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ANCHOR TREE LIGHTING



The Anchor's Annual Tree Lighting celebration on December 9, was full of cheer as friends and neighbors turned out to enjoy The Anchor's winter wonderland, featuring a grove of 175 trees of different shapes and sizes. See Page 8 for more photos.

Residents hear about plans for 420 Rutherford life sciences building

By Adam Swift

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a virtual public meeting on a proposed 100,000-square-foot research and development and life sciences office building at 420 Rutherford Ave. on Tuesday night.

The building would replace a self storage building on the property.

During the meeting, several Charlestown residents questioned the amount of participation the BPDA has gotten for the public input process, as well as how the BPDA has labeled certain areas of Rutherford Avenue as it undergoes a development transformation.

Representatives from the project developer, Related Beal, laid out their vision for 420 Rutherford Ave.

"When we started planning for this project, there were really two things that we wanted to identify, what type of use and what kind of scale," said Will Grosvenor, the

project manager for Related Beal. "Ultimately, the demand for life science in the Boston market is in such demand and there is minimal supply at this point and because this building is here in the industrial zone, this would be a good opportunity to build life sciences."

Grosvenor also said that given where the building is, the developer wanted to build something that is at a more modest, neighborhood scale. The plans call for three floors of usable space with a mechanical penthouse.

The community and economic benefits of the project include increased street-level pedestrian activity, improved pedestrian access, and the creation of new jobs and tax revenue, according to Grosvenor, noting the development could add up to 250 research and development jobs as well as 225 construction jobs. He said the developer will prioritize functional and aesthetic improvements in an industrial neighborhood that consider and address the

future growth and development of Rutherford Avenue.

Also, as part of meeting with community groups and residents, Grosvenor said the developer has heard of a need for a laundromat in Charlestown. He said the developer will be building a laundromat as a part of the project, although it will be offsite and the location has not been identified yet.

Project architect Alan Gnani of NBBJ said the building itself is less dense than could be allowed on the property and is respectful to the neighborhood and takes its cues from surrounding buildings.

At the most, Gnani said the life sciences tenants who occupy the building will be at a biosafety level 2.

"This could be a clinical, diagnostic, or teaching laboratory," said Gnani. "Any access to these areas are strictly secure and have oversight by security biosafety officers."

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Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront releases results of recent poll

By John Lynds

The Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront — an alliance of nearly 50 organizations from across Boston like the Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard and the Navy Yard Garden Association—recently released the results of a second poll gauging Boston voters' sentiments on pressing topics related to the waterfront following the last month's Boston municipal election.

The Coalition has been focused on the important challenges and opportunities facing Boston's waterfront neighborhoods, harbor, islands, and rivers.

Prior to the November election a pre-election poll reflected that Charlestown and Boston voters showed strong support for the development and execution of a bold vision for the future of the city's waterfront that prioritizes accessibility, inclusivity, resilience, and economic vitality.

Notably, the poll found significant support for the creation of a cabinet-level position in the new Wu Administration to oversee the advancement of waterfront issues — an opportunity that could lead to a more integrated and holistic approach to planning by creating opportunities for better collabora-

tion across the many city agencies that touch the waterfront in different ways, from transportation to climate, housing, public works, arts and culture.

"The poll also found continued support for the creation and preservation of open spaces on the waterfront and the essential public health role they play for the city, as well as broad support for increased accessibility on the waterfront, and neighborhood efforts to address and prepare for the challenges brought by climate change," said spokesman Alex Goldstein.

The poll, conducted by the MassINC Polling Group, surveyed 622 registered voters in Boston from November 8 to November 15.

The poll showed significant support for the mayor to appoint a cabinet-level official to focus on waterfront issues, with 69 percent of voters supporting the creation of the new position.

Seventy-five percent of voters support additional city funding for creating a set of community benefit standards for developers.

Seventy percent of voters call it "very important" that the waterfront "improves the public health

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LENDING A HELPING HAND



Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker drops in for a visit at the Warren Tavern's Annual Toys for Tots Party. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

EDITORIAL

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING -- AND NEVER HAS THE NEED BEEN MORE URGENT

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." -- Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.

With Christmas fast approaching, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Despite the pandemic that has ravaged our nation in so many ways, most Americans actually are doing okay, if not extremely well. Sure, the pandemic has made life inconvenient and not as enjoyable as usual for everybody, but most of us are getting along just fine.

Those who are able to work from home have not suffered a loss of income. And for those among us who have any sort of investments, from real estate to the stock market to certain types of small businesses, the pandemic has been a boon.

However, the good economic news for the majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable minority of our fellow citizens, the effects of the pandemic represent an existential disaster.

Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially.

To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our history.

Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to the pandemic.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what has existed in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, actually is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called "warm glow" effect.

Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for donations to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunity to do so in the coming days to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate -- and there is no excuse for failing to do so.

GOP'S OPPOSITION TO RACHAEL ROLLINS

The unprecedented opposition, accompanied by unprecedented vitriol, by the Republican members of the U.S. Senate to the nomination of Suffolk County District Atty. Rachael Rollins for the position of U.S. Attorney for the Massachusetts district has laid bare their driven agenda.

