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THE PARADES

247TH BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE

Right, WW2 Veteran and Charlestown institution Margaret Klessens served as Chief Marshall of the Bunker Hill Day Parade on Sunday.



Below, the Acton Minute Men march up Monument Ave. towards the Bunker Hill Monument passing thousands who turned out to see the parade after a two year hiatus.



Kurt Reardon Boston Irish Pipes And Drums has a Charlestown flag on his bagpipes.

DOLL CARRIAGE PARADE



Cameron and Greyson Mainey during the Edna Kelly's Doll Carriage parade. See Pages 15-17 for more photos.

Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront kicks off Waterfront Wellness series

By John Lynds

This week the Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront, an alliance of more than 50 organizations from Charlestown and other Boston neighborhoods focused on access, inclusion, resiliency, and economic vitality on the waterfront, announced the schedule for its upcoming Waterfront Wellness Week.

Waterfront Wellness Week is the first of a series of programming the Coalition will host in 2022. According to Programming Advisor for the Coalition Anthony Davis, Jr. the goal of the series is to convene communities around waterfront issues and policies and center the waterfront as a priority issue as the city and state grapple with climate change issues.

Waterfront Wellness Week

kicked off Sunday and will run through Thursday, June 23 with an event scheduled for Tuesday, June 21 at The Anchor At Shipyard Park in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

At the event the community will celebrate a Summer Solstice Celebration and Grand Opening for "Of Many Minds", a Waterfront Sculpture Exhibit by Michael Alfano.

In February the Boston Art Commission (BAC) approved the public art exhibit, "Of Many Minds", to be located along the Boston Harborwalk in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

The exhibit was proposed by the Navy Yard Garden Association and Alfano, who presented the proposal to the Commission.

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Three Charlestown schools receive EdVestors Arts Expansion Grants

By John Lynds

Students attending three Charlestown schools will continue to receive arts education by partnering with local music and performing arts programs thanks to a grant from EdVestors.

Charlestown High School, Harvard/Kent Elementary and the Warren-Prescott K-8 were among 66 Boston Public Schools to receive EdVestors Arts Expansion Grants totaling \$455,000.

Throughout the 2022/2023 each school will work with different music and performing arts programs to expand art opportunities for students.

Charlestown High will team up with Education Through Music while Harvard/Kent will partner with Community Music Center of Boston.

Over at the Warren Prescott, both the Boston Conservatory at Berklee and the North End Music & Performing Arts Center will add music and performing arts to the schools curriculum.

"Arts education enables students to express themselves and succeed in ways they often don't in other subjects, and is a powerful motivator for students to want to attend and engage at school," said President & CEO of EdVestors Marinell Rousmaniere. "We couldn't have made this much progress without our committed funders and dedicated partners who continue to support our mission of increasing equitable access to quality arts education for all of Boston's public schools students."

Rousmaniere said since 2009, these grants have helped increase the number of students receiving arts education in Boston by 17,000 annually by providing more opportunities for students to become involved in the arts. The grants were announced as part of the annual BPS Citywide Arts Festival, which returned to the Boston Common in person for the first time in three years.

"These grants are essential in

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EDITORIAL

WE URGE OUR LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT LOBSTER FISHING BILL

Most of us are environmentalists to some extent.

We doubt there are few among us who do not find it heartbreaking that there was a record number of deaths of manatees this past year in Florida because excessive algae growth fueled by fertilizer runoff into the coastal Gulf waters is destroying the manatees' primary food source, sea grass. The manatees literally are starving because of a lack of food.

In our area of the country, the right whale long has been endangered. Only a few hundred of these beautiful animals exist. The greatest threat to their extinction are boat strikes and fishing and lobster gear in which they can become entangled.

Since 2015, state regulations have banned the use of lobstering equipment from Feb. 1 until at least April 30 off Cape Cod Bay and beyond, shutting down the local industry for the winter.

Right whales are common in Cape Cod Bay during late winter and early spring, especially during March and April. The ban was further extended until May 15 this year because of the presence of right whales in our area.

Needless to say, the state-mandated ban has taken a financial toll on those who earn their livelihood from lobstering. Some lobstermen say that their annual income has been cut in half since the ban went into effect in 2015.

However, State Senator Patrick O'Connor from Weymouth has filed a bill that he has attached to the upcoming state budget that would provide some degree of recompense to lobster fishermen for their lost revenue.

The total cost of the bill is miniscule -- \$12 million out of a total state budget of almost \$50 billion.

In our view, Senator O'Connor's bill is long-overdue. Saving a species such as the right whale is a public good that benefits all of us in some way and has a direct economic benefit for our tourism industry.

Yet the only ones being asked to pay the price for saving the whales are our lobster fishermen, for whom making ends meet always has been an iffy proposition, but which, thanks to climate change (which is driving lobsters further north to colder waters) and the state regulations, is becoming even more difficult.

