



CHARLESTOWN

PATRIOT-BRIDGE

Gabriela Coletta wins District 1 Special Election Preliminary

By John Lynds

Lifelong East Boston resident Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta came out on top during Tuesday night’s Special Election Preliminary for the District 1 City Council seat left vacant by Sen. Lydia Edwards and is on her way to City Hall. Coletta will become only the third female to win the seat since it was created in 1983.

“You have heard me say this before, and I will say it again with great pride: I am a daughter of District One. Every opportunity, every relationship, every inch of support – I am so grateful for everything that this community has given me. Together on the campaign trail, we made some ambitious plans together and I meant every word,” said Coletta of her victory. “Charlestown is a special square mile that exemplifies togetherness, community, and camaraderie. This community is so rich with history and legacy, united as generations have stayed and new families have begun, with

a common purpose of making this a better place. It has been an honor working with Charlestown on everything from historic preservation to small business development, to strong education and opportunities for our kids. to the day-to-day constituent services that matter so much. Tonight, we celebrate and we may finally get some sleep, but you should know: The work starts right up again for me tomorrow morning. You saw the energy and dedication with which I approached this race, but that was just a hint of what you can expect from me as your next Boston City Councillor. I cannot wait to get started.”

Throughout District 1, which includes Eastie, Charlestown and the North End, Coletta received 57% of the vote with challenger and fellow Eastie resident Tania Del Rio receiving 33% of the vote. The unofficial total Tuesday night had Coletta with 2,799 votes and Del Rio with 1,608 votes.

Coletta won each neighborhood and absolutely crushed



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta with her family after her win Tuesday night. From left: Sebastian Zapata, Ed Coletta, Rosemary Murray, Nina Coletta, Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta, Chris Coletta, Angela and Ricardo Acevedo.

the competition in Eastie and Charlestown.

In Eastie she received 1,218 votes (54%) to Del Rio’s 932 votes (41%).

In Charlestown Coletta won handily with 1,094 votes (63%) while Del Rio received 525 votes (30%).

In the North End, Coletta also

bested Del Rio by 336 votes and received 487 votes (52%) overall to Del Rio’s 151 votes (16%).

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Claire Carino Contemporary in SOWA to host Sophia Moon collection May 6

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

On Friday, May 6, 6-8 p.m., Sophia Moon will have the open-

ing reception to showcase her recent collection, at Claire Carino Contemporary in SOWA.

Sophia Moon is an abstract art-

ist and creative living and working in Charlestown. She draws inspiration from music, movement, urban textures, and vibrant colors

for her mixed media paintings. She is also the owner of Essem Art Studio where her mission is to spark joy and cultivate creative confidence in artists of all ages through art programming and community collaborations.

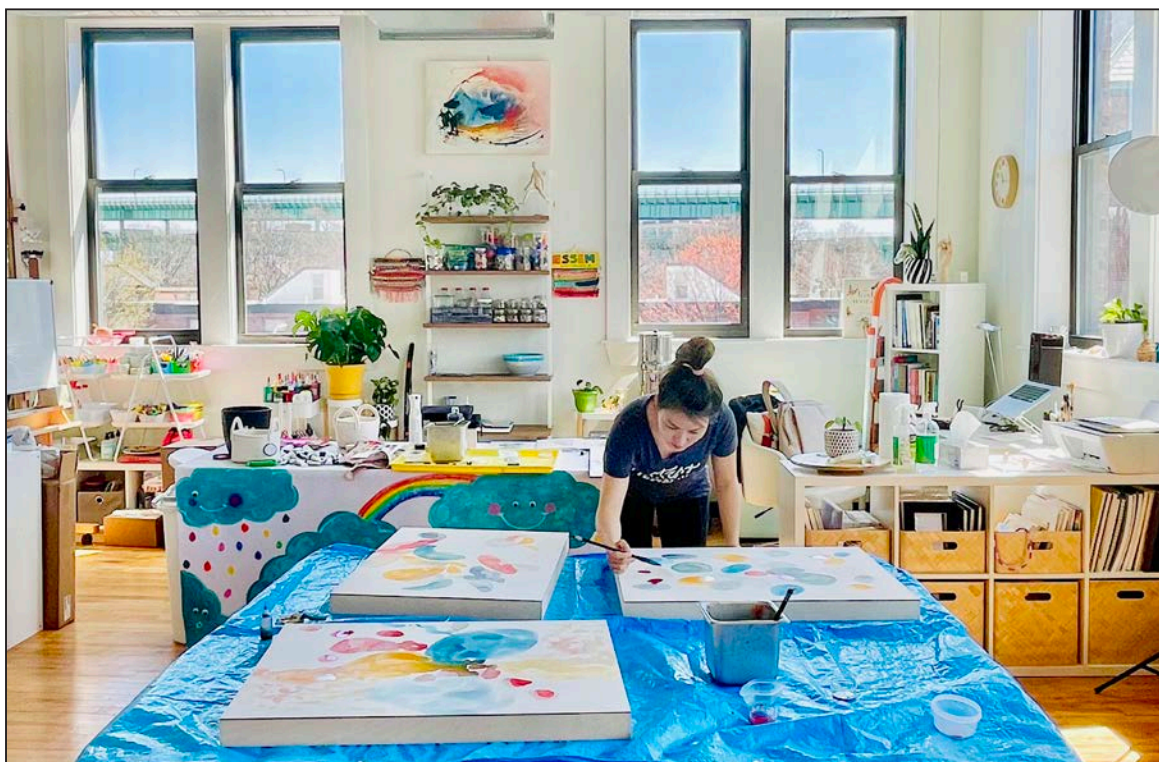
Claire Carino, is the owner and director of Claire Carino Contemporary, a gallery located in Boston’s dynamic SoWa district, representing emerging and mid-career artists from around the world. The gallery provides services ranging from art sourcing to in home consulting and installation.

