



# CHARLESTOWN

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## HALLOWEEN FUN IN CHARLESTOWN



Wintthrop Street was a perfect setting for Halloween exploring in Charlestown. See pages 6 and 7 for more Halloween photos.

## Team provides construction update on Bunker Hill redevelopment project

By Dan Murphy

Team members for the Bunker Hill redevelopment project were on hand for a virtual meeting held Thursday, Oct. 27, to provide a pre-construction update.

The site comprises 27 acres located between Bunker Hill, Decatur, and Polk streets, and the project would include 15 buildings containing 2,699 units, 37 percent of which would be affordable to replace the 1,010 existing public housing units there.

Building F would contain approximately 250 units, and replace the building behind the Kennedy Center, while Building M, containing around 100 units, would replace the three buildings behind the NEW Health Center, which will be demolished this winter, said Addie Grady, executive director of the Bunker Hill redevelopment project,

Buildings F and M are both now being designed, she said, and slated for completion by mid-2023.

Nick Nigro of Leggat McCall Properties, said for Building F, traffic to the site would be rerouted off Chelsea Street and down Decatur Street via Mt. Vernon Street instead. Decatur, Corey, and Morris streets would be closed to provide access to the site, he said, which is expected to have minimal impact as those streets are primarily used by Bunker Hill residents

and the units there are already vacant.

The Boston Transportation Department still must approve the traffic plans, though, said Nigro.

Another plan is also in the works with the Kennedy Center to separate their operations from the redevelopment operation as much as possible, he said, which would include creating a turnaround to make a drop-off for children in the morning, which would be apart from the construction site, as well as the relocation of some crosswalks in the area.

Regarding dust control, one step taken would be to frequently water debris, said Nigro, to “minimize dust migration,” as well as to use “no-hoist” methods to transport materials to the buildings under construction.

Rodent and pest control has been the biggest topic of conversation with residents, said Nigro, particularly the potential displacement of the rodent population during building demolition.

In an effort to contain the rodent population, a bait-and-trap approach would be taken initially, he said, and then, the issue would be managed continually during construction.

The project team has also walked the project site with Kennedy Center officials to help develop a “rodent plan” with

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Courtesy of Leggat McCall Properties

A rendering of the approved design for Building F in the Bunker Hill redevelopment.

## Michelle Wu is elected the new Mayor

By John Lynds

In a historic election where two female candidates of color squared off for the first time for the Boston Mayoral seat, Michelle Wu edged out Nissa Essaibi George during Tuesday’s election to become the first woman elected Mayor in Boston’s history.

The unofficial results citywide had Wu receiving 91,239 votes to Essaibi George’s 50,879 votes.

In Charlestown Essaibi George topped the mayoral ticket with 2,567 votes and won 4 of Charlestown’s 7 precincts. Wu received 2,511 votes from Charlestown residents and won Precincts 2,3,and 4.

“So one of my sons asked me the other night if boys can be elected mayor in Boston,” said Wu of



Michelle Wu.

out, but welcomes all who call our city home. We’re ready to be a Boston where all can afford to stay and to thrive. And yes, Boston is ready to become a Green New Deal city.”

Wu said her campaign was a continuation of Boston’s historic activism and community, and showed residents what’s possible when Bostonians push for what they deserve.

“And what we deserve is a Boston where all of us are seen, heard, treasured, and valued — a Boston for everyone,” she said. “We’re ready for every child to go to a school connected to the full resources of our communities and their full potential, for every resident from the Forbes Building to Georgetown Homes to be protected from soaring rents and displacement; for a thriving Boston business community grounded in a thriving Black business community; for every Bostonian experiencing homelessness, mental health, substance use at Mass. Ave and Melnea Cass Boulevard and

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her historic win at Tuesday night’s victory party in the South End. “They have been and they will again someday, but not tonight. On this day, Boston elected your mom because from every corner of our city, Boston has spoken. We are ready to meet this moment. We are ready to become a Boston for everyone. We’re ready to be a Boston that doesn’t push people



# EDITORIAL

## IF TAIWAN IS ATTACKED, SHOULD WE DEFEND IT?

We are living in unprecedented times -- from the COVID-19 pandemic, to the supply chain issues that are affecting all aspects of our economy, to the dire consequences of climate change, to the messy pullout in Afghanistan, to the spike in energy prices, to the craziness that has engulfed our politics.

