ADAPTED SAILING PROGRAM

On Saturday, September 18, Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard along with Courageous Sailing Center, Piers Park Sailing Center, and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital held an Adapted Sailing Program. Additional support was provided to the approximately 100 people with disabilities and families by State Representative Dan Ryan, City Councilor Lydia Edwards and DC Beane. See Page 4 for more photos.

Edwards to host discussion on race and equity

By John Lynds

On Tuesday, October 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the Charlestown Peace Park, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards will host another discussion about race and equity. The discussion is part of an ongoing series to address race and equity in Charlestown and Boston and Edwards has already hosted seventeen talks over the past 19 months.

“Now we've been doing this for 19 months and we've not missed a month,” said Edwards. “We do our best to bring people together in Charlestown, of all ages, all races, all backgrounds, to talk about race and equity.”

Edwards said the discussion series evolved from talking in depth about the police after the George Floyd killing to talking with the police about the opioid crisis to talking about hate towards Asian Americans in the face of the ongoing pandemic.

“We had a whole conversation dedicated to Asian American history and the anti-Asian hate that was happening, because of the blaming for the pandemic,” said Edwards. “So, when we talk about that, we're really not just talking about what's wrong with other people, but also our own growth. Participants have been very honest and have admitted that they used to think one way, but think differently today.”

Edwards said the series has drawn people from all walks of life in Charlestown from conservatives to liberal. One gentleman, she said, recently said that while his views and personality were still a bit more conservative than others he felt welcomed and appreciated the opportunity to express his viewpoints.

“You know we have a lot of people who grew up in Charlestown, in a different world than how the neighborhood is now, and who admit in their youth they use vocabulary and words that are just really not accessible today. They talk about their growth and I think that's really important for young people to see that people are willing to change in life because you're going to grow in this life. It's important to learn how to talk through that with people who disagree with you. It is a very important life skill and I believe not enough young people, or people today are developing that because we're not, oftentimes, having real conversation in social media because we're really kind of talking at each other and not at each other.

Edwards said healing takes time but she was honored to use her political position to lead in a different way.

“That's really the point of this series is having a forum where we learn to listen to each other,” said Edwards.

Charlestown residents asked for input on Sullivan Square parks

By Adam Swift

A reimagining of the open space around Sullivan Square will open up new recreation opportunities in the area, but some residents still want to see a more comprehensive approach to open space and growth across all of Charlestown.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency’s PLAN: Charlestown team and the city’s parks and recreation department held a virtual public meeting Tuesday night focusing on the development of three open space parcels near Sullivan Square. Officials were looking for input on how to best utilize the planned expansion and renovation of Ryan Playground, the Hood Field open space associated with the 20-acre Hood development, and the open space that will be created in the area, but some residents still want to see a more comprehensive approach to open space and growth across all of Charlestown.

Meeting planned on Oct. 24 to discuss Historic District Landmarks Study Comm.

A community meeting will be held on Oct 24 starting at 2 p.m. in the J.W. Conway-Bunker Hill Post 26, American Legion, 23 Adams St. for the purpose of discussing the Charlestown Heights Historic District Landmarks Study Commission. Community support is needed to start the process to have the Charlestown Heights recognized in time for the 250th Anniversary of the First Battle of the American Army in June 2023. The filings and paperwork need to be completed shortly.

In order to prepare and

DUELING PIANOS

Neil Haven and Mark Weiser of Shake Rattle And Roll Dueling Pianos performed to an enthusiastic gathering at the Knights Of Columbus Hall. They hammered out keyboard renderings that ran the gamut from AC/DC to the Billy Joel to The Black Eyed Peas. Proceeds of the evening were to raise funds for the Bunker Hill Day Parade. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.
THE PERNICIOUS EFFECTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

The recent revelations about the harmful influences of social media upon young people that first appeared in the Wall St. Journal and then before Congress with the testimony of a former Facebook employee (who had provided the Wall St. Journal with the documents for its expose) have demonstrated once again to the world what we already know about these platforms: They will do anything just to make a buck.

The former Facebook employee provided the Journal with Facebook’s own internal research that shows that Instagram (which is owned by Facebook) can have a negative effect on teen mental health, especially among girls. The Facebook researchers concluded, “We make body image issues worse for one in three teen girls.”

In addition, the researchers concluded that its algorithms on Instagram can steer users toward content that can be harmful.

Yet despite its own research, Facebook has done little or nothing to address this issue, as well as a host of others, ranging from spreading disinformation to human trafficking.

