while Jenny Wang was the recipient of BU's Community Service Award.

The two Charlestown students

were part of the 85 Boston Public Schools graduates who received BU scholarships and were honored at the ceremony last week.

The Thomas M. Menino Scholarship is a prestigious four-year, full-tuition scholarship awarded to high school seniors graduating from Boston Public Schools. Menino Scholars recipients will receive four-year, full-tuition scholarships, a commitment from BU totaling more than \$6.4 million over the next four years. Students are nominated by their schools for the merit-based award and selected for their ability to face the intellectual challenges at BU and for their potential to contribute to the University community and society.

The BU Community Service Award was created in 2009 and fully funds financial need without loans for any admitted Boston Public Schools graduate and transfer student. Phung and Zhao will receive a mentor to assist them in a successful transition to BU and to connect them to important campus resources including community service opportunities. This award was a commitment of more than \$12.2 million from BU over the next four years.

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LETTERS (from pg. 6)

singled out, but I would point out that our Pier 5 party on the 26th was a success because of the help and volunteers from not just Flagship Wharf, but Parris Landing, Constellation Wharf, Shipway and many neighbors from Charlestown proper.

It is also erroneous to suggest that we advocate for the demolition and rebuilding of Pier 5 at great cost. In fact, the opposite is true. We believe that the existing Pier can be rehabilitated without demolition at a much lower cost and can still support lighter loads allowing for safe pedestrian access. Our group has and continues to do extensive research on this possibility. A demolition and rebuild is required for supporting heavier loads, such as for housing that the three proposals have put forth, 6M included.

It should also be noted that demolishing Pier 5 is fraught with environmental risks as there are a host of toxic chemicals and materials from the Pier's long history of shipbuilding and repair. These deposits are best left undisturbed. Demolishing the Pier could present a host of environmental issues that would impact all of the surrounding structures and residents. Likewise a demolition and rebuild could threaten the structural integrity and stability of the seawall supporting the Harborwalk and surrounding structures including Pier 4, Pier 6 and Constellation Wharf in addition to the public underground garage at Flagship Wharf.

Further, all three proposals threaten the ability of Courageous Sailing to continue to provide programs to the children of Charlestown and all of Boston by encroaching on the watersheet that Courageous needs to safely operate.

I will leave it to others with more knowledge to present the arguments as to why housing, of any type, is not feasible on Pier 5 given the risks that climate issues present.

It is factually incorrect and

insulting that our Association instituted the idea of a park as a "ploy" to prevent or delay development on the Pier. Many of us in the Pier 5 Association have been advocating for a public park for the entire community for the better part of thirty years. As you can see from the above examples, redevelopment of the Pier has many risks which have factored into our decision that a park is a viable solution for this unique and difficult Pier 5 location. The article that you published is part and parcel of an ongoing disinformation campaign being waged by representatives of 6M. If their project is as good as they say it is, they should stand behind it rather than spread lies and disinformation about others.

I believe the original plans that 6M presented in the RFP for Pier 5 had no mention of our Veterans and their need for housing in their original proposal. It was only after it became clear that 6M was the most deficient of the three proposals that this "ploy" for housing for Veterans was put forth.

There is a growing need, especially in the aftermath of the pandemic, for open space in all communities and it has become a part of most politicians' social justice platforms. There is no waterfront access to the harbor for most children throughout Charlestown. Likewise, the need for affordable housing and housing for our Veterans is also great. But affordable housing and open space should not be considered a zero sum game. Our City has the resources to do both and it does not serve anyone's purpose to pit one group against the other.

I will end this letter going back to my comment that this article was published without attribution which I believe is not a common journalistic practice. Please provide your readers with the author(s) of the article. They should go on record and stand by their destructive words. Likewise, I believe it is incumbent upon the Charlestown Patriot Bridge to

publish a retraction of the article and to correct the numerous mis-statements the article contained.

Kathy Elliott

PIER 5 COVERAGE ELICITS MORE CRITICAL FEEDBACK

To the Editor,

My father, God rest his soul, who received a Bronze Star and 3 Purple Hearts in action as an infantryman in The Battle of Germany and who then sailed home in a Liberty Ship likely welded at Pier 5 would certainly disagree with the position advocated supposedly on behalf of all veterans by Travis Mills in the "staff article" in last week's Patriot Bridge.

