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The almost-200 year-old house at 8 Lawrence St. (shown above, before and after demolition) recently was demolished, raising concerns from many residents about possible demolition of similar homes of historic character. In June, 2021, the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) had approved a 90-day delay period on demolition that expired on September 22, 2021. Following the delay process, BLC undertook a designation review process for the property. However, the commissioners, citing the already-lengthy delay of the designation process, asserted that they would be unable to forecast when the time frame to complete the landmark designation process would occur and "released the demolition process" on May 19. Many residents are calling upon state and city leaders to look into why the landmark designation process had failed at 8 Lawrence St.

Free and fresh produce distribution for Charlestown residents at NEW Health

By John Lynds

Through a new grant from PepsiCo Foundation's Smiles in Action grant program, North End Waterfront Health's (NEW Health) Charlestown site will distribute free fresh produce monthly throughout the summer.

The program kicked off at New Health Charlestown on Tufts Street last Thursday with the next event scheduled for June 23.

At last week's event, NEW Health staff and volunteers handed out bagged fruits and vegetables from local vendors to patients and Charlestown residents as part of their Food Insecurity Program.

Speaking on behalf of New Health, Mary Zanol said PepsiCo recently awarded NEW Health the Smiles in Action Award to support the Food Insecurity Program and donated \$5,000 this year to support ongoing fresh produce distributions in the neighborhood.

"The produce distributions will now take place, rain or shine, on the last Thursday of every month

at 10 a.m., through August," said Zanol.

NEW Health's Food Insecurity Program was established in 2016. NEW Health is Charlestown's first full-service health center and is committed to improving the quality of health and life for its over 5,000 patients in the neighborhood.

"Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, NEW Health has increased its food insecurity efforts and with the help of the community, has been able to serve over 100 families per month," said Zanol.

For years the PepsiCo Foundation has been combating worldwide hunger by delivering meals, helping food banks strengthen their operations, providing logistical support and technical expertise in the nutrition field, and supporting long-term food security. Since 2009, the Foundation's programs and partners have distributed more than 245 million meals.

"In response to hunger chal-

lenges exacerbated by COVID-19, we're working with more than 60 partners, including Feeding America, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, The Global FoodBanking Network and local nonprofits (like NEW Health), to distribute nutritious meals — among other much-needed resources — to people in at-risk populations," said PepsiCo in a statement.

Zanol said the Community Fridge, also located at NEW Health Charlestown just outside the health center, is open at all times and stocked with free, healthy food for everyone in need.

"We encourage contributions from the community and acceptable food donations," said Zanol.

These acceptable donations include whole fruits and vegetables, commercially packaged refrigerated foods like eggs, milk, cheese, butter, tortillas, bread, bagged salad, etc. and commercially packaged frozen foods like frozen vegetables, fruits, and prepared meals.

Senator Sal DiDomenico secures earmarks to benefit Charlestown in state budget

By John Lynds

Last week the state Senate approved a nearly \$50 billion budget with Senator Sal DiDomenico able to earmark state funds for several Charlestown-based programs and initiatives as well as other regional entities that will benefit the neighborhood.

DiDomenico was able to secure \$25,000 for Charlestown's Skating for Success program. Skating for Success runs a program to teach Charlestown youth how to ice skate and play ice hockey.

"Most of the children in the program would not have any other opportunity to do so due to the high cost of participating in the sport," said DiDomenico in a statement.

DiDomenico was also happy to share that the Senate adopted his earmark amendment to allocate \$25,000 to the Charlestown Resident Alliance (CRA).

"The CRA serves as a powerful advocate for members of our community, working towards fair and affordable housing opportunities for everyone," said DiDomenico. "The funding will be allocated towards the CRA's housing support and wraparound services programs. I am proud to be able to support them in achieving fair and equitable housing for all."

Another \$25,000 in state funding will support Food for Free, an organization rescues and dis-

tributes critical food resources throughout the Greater Boston Area. DiDomenico said the agency supports many agencies and community partners in my district.

"These funds will help to support the continuation of their tireless work to alleviate hunger among thousands of residents in our area," he said.

Some regional earmarks by DiDomenico include a \$1 million budget amendment to the state's Pediatric Palliative Care Program. DiDomenico said the Pediatric Palliative Care program provides critical health services and support to children with life-limiting illnesses and their families. The funding secured by DiDomenico will help to eliminate the need for the program's waitlist, easing the pain and symptoms felt by impacted children across the Commonwealth. This amendment will also increase the age of eligibility, allowing children receiving care to remain in the program until they reach 22 years of age.

"I am proud to be able to support this incredible investment in our children and families in need," he said.

Another \$500,000 earmark in the state budget by DiDomenico will go to support the efforts of Hazardous Material response teams in Boston, Cambridge and Everett.

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EDITORIAL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022

These have been difficult times for all of us, but particularly for our young people, who have sacrificed so many of their rites of passage to the demands of the pandemic during these past two years.

For older people such as ourselves, some of what we've lost -- such as a vacation or similar -- have only been postponed. We can make them up later.

But for our young people of high school and college age, their once-in-a-lifetime experiences, ranging from sports and extracurriculars, to class trips, to proms, to graduation days, either were canceled altogether or conducted in a truncated form.

We are only now beginning to recognize and understand the significant psychological and emotional impacts, not to mention the lost learning time and lack of contact with friends, that the pandemic has wrought upon this generation. The experts tell us that those adverse impacts will last well beyond the end of the pandemic (whenever that may be).

Still, life goes on, and it is with great pleasure and relief to see that the graduates of the Class of 2022 have been able to resume their lives to a level of near-normalcy, especially during this graduation season.

Graduation is a bittersweet time, both for the grads and their family members.

For the parents who will be watching their sons and daughters step to the podium when their name is called, no doubt they will be thinking of how fast time has gone by since they first brought their child by the hand to pre-school and kindergarten.

Such moments bring to mind the sentiments expressed in the lyrics of the song, Sunrise, Sunset, from the musical Fiddler on the Roof:

Is this the little girl I carried

Is this the little boy at play?

I don't remember growing older

When did they?

When did she get to be a beauty

When did he grow to be so tall?

Wasn't it yesterday when they were small?

Sunrise, sunset

Sunrise, sunset

Swiftly flow the days

Seedlings turn overnight to sunflowers

Blossoming even as we gaze

Sunrise, sunset

Sunrise, sunset

Swiftly fly the years

One season following another

Laden with happiness and tears

A high school graduation is a singular event in the life of every community, where almost everybody knows one of the graduates or their families. All of us share the happiness and sense of achievement of our young people who will be receiving their diplomas. And for all of us, a high school graduation brings back our own fond memories from our long-gone youth.