It seems that we are living in a period of crisis-after-crisis-after-crisis.

But there is another potential source of disruption looming on the horizon that will dwarf all others: The spectre of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan.

So the question is this: If the Chinese decide to invade Taiwan -- as they clearly are preparing to do -- what should be our response?

We have a few thoughts:

1) The possibility of a military move by the Chinese against Taiwan has been a foreign policy issue for more than 60 years. Nixon and Kennedy debated the appropriate U.S. response should the Chinese invade Quemoy and Matsu, two small islands that belong to Taiwan, but that are within a very short distance (just a few miles) from the Chinese mainland. Kennedy made it very clear that the two islands were indefensible and not worth risking a large-scale war. Quemoy, Matsu, and Taiwan have fallen off our national radar, so to speak, since then, but they are back in the spotlight thanks to the recent Chinese provocations.

2) Although the Chinese government never has been a model of Western-style democracy, there always have been competing factions within the Communist Party. However, to whatever extent the Chinese Communist Party exhibited democratic tendencies within its own ranks, they are a thing of the past thanks to President Xi Jinping, who essentially has established himself as a dictator for life.

From abolishing term limits for his office, to destroying democracy in Hong Kong, to placing a million Uighurs into detention camps, to building up the Chinese military, Xi has abandoned the former model of a China that adhered to some semblance of international norms. The China of today is not the China of even 10 years ago.

3) The recent obsession with Taiwan by Xi is one of those issues that lacks rationality to non-Chinese. Although Taiwan poses no threat to China, there is no room for compromise on Taiwan in Xi's world-view. But that is what makes it such a potential tinderbox for world peace.

4) Some suggest that a Chinese invasion and takeover of Taiwan would be a prelude to further Chinese military domination in Asia, including So. Korea and Japan. But that's a version of the Domino Theory that got us into the war in Vietnam. We didn't understand that the Vietnamese War was merely a civil war. It was our misguided intervention that destabilized the surrounding region, just as we did 40 years later in the Mideast with our invasion of Iraq. Similarly, an American capitulation on Taiwan hardly would be a modern-day equivalent of a Neville Chamberlain-style appeasement that would be a prelude to Chinese domination of the Pacific.

5) Do we have a national interest in defending Taiwan? The only plausible reason in this regard is that the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. is the largest supplier of computer chips in the world. We all know about the chip shortage. But while a Chinese invasion of Taiwan might make the chip shortage worse in the short term, is TSMC really worth fighting for?

6) On that note, we should keep in mind that an all-out shooting war with the Chinese would result in thousands of U.S. casualties and the sinking of just about every ship we have in the Pacific fleet.

7) Finally, why should the Taiwanese expect us to defend them when they themselves have shown little or no interest in their national defense? As a recent news article made clear, the Taiwanese are a far cry from the Israelis, for whom national defense is an imperative that is taken seriously by every Israeli citizen.

In our view, when you add it all up, Taiwan is not worth shedding one drop of American blood. We shouldn't let our emotions get in the way of reality. Whatever treaty the U.S. has with Taiwan was conceived in a different world.

But this is 2021, and the present generations should not be bound by something that they have had no part in.

## GUEST OP-ED

### We need to invest in America

Dr. Glenn Mollette

America needs attention to our infrastructure. It's pathetic that our Congress and President are having so much trouble putting something together they can agree on. We managed to spend the equivalent of a trillion dollars in today's currency on the Vietnam war. What did we get for a trillion dollars? Over fifty-eight thousand dead American soldiers. Plus, over 1500 missing in action and thousands of wounded. Many who have never recovered.