The reason that Facebook and other social media companies can get away with such atrocious behavior is that they are shielded from civil and criminal liability by a federal law, known as Section 230, that was enacted in the mid-1990s before any of today’s popular social media platforms even existed.

Thanks to Section 230, a social media platform cannot be sued for libel (unlike traditional media such as ourselves) and cannot be prosecuted for any role it may play in enabling a criminal enterprise.

The information that was brought to light by the former Facebook employee once again has highlighted the pernicious effects of social media upon our society in general and young people in particular.

More significantly, the Facebook Papers show that these companies never will police themselves because they place profit above anything else. Their irresponsible behavior essentially is part of their business model.

Congress needs to repeal Section 230 – it’s as simple as that.

GUEST OP-ED

All neighborhoods deserve equal funding, not just the loudest and most powerful voices

By Pam Kocher

The momentum around this year’s mayoral election comes in part due to anticipation in the neighborhoods that new and diverse leadership will not only continue Boston’s strong growth, but also will ensure that all neighborhoods continue to share in that growth.

A roadblock to that positive growth and continued change is in the Question 1 budgeting initiative hiding on the Nov. 2 ballot. This question shifts some of the all-important budgeting powers of the mayor to the City Council - handing over valuable resources in the City’s $6 billion annual budget to the least city councilors and their constituencies. That shared budget-writing power would inject chaos and dysfunction into a process that currently works well. Such a change would whish Boston back toward a time when neighborhoods with the best representation, and the loudest social voice, came out on top in Boston’s City Budget.

On Nov. 2 when voters go to the polls to select their new City leaders, they will be choosing from one of the most diverse pools of candidates in Boston history - whether by race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, gender or even by neighborhood geography. That is seen as a step in a new direction when it comes to representation and voices at the table.

City government. To preserve the strength of new voices at the table and ensure the new mayor can deliver a strong and equitable City Budget once again, as mayor’s have done throughout recent history, voters in all of Boston’s neighborhoods should vote ‘No on 1.’

Instead of relying on the new mayor for the City Budget, Question 1 will unnecessarily give 13 City Councillors the ability to re-write the new mayor’s City Budget however they and their loudest and most powerful supporters see fit. This brings politics into the process and could return the long-re-tired practice of robbing one neighbor- bhood for the benefit of another. Why risk that just at the time when so many new and different voices have come to the table?

The City moved to a strong mayoral form of government so that a city-wide elected mayor, and his or her administration, could have the ability to distribute resources equally across the city. While there’s always more to be done on this topic, the current mayoral-driven City Budget process has improved how resources are delivered in all neighborhoods, and has made huge strides in making sure no corner of the city is left behind.

A ‘yes’ vote on Question 1 looks to derail that strong and equitable process.

What’s to stop a district city councillor, elected by voters in only one part of the city, from taking over the Council’s new budgeting process and funneling money into his or her district – while leaving others starving for resources?

Boston voters should not want to create a city where one area has nice fields well-prepared for youth sports, while other parts of the city don’t even have a field for kids to play on. Likewise, voters should be wary of ushering in an outcome where one powerful Council district receives large allocations for ample numbers of firefighters, while less-vocal parts of the city suffer station brown-outs, outdated fire engines and bare minimum fire protection due to chronic funding shortages.

Would we want to enter into a time, unlike now, when residents have to travel to the most politically-powerful neighbor- hood to enjoy a safe and well-kept park where crime is absent and the grass is clipped regularly?

As the City sets out next year with a new and diverse set of leaders, such outcomes as described above are exactly the opposite of what voters going to the polls in this historic election want to see. Now isn’t the time to exchange the equitable City Budget process for a budget determined by the powerful and vocal, and that’s why it’s critical to vote ‘No on 1’ this Nov. 2.

Pam Kochers President of Boston Municipal Research Bureau.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU,
GORMAN FAMILY

To the Editor,

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the Gorman Scholarship Committee for their support as I continue my studies in the Early Elementary Education program at Colby-Sawyer College (NH). The Gorman family has done so much for so long for so many “Townie” students and they epitomize the importance of “giving back to the community.” Again, thank you so very much and God Bless!!!

Conor Kelly

TO THE OLD SCHOOLGIRLS COMMITTEE AND GENEROUS DONORS.

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the Old Schoolgirls Committee for their continuous hard work and dedication towards awarding young women with academic scholarships. I would also like to thank Mr. John Alves for his generous donation, that allowed me to receive the Sarah Josepha Hale Scholarship. This scholarship will assist me in pursing my education as a sophomore at George Washington University.