Five years ago, these two Charlestown women met at the Doherty Park as moms of newly minted toddlers and became fast friends on parallel journeys, start-

ing their respective businesses. Two years ago, in the height of the pandemic, the two began dreaming up a collaboration.

FLOW is a series of abstract works that lean into the spontaneity of mingling water, paint and ink on Aquabond. The artist embraces exploration and play, as well as the unpredictability of fluid mediums that create a symphony of colors, layers and marks. As we reemerge from a global pandemic that rocked routines, lives and systems in catastrophic ways, FLOW is about finding the humanity, grace and beauty in uncertainty.

To preview the collection or to learn more you can visit www.clairecarino.com/sophiamoon.



Sophia Moon working in her studio preparing for her upcoming show.

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EDITORIAL

ALCOHOL IS STILL #1

Americans have been dying prematurely at unprecedented levels in the past two years from a number of causes.

COVID-19 has taken away almost one million of our fellow Americans, with the number still rising daily for the foreseeable future.

Fatal accidents on our roadways, as we noted last week, have skyrocketed over the past two years.

Drug overdose deaths, mainly attributable to the lethal synthetic drug fentanyl, have exploded, exceeding 100,000 in 2021, compared to about 60,000 in 2019.

However, another statistic came to our attention in an article in the New York Times which is equally tragic and worrisome:

Among adults younger than 65, alcohol-related deaths outnumbered deaths from COVID-19 in 2020. Alcohol-related causes accounted for the deaths of 74,408 Americans ages 16 to 64, compared to 74,075 deaths of individuals under 65 who died from COVID.

More ominously, the rate of increase for alcohol-related deaths in 2020 — 25 percent — outpaced the rate of increase of deaths from all causes, which was 16.6 percent.

Alcohol-related deaths went up for men and women, as well as for every ethnic and racial group. Deaths among men and women increased at about the same rate, though the absolute number of deaths among men was much higher.

However, death rates alone don't tell the whole story of the direct and negative impacts that alcohol abuse has upon individuals, their family members, and our society as a whole.

Alcohol abuse is a crucial factor in just about every negative context one can imagine, ranging from domestic abuse, to violence among unrelated parties, to non-fatal traffic accidents that leave victims severely injured, to lost productivity in the workplace, to mental health issues, to health-care costs, to fetal alcohol syndrome.

Clearly, our society needs to undertake a public health campaign similar to what we did in the 1990s when the American public and politicians finally got tough on the tobacco companies by means of public health campaigns, increased taxes, and stricter enforcement of the laws prohibiting sales to minors.

Unlike tobacco or drugs, alcohol abuse impacts more than just the user -- and it's time that we acknowledge that reality and do something about it.

IS NUCLEAR WAR INEVITABLE IN UKRAINE -- AND BEYOND?

We don't want to sound like alarmists, but in our opinion, the escalation both in military weaponry and rhetoric by the Western powers and the Kremlin is bringing us closer and closer to the brink of nuclear warfare in Ukraine.