The bottom line is that since the state's regulations are forcing our lobster fishing industry to "Save the Whales," then it is time for the state to put its money where its slogan is.



GUEST OP-ED

A father and a child can make a great family

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Father's Day is coming one more time and you still have a chance at having a great family.

Fathers like most all people have good days and bad days. They have great seasons of life and some that are more difficult. Few fathers will look back over their lives and say, "Every day I was a perfect dad." Some days were better than others.

We all feel bad about the seasons of our lives when we had to work too much. Working all the time depletes energy we would prefer to spend on our families. The problem is that like most fathers we want to keep a roof over our heads and food in the refrigerator. Making car payments, house payments, and all the basic things of life typically keep most dads and moms very busy.

Even in a home filled with love and patience the average dad lives a juggling life. He is pulled between work, kid's ballgames, meeting the needs of his wife and housework. Add to this school meetings, homework, fishing, piano lessons, family events, all while trying to maintain and add

to his career.

Most of us looking back can think of some endeavors or activities we wish we had let go in order to spend more time with our families. For some weird reason at the time they seemed all so important but now they feel like wasted time.

Throughout life the way we typically learn is the hard way. Education is always expensive. Our vision is 20/20 looking back. People tell us what we will regret and what we should do but we rarely believe them. When we get past the "fifty-five" mark of life we start to realize what the "old timers" told us was true. You know how it is because you probably tell your kids about what is right and wrong and what they will appreciate or regret. In most cases they don't pay much attention to you.

The only season of being a father that you have is this one. No future is guaranteed and yesterday is gone. You do have today. Have a loving and forgiving heart. Extend grace and a second, third or fourth chance. Try to spend time with those you love. You are probably finding out now that your grown children are too busy for you.

They have lives of their own and you may not be a priority. It hurts some but they probably are being like you used to be. Don't lose sleep over this but be available and reach out as you are able.

Finally, you have to be more than the human ATM machine. You can't buy your children's affection for the rest of your life. Every parent wants to help their children but the best thing you can do for them is work with them to help them care for themselves. You can either teach them to fish or spend the rest of your life fishing for them and this ends up being a hard life for you and cripples them.

Today is another opportunity to be a good father. This is also a good day for you to reciprocate love and affection to your dad. A father and a child working together can make a great family.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.



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LETTERS to the Editor

PEACE PARK – WE ARE AT RISK OF LOSING FUNDING!

To the Editor,
Last year, CPS supported the Charlestown Coalition's Community Preservation Act application as a fiscal sponsor for the Peace Park. The Peace Park was created as a place where people can gather to remember lives lost to community violence and addiction and to recognize the suffering brought about by their loss. The area was chosen because it had been long neglected and underutilized by MA DOT.

MA DOT (the owners of the land on Lowney Way) supported the project, and Undersecretary and Chief Strategy Officer Scott Bosworth provided a letter to the Community Preservation Committee stating that MA DOT would support the project with:

- A 15-year (minimum) permit for use and restoration
- Good faith efforts to transfer

the land, by lease or ownership, to the Boston Parks Department or other public entity for maintenance and capital improvements going forward (post-restoration)

As a result, we were awarded \$500,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund.

MA DOT will not honor their commitments, have broken many promises to the Peace Park and our funding is at risk. At this point, the only option we have to move this park forward is through a "Chapter Act" through the Massachusetts State Legislature that will require MA DOT to uphold its commitments to us by leasing the land. The ask is simple, all we need from MA DOT is a lease for the land. We will do the rest.

We need your help today – please call our elected officials and let them know how important the Peace Park is to our community and ask them to work with us to create this Chapter Act for the Peace Park today!

Senator Sal DiDomenico, 617-722-1650, Sal.DiDomenico@masenate.gov

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To join an email list for Peace Park updates/info, email: CharlestownCoalition02129@gmail.com

Friends of Peace Park

THANK YOU, WORKING THEATER

Dear Editor:

Dirty Water Brass Band and Diabolis in Musica wish to say thanks for the opportunity to play at the Charlestown Working Theater during this year's Bunker Hill Day Parade. We have gotten great feedback on our experiment, and look forward to continuing this tradition for future parades.

Dirty + Diabolis

WATERFRONT (from pg. 1)

The exhibit includes 20 sculptures along Charlestown's Harborwalk that will remain in place until December 18, 2023.

Alfano said the artwork will be "accessible to people of all ages and abilities," and is "intended to celebrate our differences and our commonalities."

Each sculpture will feature a sign on the base with information about it, as well as a QR code for people to scan on their phones to learn more.