Jolie Doherty

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recognize this Historic 2025 Charlestown Community, the Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) is seeking local resident participation to organize and establish a “Open Community” Historic Study Committee for all of Charlestown. The Community must work together, if the CNC will be able to form the Charlestown Heights Landmarks Commission to have the Heights designated as the First Historic Battlefield District of the US Army, in Massachusetts.

A brief history behind this project is as follows:

In 1960, the Residents of Charlestown, Boston Voted to become a Community Preservation Act (PCA) Community. This past June 1, the Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) voted to recognize all the remaining part of Charlestown, now part of the City of Boston. The Historic Charlestown Heights Battlefield process Charlestown is an organized Massachusetts Historic Town District, under CPA.

All of Charlestown should be part of the Boston’s Community “Historic District” Recognition Process under CPA.

In 1630, Charlestown was the First Town of Massachusetts Bay Colony. In 1775, Charlestown was a vast separate Town, situated across Middlesex County, First Battlefield of a New Nation. In 1975 Boston began recognition of numerous Historic Districts, throughout the City. In 2021, Charlestown is still unrecognized as an “Original” Historic Battlefield District, by the City of Boston. Currently 9 Historic Districts exist in Boston, but Charlestown is not recognized as part of a Boston Historic District process. Charlestown is an original Massachusetts Historic Town District, Charlestown is a former City and now Boston Community neighborhood. “Charlestown Heights” Battlefield is also a National Historic Resource with a significant National legacy, which include a number of outstanding Architectural Historic Districts, all without Historic Boston recognition by the City Agency Preservation process.

“Charlestown Heights” is the First Battlefield of the US Army, known by the First Markers and Monument, 1794. All remaining Historic Charlestown Heights Battlefield, including Charlestown Neck at Sullivan Sq., was annexed by the City of Boston in 1874. All this Community, was part of the Original Battlefield of June 17th, 1775. The “Charlestown Heights” peninsula was taken by British Forces and Held, by Force of Arms, until the British Evacuated Boston in March 1776. This Historic Battlefield District is currently recognized by official Maps in the Library of Congress, dated June, 1775 by the British Army as a National Historic Battlefield. The US Army was authorized June 14th, 1775. First Battle was June 17th, 1775.

Community members must work together, to form the “CHLC” “Charlestown Heights” Landmarks Commission, as the First Historic Battlefield District of the US Army, in Massachusetts. “Charlestown Heights” is the First Battlefield of the US Army.

On June 14, 1775, the United NE Continental Army, now the US Army was authorized by the Continental Congress. On June 16, the First Army Corps of Engineers began work across “Charlestown Heights” peninsula to fortify against British Occupation by Military Force. On June 17, 1775, the First United New England Continental Army Militia, engaged Superior British Forces across all “Charlestown Heights”. The Historic remains of all “Charlestown Heights” Battlefield, is an original Historic Military District, the First US Army Command, Authorized by the Massachusetts Provincial Congress Militia, under General Warren.

The Peninsula of “Charlestown Heights” at the Neck, represents the First Official Battlefield of the American Revolution.

On June 17, 2025, the residents of Massachusets, will Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the First Battle of the American Army, established June 14, 1775 under the Continental Service, now US Army, here at “Charlestown Heights”. Join the residents of “Charlestown Heights and officials of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council as we plan to celebrate the Historic Foundation of our Nation here on foothill of “Charlestown Heights” and recognize the Community of “Charlestown Heights” under the CPA-Community Preservation Act Trust Fund Planning and Preservation Process.
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“Charlestown Heights” Historic District Landmarks Study Commission
Community Meeting
Sunday. Oct 24, 2021, 2P.M.
J.W. Conway-Bunker Hill Post 26, American Legion
23 Adams Street, Charlestown MA 02129

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June 17, 2025 will mark the 250th Anniversary of the First Battle of the US Army on the battlefield at Charlestown Heights.

Join us, to form the “CHLC” “Charlestown Heights” Landmarks Commission, To fully recognize the First Historic Battlefield District of the US Army, in Massachusetts.
ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE HOLDS MEET AND GREET IN CHARLESTOWN

Annissa Essaibi George, candidate for Mayor of Boston in the Nov. 2 general election, held a Meet-and-Greet with Charlestown friends and neighbors Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus.

A large crowd attended the town hall style event during which Essaibi George delivered remarks and answered questions from the audience on a wide range of issues.

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THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN POST IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THEIR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Abraham Lincoln Post 11, GAR, scholarship awards will be drawn on November 5 at our annual Veterans Dinner to be held at the Knights of Columbus on the 5th of November at 6 pm. Send your applications to: Memorial Hall, 14 Green St., Charlestown, Ma. 02129

You can also submit applications at the door.