We lost 4,497 American soldiers in Iraq. We spent two trillion dollars in Iraq. We had over 32,000 other casualties. What does America have to show for the war in Iraq?

We spent 20 years in Afghanistan. Over 2,400 American soldiers were killed and over 20,000 were wounded. We spent at least 2.3 trillion dollars. What does America have to show for our war in that country? (United States Military casualties of war, Wikipedia.org)

Did these wars make us safer? Did they make our country greater and stronger? Is America better and freer because of these wars? America suffered great loss from these wars. Thousands of American families are still grieving.

The stimulus proposal, approximately \$1.75 trillion is about investing in America. We are long overdue for a major investment in America. We don't all agree on the infrastructure bill's spending list. However, can't these "great" politicians come up with an "essential" needs list that is starkly visible to any naked eye?"

Maybe we could get busy in our nation and stay out of other countries' business for a while. Maybe we could take a break from

fighting among ourselves. A working nation will be a much happier nation. We hear all this bull talk about we'll never get out of debt from this infrastructure bill and we won't. However, we've spent too much time trying to solve the world's issues while ignoring our own problems. We need to work on our homeland. The roof is leaking, the walls are crumbling, the electrical work needs to be repaired. The water we are drinking is dirty. The driveway is crumbling and potholes abound. The plant down in town relocated and the local coal mine closed. Things are tough.

The house needs a lot of repair but it's hard to repair a house and buy expensive groceries on the meager wages that are available to most Americans. Families can't live on \$15 an hour, or go to the doctor. Over forty million Americans still live in poverty. Millions more live right above the poverty line and struggle. "According to Pew Research, a household with an income between two-thirds of and double the median household income is considered middle class. The national median income in 2021 is \$79,900, which would mean an individual would fall squarely in the middle class with an income between \$53,266 and \$159,800." (Motley Fool Service, fool.com) Is this you? The average household income for 2021 has been \$79,900 according to huduser.gov.

A financially strapped American living in an aging house that is desperate for repairs is symbolic

of much of America. Yes, we have seen a stock market boom. Americans selling houses are doing well financially. Yes, a lot of people in America are in the medium income level which is not bad.

However, too many Americans are still financially insecure. They don't make enough money. They can't afford adequate housing. They still put off going to the doctor because of costs. They aren't saving any money. More senior Americans are working than ever before because they can no longer live on their meager pensions and Social Security is being eaten away by rapid inflation.

We need an investment at home, our home, America. Congress, please make a reasonable list. Our needs are so visible. We need clean water, Internet, available affordable healthcare including prescriptions, affordable clean energy, chips for our cars and phones, roads and bridges and real paying jobs for Americans who are willing to work. Why is this so hard?

In comparison to over 5 trillion dollars and thousands of American lives spent around this world, spending a few dollars at home should be a cakewalk for this Congress and President.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**DISREGARD AND CONTEMPT**

To the Editor:

Regarding your October 28, 2021 article on the Plan Charlestown Zoom and our scolding neighbor's letter, the Patriot Bridge quoted me correctly. As a Charlestown resident and taxpayer, I have a right, a duty to participate, ask questions and demand accountability.

At the BRA/BPDA's 'Plan Charlestown' Zoom, my 'Chat' comments and questions ruffled feathers. I will not be scolded like a 'bad child' BRA staff were on the Zoom to 'provide information'. Inexperienced BRA staff presumed audience ignorance and wasted time in a juvenile exercise schooling the audience on Zoom's use.

BRA staff related what they 'learned' from the Charlestown Community about the Community's 'vision' for Plan Charlestown 2030. BRA staff's 'listening' tour full of empty words unrelated to urban planning a repetition of 'woke tropes'. BRA's staff had no detail, no plan and no current information prepared for their meeting. BRA staff presented a map with Pier 5 in red shown as commercial space for retail. BRA staff answered why, was: at the last "Plan Charlestown" meeting one person was interested in shops on Pier 5. This is BRA's planning or listening to the Community; the BRA ignores over 3000 Community signatures that support Pier 5 as a public park.