We fully support the effort of the U.S. and NATO to help the Ukrainian people defend themselves against the Russian genocide that is occurring in their country.

But none of the politicians or the experts have prepared the public for the possibility that Vladimir Putin will use tactical nuclear weapons to avoid what is looming as a significant military defeat.

The conventional wisdom is that Putin will restrict his army only to the use of conventional weapons.

But that is the rational thinking of those who do not have the mindset of a sociopath for whom rules do not apply.

History has shown us time and time again that sociopathic leaders have no limits. Just when we think, "They will never go THAT far," the sociopaths indeed cross the line and push the boundaries further.

Putin has at his disposal tactical "mini-nukes" that have the explosive power of just a fraction of the bombs we dropped on Japan in WWII.

So our question is this: If Putin uses one on the battlefield, what do we do?

GUEST OP-ED

Let us never forget our solemn pledge

By Joseph Reagan

On Memorial Day, 1945, the war in Europe had ended but the fighting in the Pacific continued, Lt. Gen. Lucian Truscott voiced remarks at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery at Nettuno, Italy. Turning his back on the assembled VIP's he faced the rows upon rows of headstones and apologized to the 20,000 fallen Americans who had been laid to rest far from home. He was quoted as saying, "All over the world our soldiers sleep beneath the crosses. It is a challenge to us -- all allied nations -- to ensure that they do not and have not died in vain."

Fast forward to Memorial Day 2022, and the familiar voices of brothers in arms begin to call one another on the phone. People usually think of reconnecting with former military buddies as a joyous happening. However, for this Memorial Day, the topic of conversation was not an armistice, a promotion, or even a daughter's wedding or new addition to a home, it was about the latest in a string of suicides that silence the voice of our brothers but brought renewed connections from other familiar voices. One desperately

said, "Sir, I needed to call someone who could understand this."

Everyone in the greatest generation understood war. At home they experienced rationing, schoolchildren collected scrap, and women took up factory jobs while overseas the troops endured combat and were witness to some of the largest and most brutal atrocities in the modern age. When the war was over, they followed the lead of Lt. Gen Truscott and committed their lives to ensure that they "have not died in vain." The shared sacrifice of a generation united them and helped them solve tough problems.

In subsequent wars, such as the Korean and Vietnam era, Veterans did not experience the same level of understanding and thus either turned their voice inward or used their voice to fight for one another on subjects that varied from Agent Orange, PTSD, and other once-silent conditions.

The War on Terror introduced a unique time in our nation's collective history as acts of war played out in real-time on our media devices. Although only one percent of Americans served post 9/11, it seems 100 percent of the country used their voice to express their

opinions of this shared history as it unfolded.

For Korea and Vietnam Veterans, war was not a shared experience and therefore various voices having various opinions helped further the national conversation regarding the treatment of veterans leading to safer and more thoughtful approaches. Unlike the veterans of Korea and Vietnam, the veterans of the last several decades did not return home to the voices of dissent that could be addressed directly, instead, they returned to a polite nation that creates media of dissent and very little opportunity for honest, open dialog.

This new era of media, learning, and personal discussions bring rise to the question, "Do people really remember why we hold our veterans in a place of honor?" For years, voices saying meaningless phrases like "the enemy gets a vote" or "there's nothing you could have done" were meant to comfort those of us who have held the heavy responsibility of leading troops in combat. However, many people seem to lack the understanding that our hearts have been forever scarred by the invisible

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FRIENDS OF CITY SQUARE PARK CONCERT DATES

To the Editor,


Friends of City Square Park are looking forward to a wonderful summer with the following four

concert dates; June 15, July 13, August 10 and Sept TBD. The Friends are excited to invite residents and organizations to utilize the Park, however we must remind all parties that in order to hold an event in the Park one must get a permit per the Department

of Recreation and Conservation. Animals, including our furry dog friends, are not permitted by order of DCR. Please respect these rules so all can enjoy the park. Thank you.

Friends of City Square Park

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Op-Ed (from pg. 2)

ble wounds of war, scarred by guilt and grief, and by the longing for forgiveness that will never come. Even if forgiveness was offered, it would be hard to accept as no mere words can undo a life experience and because of this, we often feel isolated, misunderstood, and undervalued therefore our voices remain silent.