The valiant efforts of our WWII soldiers and navy yard workers and all veterans should be honored as is the vision of the Pier 5 Association and further elucidated in the groups multiple blog posts at www.pier5.org. These describe practical and cost-effective uses of this public space. This pier is a public asset of value to our densely populated neighborhood appreciated by many but currently blocked from access by a chain link fence.

Any future construction or revisions of the pier need careful review as they may threaten the viability of another great public asset the Courageous Sailing Center on adjacent pier 4. The location cannot be readily accessed, has a 10 foot tide and is not a "canal setting" for floating housing. It would be irresponsible to place anyone in harm's way in this exposed location in an over water residence in an era of climate change and rising sea levels.

The location is ideal for providing public access and educational opportunity around harbor ecology and sustainable shorelines for the entire community and over 3200 of our neighbors who have signed our petition in agreement.

The article in last week's Patriot-Bridge contained factual errors and does not represent either public opinion or the best interest of our community, but rather the biased perspective of a hopeful developer.

Chris Nicodemus

ANOTHER READER WEIGHS IN ON PIER 5 COVERAGE

To the Editor,

Your reporting of community events helps our community enjoy our town, and be informed.

Please make a correction regarding Pier 5 so residents are informed with facts. Our hope is the community joins together for a common goal to make Charlestown a better place to live, work and visit for all.

On August 26th, 2021, the Pier 5 Association Inc hosted a free to all community event at Pier 5 along the Harborwalk, in an effort to enjoy the magnificent experience of a summer night on Boston Harbor, with neighbors and friends of all ages, from all walks of life. Despite the heat index of 105 degrees, in which other community events were cancelled due to the heat, the Charlestown neighborhood came to Pier 5 to celebrate and to have fun with games, The Bubble Man, face painting, a live band, Keytar the Guitar, painting with Artist of Humanity, while learning about the environment from e Inc and Pier 5 Association Inc members.

Pier 5 Association Inc collaborates with Restore Pier 5 who are seeking federal funds for the rehabilitation of Pier 5 into a public park for all to enjoy the Head of the Harbor, and learn about and appreciate our maritime and historical location on the shores where John Winthrop arrived in

1630; Paul Revere rowed to warn the Colonists that "The British are Coming!" and where women and men labored for our freedom during both World Wars. Pier 5 Association Inc works collaboratively with Restore Pier 5 and each organization appreciates one another's support and efforts. The Boston Harbor, the Harborwalk and Pier 5 belong to the people.

Interpretation by a private developer with a proposal to build on Pier 5, with comments which discounts the community effort at Pier 5 is misleading and misinformed.

Pier 5 Association Inc has collected over 3,000 signatures for a Pier 5 Park to engage the Charlestown community for much needed public recreation and relaxation space; for the City of Boston to celebrate our history in a waterfront park; and for the millions of worldwide travelers who come to see the USS Constitution and Bunker Hill Monument, where they learn about the birth of democracy. Pier 5 Park is by the people, and for the people.

May you please correct the record, for the greater good of the Charlestown community.

Diane Valle

SCHOLARSHIP (from pg. 10)

row," said Boston Public School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius at last week's ceremony at BU. "I'm so proud of all of you and I cannot wait to watch to see what you do to net change, to

be good citizens, to know your place in the world and to move us forward as a society. You are the future and our future looks very bright because of you."

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Charlestown Navy Yard partners to commemorate 20th anniversary of 9/11

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and volunteerism throughout their community.

REMEMBRANCE At 9 a.m. ET, an outdoor memorial ceremony led by USS Constitution's Commanding Officer John Benda will include the reading of names of those killed in the attacks. The ceremony will feature remarks by CDR Robert S. Gerosa, Jr., USN (Ret.). CDR Gerosa served as commanding officer of USS

Constitution from 2015 to 2017. At the time of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks Gerosa was the Combat Information Center officer on board the guided missile destroyer USS Ramage (DDG 61). Ramage was the first ship in the Atlantic Fleet to sortie off the East Coast of the United States to provide extended radar coverage for Washington D.C. and New York City. USS Constitution crew will fire a salute and play taps to commemorate key moments from the morning of September 11, 2001.