For the grads, their high school graduation marks both an end and a beginning. The grads no longer are children, either in the eyes of the law or in reality. They are full-fledged adults who will be leaving the sheltered harbor, where they have been protected from the full fury of life's storms and vicissitudes by their families and teachers, and embarking on a journey which none of them will be able to anticipate, but which will be full of surprises, both joyful and tearful.

We congratulate the Class of 2022 for all of the accomplishments that have earned them the right to step onto that podium to receive their diplomas.

We know we join with all of the members of our community in wishing them fair weather, both for their Graduation Day and in the years ahead.

GUEST OP-ED

More mass killings, what is the answer?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Do parents in America want to spend every school day hoping and praying their children will not be heinously murdered? Do children want to spend their days constantly looking up to see who might be entering their room with an assault weapon? Do you want to walk the grocery store aisles wondering if someone has picked your store and this day to shoot at you? Do you enjoy sitting in a house of worship knowing that if a crazed gunman enters your location the exit doors are very few. Movie theatres are anticipating a major boost in attendance this summer. Can you go in peace knowing that your life could be in danger if someone enters with a semi-automatic weapon or an AR-15?

The list of possibilities is almost endless as restaurants, sporting events, concerts, shopping malls and more are targets of those who plot evil rampages against innocent people.

Uvalde, Texas and Buffalo, New York are the recent locations of horrific killings of the very young and elderly American people doing everyday life -- going to school and buying groceries.

When will this happen at your school, grocery store, house of worship or any place else? At one time, Americans never imagined such horrors as many of us have

lived to see. One mass shooting has led to another and another. Your school or church or whatever the event is must plan for an attack every time you gather. If we do not try to protect the people at such events and gatherings, then we are throwing caution to the wind and subjecting people we love to the possibilities of being killed.

What is the answer? The Buffalo grocery had an armed guard. This was not enough for a gunman who had strategized and outgunned the security guard who gave his life trying to save others. One major problem is such an evil person has the element of surprise. They have surveyed the location. Innocent people are caught off guard. People may even be carrying weapons but might not even have the time to draw their weapon because the rapid fire of the attacker's weapon takes that person's life before he or she can reach for their weapon. What is the answer? Do we equip every teacher in America with a semi-automatic weapon? Should teachers and grocery store shoppers and ministers carry assault weapons at all times? Do you want to put on your Sunday dress and then strap on your assault rifle so you might have a chance of defending yourself?

State and federal lawmakers continue to wrestle with what to do. One suggestion is to take away all the guns. This might be okay

until Russia or China invades us and we all have to fight.

The local villain may find a way to order all the parts he needs online to assemble an assault weapon and you have no way to defend yourself. This possibility must be made illegal.

Evil finds a way to release hate and fulfill deranged fantasies. This does not mean we give up. Limiting assault weapons to people 25 and older, strict background checks, waiting periods and licenses is possibilities. Limiting all gun purchases to people over 21 is another possibility. Eighteen-year-olds use guns in the military but are trained and strictly supervised.

Do Americans really need assault type weapons? Would we be willing to ban them if it would save an elementary school of children from a murderous rampage?

It's all too late for Uvalde, Texas families and so many more. State and federal government must make some real decisions. In the meantime, we have to protect ourselves.

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LETTERS to the Editor

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SET THINGS RIGHT

To the Editor,

Hard to believe, but the historic battle of June 17, 1775, aka the Battle of Bunker Hill, is not listed on any local, state, or national register!

With the 250th anniversary of this most noteworthy first major battle of the American Revolution fast approaching, now is the moment to ensure that our neighborhood's Battlefield History gets the respect it deserves.

Boston Landmarks Commission, Massachusetts Historical Commission, and National Register of Historic Places, have never officially recognized June 17, 1775, the First Official US Army Battle.

Cataloging this Battlefield on the appropriate registers, will protect the value of the consequential events that took place here from June 1775 to March 1776 for posterity.

It is our duty and our privilege as residents of Charlestown to set things right. With your support, we can make sure that our nation's very first veterans are venerated for their sacrifice on this hallowed soil.

Join us on Monday, June 6, at 7:15 PM at the American Legion Post 26 (23 Adams Street) for a public discussion held by the CNC Historic Battlefield sub-committee.

Johanna Hynes
CNC Historic
Battlefield sub-committee, Chair

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MY JOURNEY

To the Editor,

As a recent graduate of Harvard College, I would like to extend immense gratitude and thanks to the following individuals and groups who have been instrumental in supporting my journey:

To the Morrissey family and the Friends of Ryan "Duce" Morrissey Scholarship Fund Committee for your generous support throughout my four years. The financial support has been instrumental in allowing me to pursue incredible opportunities during my 4 years and alleviate financial burdens. I am honored to continuously honor the legacy of Ryan and look to continue to inspire others just as Duce did everyday.

To the Old Charlestown School Boys Association for their generous and continued support of my

educational journey over the past 4 years. Through this continued support, I have been able to alleviate many financial burdens paying for school, and the work and impact of the scholarship funds available has had an extremely positive impact during my four years at school.

To the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club and its staff, including Derek, Sharon, John, Karen, and so many others for giving me a second home. The opportunities, scholarships, and resources provided to me by the Club has opened so many doors and allowed me to dream big, and I am grateful for the continued support throughout the years.

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I am truly grateful and blessed to have had the love, care and support of the incredible Charlestown community I call home during my four years at Harvard and look forward to continue being an advocate and supporter for others living in our great community of Charlestown.

Joseph "Joe" Griffith

ELLE M. WOODS IS THE QUINN SCHOLAR

To the Editor,

All associated with Michael's mission are proud to announce that Elle M. Woods, has been chosen as the 2022, Quinn Scholar. With a combined SAT score of 710, coupled with a 3.83, grade average, Elle had a distinguished career at Boston Latin School. As the 21st recipient from Boston Latin, and twenty seventh female award winner, she joins an accomplished group. Additionally Elle is the first winner to attend Northeastern University, Bouve College of Nursing. Balancing a demanding academic schedule, Elle found time to be an altar server, member of Latin student leadership and president of Keystone at Charlestown Boy's and Girls Club. Many have witnessed her hosting at the Monument Restaurant, her skills are boundless.

On June 26, we will award Elle the \$12,000, award, at a luncheon with her parents.

As the 53rd Quinn Scholar,

Elle will be honored at our 54th annual dinner dance on April 1, 2023, at the Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford St., Charlestown, Ma.

Elle's character is reflected in the words of George Bernard Shaw, "The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, make them."

Ronan J FitzPatrick
Treasurer

PIER 5 PETITION UPDATE

To the Editor,

Just the Facts: Where, What, Why and When.