As conversations with the voice on the other end of the phone come to its inevitable conclusion, I am reminded that to remain silent is a betrayal of my obligation to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. As Horace Bushnell once said, the best thing for us to do is to remember “what they have put it on us to do for the dear common country to which they sold their life.” As we gather as one nation this Memorial Day, my hope is that instead of directing shallow words of gratitude at each other, we do as Lt. Gen. Truscott did and direct our gratitude directly towards those who made the ultimate sacrifice. In both our words and actions, let us all commit ourselves to serve the country to which they gave their lives.

While there is still much work to be done, the generation of Veterans from this century have access to vast resources, life-saving technology, and increased information. This same generation of Veterans is just now starting to define our post-service legacy and like our grandparents, return home with a deep commitment to service, and a desire to address the many problems that we face.

One such issue needing to be addressed is helping Veterans find purpose in their post-service lives. Truscott’s apology to the dead are not empty words, but a strong voice reminding us that we have

an obligation to choose resilience and purpose when faced with guilt or grief. As an example, Gold Star Families, who have experienced tremendous loss, continue to serve their communities to maintain the legacy of the loved one they lost. I often recall a colleague of mine responding to the question “why do you do so much to help Veterans?” he simply held up his finger, choking back tears he responded, “for the one I couldn’t save.” By choosing to use his voice to advocate for other veterans, he not only helped them find their purpose – he found his own.

It’s often said that for those who have served “every day is Memorial Day,” a traditionally silent observance in the Veteran’s mind that can best be described as an impossible trinity made up of an overwhelming sense of guilt, grief, and grit. Usually, a moment of silence on this day is a welcomed and solemn way to honor the voices from our past, but for myself, after losing three former soldiers to suicide in the past few months, silence is no longer an option and the freedom to use our voice is the greatest gift that our veterans have to offer this Memorial Day.

Joseph Reagan is the Director of Military and Veterans Outreach for Wreaths Across America. He has almost 20 years experience working with leaders within Government, non-profit, and Fortune 500 companies to develop sustainable strategies supporting National Security, and Veterans’ Health. He served 8 years on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Army including two tours to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division. He is the recipient of multiple awards and decorations including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Frank Sacco
Michael “Mike” Venezia

The International Lions Club will hold their annual Convention in Boston in July 2023.

New members and volunteers are needed to make Boston the best convention ever. Nine to ten thousand members are expected to attend.

To be part of the planning please contact Moe Gillen at towniemoe@aol.com

CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

What makes you happy?

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

Kind of an interesting question, don’t you think? I wonder if each of us would answer in different ways. Would the answer of a child be different from that of a teenager or an adult? How about the response of an 80-year-old person – would it be very different from that of a 30 something? I wonder how my answer to this question has changed over the years. I mean there was a time when my graduate education and career was uppermost in my mind. Another chapter when my social life had high priority.

Is the “happiness” thing a sliding scale, changing from day to day or week to week or in different stages of our lives? I ask the question because these past weeks the readings at Mass in this Easter season have provoked me to wonder why I am happy and what causes my happiness. For example, we have been hearing how the Apostles Peter & John had been arrested and told to stop preaching in the name of Jesus. The early Christian community was on a collision course with religious and civic leaders of that time.

Nonetheless, Peter & John and the others rejoiced that they had been found worthy of suffering for the name of Jesus!

One of the best-known persecutors of the early Christians was Saint Paul. However, after Paul’s conversion his whole life became one of service to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His own will was so impacted by love of Christ that it became configured to Christ’s will. This harmony of wills, fueled by love, explained Paul’s amazing and ever present Joy, even in the midst of suffering of all kinds. Paul would go on to write that his life included times of wealth and of poverty, times of hunger and of abundance, times of success and of failure and he had come to regard everything as having little value other than his relationship with Christ.

Perhaps it is, therefore, that the only common denominator in life that brings happiness to any person at any stage, is the presence of love. Not a love that is very self-serving, rather a mature love that is more other-centered. Again, Paul wrote elegantly of this

as well; If I achieve everything that this world has to offer, without love, I gain nothing. He concludes his marvelous treatise on love as follows: When I was a child I used to talk like a child, think like a child, reason like a child. When I became a man I put childish ways aside ... There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13).

Each day of our lives there is something in front of us that promises happiness; more often than not, it includes everything from a laxative to a Cadillac. Sure, there is stuff that can be pleasing and meet passing needs and desires. However, true happiness, well that is something more. As St. Paul reveals, it is enduring, regardless of circumstances or stages of life. In fact, it sustains us throughout our life journey.