"Over the past few years, Boston's leadership on the city, state, and federal level have started to reflect the vibrant, diverse cultures present in the city," said Davis. "However we still have a lot of work to do to make sure Boston's public spaces, including our harbors, islands and rivers, are accessible and enjoyable for all our communities. Boston's waterfront provides tremendous public health benefits – from providing open spaces for recreation, to driving economic opportunity – and the Coalition's efforts this year will be focused on connecting more neighborhoods to those resources. There are residents of Dorchester that have never walked along the Mystic River in Charlestown or residents of West Roxbury that

have never explored the East Boston pier, and we are excited to be working with an incredible coalition of organizations to welcome residents from all parts of Boston to our waterfront."

Waterfront Wellness Week will conclude on June 23rd with a signature event at the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston hosted by podcast host James Hills of the Java with Jimmy Show, focused on the intersection between an accessible and inclusive waterfront and public health. Hills will be joined by expert panelists Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space for the City of Boston, Sheena Collier, Founder and CEO of Boston While Black, Dr. Joseph Betancourt, Senior Vice President of Equity and Community Health, Mass General Brigham, and James Morton, CEO of the YMCA of Greater Boston.

"Boston is a coastal city vulnerable to rising seas and extreme weather, and we have the responsibility to be a national leader in building a thriving, green economy," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Our waterfront will be a key part of that transition and we must ensure it is equitable, inclusive, and accessible to all."

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ensuring that high-quality arts education will continue to be accessible to Boston Public Schools students," said Boston School Committee Chair Jeri Robinson. "We all know how important in-person learning is, which is why this year's event on the Common was such a great opportunity to help our youth re-engage with the community and showcase the

magic that comes from being back in the classroom inspiring one another through the arts."

Robinson added that BPS Arts Expansion is marking its 13th year, having built a partnership that has continued to improve access to quality and equitable arts education for all students. "This collaborative effort has allowed Boston to emerge as a leader in

arts education," she said. "BPS arts teachers working in partnership with community-based teaching artists and organizations have made this work possible. The initiative continues to focus on expanding access to equitable arts education and deepening arts experiences, while building systems to sustain a high level of arts education long into the future."

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Gettings, Elise M	Burns Jr, James P	42 8th St #4304	\$561,000
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State Troopers hailed as heroes after photo on saving a suicidal man goes viral

By John Lynds

A photo taken by Massachusetts State Police Saturday showing State Trooper Paul O'Connor consoling a distraught man on the Tobin Bridge after successfully talking him out of committing suicide went viral on social media over the weekend.

The photo shows O'Connor with his arm around the man as the two sit on the curb. The man, who has his face buried in O'Connor's chest, is clearly emotional as is O'Connor.

The photo has been shared nearly 20,000 times with thousands of comments thanking O'Connor and the other Troopers that responded for their care and compassion.

The incident occurred just after noon on Saturday when Troopers from Boston and Chelsea responded to the Tobin Bridge's upper deck after reports of a man threatening to jump from the bridge.

"Responding patrols reported that the man had crossed over the barrier and was on the edge of the bridge, contemplating jumping," said the State Police in a statement.

O'Connor was one of the first on the scene and was joined by Sergeant Peter Sennott and Trooper Randy.

O'Connor and the other officers established trust and communication with the man as State

Police Marine Units responded to the Mystic River below the bridge.

Then, about a half hour later, O'Connor convinced the man to come back over the fence to the road side of the bridge.

After the man was safely on the other side of the barriers and no longer posed a threat to himself, O'Connor sat with him and talked to him until EMS arrived.

The man was later brought to a Boston hospital for evaluation. Sgt. Sennott, who is a member of the Crisis Negotiation Unit, rode in the ambulance with the man.

"We wish him recovery and a safe and healthy future," said the State Police in a statement.

Those responding to the photo on social media were moved to tears.

"This photo moved me to tears," said Nancy-Jo Webster White. "It's an amazing photo that captured such an emotionally charged situation."

Drahcir Sirrah, said, "(This photo) is a celebration of life. He is safe thanks to some very dedicated police officers."

Stacy Poutas has this to say about O'Connor's actions, "It takes a special person to save someone with their words. Well done and I hope this gentleman gets the help he needs."

If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, please



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know that help is available. Please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or contact them online at <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>. NSPL is available 24/7 and has a dial prompt for the Veterans Crisis Line as well as a Spanish line.

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WATERFRONT SCULPTURE EXHIBIT
 BY MICHAEL ALFANO

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MARCHING IN THE PARADE



Councilor-at-Large Erin Murphy and team participated in the Bunker Hill Day Parade in Charlestown. The whole team was honored to be invited and participate in Charlestown's biggest parade day of the year and we went in with full energy and enthusiasm!

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Charlestown High School's top scholar honored at Annual BPS Valedictorian Luncheon

By John Lynds

For over two decades the Boston Public School's (BPS) annual valedictorian luncheon has honored students from every neighborhood that have the highest academic achievements in their respective high schools.