Where: Pier 5, the Head of the Boston Harbor is located in the Navy Yard. Pier 5 has a long and storied history as a centerpiece for Naval construction and repairs from which it was originally built in 1912. The Navy Yard was decommissioned in 1975 and given to the Boston Redevelopment Authority, now known as the Boston Planning and Development Agency. Over 50 years of neglect has resulted in the pier deteriorating and unusable.

What: The Pier 5 Association, a group of concerned citizens recognizing the historic value of the pier have been advocating for a public, climate resilient, open, and green space for ALL the Charlestown community to enjoy.

The following petition was undertaken to validate the need and want of the community.

We, the undersigned, support a public, restored, and open space for Pier 5 in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Pier 5 serves as the Head of the Harbor: and is the last open space on the Harborwalk. Pier 5 is an irreplaceable public amenity, featuring magnificent access to the water, with expansive views, offering opportunities for public enjoyment and education for Boston residents and workers, and the millions of visitors from around the world.

The petition has collected 2302 signers on-line as well as 983 paper signers.

Why: Charlestown has the highest population density in Boston. Currently there are 20,000 residents and with all the new proposals the census will swell to 30,000 in our one square mile.

Charlestown has the least amount of open space with 3.09 acres per 1000 residents compared

to 7.59 acres for Boston in general.

In addition, Charlestown is home to the largest public housing development in the Northeast.

Environmental justice is critical for the residents. Open space contributes to our physical and mental health and impacts our quality-of-life issues in a positive manner.

Charlestown surrounded by three bodies of water, is in a severe flood zone.

When: Mayor Wu has appointed a new City Planner, Mr. Author Jamieson to address the need for a comprehensive and long overdue realignment of the Boston Planning and Development Agency. There needs to be planning in each of the communities of Boston before development takes place. We will be presenting our petition to advocate for a vibrant, open, green, and climate resilient space for our community, the Greater Boston community and the 500,000 year-

ly visitors to the Navy Yard.

In addition, Mayor Wu has said, "As a coastal city, we need to get our waterfront right—by centering equitable access, climate resilience and community."

This is a quick snapshot of the current status of the petition and aligns with Mayor Wu's advocacy for a waterfront for everyone.

What can you do? Please visit Pier5.org to learn more about how you can help as well as sign the petition.

Please email Mayor Wu at MAYOR@BOSTON.GOV

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City of Boston kicks off free Summer Fitness Series

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) are pleased to announce the 2022 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. The series will offer free weekly classes both virtually and in 18 City of Boston parks from June 5 to October 1.

The 2022 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series is being launched with a kick-off event at Copley Square on Thursday, June 2, at 5:30 p.m. featuring free class demos from Z-Spot and Movestudios along with fun give-

aways.

“We’re thrilled to partner with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department to bring the Summer Park Fitness classes back to Boston this summer,” said Jeff Bellows, Vice President of Corporate Citizenship and Public Affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. “Being active is critical for our physical and mental health and what better way to get moving than coming together as a community in the beautiful parks across the City of Boston for fun fitness classes.”

The series offers Bostonians healthy activities including Yoga,

Gentle Yoga, Chair Yoga, Barre, Pre- and Postnatal Friendly Barre, Dance Fit, HIIT, Family Fitness, ZUMBA, Family ZUMBA, Strength Training, Afrobeats, POUND, Walking Group, and Strength Training. The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for families and older adults as well as those new to fitness classes. For more information and a link to the full schedule, please visit boston.gov/fitness.

By engaging in a citywide effort to increase opportunities for physical activity, the Parks Department

and BPHC aim to further reduce barriers to active living and achieve the goal of ensuring that Bostonians have ample opportunities to be active. For many residents, the past two years of the pandemic have reduced physical activity levels and community connectedness. The Summer Fitness Series provides an opportunity for Boston residents to exercise together, get moving outside in their local parks, and supports people to reconnect with each other. The continued virtual options will give those that are not comfortable or cannot easily get to a class a way to join the series.

“The Summer Fitness Series is a wonderful way for residents and visitors to be active and healthy. Exercise provides many physical and mental health benefits, and opportunities for physical activity should be accessible to all, which is why all of these classes are free and open to the public,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, “BPHC is pleased to partner with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Parks and Recreation Department to provide this fun and vital service to help build a healthier Boston.”

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“Our emergency response personnel risk their lives every day in the line of duty,” said DiDomenico. “This allocation will help to ensure that their health and safety are protected as they continue to protect and serve our communities.”

DiDomenico also filed an amendment that was adopted by the Senate to establish a Safe and Supportive School Grant Program into Massachusetts General Law. DiDomenico argues a good education is one of the most important

tools the state can give.

“By creating a Safe and Supportive School Grant Program we can ensure that our classrooms are providing all students with an educational environment that is safe, inclusive, and conducive to learning,” he said.

DiDomenico amendment to establish a Common Application Program into Massachusetts General Law was also adopted by the Senate. DiDomenico said a Common Application Portal will create a more seamless applica-

tion process that allows those in need to apply for a suite of need-based services. Applicants will be able to simultaneously apply for MassHealth, SNAP benefits, income supports, veterans’ services benefits, child care subsidies, housing subsidies, fuel assistance, and other needs-based health care, nutrition, and shelter benefits. The creation of a single Common Application Portal will help to lower the barrier to these essential services for the members of the community who are most in need.

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Councilor Coletta announces Elizabeth “Ellie” Sanchez as Chief of Staff

By John Lynds

Newly sworn in District 1 City Councilor Gabriela ‘Gigi’ Coletta promised to hit the ground running and has been assembling a team of the best and brightest starting with the most recent appointment of Elizabeth ‘Ellie’ Sanchez to Chief of Staff.

Coletta announced Tuesday the East LA native and longtime education and civic engagement advocate in the Boston area will lead her office.

Colette said Sanchez brings a decade of experience in education, civic engagement, and Massachusetts public policy.

“I’m incredibly honored to work with Councilor Coletta and to serve East Boston, Charlestown, and the North End with passion and commitment for each community,” said Sanchez. “I have deeply admired Councilor Coletta’s work for years and know how deeply she cares for these communities. Together we will serve the district effectively by listening to community members and fighting for our students, educators, families, multilingual learners, and all residents so that they can thrive in a safe and prospering district.”

Born and raised in an urban suburb of East LA, where Sanchez grew up with her parents and two sisters in a working-class Latinx and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) community. A



Elizabeth “Ellie” Sanchez to serve as Councilor Coletta’s Chief of Staff.

daughter of Mexican-immigrant parents, Sanchez credits her dad’s hard work as a unionized public transportation operator as a significant reason for her family’s security and success.

Growing up in LA Sanchez attended low-income public schools and said she saw firsthand the inequities many students have to face simply because of their zip code and race. Without government investment in college access programs for low-income students, like Upward Bound, she said she would have never been able to attend a higher education institution.