The whole world is searching for happiness – frenetically it seems. St. Paul found the answer and it is offered to each of us every day.

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Byrne, Chris	Ionescu, Adrian	44 Austin St #44	\$1,450,000
Mcdonough Jr, Andrew S	Kelly, Ryan P	103 Russell St #1	\$899,000
Houlihan, Breegan	Jel Jr RT	110 1st Ave #12	\$360,000
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CHARLESTOWN LIONS CLUB NEWS

Over the May 1, weekend Moe Gillen, Treasurer if the Charlestown Lions Club, travelled to Falmouth for the MA Lions MD33 State Convention.

A Memorial Service was held for all deceased Lions in MA. During the service a white flower was placed into a large L display for each member who has passed.

Charlestown sadly added four names to the memorial.

John “Jack” Duffy
Robert “Gaga” Flynn

North End Waterfront Health CEO James Luisi to retire

By John Lynds

After over three decades of service and being responsible for the creation of a 140 bed nursing home and an elderly housing development in the neighborhood, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) CEO James Luisi is set to retire next month.

Luisi, who emerged as a local and national leader in the community health field, announced last week that he would retire after 34 years as CEO of NEW Health, which has sites in the North End and Charlestown.

Luisi said he will step down June 1 and become CEO Emeritus before fully retiring on June 30. Vincenzo Scibelli, Chief Operations Officer, will serve as Interim CEO while a successor is recruited.

“I have been honored these last 34 years to lead an exceptional



Longtime North End Waterfront Health CEO James Luisi will retire in June.

group of dedicated professionals who always strive to provide the best care to our patients and communities. While we have faced many challenges over the years, this job has brought me so much joy and satisfaction knowing the difference we have made in peo-

ple’s lives,” said Luisi. “As long as we continue to empower people to self-care while contributing to their health and well-being, community health centers will continue to be the model for health care in this country.”

When asked about his greatest accomplishment during his tenure, Luisi says he is most proud of establishing health centers at Charlestown High School and in the Bunker Hill Housing Development, the largest low-income housing development in New England where residents had previously never had access to dental or vision services.

“People living in the development had to go across town to Boston Medical Center because no other providers in the area accepted their insurance,” he said. “Against all odds and with help from Sister Nancy Citro, a nun from St. Catherine’s Church, we were able to convince the Boston Planning and Development Agency

to give us a zoning variance to open in the old St. Catherine’s School in 2015.”

Luisi began his NEW Health career as a college student in the late 1970s when the health center had one location with 25 employees and a budget of \$400,000. He advanced through senior leadership to the CEO role with the goal of providing the highest quality care to the most vulnerable residents of the North End, Waterfront, Charlestown and surrounding areas. Today, NEW Health has three locations and a staff of 175 with a yearly budget of over \$25 million.

“One of Jim’s greatest accomplishments during his decades of service has been creating needed programs and services for elder residents,” said Jason Aluia, NEW Health Board Chair. “He created a home care program in the 1980s, was involved with the creation of a 140-bed nursing home in the 1990s, and he spearheaded a

low-income senior housing project in the 2000s. He continues to find ways to create innovative programs for our seniors.”

Under his leadership, NEW Health became the only Massachusetts health center receiving the federal government’s top award in quality for the third consecutive year. The National Quality Leader and Health Center Quality Leader by the Quality Improvement Awards of the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) is a federal agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As past Board Chair for both the Mass. League of Community Health Centers and the National Association of Community Health Centers, Luisi’s vision has helped shape the direction of the Commonwealth’s 52 health centers and the nation’s 1500 health centers over the last 20 years.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ANNUAL SCOLLAY SQUARE MEMBERS EXHIBITION AT BOSTON CITY HALL

The Menino Arts Center and the Hyde Park Art Association proudly announce the Annual

Scollay Square Members Exhibition at Boston City Hall, viewable through May 29, 2022. There will be an in-person reception with Mayor Wu on Thursday, May 12, from 3 – 430 pm.

The exhibition features the work of the 55 HPAA members listed below, with work in a vari-

ety of media, including painting, photography, and mixed media. Awards will be given out in all three categories during the reception, including a Best in Show award.

Local resident includes Pat McSweeney from Charlestown.



