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## CHS CLASS OF 2022



Patrick O'Connor photo

A graduation ceremony for the Charlestown High School Class of 2022, interrupted by a shooting incident on Monday, June 13 on the grounds of the school was continued on Wednesday, June 22 at the Case Gymnasium at Boston University. See Pages 8-11 for special graduation section.

## NEW Health launches new HIV Prevention Program

By John Lynds

With Monday being National HIV Testing Day, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) announced it has launched a new and expanded HIV Prevention Program thanks to a new grant.

NEW Health was recently awarded a grant to fund and promote PrEP (Pre-exposure prophylaxis) to prevent HIV transmission and is actively seeking and accepting new patients who qualify.

The new program will include PrEP treatment and other services at both its Charlestown and North End sites.

“Ending the HIV Epidemic in the US (EHE) is a federal initiative from the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) that is allowing NEW Health to expand the number of patients who need HIV prevention in its HRSA-funded health cen-

ters,” said Mary Zanol on behalf of NEW Health. “Anyone who is interested is eligible to join and can do so by calling NEW Health to schedule an appointment.”

A key component of the new program is PrEP, a once-a-day pill given to HIV negative individuals which can prevent HIV infection when taken as prescribed.

PrEP is one of a number of HIV prevention strategies for people who are HIV negative but who also have a higher risk of acquiring HIV, including sexually active adults at increased risk of HIV, people who engage in injection drug use, and serodiscordant sexually active couples.

According to studies PrEP can reduce HIV transmission through sex by 99 percent and through sharing of needles by 74 percent. PrEP is recommended for those whose partner has HIV, individ-

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## Meeting held to discuss future of BCYF's Clougherty Pool

By John Lynds

On Tuesday night the Charlestown community came together to get updates from city officials, voice their frustration and discuss options for BCYF's Clougherty Pool on Bunker Hill Street.

It was announced earlier this month that due to maintenance issues BCYF would close the neighborhood's only outdoor pool for the summer season.

At the meeting the city officials reported that the pool had recently undergone a third party audit and the results of that report forced BCYF to announce the pool would be closed for the summer.

Citing the audit BCYF officials said the condition of the Clougherty Pool facility has raised serious safety concerns and the city was unwilling to jeopardize the safety of the pool's patrons and the staff.

Rep. Dan Ryan said the city

initiated a second third party audit and the results should be reported in the next few days.

However, Ryan said while there is some hope emergency repairs could make the pool swimmable for the summer, he did not want to give false hope.

“Look, if the audit comes out tomorrow or Friday it will still take around three weeks for the pool to open, depending on what the report says,” said Ryan. “So you are looking at mid-summer when all is said and done.”

At the meeting Ryan wondered if it made more sense to just bite the bullet this summer and allow major repairs to be done to bring the pool up to better standards.

Rumors began swirling earlier this month about the possible closure of the pool. At a City Council hearing two weeks ago District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta put a spotlight on the rumors and

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## BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL DAY 5K ROAD RACE

The 53rd Annual Battle of Bunker Hill 5K Road Race was run on Sunday, June 12. The annual event benefits the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club and attracts runners from all over New England. See page 4 for more photos.

Marty Fabiano photo

# EDITORIAL

## FOURTH OF JULY MEMORIES

This weekend brings the Fourth of July, the celebration of the birth of our nation and an opportunity for all of us to partake in summertime fun with friends and family.

The Fourth of July brings back fond recollections from our youth, when we celebrated the Fourth with cookouts at our grandmother's house at Yirrell Beach on Pt. Shirley in Winthrop.

Those happy summer memories of sparklers, smores, and bonfires on the beach with family members, many of whom are no longer with us, are etched indelibly in our mind's eye and always bring a smile to our face as if they were just yesterday, though they occurred decades ago.

However, the Fourth of July also brings back a sad memory of a friend, an athletic young man in his 20s who was one of our basketball buddies, who became intoxicated at a backyard barbecue. He fell off a small porch when he missed a step and fractured some vertebrae, leaving him a paraplegic and wheelchair-bound for the rest of his life.

That tragic event happened almost 30 years ago, but the shock of hearing of our friend's accident, and then seeing him for the first time in a wheelchair, is something we never will forget.

All of us should make it a priority to do what we can to ensure that our loved ones and others with whom we'll be spending the holiday do so in a safe and reasonable manner.

That is doubly true if any of our activities are water-related or if driving is involved. We should keep in mind that over-imbibing in alcohol always is an invitation for a tragic situation, even in our backyards.

In addition, the illegal use of dangerous fireworks will result in many trips to the emergency room by those who suffered eye injuries, severed fingers, and burns.

In the 1800s and early 1900s, the Fourth of July served as a convenient excuse for young men to go on a rampage throughout their communities, vandalizing public and private property. The term "a safe and sane Fourth" was introduced at the start of the last century to discourage such wanton acts of rowdiness.

Although we no longer celebrate the Fourth as recklessly as our ancestors did, nonetheless we all must do our part to make sure that we observe the Fourth's festivities safely and sanely, both for ourselves and our loved ones.

We wish all of our readers a happy, fun-filled, and safe Fourth of July.

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## LETTERS to the Editor

### THANK YOU, QUINN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the Lieutenant Michael P. Quinn Scholarship Committee for selecting me as this year's recipient. Men and women who give their lives in protection of our freedom should never be forgotten. It is a testament to Lieutenant Quinn that his friends and the Committee members have continuously, since 1970, honored his name and service. Their faithful perseverance in honoring Lt. Quinn is proof that true friendship never wavers. I hope to demonstrate to the

Committee my worthiness of the Lt. Michael P. Quinn scholarship during my years at Northeastern University, but also in my service to the Charlestown community and as a loyal friend. I am honored to have been chosen. Please know that this money will be a great help to my family in paying my tuition.