After graduating from UCLA in 2014, Sanchez said she want-

ed to dive deep into the public education world and moved to Boston to learn from the “best” public education system in the country. She served as a corps member for City Year Boston and worked on literacy interventions with 5th-grade students at an elementary school in Dorchester. When she wrapped up her year of service, she worked as a teaching assistant at the Orchard Gardens K-8 in Roxbury.

She spent much of her time in education working with schools in district one, including the Donald McKay K-8 in East Boston and Charlestown High School, to implement civic education programs and provide educators with adequate professional development.

Sanchez went on to receive her graduate degree in Education Policy and Management at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Before joining Councilor Coletta’s office, Ellie worked at Generation Citizen (GC), a project-based civics education organization where she partnered with school districts all over the commonwealth to implement GC’s action-based civics curriculum. She also helped pass legislation in 2018 that would require students to participate in a civics education course in 8th grade and once again in high school. Through this work, Sanchez realized her passion for

making education equitable for low-income students of color through policy and programmatic initiatives.

She became an Associate at the Rennie Center for Education Research and Policy. Through this work, Sanchez tackled issues on education with a cross-sector lens. A few of the projects she led at Rennie included supporting districts in developing comprehensive school mental health systems and developing a blueprint on how school districts can create hubs of support for students and their families impacted by homelessness and housing instability.

Throughout their career, Sanchez has helped pass legislation of Beacon Hill ensuring all

students have access to quality civic education. They have also written a blueprint on how to support students and families facing housing instability through school district partnership and support districts in developing comprehensive school mental health systems of support.

“I am thrilled to announce Elizabeth “Ellie” Sanchez as my Chief of Staff,” said Councilor Coletta. “Ellie brings stellar credentials, experience, and policy expertise, particularly in elementary and secondary education areas. They have the right skill set for this moment to help ensure that we are building a vibrant and inclusive district through an equity lens.”



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Mayor’s Garden Contest deadline July 13

Mayor Michelle Wu has announced the 26th annual Mayor’s Garden Contest highlighting the hard work of Boston’s urban gardeners. The competition provides the perfect opportunity to recognize the skills of all Boston residents who contribute to the beauty of the city’s landscape.

Boston’s green thumbs have until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, to submit their gardens for award contention. The contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, shrubs, and, in the process, helped beautify Boston’s neighborhoods.

Gardeners or those nominating their favorite gardeners may find printable and online nomination forms at www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest. The preferred method of entry is to submit pho-

tos through the online application. Alternatively, contestants may request an application by emailing their name and address to gardencontest@boston.gov. Paper applications are also available in English and ten additional languages.

Judges will fan out across the city visiting finalists the week of July 25. Once the votes are tallied, first place winners will receive the coveted “Golden Trowel” award from Mayor Wu while second and third place winners will be awarded certificates. The traditional awards ceremony is scheduled to take place in the Boston Public Garden on Monday, August 15.

Gardeners who have won three or more times in the last ten years will be automatically entered into the Hall of Fame. These distin-

guished Hall-of-Famers are not eligible to enter as contestants but are invited to return as judges.

First place winners are eligible for a drawing for a JetBlue Grand Prize consisting of roundtrip flights for two to any nonstop destination from Boston. Terms, conditions, and blackout dates apply. In addition, Mahoney’s Garden Centers will provide gardener’s gift bags to the top three winners in each category, as well as gift certificates for the 2022 Hall of Fame winners.

For more information please call (617) 635-4505. Stay up to date with news, events, and design and construction work in Boston parks by signing up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and following our social channels @ [bostonparksdept](https://twitter.com/bostonparksdept) on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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CITY PAWS

Dogs in cars

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Summer brings more happy destinations to share with our furry companions. Some dogs quiver with excitement when their person says, “Car!” Others tremble and suffer carsickness. When dogs are along for the ride, we need to think of safety.

Car Training and Safety

To make driving safe for everyone requires some training. Start with short trips and work up to longer ones. Decide how you will secure your pet in the car and reward cooperation. If you need help with motion sickness, work with your veterinarian.

Crated or Harnessed in the Back Seat

Veterinarian Georgina Ushi Phillips wrote, “We seem to have a bit of a blind spot for canine seatbelts and car safety.” She explained that in a 35-mile-per-hour crash, inertia sends everything in a car flying, a 60-pound dog becomes a 2,700-pound projectile.

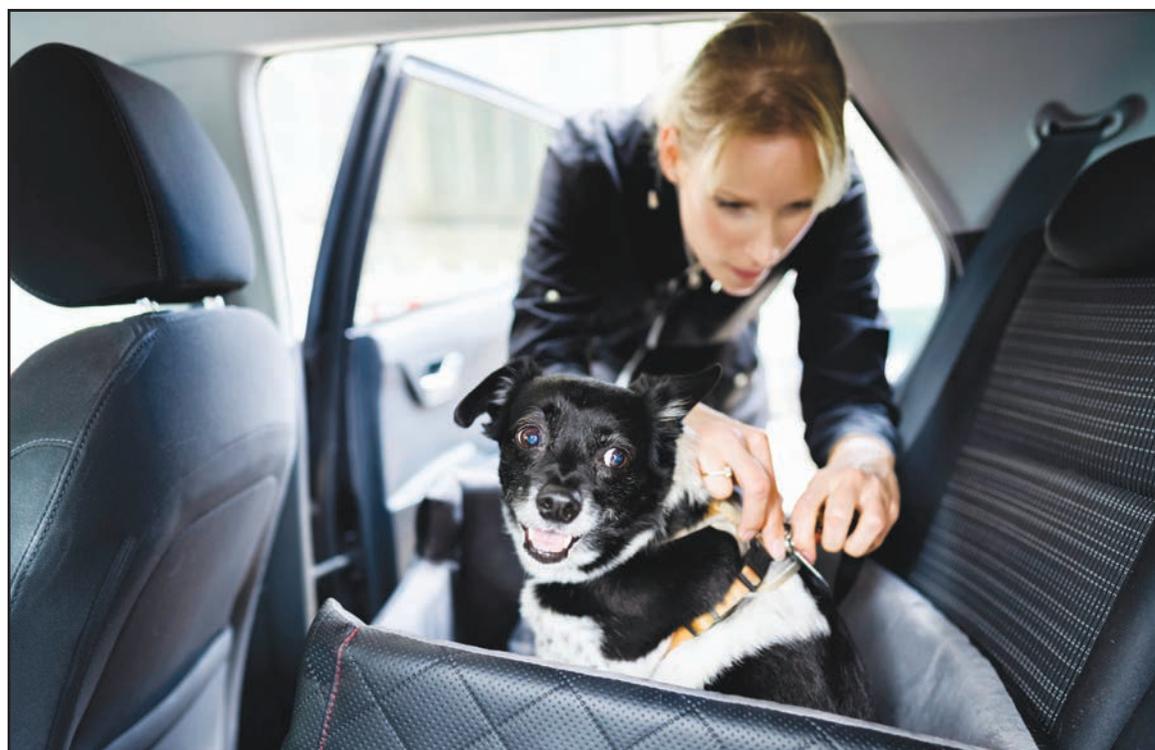
Airbags pose a fatal risk for dogs in the front seat. A back-seat seat-belt-connected harness

or secured crate keeps the animal from interfering with or distracting the driver and could save your dog in the event of an accident. The MSPCA reminds us, “In Massachusetts, it is against the law for an operator of a motor vehicle to allow anything in or on the vehicle that “may interfere with or impede the proper operation of the vehicle...”