Here is what Tom Cotton, the odious Arkansas Senator, said during a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee in opposing Ms. Rollins's nomination:

"Miss Rollins appears to measure success as a prosecutor not by how many victims and innocent people she protects, but rather by how many criminals she keeps from facing consequences. If she's confirmed as the US attorney, the cartels and the gangs that are fueling violence and death in our communities will be gleeful. Rachael Rollins wants to destroy the criminal justice system from within. That's not hyperbole."

Cotton's last line -- "That's not hyperbole" -- ordinarily would be laughable, but unfortunately it is illustrative of the way that leading GOP politicians are gaslighting the country these days to appeal to the basest of their base.

Senator Cotton's sham statement also has put on full display the propensity among leading GOP politicians to bully women, and that is doubly so for women of color. We recall the vote by Mitch McConnell and the GOP-controlled Senate in 2017 that silenced Senator Elizabeth Warren during the confirmation hearing for Jeff Sessions as U.S. Attorney General when she read a letter (which already was part of the Congressional Record) by Coretta Scott King in 1986 about Sessions. Later, a male senator read the same letter -- but without a peep from McConnell.

These GOP politicians are like the "tough" guys who have no hesitancy to engage in road-rage behavior when the other driver is a woman, but they shrink from honking, gesticulating, etc. if the other driver is a male.

Rachael Rollins had the full support of both of our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Ms. Warren, as well as the endorsement of many others, including former governor William Weld (who served as the U.S. Attorney in Mass. in the 1980s), Wayne Budd (another former U.S. Attorney here), Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty, and Revere Police Chief David Callahan (both of whom work directly with the Suffolk D.A.'s office on a daily basis).

Despite the roadblocks thrown up by the GOP senators, the nomination of Rachael Rollins finally was approved, though only because of a tie-breaking vote by vice-president Kamala Harris.

We wish to congratulate Ms. Rollins upon her confirmation and we look forward to her tenure as our U.S. Attorney for the Massachusetts district.

GUEST OP-ED

Somehow, some way, may this be a Christmas worth remembering

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We had difficulties when we were growing up in Martin county, Kentucky but overall, we thought we were doing okay. President Lyndon Johnson came to Inez, Kentucky in 1964 to let us know we weren't doing very well. He began his campaign in our community and we became the poster child for American poverty. We hadn't really thought of ourselves as poor until we started hearing about ourselves in the news.

I had numerous friends who didn't get much for Christmas. Often it was one or two small gifts or nothing at all.

Several classmates at my elementary school in Tomahawk, Kentucky were fortunate if they had a coat to wear in the winter. Ragged looking shoes on a kid's feet during the winter was a common sight.

Several classmates came to school to wash their faces and hands in the boys' bathroom. The school lunch was the only decent meal some of the kids ate during the week.

It was a while before President Johnson's 1964 promises started helping our area. Even with the roll out of government assistance many families subsisted until the coal boom of the seventies which has almost died. Today our county is reinventing itself with agriculture, a service center to aid bitcoin mining, tourism and small businesses.

I don't remember every Christmas, but I remember one. My dad broke his back falling off a barn when I was a child. He

was out of work for several months and in those days, we didn't have government safety nets to see us through tough financial times. Christmas came as usual and we did put up a tree. Our family gathered on Christmas Eve and we had food, fellowship and laughter. We always raised a garden and my parents stored food so it came in handy during tough times.

I expected nothing for Christmas that year because the heaviness of family financial pressure was obvious even as a child. Surprisingly, my mother handed me a small wrapped box that Christmas Eve and said Merry Christmas. I was shocked because I expected nothing that year. Opening the box, I found a watch that had numbers that glowed in the dark. It may have cost \$5 but it was priceless to me. I was thrilled and wore it every night to just look at the glowing numbers.

Dad was recuperating that Christmas. His temporary disability and our financial stress made life gloomy for us that year. Yet, here I am remembering that Christmas as one of the best of all. It was during that Christmas that I remember the presence of family. Mom and dad were alive. We had food to eat. We had a roof over our heads and our family had each other.

This may not be your best Christmas, but maybe, just maybe you can still have Christmas.

The empty chair is painful. Depression is real. Financial or other personal difficulties may have disabled you. Mil-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

IT WAS AMAZING,
THANK YOU

To the Editor,

All Roads Charlestown would like to sincerely Thank every one of our community members and the community organizations that came together to support our First Annual Christmas Stroll. For us, it was an honor to organize and bring back an event that, in the past, has always been so fondly thought of.

We would like to start by thanking the members of the Charlestown community for their significant generosity in purchasing 50/50 raffle tickets for our 5k drawing, without you all the Christmas Stroll would not have been possible.

To our day of volunteers: Kyla Vitale, Hailey McPherson, Sadie O'Leary, Brooke Brennan, Jillian Rose-Tomas, Ryleigh Williams, Connor Boyle, Kim Kyle and Crystal Galvin- THANK YOU for coming, staying and helping us out throughout the entire event we wouldn't have been able to do it without you! Friends of the Training Field for always being such hospitable hosts.