After countless BRA 'planning' meetings, the BRA plan/map has 181 comments from 36 individuals, in a Community of 20,000 residents. The BRA ignores the 3,000 signature petition to make Pier 5 a public park. In 2019, when presented with 2,700 Community signatures for a Charlestown Master Plan, the BRA ignored Mayor Walsh's commitment, refused to do a Master Plan. Instead BRA 'planners' did a 2019 traffic study for Sullivan Sq.'s increasingly horrific traffic choke point to Charlestown which has worsened markedly since the removal of the rotary overpass. The 2019 traffic study included Charlestown, Somerville, Everett and Cambridge. However, the BRA 'Planners' had no clue the number of housing units for Charlestown and scrambled to give approximate numbers of total units for all 4 areas. BRA staff had no idea the number of housing units constructed and/or approved for the Sullivan Sq. area since 2019.

BRA staff admitted that BRA had no map showing Charlestown historic landmarks. BRA staff punts questions about Charlestown's historic sites to the Boston Landmark Commission for historic data. We live on the Revolutionary War historic battlefield dating from our founding which includes all of Charlestown to Winter and Prospect Hills in Somerville and little Mystic where the British landed. Is this BRA ignorance or another example of BRA's failed stewardship of our history when it leaves our history unprotected?

BRA is planning for 2030 but cannot explain 2019. How we can plan for the future when BRA fails to answer about the present, approved or on the 'drawing board' projects. BRA staff is either incompetent or deliberately refuses to answer. The BRA is not listening to the Community and the Community is not being heard. The BRA 'Planners' have no 'Plan' and approve projects on an 'Ad Hoc' basis with no vision or concern for our Community.

The Community frustration is not new. In "Bye, Bye BRA? Councilor Wu presents plan to Abolish BPDA" by Seth Daniels, October 11, 2019, Patriot Bridge, former president of "Charlestown Preservation Society said the recent Master Plan process with the BPDA has been frustrating, and another reason some other sort of planning agency should be considered. We're in the early process of it, but the BPDA says they have no inkling of how to do a Master Plan," she said. "They've said they don't do Master Plans. They do strategic plans. It has been a frustrating situation." How quickly she forgets and then criticizes others for expressing similar frustrations.

Councilor Flaherty, at that time, said, "People are meeting-ed out. You could be out two or three nights a week on development. They take the bait that their input will shape a project and then they find they just aren't heard. They have given up. People have given up on this." The BRA must not be allowed to silence our Community who are impacted by the BRA's non-existent Plan.

How can we, as a Community, plan for our future if we fail protect our history? How can we plan when BRA 'Planners' do not know how to Plan, refuse to Plan or refuse to answer our questions? Has the BRA considered the impacts on the health and well-being of OUR Community? Do the BRA 'Planners' care about the residents' quality of life (green space,

air quality, livability)? How can we Plan when the BRA 'Planners' are deaf to our demands? Does the BRA listen or hear when it ignores 3000 signatures to make Pier 5 a public park?

The BRA does not 'listen' to anyone; it does NOT plan anything. If this is a 'process', it is BROKEN. If this is 'listening', the BRA is NOT 'hearing'. When the BRA acts contrary to Community's vision and demands, the BRA shows disregard and contempt for the health, safety and welfare of our Community. The BRA Charlestown Master Plan

'listening tour' proves that the BRA is tone-deaf to Community. The Emperor has 'no clothes'. I pay taxes. I, for one, demand answers and accountability.

Rosemary Macero

**THANK YOU, ALL**

To the Editor:

We appreciate the National Park Service, The City of Boston Special Events, Police and Public Works and the remarkable Charlestown community's support of our Thirty Sixth Annual Halloween Parade on Sunday night, October 31, 2021. After a rain shower,

and a beautiful double rainbow as a good omen, at the base of The Massachusetts Gate, our Fortune Tellers with crystal balls and fun spooky trees presided over the thousands of trick-or-treaters who gathered to take pictures. Children were thrilled to receive their glow-in-the dark necklaces provided by the Charlestown Mothers Association, who generously donated and provided the light up balloons.