After a two year hiatus the 24th Annual BPS Valedictorian Luncheon returned in person at Fenway Park with Mayor Michelle Wu, Superintendent Brenda Cassellius and the Boston School Committee paying tribute to the best and brightest graduating seniors.

Among the students honored at Fenway Park this year was Charlestown High School's valedictorian who had the privilege and honor of delivering the keynote address at his high school graduations this month.

Charlestown High's valedictorian Abdel Sahdala Lape was among the 33 BPS valedictorians honored at the luncheon. Lape will head to Boston College in the fall.

"I am so excited to see you all," Mayor Wu told the honorees. "I've been really looking forward to this and my heart is bursting with pride for each one of you knowing how much you have fought through and barreled forward over the last couple of years. You are truly the pride of your families, your city, your communities, and you are the future that we're counting on. So I'm really excited and very honored and grateful to be here and to share this stage."

Wu told the graduating valedictorians that as they move on for high school they will face a really challenging moment.

"It's a challenging moment for each one of our families after what we have experienced over the last couple of years," said Wu. "I hope the valedictorians in this room recognize what they have experienced will be a source of strength as they forever move forward. The fact that you are where you are right now, despite the impossible happening at home, at school, in all the lives of people across the neighborhoods of Boston, shows just how ready you are to emerge and carry forward our city."

Superintendent Cassellius took the opportunity to thank the student's parents and guardians for their unwavering support of each valedictorian during these trying

two years.

"A special recognition to the parents and guardians who are here at our tables," said Cassellius. "Parents and families are our children's first teachers and moments like today are just a testament to the unwavering support and guidance that you all bring to your children. So to all the adults who have guided our young minds, helping them to become the students and scholars and leaders that they are today. Well done and thank you so much."

Cassellius then went on to offer some advice to the students.

"I thought of three things to share with you," she said. "The first is to never let others define

you. You get to decide your identity. You get to decide who you love, and you get to decide what your contributions are going to be in this world. Second, be mindful of the choices that you make these next several years as you embark on this new journey because the choices you make today, impact what choices are available tomorrow. And third, don't beat yourself up. If you do make a poor choice or mistake, look at what went wrong and think through it and learn from it. I wish I had learned this earlier. All of us here know that you are already hard working and that you certainly know how to persevere through tough times and that you don't give up."

Charlestown's weekly COVID positive test-rate drops

By John Lynds

With Charlestown's weekly COVID positive test rates continuing to slowly drop week after week the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MassDPH) announced an update to its statewide mask advisory.

The updated policy now puts mask wearing in the hands of individuals regardless of vaccina-

tion status. However, all people in the state, regardless of vaccination status, are required to continue wearing masks or face coverings in certain settings, including in health care facilities.

"To protect friends and family members, residents are reminded that getting a vaccine and booster remain the best way to protect against serious illness or hospitalization from COVID-19," said

Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. "Based on our nation-leading vaccination efforts, DPH now recommends that Massachusetts residents have the option to make a personal choice about wearing a mask or face covering in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status."

MassDPH continues to advise masks for individuals with a weakened immune system, those at increased risk for severe disease because of age or underlying conditions, or who have a household member with a weakened immune system and at increased risk.

Last week, 403 Charlestown residents were tested for the virus last week and 12.2 percent were positive--this was a 10 percent decrease from the 13.5 percent that tested positive as reported by the BPHC on June 6.

Fifty additional Charlestown residents contracted the virus between June 6 and June 13 there have now been 4,387 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate stayed the same last week with 13,924 residents tested citywide and 9.5 percent testing positive for COVID positive.

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

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.7 percent last week and went from 190,394 to 191,740 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 1,478.



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Thanks to Principal Jason Gallagher, the bond between Harvard-Kent Elementary School and MGH Institute of Health Professions became much stronger after the two schools signed a formal partnership in 2018. Since that time, hundreds of graduate students have worked at Harvard-Kent to help improve student literacy skills and health while learning about the needs of elementary school children.

While we know Jason will excel in his new role as Head of Boston Latin School, we will miss his expertise and enthusiasm that made Harvard-Kent one of the best-performing public schools in Boston. Bona fortuna (tibi esto)! — Latin for: (May you have) good fortune!

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Police release photos of individuals, motor vehicle connected to Charlestown shooting

By John Lynds

The joy and excitement of Charlestown High School's graduation was cut short by gunfire Monday as students and families ran for cover as gunfire erupted across the street from the school's commencement exercises.

Boston Police say the gunfire was in no way connected to Monday's high school graduation and released photos Tuesday of multiple individuals and a motor vehicle they believe is connected to Monday afternoon's shooting.

With the recent mass school shooting still in Uvalde last month fresh in everyone's mind, the sound of gunfire near Charlestown High's graduation ceremony left many traumatized.