A restrained animal will not be able to break free and run away the second the car door is opened. An unrestrained dog can slow care delivery by first responders in an accident or emergency.

Heat Kills

Never leave your dog in a hot car. The American Veterinary Association warns, “The temperature inside your vehicle can rise almost 20° F in just 10 minutes, and almost 30° F in 20 minutes. The longer you wait, the higher it goes. At one hour, your vehicle’s inside temperature can be more than 40 degrees higher than the outside temperature at one hour. Even on a 70-degree day, that’s 110 degrees inside your vehicle!” A dog can make the situation worse by jumping around and



A seat-belt-connected harness keeps your dog from interfering with or distracting the driver and could save a life in an accident.

barking. This activity would further raise the animal’s core body temperature.

Leaving a dog alone in a car can also risk damage to your vehicle by a good Samaritan or first responders trying to protect your animal.

Products Can Help

You’ll find a good selection of pet restraint harnesses at local pet supply stores and online. You want one that fits your dog comfortably and has a secure connection to the car’s seat belt system.

There are car seat carriers and

crates of various designs that you can use to keep your dog safe. We prefer a crate that we secure to the seat belts in the back seat. This option adds a level of security by restricting our Poppy’s movement. We find that she settles right in and goes to sleep once we are underway.

Thanks to the RV industry, we now have access to various heat alarm products with apps that alert by text or email if the temperature in your car or RV is too high. The website Go Pet Friendly did a review of these products listing the pros and cons, in their

article,

“Pet Temperature Monitor Roundup – Keep Pets Safe from the Heat.”

Loving our dogs, we want to do what’s best for them. Sometimes that means more work and giving up some old ways of doing things. Protect your dog by securing them and keeping them safe every time they ride in a car.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

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Bunker Hill Associates announce parade week events

After two long years deprived of a parade, Charlestown eagerly awaits the return of the Bunker Hill Day Parade this June 12th, commemorating the 247th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill. This year, with the sponsorship of the City of Boston Credit Union, the Bunker Hill Associates (BHA) have stacked the schedule with events for Charlestown residents of all ages leading up to the parade. For the full list of events and details, please visit www.bhasociates.org/events.

To kick off Charlestown Parade Week on Sunday, June 5th, please join the BHA at the USS Constitution in the Navy Yard @ 10am as we will be raising the Bunker Hill Flag, to pay tribute to all the forgotten patriots who died in the Battle of Bunker Hill and to honor the 1st female USS Constitution Commander, Billie Farrell. We will be joined by newly elected City Councilor, Gabriela Coletta. The day will include a speaking program followed by coffee, treats and activities at the

Constitution Museum.

On Monday, June 6th, please walk with us in the Charlestown Pride March Against Drugs, in memory of Michael Charbonnier and Billy Boyle. The march will start at Area-15 and finish at the Kennedy Center to be followed by family activities in the Kennedy Center Park.

Tuesday, June 7th, is the 8th Annual Peter Looney Night. Sponsored by the BHA, City of Boston Credit Union and Councilor Gabriela Coletta, the night will include DJs, characters, pizza, and a dedication to our dear friend Billy Boyle. The event starts @ 6pm at Peter Looney Park on Union Street.

On Thursday night (June 9th), the BHA invite all the talented youth of Charlestown to participate in the annual “Charlestown’s Got Talent” show at the Knights of Columbus @ 6pm on Medford Street.

To close out the week’s festivities will be the world-famous Edna Kelly’s Doll Carriage Parade,

sponsored by the City of Boston Credit Union and the David M. Whelan Scholarship. One of the oldest traditions in Charlestown, second only to the parade itself, the Doll Carriage Parade has gone on for almost 80 years. Join us at the Training Field on Saturday June 11th @ 10am and bring your most fabulous, decorative doll carriage. Kids are encouraged to dress in costume.

Please register online at the BHA website. And be sure to swing your carriages by the Bunker Hill Day Market, sponsored by All Roads Charlestown to learn about and support all the wonderful local businesses and shops that keep Charlestown buzzing.

Other events include Mayor Wu’s Age Strong Luncheon and Bingo, Bunker Hill Associates Family Feud, and the Annual Chief Marshall Banquet. For more information on any events or to volunteer, please visit www.bhasociates.org. We look forward to seeing you all again and Happy Bunker Hill Day, Charlestown.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mass. rolls out 100 proud Bluebikes to celebrate Pride Month

In celebration of Pride Month, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (“Blue Cross”) is rolling out 100 Bluebikes wrapped in a rainbow pride-themed design through the month of June. Blue Cross Proud bikes will be integrated across the Bluebikes system’s 11 municipalities (Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville and Watertown). Blue Cross is the title sponsor of Bluebikes, which is owned by the municipalities and operated by Lyft.

To reflect its continued support of the LGBTQ+ community, Blue Cross will donate \$1 for every ride taken on Blue Cross Proud bikes through the month of June to Fenway Health in Boston. Lyft will assume the \$1 donation after the 10,000th Proud bike ride of the month. Fenway Health, a long-time partner of BCBSMA, works to enhance the well-being of the

LGBTQ+ community and beyond through access to the highest quality of health care, education, research, and advocacy.

“We’re thrilled to once again celebrate Pride month by continuing our support of Fenway Health’s mission,” said Jeff Bellows, Blue Cross’ vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs. “Blue Cross is committed to creating more equitable communities and to making health care more accessible and affordable. We look forward to seeing the Proud bikes in the Bluebikes fleet and raising awareness of LGBTQ+ equality along the way.”

The Blue Cross Proud bikes will be available within the more than 400 Bluebikes stations across the system’s eleven municipalities through the end of June. Blue Cross is also a founding sponsor of the Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce and, for the fourth year in a row, received a perfect score on

the 2022 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), a national benchmarking survey and report on corporate policies and practices related to LGBTQ workplace equality, as administered by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

“We appreciate the commitment Blue Cross continues to demonstrate to the health and wellness of the LGBTQ+ community,” said Fenway Health Chief Executive Officer Ellen LaPointe. “This initiative will once again support our critical care, education and advocacy efforts. We’re thankful for our ongoing partnership with Blue Cross and hope that everyone takes a ride on a Pride-themed Bluebike during Pride month.”