The required information is a Veteran Sponsor’s name, student applicant’s name, address and telephone number and name of the school the student is attending. Additional information should include:

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• At least five awards of $500 will be made to eligible students. In addition, the Billy Boyd Scholarship of $1,000 will be awarded to a college-bound high school senior.

• If you have questions or need additional information please contact Steve Fabiano at (617) 438-2022

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CHARLESTOWN HIGH VARSITY SOCCER THIS SATURDAY

Come support Charlestown High School Boy’s Varsity Soccer’s last home game this Saturday, Oct. 16, at 10 am. The Charlestown Youth Soccer Association community will be there to help cheer them on and invites the community to join them.

THOMAS ADDED TO THE CURRY COLLEGE SPRING DEAN’S LIST

Curry College is proud to announce that Matthew R. Thomas of Charlestown has been named as an addition to the Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester. Thomas is among the roughly 1,000 students that have received the distinction, a marker of academic excellence and high achievement.

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SULLIVAN SQUARE (from pg. 1)

at Sullivan Square as part of the Rutherford Avenue project.

The focus was on the programs residents want to see at each site, and how the three nearby parcels could potentially be developed to make the best use of open space in the area.

“We have heard loud and clear that the community wants to see a collaborative and holistic approach to the properties,” said Jason Ruggerio, the community engagement manager for the BPDA.

Kelly Sherman of the BPDA noted that the open space in Charlestown falls below the average in other neighborhoods in the city. She said the extension of Ryan Playground to just under 9 acres, along with the planned 1 acre Hood green space and the 1.25 acres of open space at Sullivan Square will help close that gap.

The development of the open space will also take into account climate concerns, Sherman said.

“We want to benefit the public, but they will also serve climate resilient purposes,” Sherman said. “These parks are going to serve dual purposes.”

Brandon Kunkel of Weston Sampson Engineers gave an overview of the Ryan Playground project, which will be the first of the three to see construction.

“We will be back in front of the community in December presenting concepts for Ryan Playground and getting feedback on that,” said Kunkel.

In January, a preferred schematic design for the project will be selected, with construction slated to begin in fall of 2022, he said. Alison Richardson of landscape architect Brown, Richardson + Rowe said the work to create open space at Sullivan Square is scheduled to take place after the Ryan Playground project.

With the reconstruction of Rutherford Avenue, Richardson said there is an opportunity to make the Sullivan Square open space to make it more in line with how it looked almost a century ago.

“It’s not very large, it’s about 1- acres, but it is large enough to try to make it a very special park,” said Richardson.

The plan for the Hood greenspace is for it to sit behind a one-story retail building and in front of a larger proposed hotel.

Abigail Chatfield of the Boston Parks Department conducted some live polling asking the nearly 60 people taking part in the meeting what they would like to see as priorities for the new park spaces. Some of the more popular responses included public events and live entertainment, farmers markets or food trucks, and dog walking.

Chatfield also asked attendees to provide one word that they think best suits each individual park. Sports was a popular answer for Ryan Playground, transportation and connection were the top answers for Sullivan Square, and gathering and community topped the list for the Hood space.

Several residents said they were excited about the opportunities for Charlestown with the new green spaces, but it was also noted that they would like to see more emphasis on overall planning for all Charlestown spaces.

Ruggerio noted that PLAN: Charlestown initiative does seek to incorporate all open spaces in Charlestown, although there was some pushback in the chat comments about the overall process thus far.

There were also several people that said the younger people in Charlestown need to be involved to determine their needs, especially when it comes to available space for youth sports.

Joanne Massaro noted that the soccer program is growing across Charlestown and that there is not enough space for soccer fields.

“There should be a look at the needs across the community for youth sports,” she said. Cathy Reese, who is involved in Charlestown Little League, said room is needed for all youth sports.

“All of our youth sports are dying for space,” she said. “We need all of it, all of our programs are growing.”

Several questions were also raised about the ratio of open space that is created when a new development is built in Charlestown. Reese said she wanted to see a more comprehensive and less piecemeal approach to developers creating open space when they come to the community with a new project.

“It has to be usable space,” she said, adding that a small area to sit and relax did not solve the issues of the community needing new soccer or baseball fields.
New York based Shake Rattle And Roll Dueling Pianos was the guest of honor at a rambunctious night of music, dancing, and fun at the Knights Of Columbus Hall. Proceeds from the evening were to raise funds for the Bunker Hill Day Parade, a Charlestown tradition cherished by all.