"All I heard was a 'pop' but when I heard the second shot, everyone started running to the front. I got down and grabbed my sister as soon as I could," Ossie Hughes told reporters after the incident. Hughes was among the hundreds of graduates on hand Monday to receive her diploma. "Everyone started evacuating

immediately. There were people jumping the fence. It was really traumatizing."

The shooting occurred at Walford Way and Polk Street just before 4 pm Monday. When police arrived they located ballistic evidence and damage to two parked motor vehicles as well as an apartment on Polk Street.

Detectives assigned to District A-15 (Charlestown) are actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident and are urging anyone with information relative to this investiga-

tion to contact (617) 343-4571.

"Bullets fired from illegal guns wound our society just as they wound and kill the people who comprise it," said Suffolk County DA Kevin Hatden. "Monday's broad-daylight shooting near Charlestown High School, just as students, teachers and parents were gathering for a graduation event, is yet another example of the perilous combination of too many illegal guns and too many people willing to use them--anywhere, anytime. I'm calling again for all of us, from every facet of society, to join the effort against this pervasive menace."

A statement released by Boston Public Schools after the incident said, "Our graduation celebrations are deeply personal to us and it's devastating that senseless acts of violence in the community

interrupted what was meant to be a joyous occasion. Our students and their families work incredibly hard to reach this moment and to start their journeys after graduation. We are very proud of this class that has been through so much and yet they persevered. Many thanks to our Charlestown community for coming together and taking care of each other during this time."

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to assist this investigation in an anonymous manner.



Police release photos of multiple individuals and a motor vehicle connected to Monday's Charlestown shooting incident. Police are looking for the public's help identifying the individuals and vehicle.

Charlestown's Judy Evers and Elaine Donovan to serve as Gabriela Coletta's Charlestown Liaisons

District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta has announced two hires this week to serve in her office.

Coletta has tapped both Judy Evers, a longtime District 1 City Council office staffer, and Elaine Donovan will serve as Charlestown Liaisons.

"I'm incredibly excited to have Judy and Elaine join my office," said Councilor Coletta. "Judy has been a pillar in both City Hall and Charlestown as she has been serving this community through

many former councilors. Elaine is fiercely passionate about serving Charlestown and offers a distinct perspective on the many challenges facing 02129."

Evers can be reached by residents for constituent cases at judy.evers@boston.gov and Donovan can now be reached at elaine.donovan@boston.gov.

"I am honored to be given the opportunity to continue serving the community I love," said Evers, who worked for former District 1 Councilors Paul Scapicchio, Sal

LaMattina and Lydia Edwards. "I look forward to working alongside Councilor Coletta and the Charlestown community."

Donovan added, "I'm honored and grateful to be able to continue to support my hometown as a neighborhood liaison for Councilor Coletta's office. I look forward to being a connection to Councilor Coletta that Charlestown can count on to help serve their needs."

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The Goulding School Of Irish Dance in Medford brought some of their students to demonstrate their Irish Step Dancing.



Beau Hayes was trying to find his groove.



Lisa Dedo checks in to see that Ella and Noah were having fun.



Rockabye Beats, Shon Gordon and Marcos Valles, preformed to an entertained audience.



Volunteers Mia O'Leary and Kyla Vitale helped keep the train ride around the Training Field organized.



The Boomin' Bracelets table was operated by Taizo Kanda, Kate Frangos, Anna Zacharias, Lola McCormick, Fay and Ava Fortunato, and Lena Sciattis.



Yusef Alissa does some arts and crafts with volunteer Arianna Alarcon at the Turn It Around table.



The Training Field was abuzz with neighbors getting excited for the Parade the next day.



Aileen Gorman, Erica Woods, and Sean Boyle of All Roads Charlestown helped put the Block Party together.

BUNKER HILL BLOCK PARTY

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Barbara Adams and owner Judy Johnson at their Homemade Mom table selling jelly with made with alcohol.



Neila Hayes and Paige Ryan jam out to the music of Rockabye Beats during the Bunker Hill Block Party held at the Training Field.



Ellie Coates was very concerned when hearing Rockabye Beats cover the Shark Song.



Nathalie Mangrum at The Maker Mangrum table.



Barbara and Kevin Gatlin are reenactors from the Sudbury Militia.



Mayor Of Charlestown candidate Tracy Zimmerman and owner Linda Garrity at their Touchstone Creations table.



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The Acton Minute Men fire a salute.



A group of friends camps out on High Street to watch the Parade.



Chris Kone of His Majesty's 1st Foot Guard.



Middlesex County Volunteer Fife And Drum marches past the Bunker Hill Monument.



Members of the Naval Submarine School drill team perform an impressive rifle drill.



Angela Link and Apollo watch the parade.

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Excited Parade fans show their enthusiasm for Bunker Hill Day on Main Street.



Members of the Concord Minute Men during the 27th Battle of Bunker Hill Day parade. See Pages 10-12 for more photos.



Members of Acton Minute Men get ready for the parade.