With gratitude,

Elle M. Woods

### HELPING HANDS FOR HARVEST ON VINE

To the Editor,

It's sad to know that food insecurity is a real issue in our wonderful neighborhood of Charlestown. We have a special obligation as our town is home to the Bunker Hill Housing Development which is the largest affordable housing development in New England. Charlestown also welcomes new residents from many different foreign countries that need a helping hand in getting settled while recent food inflation is making access to healthy food even more of a critical need.

Thankfully, there is a local organization that works tirelessly to help provide food products and other necessities for those in need. The Harvest on Vine Food Pantry, under the tireless efforts of Mr. Tom MacDonald and volunteers, assists over 500 families each month with a variety of healthy

food options, this is an increase of 100% since this time last year.

Inspiration for broader community support of Harvest on Vine started in 2019 when a long-time resident of Parris Landing asked if families would bring canned goods and cereals to the Annual Monument Square Halloween Parade, a well-attended event for families and children from all of Charlestown and other neighborhoods. This forward-thinking resident set up a table and was delighted with the considerable amount of food donations and financial contributions that were collected that day.

The following year, the Annual Monument Square Halloween Parade was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. Diane Valle, Chair of the Halloween celebration asked the community to convert what would be spent on candy and costumes to donations to Harvest on Vine. Charlestown residents rose to the challenge and contributed \$15,000 to help feed hundreds of families.

While the Halloween tradition is now back on track, additional community events have showcased Harvest on Vine as part of their festivities by hosting tables and soliciting monetary donations and canned goods. The recent Pier 5 Association Earth Day celebration and the Navy Yard Garden and

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**OP-ED** (from pg. 2)

Art Association and Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard Summer Solstice together collected about \$1,500 in donations. Beside the much needed-proceeds, awareness was heightened as to the level of need that persists so close by in our little community. It makes these gatherings take on even more meaning when there is such an element of giving back to the community that gives us so much.

Going above and beyond, one of the attendees at the Summer Solstice gathering offered to do a laundry a day for those struggling with laundry issues and she will try to create a team of people willing to help and step in to provide this necessity chore. In addition, there is an on-going effort to provide household necessities such as sheets and shower curtains.

To contribute to Harvest on Vine or to volunteer your time, please visit their website at Tmacdonald@Stmarystcatherine.org. or call Tom McDonald 617.990.7314.

Thank you for reading and have a safe summer.

**Diane Valle and Ann Kelleher**

**SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT**

To the Editor,

Let's set the record straight about the status of funding for the Peace Park (see letter to editor June 23, from Alice Lahnstein).

YES, of the \$500,000 Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant to the Peace Park creation, \$166,666.67 was disbursed to the Charlestown Preservation Society, the fiscal agent for the project.

Of this first disbursement, \$15,000 was spent on landscape design, shared last fall. The balance sits in a dedicated account at the TCB bank and is subject to audits and regular expenditure reporting to the City of Boston and its Community Preservation Act staff.

The Charlestown Coalition and Turn It Around youth group have continued to adorn the park with modest seasonal plantings dedicated to the lives lost by community violence and addiction using money raised by the group by GoFundMe.

Yes, The Peace Park still is threatened with the loss of CPA funding.

Yes, you can help, the message to the attached names is simple.

Please break MassDOT's deadlock, so an inclusive community driven, City funded Peace Park project, honoring those who were victims of community violence

and overdose to foster community unity and collective healing, can arise from an underused, care-worn cement lot.

Please direct your concerns to MassDOT, the legal owners of the parcel of land. After failing to move forward with the process to lease the land to the Friends of the Peace Park for 15 years as agreed to by MassDOT Undersecretary and Chief Strategy Officer Scott Bosworth as a requirement of the Community Preservation Act, our elected officials tried to secure a transfer of the land to the City of Boston Parks Department, but MassDOT never moved forward with the required "canvassing" process. MassDOT personnel refused to continue normal project engineering review with the Friends of the Peace Park's working committee and its landscape architect, and Rep. Dan Ryan's conversations with MassDOT ended in essential stalemate.

CPA funded grants have timelines. While a Chapter Act may be our only path forward, they very often take years in the legislature, this timeframe does not work within the requirements of the CPA grant program, and we risk non-compliance and the recall of funds. The only acceptable way to move forward is for MassDOT to abide by its agreement with the Charlestown Coalition and Charlestown Preservation Society for the creation of a new Peace Park.

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Thank you for reading.

**Friends of the Peace Park**

**AUDIT REBUTTAL**

To the Editor,

Last week I read a misinformed

letter to the editor asking for an audit of Peace Park accounting. It immediately veered into grandstanding. A classic what-aboutism argument by someone who lacks almost any modicum of investigative initiative except that which supports her own narrative. The author could have answered her own question by reaching out to anyone in the Charlestown Coalition. After all, the email was contained in the article. Instead, she chose to submit an inflammatory, reckless hit piece that discredited herself. Also, it's very disappointing that the author would pit two worthy projects against each other. She should redirect her frustration to those responsible for letting her down instead of another non-profit looking to improve the community.

The author is also factually wrong. To date, of the \$500,000 allocated by the CPA, only \$15,000 has been spent. The entirety of which has been on hiring a reputa-

ble architect after carefully reviewing several proposals from different firms with similar proposed fees. Architects are responsible for site analysis, schematic design/development, permitting, bidding, and construction administration. They follow a project from start to finish and it's not cheap (especially in a city like Boston). This is a far cry from the "few painted pebbles" she belittled.