Mimi Wrenn, Jen Considine, Carol Shannon, Kim Sodergren, Pam McGrath, Andrea Hingston, and Chris Jones rocking out to Don McLean’s 70s classic “American Pie.”

Shake Rattle And Roll Dueling Pianos performer Neil Haven assists his partner in music Mark Weiser in an energetic cover of Jerry Lee Lewis’s classic “Great Balls Of Fire.”

Ari Webber and Victoria Nasuti interrupted the performance of Billy Joel with a request for the Black Eyed Peas melody “My Humps” to switch things up.

The dance floor was full of revelry.

Kristy Lyman, Lindsey Hurley, Erin Woods, Madison Kane, Gina Rizzo, and Jackie Vento.

CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY MEETING

Please join us on Zoom for a community meeting to provide updates on the start of construction at the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment.

Construction Update Meeting – Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 6:00-7:00PM

Visit www.bunkerhillhousing.com/#updates for details on how to register for this meeting.
SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL DUELING PIANOS AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

Joan Crowley, Lois MacInty, and Kim Sodigrin join in the performance when the pianists cover Neil Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline” a song any Boston sports fan knows well.

Lindsey Hurley and Kristi Lyman are equipped with refreshments for the evening.

Boston City Council candidate Bridget E Walsh (4th from right) with the Gilan Family.

Members of “The Butterflies” convene by the pianists’ request board to honor Mary D, aka Mary Deelin, who passed away July 11, 2021. The Butterflies were a group of friends whose motto, coined by Mary D, was “It takes balls to be a butterfly and a frog.”

Mark Weiser and Neil Haven of Shake Rattle And Roll Dueling Pianos played “Only A Woman To Me” by Billy Joel.

Eric and Coleen Cavanaugh.

Madison Kane and Elle Woods.

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CHARLESTOWN CHILDREN’S HALLOWEEN PARADE
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BUNKER HILL MONUMENT
Eighth human case of West Nile Virus in Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) last week announced the eighth human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in the state this year. The individual is a male in his 50s who was exposed to WNV in Middlesex County.

Twenty-seven communities in Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties are at high risk and 71 communities are at moderate risk. There are no additional risk level changes associated with this new case.

“The risk from WNV is starting to decline but some risk will remain until the first hard frost,” said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. “Although people over the age of 50 are at greater risk from West Nile virus, all ages can be affected. People should remember to take steps to prevent mosquito bites anytime they are outdoors.”

In 2020, there were 11 human cases of WNV infection identified in Massachusetts. WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare cases, more severe illness can occur.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-menthane 3, 8-diol (PMD)], or IR3535 according to the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change the water in bird baths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rain. Water troughs should be flushed out to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). If an animal is diagnosed with WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources’ (MDAR) Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795 and to the DPH by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at www.mass.gov/MosquitoesandTicks or by calling the DPH Epidemiology Program at 617-983-6800.
Neighborhood Round Up

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.

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RIBBON CUTTING AT COMMUNITY CENTER
Join the Friends of the Library & Turn it Around on Thursday, October 14 at 4:30p.m. for a “ribbon cutting” of a new Little Free Library installed recently outside the Community Center. All are welcome. The Charlestown Community Center is located at 255 Medford Street.

SHOW OPENING AT STOVE FACTORY GALLERY
The Artists Group of Charlestown Fall Show “Attached” will be opening October 15th hours 5-8p.m. at the Stove Factory Gallery, 523 Medford Street. Show will continue weekends through October 31 from 12-5p.m.

Charlestown’s weekly COVID positive test rate stays the same

By John Lynds

After the Charlestown COVID positive test rate also decreased last week. According to the BPHC 23,542 residents were tested and 2.5 percent were COVID positive–this was a 7.4 percent decrease from the 2.7 percent reported by the BPHC on October 4.

Eighteen additional Charlestown residents tested positive for the virus since October 4 and the number of positive cases increased to 1,676 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 percent since October 4 and went from 80,885 cases to 81,716 confirmed cases in a week. There were nine additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,438.

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HARVARD KENT PARENTS FUNDRAISER
The annual fundraiser kicks off on Friday October 8th with a goal of $20,000 to support educational enrichment and promote family involvement in the HK community. Visit https://go.rallyup.com/hkpafallfundraiser2021 to participate. The event runs through October 23rd and the winner will be chosen on October 24.