This is the third time Blue Cross has supported Fenway Health via Blue Cross Proud bikes. In 2019 and 2021, the company donated \$1 for every ride on a pride-themed Bluebike, in collaboration with Lyft, to the health center.

“We’re proud to collaborate with Blue Cross on a Bluebikes Pride initiative that helps shine a spotlight on the need to improve access to health care for the LGBTQ+ community, especially queer and trans youth who are at a heightened risk for critical health issues,” said Dom Tribone, Lyft General Manager for Bluebikes. “Through this effort, we celebrate the diversity and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community and support the compassionate care provided by Fenway Health.”

Blue Cross has been the title sponsor of Bluebikes since its launch in May 2018. Through its partnership with the municipal owners of Bluebikes, Blue

Cross continues to support system growth and accessibility, including station expansions, upgrades and additional bikes.

Bluebikes is public transportation by bike. The system is jointly owned and managed by the Cities of Boston, Cambridge, Everett, Salem and Somerville and the Town of Brookline. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts is the system’s title sponsor. Riders can find 400 stations and 4,000 bikes across 11 municipalities in Metro Boston. Since 2011, more than 14 million trips have been taken by bike share. For more information about Bluebikes, visit bluebikes.com.

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Join the CNC Historic Battlefield sub-committee for an in-person, public meeting on **Monday, 6/6/22, 7:15 pm at 23 Adams Street, Charlestown** (J.W. Conway Bunker Hill Post 26 American Legion).

Members of the public are encouraged to attend, and to share their feedback, questions, and concerns.

Charlestown's weekly COVID positive test-rate drops slightly

By John Lynds

Charlestown's weekly COVID positive test rate dropped last week but still remains near 15 percent as Boston health officials grapple with new, more contagious strains of the virus.

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) reported that COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to rise. Last week adult COVID-19 hospitalizations in Boston were 208.7 per day, 8.7 over the 200 per day threshold. This metric helps the BPHC understand the burden of serious COVID-19 cases among

adults resulting in inpatient care in Boston hospitals.

Last week, 492 Charlestown residents were tested for the virus last week and 14.8 percent were positive--this was a two percent decrease from the 15.1 percent that tested positive as reported by the BPHC on May 23.

Seventy three additional Charlestown residents contracted the virus between May 23 and May 30 and there have now been 4,304 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate also decreased last

week but remains above 11 percent.

According to the BPHC 18,277 residents were tested citywide last week and 11.1 percent were COVID positive--this was a four percent decrease from the 11.6 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on May 23.

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 1.1 percent last week and went from 186,446 to 188,509 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were three additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,469.

The Boston Public Health Commission strongly recommends residents:

Wear high-quality, well-fitting masks indoors and on public transportation;

Stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters;

Stay home if you feel sick;

Ensure proper indoor ventilation by opening windows when possible;

Gather outdoors as the weather warms, instead of indoors;

Test for COVID-19; and

Contact your health care provider about anti-viral treatment if diagnosed with COVID-19.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead to June 11

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

HOLIDAY

• There will be no work scheduled work on Monday, 5/30 in recognition of Memorial Day

SCHEDULED WORK

• North abutment (Charlestown side near Chelsea Street) – rebar repair and installation

• South abutment (North End side) - concrete repair

• Utility work on Charles River Avenue

• Forming and pouring concrete elements at City Square

WORK HOURS

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

TRAVEL TIPS

For everyone using the temporary 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, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, 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 Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

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

- EVENTS: 6/4 at 7:00 p.m.



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Wu announces curbside food-waste collection program

Building on her commitment to make Boston a Green New Deal City, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Public Works Department announced that a curbside food waste collection program with rolling online enrollment is now available. Food waste collection will align with residents' scheduled trash and recycling collection days. This program will reduce the City's reliance on landfills and incinerators, and make it more convenient for Boston residents to dispose of their household food waste. The food waste, which will be collected through a partnership between Garbage to Garden and Save That Stuff, will be sent to Save that Stuff's composting site in West Bridgewater to be turned into compost that will be made available to Boston parks, gardens, and schools, and sent to Waste Management's CORE Facility in Charlestown where it will be made into clean energy.

"In Boston we do big things by getting the small things right, and curbside food waste collection is an important example of how we can each have an impact in moving our city toward sustainability with how we dispose of our food scraps," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Making it easier and more accessible for residents to compost diverts our City's waste from land-

fills and incineration, so Boston can be a Green New Deal city. I encourage everyone interested to sign up, and I'm excited to see how the program grows in the years to come."

Any Boston resident who lives in a residential building with six units or less is eligible to enroll in the program. The City is prioritizing enrollment in the program to residents in vulnerable communities, based on the state's criteria for environmental justice communities coupled with proximity to a Project Oscar compost drop-off site. This year's curbside collection program will have a cap of 10,000 households for the first year, with the goal of adding 10,000 or more every year, depending on demand.

Service begins August 1, 2022. In July, compost bin "starter kits" will be delivered to residents who have enrolled in the program. The "starter kits" include an onboarding manual, a roll of liners, kitchen bin, collection bin, and a magnet outlining what food scraps are and are not accepted in the program. Accepted materials include common household food scraps such as coffee grounds, fruits and vegetables, meat and seafood, and eggs.

"Food waste constitutes one-third of the current waste stream, and we're excited to introduce this

program to Boston residents to help meet our zero waste goals," said Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge. "Our goal is to educate residents on ways to reduce the amount of food waste they generate and give them ways to responsibly dispose of what they can't use or donate."

"Expanded composting opportunities for Boston residents is critical to meet our zero-waste goals," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "By centering environmental justice communities in this process, we are placing equity at the forefront of our work and helping the residents that are most impacted by the effects of climate change."

Today's announcement aligns with Boston's Zero Waste Plan, outlining the City's strategy to reduce its waste by 2035. Mass-DEP estimates that food waste accounts for more than 25 percent of the waste stream in Massachusetts after recycling. When sent to landfills or incinerators, food waste can generate harmful greenhouse gasses, lose potential energy, cause pollution, and lose its agricultural benefits.

The City's collection team will transform Boston's food waste by utilizing two methods:

- Save that Stuff's Composting

Facility in West Bridgewater, MA: Food scraps will be turned into compost at Save that Stuff's composting facility in West Bridgewater, MA. In the composting process, organic material is made into nutrient-rich fertilizer that helps produce more plants and food. The finished compost will be made available to Boston parks, community gardens, and schools.