The author next refers to Peace Park as a "dead slab" of concrete, never containing "a human body" and wonders "why was so much money appropriated?" Frankly, the answer is contained within the question posed. I agree with her, the park requires a complete overhaul to realize it's full potential - which cost money. Money to reimagine and activate the space. Funds for seating, lighting, drainage, and paving. Money to replace the concrete with trees, shrubs, and flowers. This of course would require irrigation for the vegeta-

tion to flourish. But the author is already well-aware of the hardship of watering plants without the help of irrigation, so safe to say, we agree on this one.

The call to action by the supporters of Peace Park in the 16 June 2022 Patriot Bridge was to get a land quibble between MassDOT and the city resolved allowing the project to move forward. Breaking an impasse so contracts can go out to bid and begin construction. I hope the author reaches out to the Charlestown Coalition so she can start to understand the process and all the hard work being done by staff and volunteers. The door is always open.

By the way, I support what the author is doing with her organization and wish her the best. Just not at the expense of others.

The views expressed above are my own.

**James Medeiros**

**NEW HEALTH** (from pg. 1)

uals that don't always use condoms during sex, people who have been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease in the last six months, and for those who share needles to inject drugs.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), roughly one in 10 new HIV diagnoses occur among people who inject drugs. Drug use also increased greatly during the COVID-19 pandemic; according to the United

Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), around 275 million people used drugs worldwide between 2020 to 2021, a 22 percent increase from 2010.

NEW Health's new HIV Prevention Program also includes HIV Testing, Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), outreach, education, and counseling services. Outreach includes the distribution of videos on what PrEP is and the basics of HIV testing.

Zanor said Medication Payment Assistance is also available and more information can be found at <https://accesshealthma.org/prevention/prepdap/>. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 857-238-1100 (Charlestown) or 617-643-8000 (North End.).

For more information on NEW Health and its services in both the Charlestown and the North End and visit [www.newhealthcenter.org](http://www.newhealthcenter.org).

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# THE 53RD ANNUAL BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL DAY 5K ROAD RACE

The 53rd Annual Battle of Bunker Hill 5K Road Race was run on Sunday, June 12. The annual event is a benefit for the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club and attracts runners from all over New England. This year's field included 854 runners, 143 were under 12 years old, 31 were over 60 and 476 of the entrants were from Charlestown.

The race was timed by Bay State Race Services. Sponsored by: DMF Group, RSM, Dan Finn Classic, Constellation Energy, MGH Health Institute

For more information about the Charlestown B&G Club, call 617-242-1775 or email Derek Gallagher dgallagher@bgcb.org.



Dennis Sachek is the youth winner.

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Runners of all ages turned out for the event.

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Club Director Derek Gallagher congratulates Shannon Lamarre on being the first place female winner.

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Manuel Gonzalez won first place male.

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# Science non-profit “e” inc. bestows inaugural Perry Prize to extraordinary local teacher

Parents and leaders at the Warren Prescott K-8 joined to celebrate the school’s receiving of the first-ever Perry Prize, awarded to science teacher extraordinaire, Ms. Tina Champagne.

The event was a first of its kind for the school and the city. It was created by “e” inc. – the environment science learning and action center -- to honor a special science teacher who embodies “the caring and excitement needed to imbue our city’s children with a love of science.”

Through the efforts of Mr. Scott Perry, the Perry Prize is now an exciting way that schools can gain extra funds for special science projects, or new microscopes, added science books, or special investigation stations – whatever can support or enhance the winning science teachers’ needs.

“e” inc. a 17-year-old non-profit-science organization, is the brainchild of Dr. Ricky Stern. “e” inc. works across the city providing the science of the planet and the skills to make a difference in up to 13-day schools, 23 after-schools and recently, six teen teams.

“Since its start, “e” inc. has added dynamic science staff to Greater Boston’s schools, involving learners in wanting to know more! We want children and youth to understand, and care about the science that drives our planet. Our job to light a fire in each child’s mind so young people want to understand and then stand up to



*Inaugural Perry prize was awarded by local nonprofit “e” inc. to Warren Prescott School. Charlestown nonprofit “e” inc donated science prize funds at school ceremony. Pictured from left Principal Davis, “e” inc Board member Scott Perry, Recipient Science Teacher Tina Champagne, and “e” inc Board member Annis Gill-Miller.*

protect our One-of-a-kind Planet.”  
What will Ms. Champagne and her students investigate next? We’ll be watching to see what they dive into soon.

Congratulations to Principal Michelle Davis, to Mr. Scott Perry and to Science Award recipient Ms. Tina Champagne for a job well done!

## POOL (from pg. 1)

asked Boston’s Chief of Human Services Jose Masso to elaborate on if the Clougherty Pool would be closed.

A few days after the hearing, BCYF announced the pool’s closure and offered up nearby pools like the BCYF Charlestown Community Center pool as well as BCYF Mirabella Pool on Commercial Street in the North End as other options for swimming.

“Thank You to the Charlestown’s community for their advocacy on (trying) to get the Bunker Hill pool open,” said Coletta. “Last night, Rep Dan Ryan, Councilor Erin Murphy and I met with members of the Charlestown community to provide insight on the state of the Clougherty Pool. I am continuing to pursue answers and action so that this pool remains a commu-

nity resource for years to come.”

The meeting Tuesday came on the heels of protests last week after it was announced the pool would be closed for the summer.

Last week, Mayor Michelle Wu told reporters maintenance on the pool has been “kind of kicked down the line.”