SENIOR HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 22
The David M. Whelan Scholarship will be hosting a Senior Halloween Party on Friday, October 22, 2021 at the K of C Hall, 545 Medford Street from 11:00 – 2:00 pm. There will be food, music and prizes. Join the fun!

For more information contact: Meaghan Murray 617-635-5175

HALLOWEEN IS BACK AT THE MONUMENT
The 36th Annual Trick or Treat and March around the Monument is back! Meet at 5pm at The Monument steps on October 31st for the return of the Tony Barry Band and the traditional Halloween march beginning at 5:30p. The Committee asks participants to please wear masks and social distance.

Visit artistsgroupofcharlestown.com for more information.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN POST 11, GAR TO HOLD ANNUAL VETERANS DINNER
The Abraham Lincoln Post 11, GAR, will be hosting its annual Veterans Dinner at 6:00 PM on Friday, November 5, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Medford St. in Charlestown. All Charlestown Veterans are invited. The dinner is free to the veteran and one guest. Additional guests, friends, and family are also encouraged to attend with a suggested donation of $20 to help offset expenses. In addition to good company and a good time, we will also be awarding a number of scholarships to the children or grandchildren of our veterans. To be eligible, the student must be the child or grandchild of a Charlestown resident veteran (DD214 required) or a veteran who joined the military when he or she was a resident of Charlestown. There will be at least one $1,000 award for a college bound student and at least five $500 awards for students attending a 1-12 grade level school that requires a tuition payment. For more information about the scholarship please call Steve Fabiano at (617) 438-2022.

If you plan to attend, RSVP to (857) 364-9662 and leave your name, number of persons attending, and a phone number or email where you can be reached.

CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT LANDMARKS STUDY COMMISSION COMMUNITY MEETING
Join the residents of “Charlestown Heights” and the Charlestown Neighborhood Council in planning for June 17th, 2022, the 250th Anniversary of the First Battle of the American Army, Learn about the CPA-Community Preservation Act Trust Fund Planning and Preservation Process and the importance of recognization of the Charlestown Heights Historic District. Informational meeting on Sunday, Oct 24, 2021, 2pm. at the J.W. Conway-Bunker Hill Post 26, American Legion, 23 Adams Street.

THROUGH OUR EYES CHARLESTOWN RETURNS
The Through Our Eyes Charlestown photography exhibit will open on Thursday, October 21. This year’s project was made possible by the Through Our Eyes Project, Christ Church Charlestown, and the Charlestown Historical Society. The exhibit will be located this year on the second floor of Memorial Hall (1 Green Street) and will be open to the community Thursday, October 21 5:30-8:30PM; Friday, October 22 5:30-8:30PM; and Saturday, October 23 1-4PM. This year’s project saw the collection of 400 photos of Charlestown from 1880-1980, with photographers recreating or reimagining the photos in 2021.

David M. Whelan Scholarship Sponsored
Senior Halloween Party
October 22, 2021, 11a.m. - 2p.m.
K of C Hall - 545 Medford Street

Contact: Meaghan Murray
(617) 635-5175
Four weeks ahead of the Tuesday, Nov. 2, general election, Mayoral candidate, City Councilor Michelle Wu, visited the Charlestown Neighborhood Council on her campaign trail during the group’s Oct. 5 meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

65 Monument Avenue #1, Charlestown

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Ideally situated on Charlestown’s iconic Monument Avenue, this 2+ bedroom home features its own private entrance and corner exposure. Spanning 1,285 square feet, the home boasts elegant and original details, a common back deck, and a stunning common roofdeck with your own designated private area. With the historic Bunker Hill Monument at your doorstep, one can enjoy all of the amenities Charlestown has to offer.

Jillian Reig and Steve Losordo
rlgroup@compass.com
617.960.6080
Fresh and Local
Curries, curried and curry powder

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In the description of the book “Curry: A Global History,” the publisher writes, “... food writer Colleen Taylor Sen describes in detail the Anglo-Indian origins of curry and how it has been adapted throughout the world. Exploring the curry universe beyond India and Great Britain, her chronicles document the world of Indian curries by a couple who had lived in India. They were kind enough to give us some blends including their most-used spices.)

Here are two of our Masala Dabbas. One contains whole seeds and the other has our most-used spices and blends including our favorite curry powder.

The country’s national dish. However, we consider curry powder the nation’s most significant contribution to the curry world.

What started with Indian merchants sending spice blends like Garam Masala to England soon took on a local British accent, with companies like Crosse & Blackwell creating and selling their versions of curry powder. Isabella Beeton’s Book of Household Management had recipes calling for curry powder as early as 1861.