Thank you for a great Bunker Hill Day!



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247TH BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



The Bunker Hill Monument was a perfect place to watch the Parade.



Commander Billie Farrell leads the crew of the USS Constitution under the giant flag raised by the Boston Fire Department in front of Saint Frances de Salle Church.



Dirty Water Brass Band played in front of the Charlestown Working Theater



Saren and Cali Brown.



People at Bunker Hill Ave and Cook Street watching the parade and enjoying the day.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu gets a high-five from Taelyn Donahue.



Josh, Carolyn, Lilly and Joseph Manning with Simba.

Happy Bunker Hill Day!

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BUNKER HILL DAY BREAKFAST

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Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico with original Bunker Hill Associates Brian Callahan, Jack Pierce, and Stevie Owens.



Bunker Hill Associates member Jack Pierce, Commander of the USS Constitution Billie Farrell, and Lions Club Treasurer Moe Gillen.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu (right) speaks with Bunker Hill Associates member Cecil Jones (center) and his brother James.



Massachusetts State Senators Sal DiDomenico and Lydia Edwards, State Rep Dan Ryan, Bunker Hill Associates members Maureen Collier, Kim Mahoney, and James Lister, Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta, and US Secretary Of Labor Marty Walsh do a selfie.



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US Secretary Of Labor and former Mayor Of Boston Marty Walsh offers remarks during the Bunker Hill Breakfast held at the Knights of Columbus hall.



US Secretary Of Labor and former Mayor Of Boston Marty Walsh is the recipient of an Appreciation Award from Bunker Hill Associates by Kim Mahoney.



Massachusetts State Senator and previous Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards is presented with an Appreciation Award from James Lister, Vice President of Bunker Hill Associates.



Kim Mahoney and Maureen Collier present fellow Bunker Hill Associates member John Driscoll their Presidents Award.



Sgt Detective John Boyle of the Boston Police Media Relations was also a Guest Speaker who spoke of his first stationing of his career as a policeman was in Charlestown.



Bunker Hill Associates President Maureen Collier presents their Monument Award to previous President Joe McGonagle.



Bunker Hill President Maureen Collier and Treasurer Ronan Fitzpatrick.



Kim Mahoney, Maureen Collier, and James Lister (right) present fellow Bunker Hill Associate Cecil Jones their Unsung Hero Award for his support and involvement in their fundraising efforts.



Jean Tochtermann speaks with Massachusetts Gubernatorial Candidate Maura Healey.



Regina Doherty receives an Appreciation Award for her husband Gerard and her efforts to continue his legacy and loyalty to Charlestown.



The Knights Of Columbus Hall was filled for the Bunker Hill Day Parade Breakfast.



Bunker Hill Associates member Cecil Jones (right) gives recognition award to Isabelle and Noel Charbonnier in honor of their father Mike Charbonnier.



Comedian Steve Sweeney brought more laughs to the Breakfast.



US Secretary Of Labor and former Mayor Of Boston Marty Walsh and Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta laughs at a joke.

EDNA KELLY'S DOLL CARRIAGE PARADE

Derek Kouyoumjian photos



Paige Crowley has a creative doll carriage to show.



Cam Driscoll isn't sure how to comfort his cousin Anna Bree in their roles as BamBam and Pebbles from the 1960s cartoon show *The Flintstones*.



Carter Buonfiglio enjoys some Italian Ice after a long morning of doll carriages.



Cousins Olivia Gautreau and Audrey Avitabile picked classical doll carriage designs for their parade offering.



Cinderella (played by Jill Schuck) with Charlotte, Will, William, and Jack Farraber.

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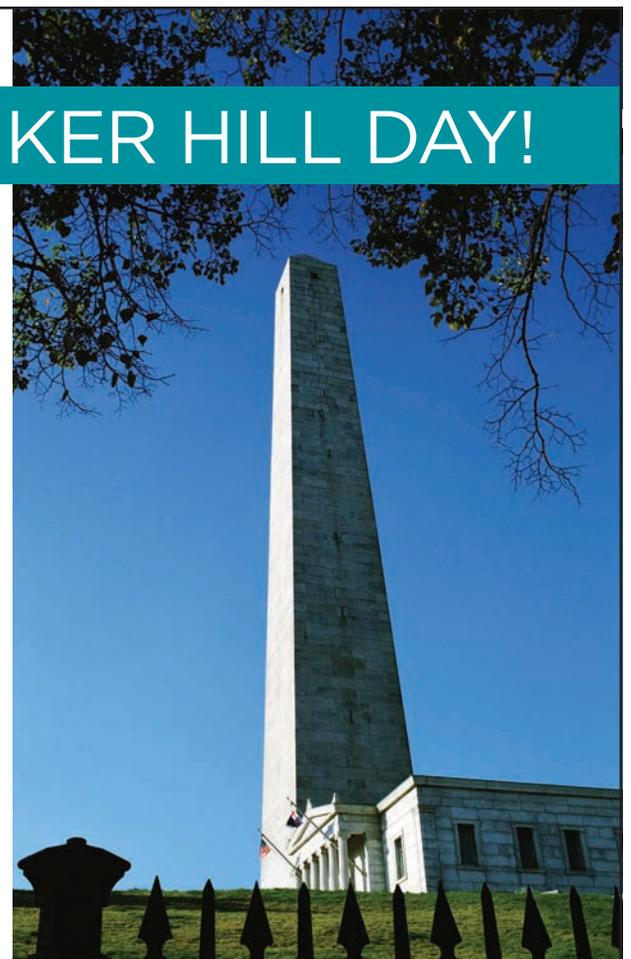
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Yunji and Edie Davenport.