“We’re now at a point this summer where the filtration system is completely broken and hazardous,” she told reporters. “We’re getting another analysis of what it would take, could there be some very, very short-term fixes that would kind of hold us over one more season, but the truth is that this pool needs major renovation.”

In a letter sent to the city last week, Charlestown Mothers Association wrote, “Access to city pools is not just a fun way for kids to pass time on hot days; it is a crucial part of keeping our

children safe when many lack the structured supervision the school year provides. Every hour we can keep our kids occupied and safe this summer is another hour we are doing our collective job to protect them.”

The group called closing the pool a public safety issue.

“Charlestown has seen a significant rise in gun violence this year,” wrote the group. “At a time when Charlestown youth need supervised, accessible and affordable outdoor activities more than ever, keeping a neighborhood pool closed only further isolates some of our most-vulnerable children. We need to be growing the opportunities, not shuttering facilities. We understand that pools are expensive to maintain, but that maintenance, or lack thereof, cannot come at the expense of our kids.”

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# Local officials react to Roe v Wade being overturned

By John Lynds

At a time when the country needs to unify more than ever, the US Supreme Court's decision to strike down the landmark Roe v Wade decision has only divided the country even further.

Protesters supporting women's reproductive rights immediately took to the streets after the decision was handed down by the country's conservative leaning highest court.

Local elected officials immediately condemned the Supreme Court's ruling, which gave federal constitutional protection for women's reproductive rights for 50 years.

"This decision will forever alter the fabric of our society," said District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta. "We will never be the same. We grieve. We are tired. We will fight like hell. I take solace in knowing my colleagues in federal, state, and local government are exploring any and all protects to protect access to abortion in this Commonwealth."

Mayor Michelle Wu added, "To all those who have received abortion care, considered getting an abortion, or supported a loved one who needed care: I stand with you. Abortion is crucial health-care. Every level of government, from city to federal, needs to stand up now to protect access to care."

In response to the Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v Wade, Governor Charlie Baker signed an executive order to protect access to reproductive health care services in the Commonwealth.

"I am deeply disappointed in today's decision by the Supreme Court which will have major consequences for women across the country who live in states with limited access to reproductive health care services," said the Governor. "The Commonwealth has long been a leader in protecting a woman's right to choose and access to reproductive health services, while other states have criminalized or otherwise restricted access," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This executive order will further preserve that right and protect reproductive health care providers who serve out of state residents. In light of the Supreme Court's ruling overturning Roe v Wade, it is especially important to ensure that Massachusetts providers can continue to provide reproductive health care services without concern that the laws of other states may be used to interfere with those services or sanction them for providing services that are lawful in the Commonwealth."

The order prohibits any Executive Department agencies from assisting another state's investigation into a person or entity for receiving or delivering



Local elected officials joined Sen. Elizabeth Warren and representatives from the ACLU of Massachusetts, Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts, and Reproductive Equity Now on the steps of the State House last week to protest the Supreme Court's ruling to overturn Roe v Wade.

reproductive health services that are legal in Massachusetts. The order also protects Massachusetts providers who deliver reproductive health care services from losing their professional licenses or

receiving other professional discipline based on potential out-of-state charges.

Also under the executive order, the Commonwealth will not cooperate with extradition

requests from other states pursuing criminal charges against individuals who received, assisted with, or performed reproductive health services that are legal in Massachusetts.

## First bite, perfect bite, last bite

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey, Shrewsbury Fire Chief James Vuona, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, and Chief Fire Warden David Celino of the Department of Conservation and Recreation are asking residents to practice fire safety this summer.

"Don't let a fire or serious burn ruin your summer," said Chief Vuona. "Practice fire safety with friends and family safely this season, and you won't have your local firefighters showing up as uninvited guests."

"We've seen increased brush and wildland fire activity and larger fire growth during the spring fire season this year," said Chief Fire Warden Celino. "As more people spend more time outside in the warm months ahead, we want to be sure everyone enjoys the great outdoors safely and responsibly."

### Grilling Safety

More than 75% of grilling fires in Massachusetts occur between May and September. Between 2012 and 2021, there were 908

fires involving grills, hibachis, and barbecues. These fires caused 35 civilian injuries, 10 fire service injuries, and \$8.9 million in estimated damages.

### General safety tips for grilling:

- Always grill outdoors, never inside.
- Do not use a gas or charcoal grill on any porch, balcony, or fire escape.
- Place grills 10 feet away from the house and deck railings. Make sure grills are not under eaves or overhanging branches.
- Gas grills can be used on first floor decks or patios, only if there is an outdoor stairway to the ground, or it is at ground level.
- Keep all matches, lighters and lighter fluid away from children.
- Create a circle of safety. Keep children and pets three feet away from grills. Children should never play near grills.

### Charcoal grill safety:

- Only use charcoal starter fluid. Do not use gasoline or kerosene to start a fire in a grill.
- Never add lighter fluid to

burning briquettes or hot coals. Doing so may cause a flash fire and result in serious burn injuries.

- Charcoal briquettes give off carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly. Always use charcoal grills outdoors in a well-ventilated area.

- For proper disposal of grill ashes, allow the coals to burn out completely and then cool for 48 hours before disposal.

- If you must dispose of ashes before they are completely cooled, thoroughly soak them in water before putting them in a metal container.

### Gasoline Safety

Gasoline vapors are highly flammable and refueling a hot motor can ignite them. Gasoline spilled onto clothing or rags can give off vapors until completely dry and be ignited by any heat source. Gasoline vapors can travel a long distance to find an ignition source, which is why gasoline must not be stored inside the house. There have been nearly 900 gasoline-related fires in Massachusetts over the past

10 years, causing nine deaths, 132 injuries, and over \$19 million in damage.