Tony Barrie's 100th birthday was commemorated by the NPS

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1	1BR	690 SF	\$1,900	120% AMI	-	-
4	3BR	1120 SF	\$1,617	60% AMI	4	2
7	3BR	1120 SF	\$2,173	80% AMI	-	-
3	3BR	1120 SF	\$2,634	110% AMI	-	-
2	3BR	1120 SF	\$2,634	120% AMI	-	-
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HH size	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI	110% AMI	120% AMI
1 person	\$28,200	\$47,000	\$56,400	\$67,700	\$93,050	\$101,500
2 people	\$32,200	\$53,700	\$64,440	\$77,350	\$106,350	\$116,000
3 people	\$36,250	\$60,400	\$72,480	\$87,000	\$119,650	\$130,500
4 people	\$40,250	\$67,100	\$80,520	\$96,650	\$132,900	\$144,950
5 people	\$43,500	\$72,500	\$87,000	\$104,400	\$143,550	\$156,550
6 people	\$46,700	\$77,850	\$93,420	\$112,150	\$154,200	\$168,150

**Minimum Incomes** (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))

# of bedrooms	Minimum Income 30% AMI	Minimum Income 50% AMI	Minimum Income 60% AMI	Minimum Income 80% AMI	Minimum Income 110% AMI	Minimum Income 120% AMI
1BR	\$0	\$0	\$42,408	\$56,880	\$68,400	\$68,400
3BR	\$0	\$0	\$58,212	\$78,228	\$94,824	\$94,824
4BR	N/A	N/A	\$64,656	\$86,976	N/A	N/A

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them in mind, added Nigro.

Staging would be contained within the perimeters of the site, said Nigro, as would all activity related to the redevelopment project, except for the comings and goings of trucks.

Since March, the project team has also looked at trees and plantings within the streetscapes in an effort to save as many trees as possible, said Nigro, since this is “obviously a very large community concern.”

There are 48 existing trees between both the Buildings F and M sites, said Nigro, who added that more trees had been preserved due to the advancement in the design and engineering process.

Moreover, the project team has engaged a company called Cambion Carbon, said Nigro, to help them reuse wood salvaged from the removed trees for reuse in the buildings themselves, as well as in benches and playsets on site.

Since the last public meeting was held six months ago, the project has changed significantly over the course of more than 20 public meetings, as well as via the Impact Advisory Group (IAG)

process, to include more trees, seven acres of open space, 50,000 square feet of new retail, and a 14,000 square-foot community center, said Grady.

Under the auspices of the project, 21 Bunker Hill youth participated over the summer in the inaugural Design Corps, a seven-week program co-hosted by the Charlestown Resident Alliance, Leggat McCall Properties, Joseph J. Corcoran Co., and Wentworth Institute of Technology with support from InOrder, the project’s DEI consultant.

The project team also engaged residents in August to get their input on kitchen and design teams, she said, as well as via Zoom and at two marathon office-hour sessions held two weeks ago at the Bunker Hill Mall.

Regarding the future of the brick used in the original Bunker Hill development, which one neighbor online for the meeting estimated to be worth millions of dollars, Grady said unfortunately, it wasn’t salvable because mastic on the back of the brick contains asbestos.

State Rep. Dan Ryan, said, “We’ve made a lot of progress, but have a lot longer to go, but if we

stick together, it will be a beautiful new development [for residents and neighbors].”

Demolition and site preparation is expected to get underway

in the winter of 2022, according to the project team.

“We want to do this as fast as we can, so we’ll keep the community updated on future phases

when we know more,” said Grady.

For more information, visit [www.bunkerhillhousing.com](http://www.bunkerhillhousing.com) or email [info@bunkerhillhousing.com](mailto:info@bunkerhillhousing.com).



Courtesy of Leggat McCall Properties

A rendering of the approved design for Building M in the Bunker Hill redevelopment.