At 11:00 a.m., USS Constitution is scheduled to go underway into Boston Harbor with Medal of Honor recipients. The public is invited to give these heroes a patriotic send off from Pier 1 in the Charlestown Navy Yard or view the Ship underway from the Boston Harborwalk or Castle Island. Other highlights of the underway will include a 21-gun salute toward Fort Independence on Castle Island at approximately 12:30 p.m. followed by a 17-gun salute at approximately 1:30 p.m. toward U.S. Coast Guard Base Boston, the former site of USS Constitution's launch on October 21, 1797. The Ship will reopen for free public exploration from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SERVICE All visitors to the Museum that day will have a chance to give back to local veterans by writing a thank you card

and packaging it with a lifesaving paracord bracelet. The bracelets and letters will be distributed to Vietnam War veterans in New England by Operation Gratitude. This is an outdoor drop-in activity and all ages are welcome to participate. The Museum will be open extended hours from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on September 11, 2021.

From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the public is invited to volunteer with the USS Constitution Museum and Operation Gratitude to help assemble 1,000 Recruit Graduate care pouches for new Sailors and Coast Guardsmen. The care pouches will include personal hygiene items, snacks, a paracord bracelet, and a handwritten thank you note. Volunteers can sign up for one of two 3-hour shifts from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Advanced registration is required at

<https://www.operationgratitude.com/uss-constitution-museum/>.

"These care packages are one small way we can remind new service members and veterans that Americans across the nation, and right here in Boston, appreciate their service and sacrifice," said USS Constitution Museum President & CEO Anne Grimes Rand. "We're honored to partner with Operation Gratitude to show our support to those who bravely serve our country."

For more information about

these activities or to register to volunteer, visit

<https://ussconstitutionmuseum.org/events/september-11/>

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the stories of "Old Ironsides" and those associated with her. This award-winning non-profit provides an environment where inter-generational groups seeking an enjoyable and educational experience can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum's mission is to engage all ages in the story of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. For more information, visit usscm.org.

About USS Constitution

USS Constitution is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat. She played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855. During normal operations, the active-duty Sailors stationed aboard Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the Ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence. USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and destroyed or captured 33 opponents.