Public Walking Tours

PLAN: Charlestown Walking Tours

Saturday, May 14
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Bunker Hill Community College to Lost Village
Meeting Area: Community College T-Stop

Saturday, May 21
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

City Square to Mystic River & Sullivan Square
Meeting Area: City Square

Project Description:

Join your neighbors and PLAN: Charlestown for Saturday morning walking tours in Charlestown! Both will be from 10AM to Noon.

- May 14th** - Bunker Hill Community College to Lost Village. Meet at Community College T Stop. Points of interest: BHCC; Rutherford Ave; Hood Park; Roland Street; Lost Village
- May 21st** - City Square to Mystic River and Sullivan Square. Meet at City Square. Points of interest: the Monument; Original Peninsula; Doherty Park; Harborwalk; Ryan Playground; Sullivan Square

These are an opportunity to learn more about Charlestown’s neighborhoods and discuss future priorities for the area. Each walking tour will be 2.5 miles long and moderately paced. People of all ages and abilities welcome to join for part or all. Weather permitting.

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Charlestown, city's weekly COVID positive test-rate climbs once again

By John Lynds

With the neighborhood and city's weekly COVID positive test rate still climbing, the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is recommending residents take precautions to stop the spread.

The BPHC also renewed its recommendation that masks be worn in indoor public settings, including public transportation and transportation hubs, government buildings, and crowded indoor venues. The recommendation is especially important for those who are at high risk for severe illness or who live with someone who is high risk.

"With COVID-19 cases rising, we are urging all Bostonians to take extra precautions to protect yourselves, your family, and our community. If you are feeling unwell, get tested at one of our free City sites or take a rapid test. It's also important to stay up to date on your vaccinations," said Executive Director of the BPHC Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, "We are recommending that individuals protect themselves and others by masking indoors, particularly in crowded places. These precautions are how we protect the progress we've made in our community."

Last week, 381 Charlestown residents were tested for the virus last week and 12.6 percent were positive--this was a 28.5 percent increase from the 9.8 percent that tested positive as reported by the

BPHC on April 25.

Forty eight additional Charlestown residents contracted the virus between April 25 and May 2 and there are now 3,996 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week and is still above the 5 percent threshold.

According to the BPHC 16,256 residents were tested citywide last week and 7.8 percent were COVID positive--this was a 13 percent increase from the 6.9 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on April 25.

The BPHC reported there has been a 65 percent increase in COVID-19 cases over the past three weeks.

Health experts are saying the new subvariant of the omicron strain, known as BA.2, is now the dominant strain in the US and 30 percent more infectious than the BA.1 omicron strain responsible for the last surge.

Dr. Ojikutu and the BPHC also reported last week the amount of COVID-19 particles in local wastewater samples has increased by 109 percent over a 14-day period, suggesting that cases could continue to rise in the coming weeks. New hospitalizations have also slowly risen in Boston during this time period.

With higher transmission levels, wearing a mask can prevent individuals from getting sick, testing can help stop the spread of COVID-19, and vaccination with

boosting reduces the risk of severe illness and hospitalization.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 1.5 percent last week and went from 175,628 to 178,291 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were four additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,458.

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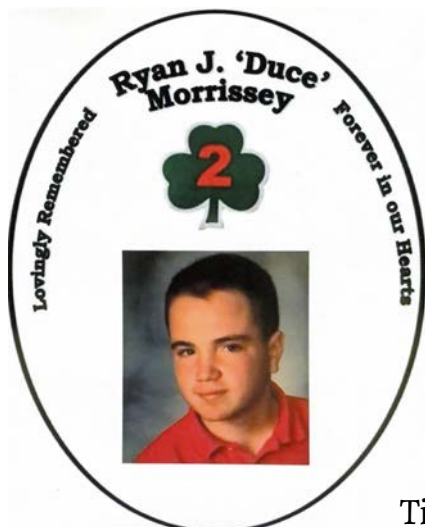
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BABY BOYLE BOUQUET VISITS CHAPTERS RECOVERY CENTER

“At Chapters Recovery Center we like to think outside of the box in regards to treatment and recovery said Shannon Lundin who is the Director of Recovery and Community Engagement at Chapters Recovery Center.

On Tuesday April 19, Chapters Recovery Center had Sean Boyle from Baby Boyle Bouquets come to the Center to do flower arranging with the clients.

Sean talked about his own recovery journey and how flower arranging brought him closer to his higher power and now has his own floral business.