To all our fiscal sponsors: Dougie McDonald, JW Construction,

Edward Owens, Jamie Chambers and The National Guard, Charlestown Coalition, Kennedy Center, New Health Charlestown, Charlestown Mothers Association, Bunker Hill Associates, RSM, Friends of the Training Field, TKCK Law Firm, Charlestown Veterans/Abraham Lincoln Post, Charlestown Lacrosse, The Gorman Scholarship- Thank you, we are extremely grateful, because of your assistance we were able to provide amazing entertainment all day long, for not only all the children who attended, but for the adults as well. Things such as the Horse Carriage rides from Kimball Farms, Animal Affairs and their petting zoo, Dan's Balloons and his incredible 10ft balloon Nutcrackers and for twisting hundreds of balloons and entertaining the kids. As well as the beautiful singing from the Victorian Carollers.

Thank You Dougie MacDonald for setting up and displaying your beautiful inflatables, it truly was a magical sight to see!

A huge Thank you to The Kennedy Center for donating the gift bags for Santa to hand out. We want to especially Thank the Kennedy Centers own, Crystal Galvin and Kim Kyle for being

Santa's special helpers and assisting him in handing out 500 free goodie bags to the fortunate kids of the Charlestown community. We here in Charlestown are lucky to have you guys!

Thank you, First Church Charlestown for creating Christmas cards for soldiers and for providing and handing out delicious eggnog and hot chocolate. Thank you to Starbucks Charlestown for donating hot chocolate and supplies and thank you, Charlestown Wholefoods for donating the eggnog.

Thank you, Mister Q Café and Recovery on the Harbor, for donating over 500 cookies for All Roads to hand out and for the kids to decorate. Thank you, Anthony Vitale Electric, for supplying over 28lbs of icing, sprinkles, and other decorating supplies for the kids to make their very own delicious creations. Also, thank you Anthony for building the framework for the wreath display.

Thank you, Baby Boyle Bouquets, for decorating the beautiful wreath display. So many gorgeous pictures were taken throughout the day, thank you for sharing your creativity and wonderful work with the Charlestown community.

Thank you, Sophia Moon of Essem Art Studio, for painting our holiday cut out picture display and for creating beautiful ornaments with the kids.

Thank you, Christ Church Charlestown, for assisting with running the petting zoo and for making homemade nativity sets with the kids.

Thank you, Charlestown YMCA, for your Santa arts and craft Station.

Thank you, Charlestown Coalition and Turn It Around, for painting beautiful oyster shell ornaments with the kids.

Thank you to The Warren Tavern for handing out clam chowder.

Thank you, RISE Construction for giving out free fried dough and hot chocolate.

Thank you to BFD Engine 50 for making sure Santa arrived safely and in style. Thank you for hanging around after and allowing the kids to explore the truck.

Thank you to DJ Smokey Cain for always supporting All Roads and for providing awesome music all day long!

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Thank you to all of our local vendors and non-profits for participating in the event:

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Last and most importantly, thank you to all community members who came out to support the event. It was amazing to see so many people out enjoying the beautiful day.

You haven't seen the last of us Charlestown!

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CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

To wonder

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

During these December days, Winthrop Square has been filled with every conceivable variety of inflatable Christmas ornaments and figures. Apart from the Santa Claus and reindeer, Snoopy is over there along with an assortment of elves, Grinch himself and lots of snowmen in various sizes and shapes! It is quite a sight to watch the children gawking and giggling as they walk around the square and look at the moving figures, all of which have some kind of animation and lighting.

One of the joys of the season is to observe children as they consider the mystery and the delight of Christmas. All of us love to watch that and in fact, for many of us it is a way to enter into, once again, the loveliness of these days. It seems to me, what we are really observing is the wonder with which children behold and consider not only the Santa Claus and reindeer thing but of course, the beautiful story of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem.

is not a posture readily found in our everyday repertoire. Our approach to the world around us even our relationships, is often cerebral: analytical, studying, processing, thinking about and working through. To wonder is different from all of that. Wonder is our human instinct for the transcendent, the mysterious, that which is beyond readily comprehensible logic. Children are experts at wondering, adults not so much.

Some would say that to wonder is a gift from God and that the capacity to wonder is not self-initiated. Poets, artists, composers and others often can provoke us to wonder and when that happens, it is a beautiful thing! To wonder breaks through the limits of our reasoning; it opens an infinite vista to the more. The Jewish theologian Abraham Heshel once wrote, "The person who never wonders can never find God".

Most of us use the verb to wonder frequently, yet when we do, we are actually doing some kind of a calculation. For example to

wonder why the 93 bus is late, is just thinking about the traffic patterns in Sullivan Square or some such. We can also speak of wonder in a much more superficial way when it is simply an expression of curiosity. For example, to wonder how much a gallon of gasoline is costing this week is more mathematics and economics than wondering.

Advent is the perfect time to wonder deeply! To hear the music and lyrics, to listen to the Scripture readings, to pause and closely read the details of our Christmas cards and the messages sent from friends and family; all of this can draw us to the sweet experience of wondering. In truth, we cannot understand what God is doing in our world however, we can grow closer to the truth of God's love and astonishing actions by wondering!

These few days before the celebration of Christmas join me in some quiet wondering about what all this is about and be prepared to be surprised, even delighted by the fruit of such pondering.

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lions have died from Covid-19. Thousands are suffering from horrific tornadoes and loss of life. Hurricanes have pounded us in the East and fires have incinerated our West. In the midst of all this inflation eats away at America's paychecks like an unchecked malignancy.