Taylor Gautreau whisks a carriage in for her daughter.



Rory and Liam Kane have raid the Tiki Bar before their dad Joe could get to it.

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C, Sarah, and Brian Gowdy, with Gerri Wilson and Mister Buckman make for an eclectic collection of characters.



Maya Mitchell may have had a simpler doll carriage design but the editorial staff is fond of her taste in newspapers.



Sisters McKenzie and Kiley McLaughlin are characters from the latest Disney movie Encanto.



"Pink Lady" Tess Derosa shows that she is more Greased Lightning as her family member scrambles after her.



Peyton Grady and Saydee Murphy present their homage to Guardians Of The Galaxy.



The Hurly and DeRosa Families put together a theme dedicated to the movie Grease with the boys in their Greased Lightning and the girls as the Pink Ladies.

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The newly elected Mayor Of Charlestown winner Louis Woods offers remarks and a rundown of his Administration's goals.



Organizers Sean Boyle, Aileen Gorman, and Erica Woods (third from right) with Mayor Of Charlestown winner Louis Woods and fellow candidates Tracey Zimmerman and Red Lawton.



Louis and Samantha Woods won the Mayor Of Charlestown "Election" from raising \$20,000 and receiving \$10,000 for their prize.



Dennis Taylor announces the new Mayor Of Charlestown.

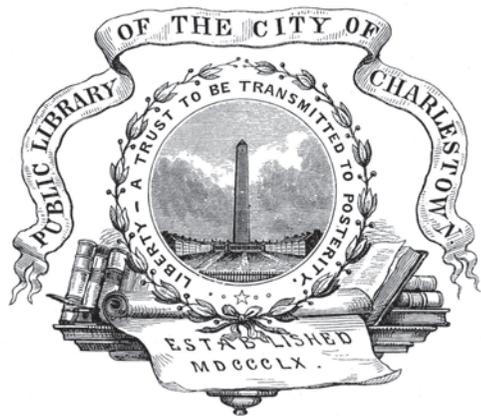


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This June 21, will mark the opening of a remarkable Charlestown Navy Yard public art exhibit with sculptures by award winning Massachusetts artist Michael Alfano whose work is in private and public collections throughout the world.

Of Many Minds consists of 20 sculptures extending from the USS Constitution in the Boston National Historical Park to various sites along the Boston Harborwalk and ending at Mayor Menino Park at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Michael Alfano is known for creating figurative and surrealistic sculptures that go beyond the literal, adapting the human form to convey philosophical ideas and abstract concepts. The exhibit is intended to be accessible and understandable to people of all walks of life. Each of the sculp-

tures has a quote to further the conversation and foster different ideas. The artist expects there can be as many meanings as there are people viewing the art.

Visitors of all ages will enjoy viewing and interacting with the sculptures. This free exhibit brings museum quality art to the public realm and offers a welcome outdoor activity while walking, biking and enjoying views of the City of Boston skyline. Of Many Minds runs until December 2023.

The exhibit is hosted by the Navy Yard Garden & Art, Inc. in partnership with the Boston Planning & Development Agency, the National Park Service and USS Constitution Museum and with the generosity of sponsors including Boston Harbor City Cruises by Hornblower, Charles

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Navy Yard Garden & Art will be hosting a number of events in connection with the exhibit including a Grand Opening on June 21 at the Shipyard Park amphitheater featuring a dance performance and the artist will lead several tours with Friends of the Boston Harborwalk. Details about upcoming events will be posted on www.navyyardgarden.org/events.

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Father Pat's legion of Friends here in the Town know him as the ultimate lifelong Townie who never forgot his roots and forever celebrated his Charlestown affiliation and heritage. His ordination as an Oblate Missionary on June 2, 1947, one day after his 26th birthday, meant that he would subsequently spend more years away from 02129 than he actually lived here. Obedience to the Order did not allow for a discussion of where he would serve. Subsequently, his initial post-ordination assignment brought him to Buffalo, NY followed by a military chaplaincy deployment to Camp Zama in Okinawa, Japan. A sign of the esteem that he held among Townies even after he had been away some eight years after his Ordination is that the first-year Saint Mary's Cadets Drum & Bugle Corps and accompanying Drill Team marched him out to his departure plane on the tarmac at Logan Airport. Way to Go, Father Pat!