Flower arranging is therapeutic. The different colors, textures, shapes, and scents of flowers connect you with nature. Chapters staff and clients learned not only how to make a floral arrangement,

but how to meditate with flowers by tapping into flower frequencies and learned about the different meanings and symbolisms of flowers.”



Director of Recovery Shannon Lundin and Sean Boyle from Baby Boyle Bouquets.



Pictured (top and center) are scenes from when Sean Boyle from Baby Boyle Bouquets come to the Center to do flower arranging with the clients.



In memory of Steven Jones

9th Anniversary

Cornhole

Tournament

Sunday, May 15

At The Neck - Medford St.



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Warrant Arrest

04/26/ 2022 – At about 1:55 p.m., police made an on-site warrant arrest at 50 O'Brien Court.

Officers, who were in the area for a separate call, observed the suspect, whom they are familiar with from previous interactions, and whom they knew to have two outstanding warrants. After officers verified the warrants, the suspect was placed under arrest for the warrants and transported to District A-1 headquarters for booking without incident.

Motor Vehicle Accident - Involving Pedestrian

04/26/22 – At approximately 2:36 p.m., police responded to a radio call for a pedestrian struck at Monument and Bunker Hill streets.

Upon arrival, the officer observed the pedestrian at the intersection of Monument Street and O'Reilly Way, accompanied by Boston Fire, Ladder 9 and Engine 50.

The officer spoke with the pedestrian, who stated she was trying to cross the street when the driver of a gray Honda Accord hit her from behind. Boston EMS, A8, responded and transported

the pedestrian to Mass General Hospital for further evaluation.

Vandalism

04/28/22 – At around 9:04 a.m., police responded to a radio call for a vandalism report at 120 High St.

Upon arrival, the officer spoke with the owner, who stated he went to sleep the previous night around 10:30 p.m. and heard a loud noise around 3:30 a.m., but he didn't know what it was until the following morning when he realized his living room window had been broken.

Local officials react to Roe v. Wade leak

By John Lynds

The unprecedented leak to Politico Monday that five Supreme Court Justices may be gearing up to reverse the court's landmark decision that has protected a woman's right to choose for a half century has set off a firestorm of condemnations from pro-choice advocates and elected officials.

In 1973 the Roe v. Wade case, the Supreme Court issued a 7-2 decision that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction. The decision struck down many U.S. federal and state abortion laws at the time.

The first draft of a majority opinion written by Justice Alito leaked to Politico on overturning Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey calls the Roe decision "egregiously wrong from the start". Alito's opinion would allow states to decide on abortion restrictions or guarantees after nearly fifty years of federal constitutional protection.

"This is a devastating moment for our country, when lives are being threatened by a fringe minority determined to drag us back to the dangers of decades past," remarked Mayor Michelle Wu. "It's also a call to action—that Massachusetts must continue to lead. In Boston, we affirm our absolute commitment to protecting reproductive rights as core to building a city for everyone. We are here. We are ready. And we will continue to organize and legislate and fight for the future our communities deserve."

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who represents East Boston, called Roe v. Wade, a woman's right to choose and protecting women's health a 'fundamental' right. With conservative attacks on Roe v. Wade ratcheting up in recent years, the House has passed legislation to protect women's health and a woman's right to choose.

"Abortion care is a fundamental human right and we must legislate like it," she said. "The

Senate must act before it's too late. Abolish the filibuster. Pass the Women's Health Protection Act."

Sen. Elizabeth Warren asked every member of the Senate "What other judicial outrage must we endure from this illegitimate majority before we act? A stolen, illegitimate, and far-right Supreme Court majority appears set to destroy the right to abortion, an essential right which protects the health, safety, and freedom of millions of Americans."

Warren said there was no other recourse but to expand the Supreme Court.

Warren was backed by Sen. Ed Markey who called for the end of the filibuster.

"Codify Roe v. Wade with a national law protecting abortion rights," he said. "Expand the Supreme Court and stop this horrifying injustice in its tracks."

Last week, the House reaffirmed its commitment to reproductive care by providing funding for reproductive care providers in its FY23 budget,

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden said he fully supports Roe v. Wade.

"As a prosecutor and the chief law enforcement official in Suffolk County, I will always work in support of laws that protect access to reproductive healthcare," he said. "Equitable access to health services – not just in Massachusetts but across our nation – helps ensure the rights and wellbeing of every woman. Public health is key to public safety, and it is a priority of my office."