There is a vast difference in flavors among curry powders. Some of the best online spice retailers like Penzeys Spices and Spice House will let you purchase 1 or 2-ounce packages of their curry blends. Small samples are a great way to try a few and find the one that is your family favorite.

One origin story for the word curry is on Wikipedia. That source traces it to “...the Tamil word kari meaning ’sauce’ or ‘relish for rice’ that uses the leaves of the curry tree (Murraya koenigii).” Seeing curry as a sauce, relish for rice, bread, or whatever staple served as the bulk of the meal explains why many countries have a curry culture. These are flavorful toppings that add interest and variety to daily meals often centered on a staple carbohydrate.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.
RE-IMAGINE THE OPEN SPACES
The Mystic River Watershed Association is working to re-imagine the open spaces around Little Mystic Channel in Charlestown. Stop by at their Open House, share your ideas, grab a donut, learn some Charlestown Trivia and find out how to get involved with the community-driven design process. This is a kid-friendly event.

The event will be held on Saturday, October 16 from 11 am - 1 pm at the Little Mystic Channel between the Charlestown Community Center/High School Athletic Fields and Charlestown.

GUNDBERG ENROLLED AT LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
Lehigh University is thrilled to officially welcome Gregory Gundberg as a Fall 2021 graduate student enrollee to the Lehigh family. Congratulations on your enrollment at Lehigh!

For more than 150 years, Lehigh University (lehigh.edu) has combined outstanding academic and learning opportunities with leadership in fostering innovative research. The institution is among the nation’s most selective, highly ranked private research universities. Lehigh’s five colleges - College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, and the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science - provides opportunities to 7,000+ students to discover and grow in an academically rigorous environment along with a supportive, engaged campus community.

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CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

Standings for the week of 10/9/2021

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Players of the week 10/9/2021

A-1 Convenience - Archie Roeder, Noah Martinez
Bryan’s Pals - London Kuhn, Jacob Miller
Duce 2 - Rory Herrick, Brooklyn Goodman
Halligan Club - Declan Melendy, Logan Fitzgerald

Friends of the Charlestown Elderly
SPOOKTACULAR $10,000 Halloween Raffle Drawing

Only 200 tickets will be sold - $100 per ticket
Proceeds to support Charlestown Elderly Resident Activities
Drawing will be held on October 31, 2021

Please call for a ticket
(617) 398-2771 – (617) 997-3774 – (617) 777-0699
United States Postal Service rates for holiday shipping listed

It looks to be another odd year for holiday celebrations. The biggest question likely on most minds is, do we make merry in person or virtually? No matter your plans, the Postal Service is ready to do its part to handle your special holiday greetings and gifts. But we also need you to do your part, and that is to make sure you get those packages and good wishes to your Post Office location on time.

New Pricing

There are plenty of holiday- and winter-themed stamps available to adorn your greeting cards this year. You can find them in our online Postal Store or at any one of our more than 34,000 Post Office locations. On Aug. 29, the cost of a First-Class Forever stamp increased three cents, from 55 cents to 58 cents. There are also temporary price increases in place through Dec. 26, 2021. Central time for both retail and business customers for some of our more popular shopping products, which also includes military shipping — Priority Mail Express (PME), Priority Mail (PM), First-Class Package Service (FCPS), Parcel Select, USPS Retail Ground, and Parcel Return Service. International products are unaffected. These temporary rates will be the Postal Service’s busiest day of the year.

Temporary pricing increases for Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, Parcel Select Ground and USPS Retail Ground are as follows:

- PM and PME Flat Rate Boxes and Envelopes - $0.75
- Zones 1-4, 0-10 lbs. - $0.25
- Zones 5-9, 0-10 lbs. - $0.75
- Zones 1-4, 11-20 lbs. - $1.50
- Zones 5-9, 11-20 lbs. - $3.00
- Zones 1-4, 21-70 lbs. - $2.50
- Zones 5-9, 21-70 lbs. - $5.00

All other retail shipping services:
- First-Class Package Service - Retail - $0.30

A zone pricing calculator can be found online. A complete list of business products and prices is also available online.

The temporary adjustment is part of “Delivering for America,” the Postal Service’s 10-year plan for achieving financial sustainability and service excellence, which calls for appropriate pricing initiatives. Even with the temporary increase, the Postal Service has some of the lowest mail postage rates in the industrialized world and continues to offer great values in shipping.