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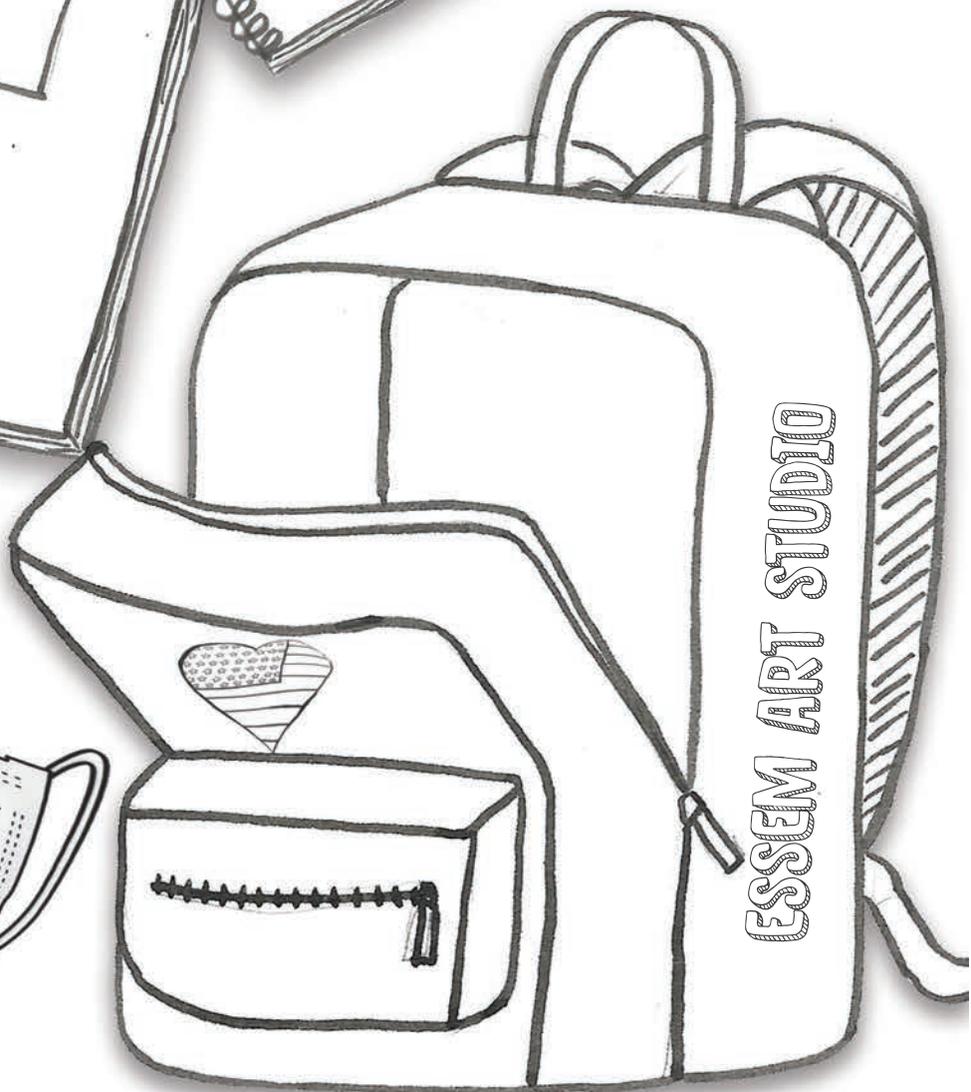
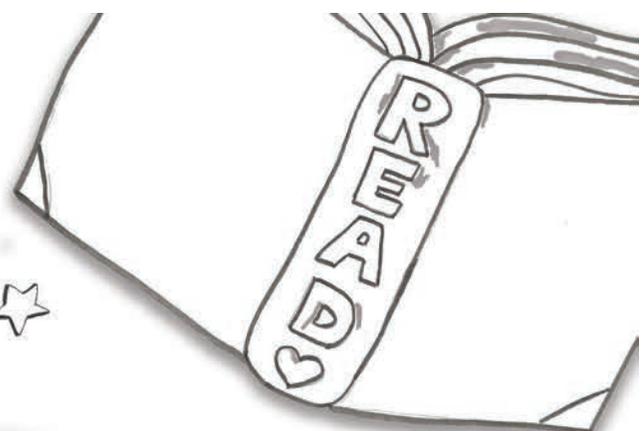
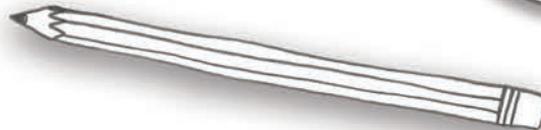
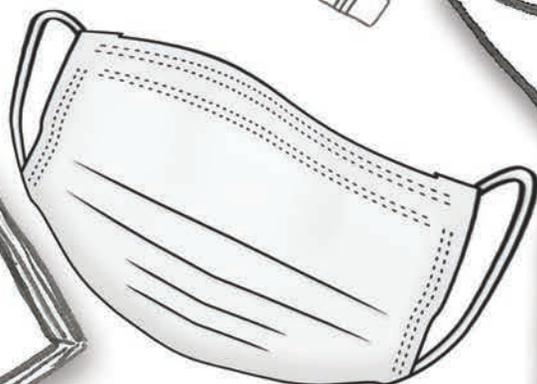
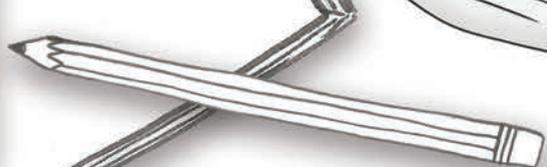
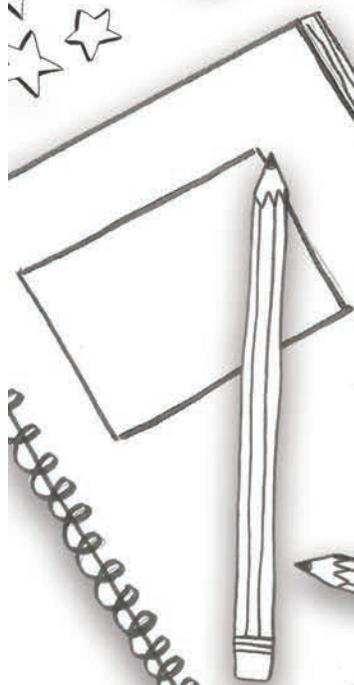
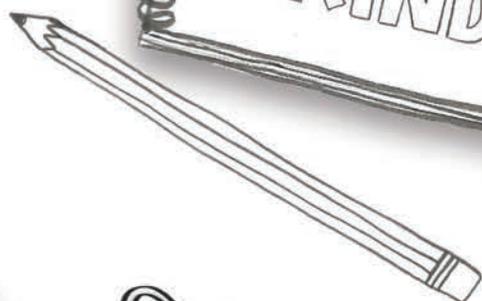
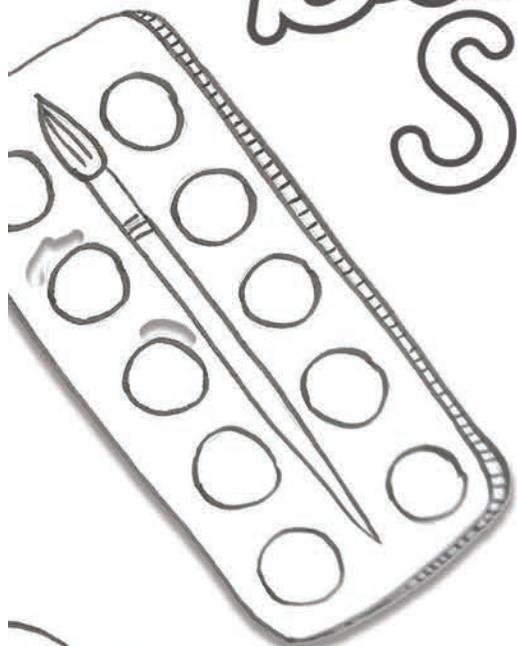
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead

Construction Look-Ahead: September 05 – September 09, 2021

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

MARINE IMPACTS

- The planned closure of the entire marine channel below the NWSB is currently scheduled for the first week of October. The closure will assist in installing structural steel for the new bridge deck. Once implemented, the closure will require 5 working days and will likely take place for one business week (Monday – Friday).

- Following the full closure there will be smaller, half channel closures to install elements of a new bridge deck throughout the month of October.

- The exact timing of the full closure is still under review by the United States Coast Guard and the Massachusetts State Police Marine Unit. More information regarding the closure will be provided in the look-ahead issued following Labor Day.

SLIP LANE CLOSURE RESCHEDULED

- The previous planned closure of the slip lane from North Wash-

ington Street to Chelsea Street has been rescheduled to mid-September. The space that was used for the slip lane will be converted into part of the work zone. The exact timing of this operation has not yet been finalized.

- The removal of this lane is part of the build conditions of the new North Washington Street Bridge, so the shutdown represents a milestone on the way to the finished project.

- Nonetheless, MassDOT and its project team have kept the slip lane in place as long as possible as a way to help clear the single northbound (towards City Square) lane on the North Washington Street temporary bridge. The project team will be watching traffic operations in the next few days to ensure that vehicles keep moving as the new work zone is established.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

- Building the piers:
 - Pier 1 (closest to the North End): Stripping Formwork
 - Pier 2: Install precast beams, post tensioning, remove cofferdam sheeting
 - Pier 3: Post tensioning
 - Pier 4: Complete
 - Pier 5 (closest to Charlestown): Complete
- Installing, moving, and maintaining silt curtains and barges in the water

- Installing temporary bents for steel erection
- Warehouse Pier and column repairs

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 9/05
 - Pier 1: Final concrete placement
 - Pier 2: V-arm Formwork removal
 - Pier 3: Cofferdam sheet removal

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/harbor side 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.



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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

VIRTUAL RYAN PLAYGROUND DESIGN MEETING SET FOR SEPT. 21

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a Ryan Playground Design Meeting virtually on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m.

Visit bit.ly/Ryancharlestown1 to join the online meeting.

To learn more about the project, visit boston.gov/ryan-charlestown.

DISCUSSION ON RACE AND EQUITY IN CHARLESTOWN

Charlestown Coalition will hold its monthly Race & Equity Discussion on Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 5:30 p.m. at the Charlestown Peace Park.

This series explores important topics about the impact of race, policing in urban settings, and equity. It is open to all members of the Charlestown community and the general public. We will continue meeting in person the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Peace Park.

This forum is being co-sponsored by the Charlestown Coalition, Turn It Around Youth Program, and City-Councilor Lydia Edwards and her team.