"Gratefully, reproductive rights are codified and protected here in Massachusetts due in large part to our work in the legislature. Issues with the Supreme Court should not come as a surprise," said Rep. Dan Ryan. "We, in the legislature, were ahead of it. The so called 'moral majority' has been chipping away at our basic freedoms for generations; whether in the doctors office or the ballot box. This latest pending decision should be a wake-up call to rational minded people around the country that decades of national elections have consequences."



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Please be advised that the Sullivan Square Underpass will be closed beginning on Monday, May 16, 2022 for 5-7 weeks so engineers can perform a full inspection of the underpass.

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G.L.c. 210 Section 3
Docket No.
SU21A0344CW
Commonwealth of
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the child will serve the child's
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Docket No.
SU22C0124CA

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Date: April 21, 2022
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead to May 14

This is a brief overview of con-
struction 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 con-
figurations beyond those described
below.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL WORK

On Saturday 5/30, a signal cab-
inet will be placed in City Square.
Work begins at 6:00 a.m. and will
end around 10:00 a.m.

During installation, signals at
City Square will be flashing. Police
detail will be available to assist
with guiding traffic.

SCHEDULED WORK

North abutment (Charlestown
side near Chelsea Street) – barrier
slab repair, rebar installation, and
excavation

Drainage installation

Utility work on Charles River
Avenue

Forming and pouring concrete
elements at City Square

Pothole repair

WORK HOURS

Most work will be done during
the daytime (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

TRAVEL TIPS

For everyone using the tem-
porary bridge, please help share
the space: walk to the right, walk
bikes, and be mindful of people

coming from both directions, if
walking in a large group.

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

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. The Boston Har-
borwalk under the bridge and
eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk
remain closed until rebuilt.

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

EVENTS: 5/5 at 7:00 p.m., 5/9
at 7:30 p.m., and 5/10 at 7:30 p.m.

CELTICS: 5/1 at 1:00 p.m., 5/3
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Steven DiPrima

Boston Police Department Administrative Clerk

Steven M. DiPrima (Boston Police Department), a 26 year resident of East Boston and formerly of Charlestown, entered into eternal life on Sunday, May 1 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston following a five year courageous battle with cancer. He was 61 years old.

Steven was born in Boston on March 15, 1961, a son of Priscilla R. (Flaherty) DiPrima and the late Santo S. DiPrima. He grew up in Charlestown where he was educated at St. Francis De Sales Parochial School and graduated from Malden Catholic High School in 1979. He furthered his education at Northeastern University and the University of Southern New Hampshire. Steven worked in several civilian capacities for the Boston Police Department and as an Administrative Clerk following 28 years of dedicated service to the City of Boston.

He enjoyed acting and was so very proud that he appeared in several small independent films and was always willing to belt out a song to whomever would listen to him. He enjoyed watching old movies and listening to 50's era music. Steven was well known for his great sense of humor and he enjoyed making people laugh and always knew that it was important for people look on the bright side of situations.

The beloved and loving husband of 25 years to Maria G. (D'Angelo) DiPrima and the beloved son of Priscilla R. (Flaherty) DiPrima and the late Santo S. DiPrima, he was the devoted brother of Joseph DiPrima, Charles DiPrima



and his wife, Nubia, Rita Gingras and her husband, Albert, Lisa Sgrosso and her husband, Joseph and the late Luci Ann DiPrima; the beloved brother-in-law of Angela Maniaci and her husband, Vito, Fina Briguglio and her husband, Joseph and Salvatore D'Angelo and his wife, Diane. He is also survived by his many loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Steven's Funeral on Friday, May 6 at 10 a.m. from The Carr Funeral Home, 220 Bunker Hill St. Charlestown followed by his Funeral Mass in St. Francis De Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St. Charlestown at 11 a.m. His burial will be private. Visiting hours will be Thursday, May 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, kindly make a memorial donation in Steven's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-9959.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

MILLER INDUCTED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI

Alexander Miller of Charlestown was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Miller was initiated at University of Southern Maine.

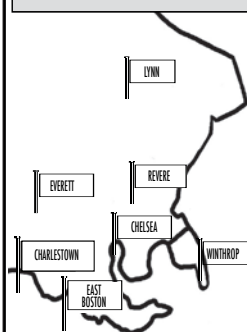
Miller is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, pro-

fessional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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