- Waste Management's CORE Facility in Charlestown: At the Waste Management's CORE Facility food waste is made into a slurry for easier combustion. The slurry is then hauled to North Andover's Greater Lawrence Sanitary District (GLSD) where it is produced into biogas and renewable electricity which is sent to the grid.

"The benefits of food scrap recycling are undeniable," said Garbage to Garden President and Founder Tyler Frank. "We have offered private subscription curbside composting for ten years, but this municipally-funded program is a major milestone for New England. We're excited to be a part of this unique program, and look forward to seeing this model replicated as other communities follow Boston's lead in the next few years."

"We look forward to recovering this important segment of the waste stream and are encour-

aged by the steps Boston is taking towards our One Goal. Zero Waste!" said Save That Stuff President Erik Levy.

The link to sign up for the curbside food waste collection program, as well as more information about the City's composting efforts, can be found here.

In addition to this program, the City is expanding Project Oscar, its food waste drop-off program. Launching this summer, the City will be partnering with farmers markets and community gardens to roll out nearly 25 new sites across the City. To find a drop-off nearest to you, please click here.

"As an organization that makes compost, distributes compost to neighborhood gardeners and buys in compost from regional companies, we know how important this resource is and how our local food system can be strengthened by producing more of it," said Danielle Andrews, the Boston Farmer Manager for The Food Project. "We are thrilled to partner with the City to offer a comprehensive composting program to residents, using both our West Cottage farm and Dudley Common farmers' market as drop off locations for food scraps and other organic matter."

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CHARLESTOWN BEAT

Investigate Property

05/23/22 – At about 9:57 p.m., police responded to a radio call for a commercial alarm set off at 5 Austin St.

Officers arrived and observed damage to two panes of glass on the Main Street side of the store. It appeared to police that a BB pellet caused the damage to the glass.

Officers checked the premises and surrounding areas for further damage to no avail. Officers contacted the store owner, who was notified of the incident.

District A-1 detectives responded and processed the scene.

License Premise Violation

05/24/2022 – At approximately 10 p.m., a sergeant and detective assigned to the Boston Police Licensed Premises Unit conducted a licensed premise inspection of Figs restaurant at 67 Main St.

Upon reviewing the licenses and permits of the establishment, they issued licensed premise inspection notice # 043112 for no Inspectional Services Department certificate posted; no City of Boston Entertainment License

posted; and no current Common Victualless license posted.

Larceny - Theft from Building

05/25/2022 – At around 11:20 p.m., police responded to a radio call for a larceny in progress at 9 West School St.

Responding officers were advised that the 9-1-1 call indicated four male subjects were on scene and were actively loading construction materials. Officers swept the parking lot and the immediate area of the exterior before taking up positions to secure a perimeter.

Police observed a male walking toward Lawrence Street and approached him to conduct a threshold inquiry. A CJIS (Criminal Justice Information Services) inquiry of the man revealed an active default warrant out of Somerville District court.

The suspect was transported to Area A-1 headquarters, booked in the usual manner, and charged with breaking and entering of a building at nighttime, as well as larceny from a building.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING ON SUNDAY

Fr. Dan Mahoney, pastor of Saint Francis de Sales parish, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Francis de Sales Church, 303 Bunker Hill Street “On the top of Bunker Hill” also affectionately known as “The Firefighter’s Church” on Sunday, June 5 at 3 p.m.

Fr. Dan will celebrate 66 years of priesthood, 54 years at Saint Francis de Sales parish and 44 years as pastor of Saint Francis de Sales. He also celebrates 27 years as assistant chaplain of the Boston Fire Department, 31 years as chief chaplain of the Boston Fire Department and chaplain of the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts, the 100 Club of Massachusetts, Boston Firefighters Local 718 ASL-CIO and previously served as chaplain of the Cambridge, Chelsea, Revere and Wayland fire departments as well as chaplain for many Charlestown organizations.

Everyone is invited to attend this Mass of Thanksgiving. Parking will be available at Flatley’s (formerly Schrafft’s) with shuttle service beginning at 2pm. Due to inflation and unemployment - Dr. Dan is asking for no gifts. Your presence is your gift.

QUINN GOLF TOURNEY SET FOR AUGUST 5TH

The 25th annual Lt. Michael P. Quinn golf tournament is planned for Friday, August 5, and is sure to be a grand day of enjoyment. The event will be held at the William J. Devine Golf Course (1 Circuit Drive, Dorchester MA) and golf shoes or sneakers must be worn on the course with the shotgun start commencing at 8:00 a.m..

There is a \$125.00 fee per golfer which includes carts, gifts, prizes, and a luncheon. All proceeds are directed to the Lt. Michael P. Quinn Scholarship to assist the youth of Charlestown obtain a college degree. Immediately after the tourney a luncheon will be held at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester MA.

A \$100.00 deposit (or total payment) per player would be

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greatly appreciated on or before July 5th. For those interested in playing as a foursome, please contact Ronan FitzPatrick at (617-242-5493) or Email maryfitzpatrick10@comcast.net with the team information.

CHARLESTOWN TO CELEBRATE LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

In a show of solidarity and acceptance for our LGBTQ+ neighbors, newly-elected Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Representative Dan Ryan, and State Senator Sal DiDomenico are partnering with the Flatley Company to host the 4th annual Pride flag raising at the Schrafft’s building located at 529 Main Street in Charlestown. This year’s event will take place outside at the flagpoles adjacent to Sullivan Square.

“As we kick off LGBTQ+ pride month, we must take every opportunity to celebrate love, progress, and inclusivity in Charlestown,” said Councilor Coletta. “Raising the pride flag affirms that everyone is welcomed, accepted, and loved for who they are. I look forward to the ceremony and thank the Flatley Company for hosting.”

“I am happy to once again take part in celebrating with our LGBTQ+ neighbors and friends; while also affirming the inclusiveness of our Charlestown community. I thank Councilor Coletta for continuing this somewhat new, yet, honored Charlestown tradition,” said Rep. Dan ryan.

“Raising the PRIDE flag in Charlestown sends the message to all LGBTQ+ people— espe-

cially our youth—that they are welcomed and have an important place in our community,” said State Senator Sal DiDomenico. “I want to thank Councilor Coletta, Rep. Ryan, and the Flatley Company for including me in sharing the honor of flying the PRIDE flag. It speaks to our collective commitment to ensure the rights and safety of all.”

“The Schrafft’s City Center is pleased to once again participate and host the annual LGBTQ+ flags for the Charlestown community,” said Bill Bush, Vice President of the Flatley Company.

The event will take place on Wednesday, June 8th at 5:30PM outside the Schrafft’s Building located at 529 Main Street near the fire station.