In the event of rain, this will become a virtual event on Zoom.

CHARLESTOWN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION NEEDS COACHES

Charlestown Youth Soccer Association is looking for Head and Assistant coaches to help coach youth travel teams for the Fall 2021 season. We have coaching spots available for Grade 3/4 teams (Girls only), Grade 5/6 teams (boys and girls) and Grade 7/8 teams (boys and girls). Your commitment includes managing two practices (1 hour and 15 minutes) per week with a game on Saturdays. Curriculum will be provided on a weekly basis by a team of professional coaches and you will have support from Age Group Coordinators assigned to your team.

Partner up with work friends to coach, have fun coaching the sport you love and make a difference in a young person's life!

If you are interested or have additional questions, please contact Charlestown Youth Soccer at info@charlestownsoccer.com.

HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY APPEAL

The Food Pantry has had a great need at this time as it has been very busy serving many more

residents in town and providing more frequent distributions. Donations of all non-perishable foods are greatly appreciated. Donations drops are: Food Pantry, 49 Vine St. (Hayes Square), The Cooperative Bank - 201 Main St. or the Parish Center - 46 Winthrop St. (by the Training Field). Or donate by sending checks to: Harvest on Vine, Parish Center, 46 Winthrop St., Charlestown, MA 02129. They are also looking for volunteers to assist with distribution. For more information, call Tom MacDonald 617-990-7314. Your continued support is much appreciated.

ART IN THE PARK - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Art in the Park, sponsored by The Artists Group of Charlestown returns to City Square Park on Saturday, September 11. Join the celebration from 10:00am to 5:30pm. Explore the work of AGC members and other area artists from the area from 10am to 5:30pm. This is a great opportunity to support living artists and neighborhood cultural events. Rain date Sunday, September 12.

CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD CONCERT SERIES

The Friends of the Charlestown

Navy Yard host The Harvard Alumni Jazz Band on Monday, September 13 at 6pm at The Anchor, at Shipyard Park. Guests are asked to follow current COVID guidelines for safety. Further information in case of inclement weather can be found online at www.friendscny.org

JOIN THE BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE

The Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the 2022 parade. If you are new to town, this is a great way to meet your neighbors and the people who make things happen in Charlestown! Want to join the committee? They're looking for help with fundraising & planning. If you have any questions about the parade committee please contact Kathleen Wrenn Noonan 617-201-1673.

BRUINS ACADEMY - LEARN-TO-PLAY HOCKEY PROGRAM

The Boston Bruins will return its Learn-to-Play Hockey program to Charlestown this fall. Charlestown Youth Hockey will be hosting and staffing the program. The program is available to boys and girls ages 5-9 that have not participated in an organized hockey program before.

Sign-up will be September 9th at the Bruins website. This four-week program will be at 10am on Saturdays from October 16th to November 6th. Please visit the "Bruins Academy" tab at the Charlestown Youth Hockey website (CYHA.COM) for early registration. This program is limited to 50 kids per session and will fill up quickly.

FRIENDS OF CITY SQUARE PARK CONCERT FOR SEPTEMBER

Don't miss the Dirty Water Brass Band at City Square Park on Wednesday, September 15 from 5:30 - 7pm.

Rain date is Thursday the 14th.

SEPTEMBER IS RECOVERY MONTH

The Charlestown Coalition invites the neighborhood to celebrate recovery month all through with activities and events to raise awareness and to help those in need of help and hope in the community. There will be a Recovery Mass at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Church, 55 Warren St. on September 12 at 6pm. For a full schedule of events contact Shannon Lundin 617-320-9058, or email SMLundin@partners.org

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LYDIA EDWARDS HOLDS A COFFEE HOUR AT MONUMENT TAVERN

Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards held a Coffee Hour at Monument Tavern on Aug 28. The event was an opportunity for neighbors in the Charlestown community to meet their City Councilor and share their questions, comments, and concerns. Councilor Edwards was excited to meet with constituents in a relaxed setting.



Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards with Moe Gillan.



Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards (center) with Jack and Johnny Kelly.



Marian Callahan with Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards.



Charlestown Preservation Society Amanda Zettel with Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards.



Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards (center) speaks with Moe Gillan (far right) as Marian Callahan enjoys some of the breakfast offerings.



Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards with John Sweeney.

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