### Gasoline safety tips:

- Never use gasoline to start a fire or add it to any fire.
- Store gasoline only outside the home, such as in a locked shed, and always in an approved container. Never store gasoline in the home or basement.
- Gasoline should only be used as fuel for an engine, not as a solvent.
- Refuel lawnmowers, leaf blowers, mopeds, and other devices only when the engine is cool. Never refill while it is hot.
- Keep gasoline away from all heat sources, such as smoking materials, campfires, and grills.

### Smoking Safety

Smoking materials have been the leading cause of fire deaths in Massachusetts for decades, and there have been many fires this spring from improperly discarded smoking materials on porches and in backyards. Smoking fires can be particularly dangerous because

they may smolder undetected and then erupt into flames that grow rapidly. A fire that starts on a porch, balcony, or exterior stairway can get a strong hold before smoke alarms inside warn anyone of the danger.

Massachusetts fire departments reported almost 5,000 smoking-related structure fires between 2012 and 2021. These fires claimed 108 lives, including the life of a Watertown firefighter, caused 610 injuries to civilians and firefighters, and resulted in nearly \$200 million in damages. Cigarettes and other smoking materials cause an even higher number of fires outdoors, including brush fires.

"If you still smoke, or if you're having guests who smoke, please do it responsibly," said Chief Vuona. "Always use a deep, sturdy ashtray or a can with sand or water. Don't let people toss smoking materials into the mulch, leaves, grass, or planters, and don't stub them out on the porch railing or stairs. Remember to put it out, all the way, every time."



**Wishing everyone a  
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# A LOOK AT THE CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022



Patrick O'Connor photos

A graduation ceremony for the Charlestown High School Class of 2022, interrupted by a shooting incident on Monday, June 13 on the grounds of the school was continued on Wednesday, June 22 at the Case Gymnasium at Boston University. Many of the graduates returned to the tune of 'Pomp and Circumstance' and were welcomed by Dr. Liana Tuller and Mayron Ramirez. Dr. Brenda Cassellius returned for the occasion too and said a few words of congratulations. The valedictorian address was presented by Abdel Sahdala Lape and was pre-recorded and presented on a video to the assemblage. Mr. Lape was unavailable to be at the graduation due to traveling plans for college. After a few presentation of awards and greetings from headmaster Joel Stembidge and Kristyn Hughes and Ivan Quinones Cruz, diplomas were presented to most of the 155 graduates in the Class of 2022.



The Charlestown High School Class of 2022 on their way to the ceremony.



Headmaster Joel Stembidge with valedictorian Abdel Sahdala Lape and salutatorian Chakaiya Harrison Waters



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## CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022



### Charlestown HS Class of 2022

Abarca Allcea, Renee  
 Alves Domingos, Eduardo  
 Amaya Rivera, Leidy  
 Anderson, Anayia  
 Alicea Castro, Christian  
 Arias Suazo, Arleth  
 Baez Lara, Eve  
 Bala, Giovanni  
 Basabe Muniz, John  
 Bernal Ramos, Marian  
 Bodden Sorensen, Karla  
 Bonner Shell, Caryn  
 Branch, Kevin, II  
 Brimage, Talik  
 Brown Griffin, Terrence  
 Buckle, King David  
 Cadet, Cassandra  
 Caraballo, Aida  
 Castro Paz, Fabiola  
 Charles, Dimitri  
 Cotto, Bryan  
 Cater, Tenayish  
 Collins, Christopher  
 Contreras Lopez, Katerine  
 Contreras, Brian  
 Cortes Quinones, Luis  
 Cruz Reyes, Yesmi  
 Cruz, Jezmanni  
 Dejesus, Joshua  
 Deleon, Daury  
 Diallo, Ratoulay  
 Diaz Lopez, Maria  
 Dowgos, Michael  
 Edwards, Shyan  
 Emenike, Ahnyah  
 Essaid, Adam  
 Estrella, Roselynn  
 Feng, Ri Jia  
 Fortune, Dasley  
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 Hernandez Pena, Adriana  
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 Herrera Rojas, Jimeno  
 Hollis, Zayda  
 Hopkins, Shaniya  
 Howard, Jayden  
 Hughes, Ophelia  
 Hughes, Osbert  
 Huynh, Kelly  
 Jean Baptiste, Kassandra  
 Jean Louis, Steven  
 Jean, Sael  
 Jeanpierre, Jahnina  
 Johnson, Amaia  
 Jones, Janayla  
 Lara Pena, Enmanuel  
 Lester, Naleona  
 Lopez Paz, Nery  
 Lubin, Jonathan  
 Made, Harold  
 Marin Garcia, Esteban  
 McCray, Kishan  
 McDonald, Rajanique  
 Mendonca, Latia

Menjivar, Elena  
 Mesa, Juliana  
 Michel, Joshua  
 Mickey Johnson, Jaewun  
 Molina, Damian  
 Montoya Guerra, Marco  
 Morales Leiva, David  
 Morales, Roxana  
 Mornot, Steven  
 Murchison, Nijaeyah  
 Nafre, Tammuz  
 Negrón, Wilmarys  
 Nguyen, Trung  
 Nunez Tapia, Alberson  
 Odivin, Wedjina  
 Okornoe, Jeremiah  
 Orellana Cashpat, Daniela  
 Ortega Bran, Maria  
 Pamas, Victorya  
 Pena, Anajeli  
 Pena, Anajelin  
 Pereyra, Stephanie  
 Phan, Karolina  
 Pierre, Naika  
 Pimentel Santos, Maria  
 Pina, Elton  
 Pinet, Jaden  
 Pinto, Melissa  
 Portillo Portillo, Saul  
 Quilter, Salma  
 Ramirez Ramos, Elmer  
 Restrepo Montoya, Lorena  
 Reyes Ramirez, Ambar  
 Reynoso German, Robert  
 Reynoso German, Robert  
 Rodriguez Gomez, Jonathan  
 Rojas Perez, Daniela  
 Ruiz Santana, Cristian  
 Sahdala Lape, Abdel\*  
 Salazar Lemus, Katerin