## Charlestown’s weekly COVID positive test-rate decreases

By John Lynds

After the Charlestown COVID positive test rate increased over 50 percent three weeks ago it has decreased week over week according to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

According to the weekly report released Monday by the BPHC, 619 Charlestown residents were tested and 2.3 percent were found to be positive—this was a 39.5 percent decrease from the 3.8 percentage that tested positive

between October 18 and October 25.

The citywide weekly positive test rate also decreased last week. According to the BPHC 22,358 residents were tested and 2.1 percent were COVID positive—this was a 8.7 percent decrease from the 2.3 percent reported by the BPHC on October 25.

Fourteen additional Charlestown residents tested positive for the virus since October 18 and the number of positive cases increased to 1,741 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 0.95 percent since October 25 and went from 82,855 cases to 83,646 confirmed cases in a week. There were six additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,453.

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## CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

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# CITY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



The Charlestown High girls volleyball team pose for a victory photo after winning the City League championship on Saturday, October 30 at Madison Park. The Townies beat East Boston 3-2 and end the regular season at 12-4.

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across our city and beyond to have dignity, treatment, and housing.

She added, "We are ready for every Bostonian to know that we don't have to choose between generational change and keeping the streetlights on; between tackling big problems with bold solutions and filling our potholes; to make change at scale and at street level. We need, we deserve, both. All of this is possible. ...These things are possible. And today, the voters of Boston said all these things are possible, too. I want to be clear: It wasn't my vision on the ballot. It was ours, together. Over 10 years in City Hall, and in every neighborhood, connecting with all of our residents I've seen and experienced just how big an impact local government makes in people's lives. And I'll never stop fighting to make our systems work for all of us."

In Tuesday's At-Large race incumbent City Councilors Michael Flaherty and Julia Mejia retained their seats and will be joined on the council by newcomers Ruthzee Louijeune and Erin Murphy.

Citywide, Flaherty topped the At-Large ticket with 62,242 votes followed by Mejia who received 61,709 votes. Louijeune finished third with 54,601 votes and Murphy rounded out the field with

42,841.

In Charlestown, the unofficial results had Flaherty topping the ticket. While some votes remain outstanding, a look at the unofficial numbers had Charlestown vot-

ers supporting Mejia, Murphy and Bridget Nee-Walsh. Nee-Walsh did not make it into one of the top four spots citywide and as more Charlestown numbers come in these unofficial results may change.



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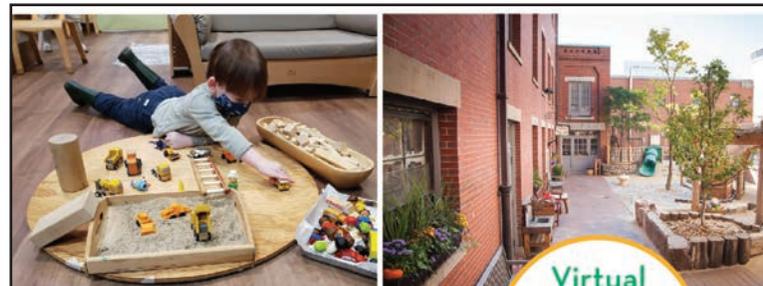
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# HALLOWEEN AROUND THE MONUMENT

Charlestown celebrates a wild and festive Halloween as kids and their families visited each other around the Bunker Hill Monument. A marching band as well as a rock band complimented many elaborate decorations to homes welcoming trick or treaters who were costumed in a variety of outfits and themes. It was good to see Halloween return again.



Volunteer Natalia Parker dispensing bananas, donated by Whole Foods, to offset the abundance of candy.



Olivia, Michael, Taylor, and Dani Gautreau take their KISS show on the road to Monument Square.



Joanna Hynes is "The Tree Lady."



Russell and Lindsay (right) Murachver were numbers counted out by Liv their daughter aka "The Count."



Stephanie Gemma is a ghost, busted by her sons Stephen and Angelo.