Father Pat's Charlestown bona-fides made him a "Townie's Townie" and generated his Stories to tell the World. He grew-up at #5 Prescott Street where he was one of ten children raised there by his parents, Patrick and Catherine [Walsh] Healy. A passion for Stickball in the Streets and occasional sojourns to the soda fountain at Donovan & Fallon's paralleled his elementary School days at Saint Mary's; acceptance and subsequent Graduation in 1939 from Boston English High School paved the way for successful application and acceptance by the Oblate Seminary in Tewksbury. There and post-Ordination continuing study allowed him over time to master and gain fluency in no less than five foreign languages.

Additional assignment orders from the Oblate Missionary after his initial assignment to Buffalo and Okinawa required that he take up residency as a Catholic Military Chaplain in South Korea, and then in Vietnam -- where he would serve served two separate Tours of Duty -- and Germany. An indication of his fervor and insistence to stay close to "his men" in harm's way, Father Pat was the recipient of three Bronze Stars and the "V" Device for heroism and valor. New assignments followed, permitting a return to the U.S. per chaplaincy appointments at the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY, and an assignment to the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Washington, DC. He would serve a total of 23 years in the U.S. Army, and had attained the rank of Major by the time of separation. Regardless of the nature of the assignment, the location of deployment or the Rank of Office held, Father Pat remained true to the inherent lessons of Charlestown values and always spoke glowingly and fervently to the World about all-things Charlestown, He was in every sense of the word our very own God inspired ambassador.

A 1980 assignment by the Order brought him to take-up service as the newly appointed Pastor of Saint Timothy's Parish in Miami, where Father Pat spent much of the '80's joining with Parishioners in constructing a new Catholic Church for his predominantly Cuban-American Parish. This assignment and subsequent return assignments to Buffalo, where he taught at the Holy Angels Collegiate Institute and Bishop Fallon High School, permitted occasional sneak-back visits to #5 Prescott Street and preceded a return to Massachusetts and Tewksbury where he served as the Supervisor of the Oblate residence and Infirmary. These Stateside deployments facilitated Father Pat's insistence on maintaining his ties to his beloved Charlestown. During this period of his Vocation, he managed to maintain active membership and affiliation with the Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association, the James W. Conway Bunker Hill American Legion Post 26 and held a 3rd Degree membership here sat Bunker Hill Council No. 62.

Late in Life, Father Pat took up residency as the Chaplain of the Chelsea Soldiers' Home and served as the Pastor of the Saint Michael's Chapel. This appointment had multiple advantages in multiple ways. It allowed him to provide the priestly counsel and catholic ministry to the residents of the Soldiers Home for some twenty years. Many of the residents at the Home were original Townie pals and acquaintances who regaled at the fact that the Chaplain was one of us. There, Father Pat was highly regarded for his keen intellect, personal knowledge and command of the issues of concern to the Veterans constituency and for his use of a highly entertaining wit to drive home the key lessons of each weekly Sermon. Suffice to say his fellow Veterans at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea loved Father Pat, every-appreciated for the extended effort he would undertake to get to know each new member of the Chapel's congregation. Just as importantly, his appointment and residency in Chelsea permitted him to maintain an on-going social connection to Charlestown, including marching in a Bunker Hill Day as the Grand Marshal, serving as a Keynote speaker at a turnaround of the USS Constitution and pitching in frequently to help out with celebrating Masses, occasionally, as his schedule would permit at Saint Francis de Sales and Saint Mary's Churches.

Prominently, and perhaps most fittingly, Father Pat's assignment to the Soldiers' Home allowed him to devote considerable time to the celebration of a weekly Mass at the Chapel of the Zelma Lacey House here in Charlestown. Doing so permitted him to share his Love of Faith and Christ with Zelma Lacey residents in a small intimate setting, doing so with the same entertaining and story-telling wit on display at the Soldiers Home. Father Pat's weekly sermons, filled with anecdotes of Charlestown days and Charlestown characters gone by, were social entertainments in their own right, ably assisted by the late Billy Boyle who would regularly serve as the Lector and, additionally assisted by our own Jackie Pierce who would assist as the altar server.

At the time of his passing, a "Life Lived Well" so aptly describes the Life and times of Father Patrick Francis Healy. The Ultimate Townie, a "Veteran's-Veteran" and a Priest of humble origins who always remained true to his Faith and Order, Father Pat may not be with us in bodily presence but remains with us everyday in our recollection of his love for us.

Rest in Peace, Father Pat. Your lessons have served us well; we'll take it from here.

The Bunker Hill Associates

June 12, 2022

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