Sanchez Cruz, Erickson  
 Sanchez Ortiz, Marquiann  
 Sanchez Velasquez, Isabella  
 Sierra Garrido, Ana  
 Sanchez, Elizabeth  
 Santiago Dominguez, Karina  
 Santiago, Elijah  
 Smith, Kyara  
 Solanomorillo, Alexander  
 Soto, Damaris  
 Soto, Kevin  
 Spaulding, Alisia  
 Stephens, Tyraya  
 Stewart, Gregory  
 Switzer, Ryan  
 Tamayo Corredor, Daniela  
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 Triana Cardenas, Karen  
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 Villanueva Polanco, Pedro  
 Urbaez, Anyara  
 Vaquerano, Jennifer  
 Vargas, Sabrina  
 Vo, Simon  
 Wang, Jianhan  
 Waters, Jahkhi  
 Whitley Tejada, Aryana  
 Yang, James  
 Yang, Ze Fu  
 Zhang, JiaJun  
 \* Valedictorian

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## CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

### Scholarship recipients

The following students received these awards:

**Franklin Medal:** Valedictorian Abdel Sahdala Lape and Salutatorian Chakayia Harrison Waters

The following students received full college scholarships due to their hard work and dedication in the classroom:

Abdel Sahdala Lape and King David Buckle who earned academic scholarships at Boston College

Chakayia Harrison Waters and Stephanie Pereyra who received the Thomas Menino Scholarship at Boston University

Joshua Dejesus and Jahkhi Waters for receiving the MKTYP Scholarship at Brandeis University

Roberssi Reynoso for earning the Posse Scholarship to attend Bucknell University

Jaden Pinet who earned the Torch Scholarship at Northeastern University

Maria Diaz Lopez for earning the Boston Scholarship at Northeastern University

Trung Nguyen, Damaris Soto, Sabrina Vargas, and Jianhan Wang for receiving the Foundation Year Scholarship at Northeastern University

**Boston Teachers' Union Scholarship:** Elena Menjivar and Steven Mornot

The Ivol Brown Memorial Scholarship in memory of a former student. Ivol was a passionate young leader and strong community advocate who wanted to influence and improve his community. We are happy to present this scholarship to somebody who embodies those qualities: Rajanique McDonald

2022 Bunker Hill President's High School Scholarship is a scholarship awarded for in-state tuition and fees up to 15 credits for the fall 2022 semester. The scholarship will renew for the spring 2023 semester provided the recipient achieves a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. This scholarship, which is funded by the Bunker Hill Community College Foundation, Inc. and Bunker Hill Community College, includes comprehensive support for high school recipients in their transition to college: David Morales Leiva

The Charlestown Mothers' Association (CMA) is pleased to offer graduation awards to

Charlestown High School seniors who are current residents of Charlestown. We are proud of what you have accomplished and look forward to seeing the impact you will have on our community and beyond: Renee Abarca Allcca, Eve Baez Lara, John Basabe Muniz, Cassandra Cadet, Aida Caraballo, Roselynn Estrella, Dasley Fortune, Jahnina Jeanpierre, Joshua Michel, Damian Molina, Wilmarys Negron, Wedjina Odivin, Victorya Pamas, Stephanie Pereyra, Salma Quilter, Roberssi Reynoso German, Robert Reynoso German, Cristian Ruiz Santana, Alexander Solanomorillo, Anyara Urbaz, James Jian Yang

Dr. Leon Crockett Scholarships and The Carolina De Fabritius Holmes Scholarships are granted to seniors planning to go on to higher education, who have displayed great scholastic promise: King David Buckle, Junyang Guan, Karla Bodden Sorensen, and Jiajun Zhang

The Exceptional Student Awards are being handed out for the 12th consecutive year. They are awarded to students who have accomplished and demonstrated growth throughout the year: Danasia Farmer, Ophelia Hughes, Seth Green, Francelys Gonzalez, and Ana Cielo Sierra Garrido

The Scott Harney Award goes to one student annually whose work at CHS demonstrates a passion for written language and a drive for excellence in expression: Ratoulay Diallo

The William J. Power Family and William Wentworth Memorial Scholarships are scholarships given to students who demonstrate good citizenship, are active members of their school communities, and planning on attending schools in Massachusetts: Daury DeLeon and Amaia Johson

Principal's Award is being given to a student for displaying Character, Humanitarianism, and Scholarship: Eve Baez Lara

SAP Futures Fund Award: Chakayia Harrison Waters, Sael Jean, Juliana Mesa, and Abdel Sahdala Lape