The message of Christmas is the story of peasant parents, enduring difficult travel, taxes to be paid and no place to sleep but a barn and a cow's trough for their newborn baby. Somehow, they found strength in each other and in God who brought them and their baby through a very difficult time. We

never forget their story and their plight, it's truly a Christmas worth remembering.

We are going to remember this Christmas, no doubt. Somehow, somehow, with God's help and each other, may this be a Christmas worth remembering.

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WATERFRONT (from pg. 1)

of the City by providing open spaces for exercise and enjoyment."

The poll also found that climate change continues to stand out as a leading issue of concern for voters with 34 percent of open-ended comments name flooding, sea level rise, and climate change as the top issue facing the waterfront, and two-thirds of voters say it is "very important" that the waterfront protects the city from the impacts of climate change and sea level rise.

"At least two-thirds of voters call each of the climate change proposals for the waterfront a "major priority", and three-quarters call building energy standards, training and jobs in green industries, building coastal barriers, and creating a comprehensive plan to reduce carbon pollution a "major priority," said Goldstein.

In terms of funding, roughly

two-thirds of voters say it's a major priority to reinforce existing structures against sea level rise, restore shoreline to control sea level rise, and develop renewable energy sources like offshore wind, and 78 percent of voters support additional city funding for climate change protections in certain neighborhoods.

The waterfront is also understood to be an important economic driver for the City - two-thirds of voters say it is "very important" the waterfront provides economic opportunities for local businesses and residents, while 55 percent each say it's "very important" the waterfront promotes tourism and serves as a working port.

Voters are also supportive of promoting greater accessibility on the waterfront with 65 percent calling it a "major priority" to create more affordable activities for families.

Charlestown's COVID positive test rate increases

By John Lynds

Charlestown and the city's weekly COVID positive test rate continues to rise dramatically post Thanksgiving and ahead of the Christmas Holiday.

A week after Mayor Michelle Wu announced several measures to help combat the explosive rise in cases in Boston, Charlestown's weekly positive test rate approached 7 percent last week and the citywide weekly positive test rate also neared 7 percent. Last Monday, Wu said Boston health officials will distribute 20,000 free rapid antigen home tests, offer free masks to neighborhoods with the highest rates of COVID-19 and appointed a 17-member COVID advisory board to help with the

latest outbreak.

According to the weekly report released Monday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 795 Charlestown residents were tested and 6.8 percent were found to be positive--this was a 15 percent increase from the 5.9 percent that tested positive between November 29 and December 6. So far this month the weekly positive test rate has increased 50 percent.

The citywide weekly positive test rate also increased dramatically last week. According to the BPHC 28,854 residents were tested and 6.7 percent were COVID positive--this was a 29 percent increase from the 5.2 percent reported by the BPHC on December 6.

Fifty-four additional Charlestown residents tested positive for the virus last week and the number of positive cases increased to 1,956 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 3 percent last week and went from 89,745 cases to 92,481 confirmed cases in a week. There were eight additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,480.

CHARLESTOWN BEAT

POLICE/COMMUNITY MEETING: Meet the police & discuss public safety issues on the last Wednesday of every month at the police station, 20 Vine Street, at 6:00 p.m., 2nd floor, community room.

POLICE RELATED INFO: Contact the District A-1 Community Service Office at 617-343-4627.

Investigate Property

12/06/21 - At around 8:43 p.m., offices responded to a radio call for suspicious activity in the area of 87 Main St.

Police spoke with the victim, who stated she heard a loud noise from the rear door of the apartment, which led to her fire escape, and seconds later, she saw the beam of a flashlight shine into the room. The victim stated that she instinctively yelled, "Oh my God, get out of here."

Based on how quickly the suspect disappeared, the victim believes the suspect went down the fire escape to ground level. The victim was advised that officers would continue to check the area, but she should call 911, if

she observes any other suspicious activity.

Robbery

12/10/2021 - At about 5:55 p.m., a victim walked into the Boston Police Department's Area A-15 to report he was just robbed.

The victim said he was on Old Ironside Way headed home when he noticed a group of approximately four to five males, wearing dark clothing, following him. The suspects came behind and blocked his path, then brandished a black firearm. The suspect shoved the gun into his side and robbed him of his backpack and wallet. The victim further stated that the victims fled on Old Ironside Way toward Medford Street. Officers responded to the scene and can-

vased the area to no avail.

Vandalism

12/12/21 - At approximately 1:18 p.m., police took a walk-in report for vandalism at 75 West School St.

The victim stated he went out to his vehicle today around 12:30 p.m. and noticed damage to his front windshield. The victim said he was parked in his apartment complex at about 4:30 p.m. the previous day and believed damage to the center of the windshield happened overnight.

The victim stated his apartment complex does have cameras, and there was one facing where his car was parked. The victim said there was no further damage to the vehicle, and nothing was removed.

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One resident raised concerns about the building allowing higher level biosafety activities within 420 Rutherford Ave., but Grosvenor said the developers will not go to levels 3 or 4.

Resident Johanna Hynes asked if there would be animal testing at the life sciences building. The developers stated that while there are no tenants in place at this time, there could potentially be testing on rodents.

"The idea of a place across the street which is supposed to be activated for the community testing

on mammals ... that's an ethical issue for me, I would prefer not to have that in my one square mile," said Hynes.