Dean and Sloan (far right) Craigie with Ivy and Cindy Heart.

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Jennifer Hughes, who recently moved to Charlestown, put together a "Fortune Teller" display on the steps to the Bunker Hill Monument.

# HALLOWEEN AROUND THE MONUMENT



Elissa Ladd recreates a little bit of the world from *The Little Mermaid* for Halloween visitors to enjoy.



Maria Rudinskiy brought not just a great costume but the attitude to match it.



Monument Square had a great deal of Halloween activity going on.



Friends since 6th Grade, Lisa Talbot and Janet Ford are "Peas In A Pod" and worked hard to get candy out to the many visitors at 47 Monument Sq.



Winston was the butter along with his humans Maureen Leonard the chef, her son Henry Robinson the lobster, and Eddie Robinson the fisherman.



Aneudy Mavarro and Edwin Ayala with Carnival inspired costumes.



The Contreras Family Circus.



Boston City Councilor and Mayoral candidate Ammissa Essaibi George joins Olivia, Michael, Taylor, and Dani Gautreau costumed as the members of KISS as they are joined by friends Erica, Reese, and Reed Soberman and Angie and Maddy Phillips.



Kirby and Charlie Miller watch the Halloween activity below.

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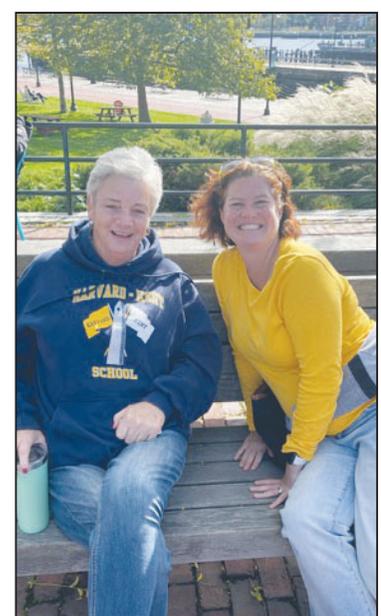
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LETTERS (from pg. 3)

and the City for his service to our community as the bandleader for over thirty years of Tony Barrie Marching Band. Urbanity Dance entertained us with their "Thriller" performance, with the Monument as a backdrop. Wizard Jim Duane's poem magically prepared the crowd for "Trick or Treat."

Halloween at Monument Square is made possible by the generosity of neighbors and friends. Their kindness provides lifelong memories for Charlestown's children, families, and friends.

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 Elissa Ladd as a spectacularly dramatic Ursula  
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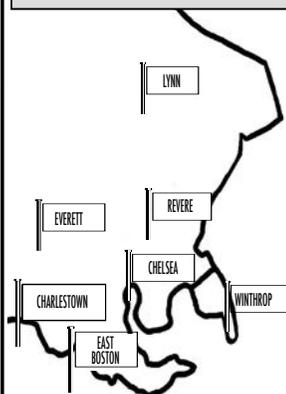
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The Election Day luncheon at Santarpio's on Chelsea Street dates back to the days of Mario Umana and Michael LoPresti. The two Eastie polls used to have knock down, drag out fights but felt it was important to put the politics of the day on hold and allow candidates, volunteers and elected officials in all camps to enjoy a bitter-free lunch on the most important day during campaign season.

The election day tradition hasn't missed a beat since the 1950s and was hosted this year by City Councilor Lydia Edwards with Mayoral Candidates Michelle Wu and An-



Gov. Charlie Baker talks with City Councilor Lydia Edwards as Councilor Ed Flynn looks on.

nissa Essaibi George both in attendance as well as several Boston City Council candidates and Gov. Charlie Baker.



At Large City Council Candidate Ruthzee Louijeune and former Massport CEO Thomas Glynn. Glynn was a professor of Louijeune at Harvard.



District One City Councilor Lydia Edwards with Charlestown State Rep. Dan Ryan and Charlestown's Moe Gillen.



District One City Councilor Lydia Edwards and Mayor-elect Michelle Wu are interviewed by the press at the election day luncheon.