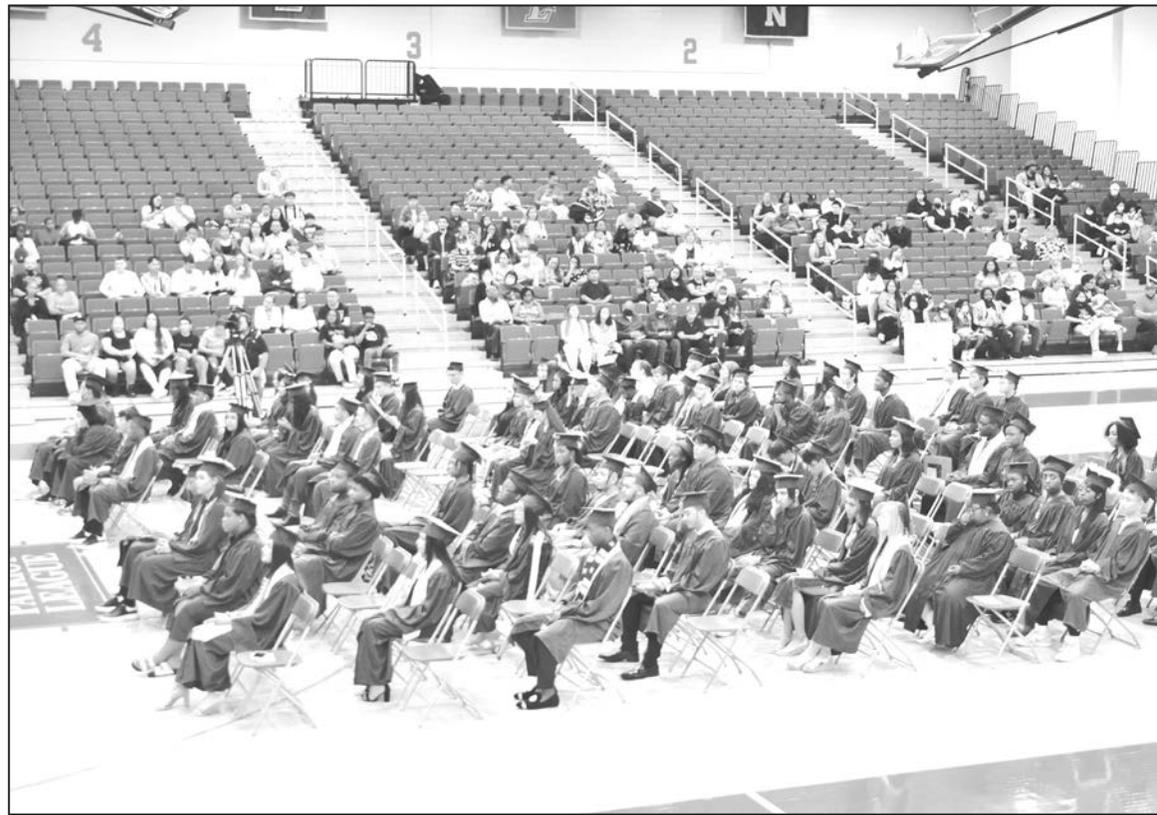
The Sean Savoie Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Mr. Sean Savoie, a dedicated ESL teacher who taught

SEI students from 2011- 2016. This scholarship is awarded in recognition of current or former SEI students at Charlestown who has shown commitment to English language development and whose interest in music has sparked joy of learning and enrichment in

their life: Daniela Rojas Perez and Jiajun Zhang

The John Zinna Memorial Scholarship was founded in 2021 in memory of John Zinna. John was a graduate of the class of 1970 at Charlestown High

School and a Master Electrician at the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. He kept the lights running and fans blowing in the tunnels for over thirty years. He believed in the power of learning and giving back to his community: Damian Molina



Charlestown students on Wednesday, June 22 at the Case Gymnasium at Boston University.



The Charlestown Mothers Association congratulates its 2022 CMA college scholarship winners

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Connor Boyle, Isabella Carr, Margaret Gaudian, Hayden Groh, Emily Huang, Gary Mei, Reagan O'Brien, Kiley Stillman & Elle Woods

# ANNUAL SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION AT THE NAVY YARD PARK

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

Friends Of The Charlestown Navy Yard with help from Charlestown Working Theater, Boston Redevelopment Authority, and Charlestown Against Drugs held their annual Summer Solstice

Celebration at the Navy Yard Park. Ice cream, dance performances, magic shows, music and fun were a great way to welcome Summer.



Erin Reiley watches her son Connor Crowley have a good time with his ice cream.



Susan Thomas and Sandra Lemack at the Courageous Sailing kiosk letting people know about boating in the Harbor.



Errin Douglas and Dr Ian Carvy with Coalition for a Resilient & Inclusive Waterfront.



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Caden and Lexi McDonald.



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Mike Bent performs his Abrakidabra magic show to a sizeable crowd.

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Young Sammy volunteers for Mike Bent's Abrakidabra magic act.



Ziah and Paris Bunkers are enjoying the magic show.



The crowd goes wild for Mike Bent's magic.



Anna and Ellie Berglund with Carrie Fry and her daughter.



The Harvest On Vine team was letting everyone know of their mission to help feed people in need.



Paige Crowley has fun with some of the artifacts at the USS Constitution Museum kiosk.



Friends Of The Charlestown Navy Yard members Marian Tse, Nancy Krepelka, and Andrea DiLauro.



A crowd forms to witness the Abrakidabra magical act of Mike Bent.

# Wu announces the results of the annual homeless census

On the night of February 23, Mayor Wu led a group of volunteers, including City and federal officials, homeless service providers, and public health and safety first responders in conducting the City of Boston's 42nd annual homeless census. During the annual census, the City of Boston collects data on individuals spending the night unsheltered on the street, and individuals and families staying in emergency shelter, transitional housing, or domestic violence shelter programs. This point-in-time count is a national requirement for cities who are receiving funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"This year's census data helps us better shape Boston's work to support our unhoused residents, coordinate effectively with our state and federal partners, and move closer to ensuring everyone has a safe, healthy home," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "As we continue our work to tackle housing across all of our neighborhoods, these results will guide our efforts to serve all of our residents and end homelessness in our city."