Hynes also raised questions about the amount of public input the project, and many projects in the neighborhood, during the BPDA process. She said of the 20 or so people participating in the virtual meeting, she only recognized about three names and the rest were connected to the development team.

In addition, Hynes said that while the project has been iden-

tified as being in an industrial district, the BPDA and developers often use the improvement of industrial districts to their advantage while also touting the overall future development of the Rutherford Avenue corridor.

"Every time I hear this strip defined as industrial edge, I think to myself, that's convenient when what you want to put in there is industry," said Hynes. "It's industrial when it is convenient, but the people who are paying for these apartments don't see it that way."

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Wu announces relaunch of Boston Opportunity Fund

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture announced applications have reopened for the City of Boston's Opportunity Fund, a grant program that supports meaningful one-time opportunities for artists living in the city of Boston to further develop their careers and help provide access and community engagement opportunities throughout the city.

"We have the opportunity to use every bit of Boston's diversity and creativity to grow our economy, support small businesses and help our communities recover. Arts and culture connect, heal, and inspire—and these investments in the arts and our creative community will be a cornerstone of our recovery," said Mayor Michelle Wu.

The Opportunity Fund has two grant categories:

- Artist Career Development Grants provide support for professional development opportunities and expenses related to projects that help the applicant further their artistic career in a meaningful

way.

- Community Arts Experiences Grants provide support for individual artists and teaching artists across various artistic disciplines who want to bring arts experiences into Boston neighborhoods that have been identified as having a lower concentration of arts activities that are free, accessible, and open to the public.

Several changes have been made to the Opportunity Fund program this year, the biggest being that funding amounts have increased from \$1,000 grants to \$5,000 grants for the Artist Career Development category, and \$10,000 grants for the Community Arts Experiences category.

The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will also be prioritizing artists who:

- live and/or work in communities that have had the highest rates of COVID-19 (e.g. Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, and Mattapan),
- are from demographics that saw the most economic impact due

to COVID-19 (e.g. women, people of color, immigrants, artists who have lower levels of education, artists who identify as LGBTQIAP+),

- and have artistic professions that were most economically impacted by COVID-19 (e.g. performing and teaching artists).

"Shifting our focus to artists who have experienced the highest negative impacts of COVID-19 is crucial to Boston's citywide recovery efforts," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture for the City of Boston. "We're excited to support artists and communities in a more meaningful way."

This is the fifth year of the program, and over \$170,000 in grants were awarded to artists through the Opportunity Fund last fiscal year.

"I used this grant for my Vietnamese Buddhist youth girls to perform traditional Vietnamese dances," said 2021 Opportunity Fund grantee Nhi Phan. "We perform at temples and the community, and we used this grant mainly for costumes, equipment, props,

and transportation. This grant really lightened our financial load and helped spread culture through the art of dancing."

"The Opportunity Fund grant helped me buy music equipment during the pandemic that would otherwise be inaccessible to me," said 2021 Opportunity Fund grantee Hannah Enoy. "It's important that our city makes it a priority to financially support independent artists and women of

color so that our creative communities can flourish and have access to the resources they deserve."

In FY22 nearly \$245,000 will be available for grant distribution. The deadline to apply for the current round of funding is January 28, 2022 at 5 p.m. The grant will reopen for applications on March 7, 2022. The application and grant guidelines can be found at boston.gov/opportunity-fund.

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Kennedy Center Director of Community Services Crystal Galvin talks with Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker.

The Warren Tavern's Annual Toys for Tots Party returned to the Tavern on Sunday, December 5. It was an afternoon of good cheer, gifts and prizes, and a visit from Governor Charlie Baker. As always, the generous spirit of the neighborhood resulted in a large number of toys donated for the children of Charlestown.



Andrew Sullivan and Eve Lambros.



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Players of the week for 12/11/2021

- A-1 Convenience - Rose Savage, Archie Oughton
- Bryan's Pals - Cora Bedard, Logan Hennessy
- Duce 2 - Will Kolano, Owen Burke
- Halligan Club - Declan Melendey, Vivian Campbell

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Caitlin Shanley, Sky Watkins, Jim Mahoney, and Danielle Sullivan.

WARREN TAVERN 'TOYS FOR TOTS' OPEN HOUSE



It was a night of revelry and charity as everyone got together for a good cause, supporting Toys For Tots.



Sam Geddry, Ashley Gendron, Julia Caldwell, and Christine DiGirolamo.



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Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker with Marine Corporal Aidan Prew.



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THE ANCHOR'S ANNUAL TREE-LIGHTING CELEBRATION

Derek Kouyoumjian photos

The Anchor's Annual Tree Lighting celebration on December 9, was full of cheer as friends and neighbors turned out to enjoy The Anchor's winter wonderland, featuring a grove of 175 trees of different shapes and sizes.

Throughout the afternoon, patrons enjoyed several different

activities including a live ice sculpture demonstration, live music, aerial performances, several local vendors and family friendly programming such as holiday ornament decorating. The tree was lit with the help of Representative Danny Ryan and City Councilor David Halbert joined by friends

and family.

Patrons stayed warm with The Anchor's heated igloos, outdoor heat lamps and complimentary blankets while enjoying a glass of hot apple cider, hot chocolate, tea, coffee, or even a steaming glass of mulled sangria.



Julian Das has some fun on the swings.