FREE PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT

Christ Church Charlestown is hosting a free Parents’ Night Out on Thursday, June 9, 6:00-8:30PM, at 10 Green Street in Charlestown for kids up to 5th grade. We have space for 25 kids. We will have games, crafts, and food for all participants and no religious instruction — this event exists merely to serve any Charlestown families, regardless of religious beliefs. All volunteers have submitted and passed a national background check. If you would like to sign your child up or have questions, please email our Kids’ Director Kayla Stephens at christchurchcharlestown@gmail.com.

FATHER RONAN TO DELIVER HIS FINAL MASS ON SUNDAY

All are invited to celebrate with Fr. Jim Ronan, on June 5th at 10:30a.m. as he says his last Mass at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena. Fr. Ronan is celebrating his 40th year of ordination and 18 years of service as Pastor at St. Mary - St. Catherine of Siena Parish. All parishioners are invited to a reception following the service. Please rsvp to 617-242-4664 or email dludy@stmaryscatherine.org, so that all guests can be accommodated.

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Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden launches pilot Alternative Justice program

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced the creation of a restorative justice pilot program that will bring victims, offenders and community members together to create a case resolution option outside of the traditional court sentencing process.

The Suffolk Restorative Justice (SRJ) program will roll out in Chelsea District Court and the Charlestown and Roxbury Divisions of Boston Municipal Court.

Restorative justice is a voluntary, inclusive, confidential and collaborative process by which offenders, victims and members of the community identify and address harms, as well as any needs and obligations resulting from an offense, to help all parties understand the impact of that offense. During the restorative justice process the offender accepts responsibility for their actions and

is supported in making reparations to the victim or community harmed. Restorative justice is an essential component to allow for community healing and restoration.

Hayden, who has championed progressive approaches to criminal system matters since starting as a prosecutor in the 1990s and has instituted major alternative-to-prosecution programs and diversion initiatives as DA, said the participants in the program “will collaborate on guided resolutions that feature both healing and accountability.”

“We’re always seeking paths to justice that take an innovative approach beyond the traditional adjudication and sentencing route. Restorative justice is a perfect example of the types of approaches modern prosecution offices should embrace. The results for participating victims,

community members, and offenders can be immensely powerful,” Hayden said.

The program will include pre-adjudication cases that fall within the final jurisdiction of the district or municipal court and do not carry a mandatory minimum, do not involve allegations of sexual assault, violence against children, elders, intimate partners, persons with disabilities, serious bodily injury or death.

The applicants could include victims, defendants and/or their attorneys, Suffolk County community members impact by crimes, and law enforcement agencies.

Hayden’s office is partnering with Communities for Restorative Justice (C4RJ) on the SRJ program. C4RJ will facilitate the restorative process and will communicate status updates throughout a case to stakeholders and provide a conclusion memo at

the end.

C4RJ Executive Director Erin Freeborn said, “As a community-based restorative justice program, C4RJ provides a process toward healing and repair for victims, communities, and responsible parties while minimizing further involvement with the system. As we continue to expand access to restorative justice in Suffolk County, launching this pilot out of the Charlestown, Roxbury, and Chelsea courts is a significant stride. We are inspired by the long-time commitment at the SCDAO to restorative practices and are excited to support the DA’s office as it launches a formal referral process for cases at the district court level in an effort to center the needs of victims and communities, while supporting responsible parties, and building up an infrastructure for alternative approaches to cases.”

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden’s office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

LOCAL STUDENT

EARNs ACADEMIC HONORS

YANG COMPLETES TRINE UNIVERSITY DEGREE

Jingzhi Yang of Charlestown completed requirements for a degree from Trine University at the end of the Spring 2022 semester.

Yang earned a degree in Information Studies at Trine..

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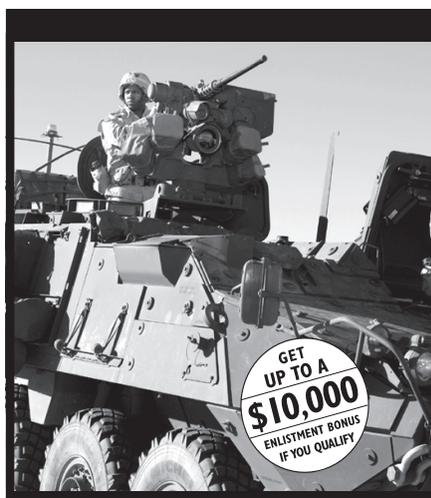


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★ **TOUCH A TRUCK**
DAY 10AM
 Schrafft's Parking Lot 529 Main St.
 Sponsored by the Charlestown Mothers Association

MONDAY JUNE 6

★ **CHARLESTOWN MARCH AGAINST DRUGS 6 PM**
 Sponsored by the City of Boston Credit Union, Bunker Hill Associates & John F Kennedy Family Center
 In memory of Michael Charbonnier & Billy Boyle
 Beginning at Area - 15, Bunker Hill St. Family activities, food & refreshments to follow at the Kennedy Center park.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

★ **8th ANNUAL PETER LOONEY NIGHT 6 PM**
 Sponsored by the City of Boston Credit Union, Bunker Hill Associates, District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta
 Dedication to Billy Boyle Peter Looney Park, Union St.
 *DJ, Characters, Pizza

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8

★ **MAYOR WU'S AGE STRONG LUNCHEON 12 PM**
 Sponsored by Mayor Wu
 Knights of Columbus - Medford St.
 Lunch, DJ, Bingo - free event

★ **BUNKER HILL ASSOCIATES FAMILY FEUD 6:30 PM**
 Sponsored by the City of Boston Credit Union + Bunker Hill Associates
 Knights of Columbus - Medford St.
 Teams spots are SOLD OUT
 Fans are welcome to watch.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

★ **CHARLESTOWN'S GOT TALENT 6 PM**
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FUN Talent Show!
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 Sign up lmcgoff227@aol.com or <https://www.bhassociates.org/>

FRIDAY, JUNE 10

★ **ANNUAL CHIEF MARSHAL'S BANQUET - 7PM**
 Honoring Margaret Tiernan Klessens
 Knights of Columbus - Medford St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

★ **EDNA KELLY'S DOLL CARRIAGE PARADE 10 AM**
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 Parade for children, prizes & activities.
 Free event. Sign up dollcarriageparade1@gmail.com

★ **BUNKER HILL BLOCK PARTY 12 PM**
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SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022

★ **BUNKER HILL ASSOCIATES BUNKER HILL DAY BREAKFAST 8:30 AM**
 An annual tradition.
 Knights of Columbus - Medford St.

★ **CHARLESTOWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 5K ROAD RACE**
 Starts at 10:30 at 60 High St. To enter contact Derek dgallagher@bgcb.org

★ **The 247th BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE**
 Steps off at 12:30PM
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