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# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

## North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through November 13

North Washington Street Bridge (Charlestown Bridge) Replacement

You are subscribed to North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Updates from Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

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

Throughout November, there will be routine closures of either the north or south channel to help install the new bridge structure.

Work hours are during the day (6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

Vessels may transit through the work site in the open channel.

While transiting through the open channel, mariners should pay close attention to signage, and the multiple boats, barges, cranes, and other work vessels on scene.

Work and push boats can be contacted on VHF-FM Channel 13 for more information. If access to the commercial lock is required and work barges are in the channel, 24-hour notice to J.F. White is required to clear access to the commercial lock.

The on-scene Superintendent for the J.F. White Contracting Company is Patrick Wilson and can be contacted at (617) 680-7537

### SLIP LANE CLOSURE

As emailed last week, the slip lane between North Washington and Chelsea Street will be closed on Monday, 11/01/21 and reshaped to a standard, 90-degree right turn.

The space that was used for the slip lane will be converted into part of the work zone.

Temporary barrels and fencing will be used during the first stage of the closure to assist in adjusting traffic signals. Once the signals are adjusted, permanent steel barriers will replace the temporary barrels, and fencing will be adjusted to

accommodate pedestrian access.

The slip lane closure and all associated work will not impact pedestrian access.

Drivers should continue to pay close attention to all signage, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, and other tools that will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

### DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

- Building the piers:
  - Pier 1 (closest to the North End): Grout work, final jacking, and concrete pour
  - Pier 2: Grout work, install rebar, final jacking, and concrete pour
  - Pier 3: complete
  - Pier 4: Complete
  - Pier 5 (closest to Charlestown): Complete
- Installing, moving, and maintaining silt curtains and barges in the water
- Installing utilities
- Installing and moving temporary bents for steel erection
- Warehouse pier and column

repairs

### WORK HOURS

Most work will be done during the daytime and evening (6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

### 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.

For your awareness, the following events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

BRUINS: 10/30 at 7:00 p.m., 11/04 at 7:00 p.m., 11/09 at 7:00 p.m., 11/11 at 7:00 p.m., and 11/14 at 7:00 p.m.

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### LEGAL NOTICE ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a virtual public hearing will be held on November 19, 2021, at 9:00 A.M., in connection with a petition for approval of the Amended and Restated Development Plan for 100 Hood Park Drive within Planned Development Area No. 51, Hood Park, Charlestown ("Amended Plan"), filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency. The 100 Hood Park Drive Project is the recently constructed park-

ing garage, restaurant, retail, laboratory, and service and lobby space, located at 100 Hood Park Drive, and constructed by the Developer in accordance with the original Development Plan for 100 Hood Park Drive within Planned Development Area No. 51, Hood Park, which addition was identified and described in the Amended and Restated Master Plan. Additionally, Hood Park Drive has been constructed and is now open as a private street open to public travel that leads from Rutherford Avenue. The Amended Plan will allow for the development of the 100 Hood Park Drive Addition Project, consisting of the development of a new 154,700 square foot addition atop the 100 Hood

Park Drive Project, and will total 12 stories, above which will be a mechanical penthouse and up to 185 feet in building height (which height includes mechanical equipment) and contain approximately 650,000 gross square feet (including parking garage area) for use for up to 809 parking spaces and 254,100 square feet of entertainment, restaurant, retail, lobby and service space. The Proposed Project will also include landscaping on the Project Site. This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to <https://bit.ly/3EbgAVa>. A copy of the petition, the Amended Plan and a map of the area involved may be obtained from

the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit written comments or questions to [zoningcommission@boston.gov](mailto:zoningcommission@boston.gov). Interpreting services are available to communicate information at this hearing. If you require interpreting services, please contact the following: [zoningcommission@boston.gov](mailto:zoningcommission@boston.gov) or 617-918-4308. The meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2021. Please request interpreting services no later than November 14, 2021. For the Commission Jeffrey M. Hampton Executive Secretary

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