Hailey Guzman and Kathleen Flanary relax with some beer and good cheer.



Julie and Brooklyn Wetherbee.



David Halbert with his daughter, Jason Ruggiero, Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan, and Michael Parker of Friends Of The Charlestown Navy Yard.



The Punwani family ventures out of their igloo to catch the fun going on at The Anchor.



Adela and Vivienne Miller.



Caroline Calewarts and Hannah Drescher warm up with some hot chocolate.



Official Red Sox DJ Maverick aka Kahleil Blair and his wife Sheritta (second from right) with The Anchor owner Chris Sinclair (far right), program coordinator Shelby Ewell, and holiday roof Kara Ruthe.



Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan, Owner of The Anchor Chris Sinclair, program coordinator Shelby Ewell, holiday elf Kara Ruthe, Boston City Councilor Elect Ruthzee Louijeune, aerialist Betsy Nelson, and some members of the audience for the tree lighting.



Owner of The Anchor Chris Sinclair, Boston City Councilor Elect Ruthzee Louijeune, Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan, David Halbert with his daughter, and Jason Ruggiero.

Justice Department awards more than \$17.5 million to support project safe neighborhoods

The Department of Justice has awarded \$314,273 to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) to administer Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) grant funds in the District of Massachusetts. Since the program began in 2001, nearly \$7 million in federal grant funds have been allocated to the District of Massachusetts's violent crime reduction efforts.

PSN is a Department of Justice nationwide violent-crime reduction initiative coordinated by the U.S. Attorney's Offices. PSN brings together federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors and community leaders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop compre-

hensive solutions to address those issues. While the initiative was first launched in 2001, the Department strengthened the program in May 2021 by implementing a new strategy focused on reducing violent crime in the places we call home, not solely increasing the number of arrests or prosecutions.

Each U.S. Attorney's Office across the United States is responsible for creating a comprehensive strategy for reducing violent crime. The District of Massachusetts established an extensive network of law enforcement and community partners who have been fundamental to this strategy's success in six target cities: Boston, Brockton, Lawrence, New Bedford, Springfield and Worcester.

The distribution of grant funds

to target cities across the state has enabled communities and organizations to implement programming focused on after-school activities, education, employment, re-entry for returning citizens, law enforcement/community collaboration, and public service outreach projects, among others.

In Massachusetts, PSN projects include:

- Developing and sustaining community/law enforcement partnerships and strengthening their capabilities in targeted communities across the state by maximizing federal resources;
- Collaborating with state and local law enforcement on violent crime and illegal firearm prosecutions;
- Providing training for nearly

4,500 law enforcement personnel and community members on topics such as advancements in technology, empowering neighborhoods on addressing gang prevention; updates on new innovative community programs and partnerships; and officer safety training;

- Supporting community partners and outreach programs to address reentry barriers for returning citizens and empower youth to resist gang recruitment;

- Formulating tools to measure the performance of projects funded with PSN and other federal grants.

"Shootings and other violent crimes cause devastating injuries and death for victims, of course, but they also destabilize the communities in which they occur. That

is why this Office continues to prioritize violent crime reduction efforts through the PSN initiative," said Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell. "This funding, in addition to the continued collaboration with our federal, state and local law enforcement partners, will enable us to develop tailored strategies that target the most violent criminals and make our communities safer."

PSN programs are led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices in collaboration with local public safety agencies, community stakeholders and other agencies and organizations that work to reduce violent crime.

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Temporary rink installed at Frog Pond to allow for public skating this winter

By Dan Murphy

When it looked as though there would be no skating at the Frog Pond on the Boston Common this winter for the second consecutive season – this time, due to a mechanical issue with the rink's colling mechanism – the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the city worked together with The Skating Club of Boston, the private entity that manages the facility's year-round operations, to remedy the situation by installing a temporary rink there.

Ryan Woods, commissioner of the Boston Parks and Recreation

Department, said the Frog Pond, which usually opens for skating the week of Thanksgiving, "wasn't freezing because the chiller couldn't get through the ice."

Woods added, "In order to locate the leak, we would have to tear up the concrete to do some studies. We decided that having a temporary rink for skating was more important than not having it for two years in a row."

Skating at the Frog Pond, the oldest outdoor skating rink in New England, was cancelled last winter due to the ongoing pandemic, but Woods said the Parks and Recreation Department worked "hand

in hand to find the temporary rink solution" (which is smaller than the traditional rink).

The temporary rink was installed this month, which unfortunately was too late to accommodate this year's annual Tree Lighting Skating Spectacular, which had been scheduled originally been scheduled for Dec. 2 to coincide with the Common tree-lighting.

"As soon as the skating season ends, which is usually in mid-March, around St. Patrick's Day, engineers will conduct a study on the rink's pressure so hopefully next season, we'll be back to full capacity," said Woods.

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Boston Logan Airport officials celebrate opening of new Terminal C Canopy and Upper Deck

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), airline partners, and other stakeholders celebrated the completion of the new Terminal C Canopy and Upper Deck at Boston Logan International Airport. The two-year project increased the efficiency of the space by adding travel lanes and curb space at the terminal's entrance for easier passenger pickups and drop-offs and created a modern canopy that provides more weather protection and natural light. This project plays a significant role in the overall roadway project that will reduce congestion between Logan's two busiest terminals, B and C.