2021 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

The Postal Service recommends the following mailing and shipping deadlines for expected delivery by Dec. 25 to domestic addresses and APO/FPO/DPO (Air/Army Post Office/Fleet Post Office/Diplomatic Post Office) addresses:

- Nov. 6 — APO/FPO/DPO (all ZIP Codes) USPS Retail Ground service
- Dec. 9 — APO/FPO/DPO (all ZIP Codes) Priority Mail and First-Class Mail
- Dec. 15 — USPS Retail Ground service
- Dec. 16 — APO/FPO/DPO (except ZIP Code 093) USPS Priority Mail Express Military service
- Dec. 18 — First-Class Mail service (including greeting cards)
- Dec. 18 — First-class packages (up to 15.99 ounces)
- Dec. 20 — Priority Mail service
- Dec. 23 — Priority Mail Express’ service
- Dec. 23 — Priority Mail Express

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### Assistant Retirement Administrator

The Revere Retirement Board is seeking a qualified individual to serve as the full-time Assistant Retirement Administrator. Education and experience as an accountant or similar required. Knowledge of MGL c. 32 preferred. Ability to effectively communicate with members, vendors and others verbally and in writing required. Salary/Hours: $65,000-$75,000 annually, 39 hours per week includes benefits. Please apply with a cover letter and resume by November 1, 2021 to: Mr. Sandor Zapolin, Retirement Administrator, Revere Retirement Board, 14 Yeaman St., Unit C-2, Revere, MA 02151 or szapolin@revere.org.
Available to businesses located in Massachusetts.

1 Earn a $200 bonus when you open a new Small Business Checking or Analyzed Business Checking account with a $10 minimum opening deposit before October 31, 2021 and complete the following two qualification requirements within each of the first three full calendar months following the date the new account is funded: (1) Complete posted and cleared credit transactions including cash, check, wire or ACH credits totaling $500 or more within each month. Bank transfers between your Cambridge Savings Bank accounts or accounts you have at other financial institutions do not qualify. (2) Complete 10 posted and cleared debit transactions including checks paid, debit card point of sale transactions, wire transfers, or ACH debits within each month. For example, a qualifying account type opened and funded during the month of October must complete the above noted requirements in the months of November, December, and January to qualify for the bonus. New account funding must be completed by October 31, 2021. You must not currently have a Cambridge Savings Bank business checking account or have had one in the last 12 months. A $200 credit will be posted to your checking account within 30 days of completing requirements as long as qualifications are met, and account remains open in good standing. No minimum balance is required to receive the bonus. The value of the bonus will be reported to the IRS as interest. Limit one bonus per business entity. Offer may be withdrawn at any time. All other terms and conditions for checking accounts apply. The Small Business Checking account provides the first 125 basic transactions (including any combination of deposits, items deposited, checks paid, account transfers, ACH credits and ACH debits) free. Basic transactions numbering over 125 are $0.50 each. The Analyzed Business Checking has a $10,000 minimum average collected monthly balance to avoid the monthly maintenance service charge of $10. If the minimum average collected monthly balance falls below $10,000, the $10 monthly maintenance service charge will apply. All other terms and conditions for checking accounts apply. The Small Business Checking account provides the first 125 basic transactions (including any combination of deposits, items deposited, checks paid, account transfers, ACH credits and ACH debits) free. Basic transactions numbering over 125 are $0.50 each. The Analyzed Business Checking has a $10,000 minimum average collected monthly balance to avoid the monthly maintenance service charge of $10. If the minimum average collected monthly balance falls below $10,000, the $10 monthly maintenance service charge will apply. All other terms and conditions for checking accounts apply.

2 Line of Credit offer valid as of October 1, 2021, and may be withdrawn at any time. Maximum loan exposure will not exceed $1,000,000 per business entity, including subsidiaries. Offer subject to credit approval, applicable terms and conditions including that the Line of Credit must remain at a zero ($0) balance for at least thirty (30) consecutive days during each ongoing twelve (12) month period. You must not currently have a Small Business Line of Credit or have had one in the last 12 months. You must apply during offer period (October 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021) and close within 30 days of approval. Introductory interest rate for the Small Business Line of Credit is Prime plus 1.00% for the first 12 months. After 12 months, the interest rate converts to Prime plus 2.00%. Offer good for a new Small Business Line of Credit between $10,000 and $1,000,000. The Prime Rate is 3.25% as of 9/10/2021; however, the Prime Rate is variable and subject to change. For Small Business Term Loans up to $1,000,000. Terms over 36 and up to 60 months have a rate of 5.50%; over 12 months and up to 36 months a rate of 5.25%; up to 12 months a rate of 5.00%. Subject to credit approval. Offer may be withdrawn at any time.

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