"We're delighted to unveil the new Terminal C Canopy. This is just one of our key initiatives in a long-term plan to improve the customer experience, reduce congestion and air emissions, and build a more sustainable airport to support the region's economy," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we strategically advanced several key initiatives, like this one, to prepare the airport for the rebound in air travel and economic activity."

Built in 1967, Terminal C is Logan Airport's busiest terminal, and home to JetBlue Airways, Cape Air, Aer Lingus and TAP Air Portugal departures. The terminal

served over 13.4 million passengers in 2019.

- Added four travel lanes and two curbs to the Departure level, and added two travel lanes and one curb to the Arrival level to reduce bottlenecks at the passenger drop-off and pickup areas;

- Replaced the old canopy with a bigger, sustainable structure that provides more natural lighting by using a skylight material, called Ethylene Tetrafluoroethylene, or ETFE, that is more aesthetic, offers more weather protection and natural light, and uses a much lighter material than a traditional glass canopy;

- Installed 10,000 square feet of new rooftop solar panels, estimated to generate enough electricity to power 12 homes per year; and

- Added three high-efficiency elevators at the terminal to improve pedestrian flow to and from Central Parking.

"This project is more than just putting a new roof over the terminal entrance. This is about ensuring Logan Airport provides a safe, modern and world-class facility while maintaining our commitment to sustainability," said Massport Director of Capital Programs & Environmental Affairs Luciana Burdi. "Thanks to the collaboration of our airline partners and other stakeholders, our construction projects enhance the airport

experience for all travelers, from the roadway to the terminal gate. We appreciate the patience of our passengers throughout the process."

A new plaque marking the completion of the Terminal C and Upper Deck project, in partnership with Gensler as the Lead Designer and Skanska as the Construction Manager, was also unveiled following the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The plaque will be permanently placed in the terminal's entrance.

At Logan Airport, Massport is investing to support economic growth, facilitate connections, increase efficiency, and improve the customer experience. A number of other construction projects to improve the passenger experience at Logan are ongoing, including the Terminal B-C Connector project. This new concourse will connect Terminals B and C post-security with renovated hold room space public art and exhibits and renovated aircraft gates. The Connector is expected to be completed next summer.

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field and Worcester Regional Airport. For more information, please visit massport.com.



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Joy Ivey St. John

Devoted Community Advocate

Joy Ivey St John, 81, passed away peacefully on December 7 surrounded by her family.

Born in New York, NY on June 6, 1940, Ivey grew up in Greenwich, CT ("Grunch") and moved to Boston in the late 1960's to raise her family and begin her long career in business management and community and environmental advocacy.

After earning her MBA from Boston University in the mid-1970s, she went on to hold a financial controller position at Raytheon Company for 15 years before retiring and dedicating her energies to environmental and community causes.

For over 25 years, Ivey dedicated her time to support and improve the lives of those in her Charlestown community and to those in need, particularly in the immigrant community. In 2019, Ivey was recognized by former Boston Mayor Martin Walsh for being the longest serving volunteer member of the Association of Haitian Women for Boston's Haitian Roundtable on Domestic and Sexual Abuse.

In the same year, she was recognized by the EPA for the founding and leadership of the Mystic River Watershed Steering Committee which focused on water quality, open space, flooding and industrial contamination within the 75-square-mile Mystic Watershed.

In her immediate community of Charlestown, she was a founding member of the Board of Directors of Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard and The Charlestown Waterfront Coalition. Ivey also shared her time and treasure with Courageous Sailing whose mission is to transform lives through sailing programs that inspire learning, personal growth and leadership. Ivey worked tirelessly to preserve and enhance the beauty and health of her community and to give voice to those who otherwise might not



be heard.

In addition to finding joy and fulfillment in serving her community, she loved spending time singing in church choirs, making regular visits to museums, attending the performing arts, such as the Boston Symphony Orchestra as a season ticket holder for over 40 years and traveling the world with longtime friends.

Ivey was predeceased by her brother, Orson L. St. John, Jr and is survived by her two siblings, Cornelia Lewis and Cora Alice Gebhardt. She is survived by her three children, Avery Woodworth, Cornelia Woodworth, Carter Woodworth Siegel and her six grandchildren: Caleb, Eliza, Amelia, Zoe, Noa and Leah and her beloved dog, Vira.

A celebration of Life/Memorial is to be planned for September of 2022 in Charlestown.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the following organizations:

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Lesley Hauser

Immigration Attorney

Lesley (Carroll) Hauser of Charlestown passed away surrounded by her family on December 14 at age 53 after battling cancer selflessly and quietly for 24 months. Lesley is survived by her adored husband of 25 years, Jim, who she met on their first day of law school in 1991, their beloved son, James Jr., and two treasured daughters, Victoria and Caroline.

Lesley was the second child of Dr. John and the late Donna Carroll of Winchester. She was a graduate of Milton Academy, College of the Holy Cross, earned a Master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury College and received her law degree from Loyola University School of Law. Lesley was a highly regarded immigration attorney in Boston at the law firm of O'Neil and Hauser where she practiced for 26 years. Lesley was defined by her strong Catholic faith, singular devotion to her family and dedication to assisting those in need. She is also survived by her three adoring siblings and her beloved nieces and nephews: older sister Martha Casey, her husband, Tom and children, Alexandra and Thomas; her younger brother John "Jay" Carroll, his wife, Carolyn, and children Madeline, John and Connor and her youngest sister, Andrea Haney, her husband, Brian and twins, Luke and Lauren.

Lesley was a deeply devoted, humble mother who loved nothing more than spending winter weekends skiing on the slopes of Waterville Valley and summers on the water in Osterville--always with her family. "Island Loops" and dips at Sampsons were always a favorite. Lesley loved life, tried to live hers to the fullest each day, and encouraged all those around her to do the same.



The pure grace and selflessness Lesley exhibited throughout her illness left all she encountered awestruck.

Whenever someone asked her how she was doing, Lesley always provided reassuring words to all those concerned and deflected the conversation to how they were doing.

Lesley will be forever missed, but her family is comforted by the knowledge that she is now at eternal peace with the Lord.

The wake will be held at the Lane Funeral Home in Winchester on December 16 from 3 to 7 p.m. Lesley's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at her family's parish, St. Mary St. Catherine of Siena in Charlestown on December 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Lesley's family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the extraordinary physicians and staff at the Massachusetts General Hospital. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a gift to the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center.

For online condolences, please visit www.lanefuneral.com.

City of Boston Credit Union supports the George Collier Annual Holiday Community Give Back Program

In honor of Former Lieutenant George Collier, who passed away suddenly back in 2018, Bunker Hill Associates, Boston Police Runners Club, and the City of Boston Credit Union support the 2021 Annual George M. Collier Holiday Community Give Back Program on December 16 at 4:45 p.m. at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club of Boston, 15 Green St, Charlestown, MA 02129. Led by Collier's family, the program memorializes George Collier's life through continuing the constant work he did in his community through \$250 gift cards to 150 families from the Boys and Girls Club of Charlestown.

Last year, the program focused on helping families in the Charlestown community during the last difficult holiday season due to COVID-19, with help from the partners they were able to help over 100 families from the Charlestown community.

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Preventing doggie dementia

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

One of the great gifts you can give your dog in the next year is taking steps, no matter what their age, to prevent dementia and improve their quality of life. In dogs, dementia is called canine cognitive dysfunction (CCD). Many of the same lifestyle habits known to help brain health in humans also apply to our dogs.

Research Shows

Researcher Sarah Yarborough at the University of Washington recently published her findings on common factors reported in dogs with CCD. Her study found, "... odds of CCD was 6.47 times higher in dogs who were not active

compared to those who were very active." In addition, she noted, "When controlling for age, breed type, activity level, and other comorbidities, dogs with a history of neurological, eye, or ear disorders had higher odds of CCD..."

These findings translate to the same steps that we can take ourselves to promote healthier aging. You protect your dog from CCD by increasing exercise, and by doing it together, you protect yourself. It's a win-win situation. Always consult both your doctors before starting any big change in exercise routines.

We know that loss of sensory input increases the danger of dementia in humans. That's why

seniors need to have their hearing tested and use hearing aids as recommended. Scientists are working on hearing aids for dogs, and corrective eye surgery for dogs is now standard. However, we as guardians can make sure we are aware of and provide the necessary care to prevent ear and eye infections from causing deafness and blindness.

Good nutrition and proper weight control are other steps we can take to protect our dogs from CCD. Cailin R. Heinze, VMD, MS, DACVIM from Tufts University's Cummings Veterinary Medical Center wrote, "... diets with increased concentrations of fish oil, B vitamins, arginine, antioxidants from fruit and vegetables as well as vitamin E and C, and medium chain triglycerides have been demonstrated to improve cognitive function in aged dogs and cats."

On your next visit, ask your veterinarian to recommend safe ways to use these findings in your dog's diet. You might also ask for a consultation with a veterinary nutritionist if your dog shows symptoms of CCD.

Some humans do crossword



Our lovely Maggie Mae had doggie dementia late in life but she still enjoyed her time on park benches.

puzzles to engage their brains. You can provide your dog with brain stimulation by engaging her in play and training or retraining sessions. Old dogs can and should learn new tricks and training is a lifelong responsibility for dog families.

Symptoms of Canine Cognitive Dysfunction

Prevention is a lifelong program to prevent brain degeneration. However, there are still things you can do if your older dog is show-

ing symptoms of CCD. Don't just blame old age if your dog is losing housetraining and soiling your home. Report this to your veterinary team because it may be a dementia symptom or something else that can be corrected.

Changes in a dog's sleep/wake cycles are another reportable symptom, as is disorientation. You might also see increased separation anxiety, phobias, excessive vocalization, and changes in a dog's interaction with people and other animals.

As your dog ages, note changes in these areas and ask your veterinarian to help you choose the best interventions for your particular animal. Keeping a log of what you notice is a great way to monitor how long changes have been happening and whether they are worsening or getting better. Ed did this with our Maggie Mae when she had doggie dementia and it helped both us and her veterinary care team.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10am: Christmas Pageant & Carols

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

4pm: Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

First Sunday of Christmas

10am: Holy Eucharist



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Harvest on Vine

Emergency Food Pantry

December Schedule

Fri., Dec. 10th - Set up 3 pm
Sat., Dec. 11th - Distribution 8 am
Mon., Dec. 27th - Set up 3 p.m.
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