Overall, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness in Boston on the night of the census decreased by 2.4 percent, from 1,659 individuals in 2021 to 1,545 individuals in 2022. This reduction builds on a decrease of 24.7 percent from 2020 to 2021 which was due in part to a coordinated effort by city agencies and homeless service providers to create alternative housing, shelter and healthcare options that de-concentrated shelters during the first wave of the pandemic. It also reflects sustained and successful efforts in housing individuals experiencing homelessness and at-risk individuals and diverting individuals from emergency shelter to safe alternatives when possible.

The number of unsheltered persons staying on the street on the night of the census decreased by 30 percent, or 51 individuals, from 170 individuals in 2021 to

119 individuals in 2022. There were no unsheltered families on the streets of Boston on the night of the census, as has been true for more than the past decade. After two years of increased unsheltered homelessness, this year's street count is slightly lower than the total of 121 in 2019. The number of veterans experiencing homelessness decreased by 15.5%, from 213 veterans in 2021 to 180 veterans in 2022.

"The homeless census is an important tool in understanding the status of unsheltered veterans," said Andrew McCawley, president of the New England Center and Home for Veterans. "As an organization deeply engaged in efforts to end homelessness among veterans, this data provides us with a further understanding of the trends in our community so that we can plan for and deliver services. Even with this decrease, ONE unsheltered veteran is too many. We appreciate the City's work to conduct this census and its collaboration with our organization to move forward a coordinated strategy to end veteran homelessness in the City of Boston."

In 2021, the Mayor's Office of Housing, Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, Boston Housing Authority and a collaborative of homeless services and housing providers launched the Street-to-Home (S2H) Initiative focused on placing persons experiencing long-term unsheltered homelessness in permanent housing with wrap-around services. Participants were identified from a city-wide list of unsheltered individuals with a particular focus on the area centered at Massachusetts Ave. and Melnea Cass Blvd. By the night of the unsheltered count in late February, 150 individuals had been housed. The Street-to-Home Initiative is an ongoing part of a larger effort by the Mayor's Office of Housing to invest Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) funding from the CARES Act to provide housing assistance and stabilization ser-

VICES. As a result of this funding, an additional 215 adult individuals experiencing homelessness were housed through ESG-CV rapid rehousing (RRH) programs over the 12 months prior to the 2022 census.

In November 2021, Mayor Wu brought in a special advisor, Dr. Monica Bharel, M.D. to accelerate efforts to mitigate the growing encampment crisis in the Newmarket triangle area at Mass Ave. and Melnea Cass Blvd. The Boston Public Health Commission, Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, and numerous public health, behavioral health and health care agencies worked with the Mayor's Office of Housing to support six low-threshold sites providing interim housing, access to much needed medical and substance-use disorder care and ongoing housing navigation. This effort resulted in placement opportunities for more than 150 individuals who had been living in unsafe and dangerous encampments in the depth of winter. By focusing on public health, substance-use and trauma-informed approaches, persons suffering from substance use disorder and other challenging life struggles were able to transition to safety and begin to navigate treatment, safe shelter, family reunification and housing pathways. Both the Boston Street-to-Home initiative and the low-threshold housing sites continue to work to assist and stabilize clients as they transition to treatment and supportive housing, helping break the cycle of homelessness for vulnerable unsheltered individuals.

"This census data is a valuable tool in devising strategies to solve homelessness in Boston," said Lyndia Downie, president and executive director of Pine Street Inn. "We are pleased to see a decrease in Boston's numbers, especially given the national picture, where street homelessness is at 39%. We know we still have work to do, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with

Mayor Wu and the Mayor's Office of Housing to scale up permanent supportive housing. Moving individuals off the street and out of shelter into the safety and stability of housing is the solution and will benefit not only those experiencing homelessness, but all residents and businesses in the city."

With insights gained from addressing the intersecting crises of unsheltered homelessness and the substance use epidemic during the last two pandemic years, the Wu administration will invest new resources and strengthen partnerships to address low-threshold shelter access, substance use treatment access and permanent supportive housing strategies to improve unmet needs for outreach, engagement, and intervention. In the coming year, the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, Boston Police Street Outreach Unit, Boston EMS, Fire and Public Works and Parks will work with a newly appointed Coordinated Response Director, Tania Del Rio, and her team to ensure a continued coordinated response to street homelessness and the successful implementation of the plan developed over the last six months by former Senior Adviser Dr. Monica Bharel. The Mayor's Office of Housing will invest up to \$1 million in funding to work with Pine Street Inn, Eliot Community Health Services and other street outreach providers to strengthen diversion and housing navigation for unsheltered individuals, and to enhance housing stabilization for individuals who transition into permanent supportive housing. Additional funds will be dedicated to ensure ongoing client engagement, behavioral health and substance use treatment access, housing navigation and rehousing for participants in the six low-threshold sites set up to mitigate last year's encampment crisis.

The number of homeless families increased slightly this year,

from 843 to 929, and Mayor Wu, the Boston City Council and a number of dedicated family homelessness providers, people with lived experience of family homelessness, and advocacy agencies have joined a Commission on Ending Family Homelessness to explore strategies and develop a plan to address the housing, childcare, education and family support needs of homeless children and adults in families.

The census helps inform the City of Boston's policy development and allocation of resources. The information gained through the census is shared with other homeless service providers to aid in the coordination among the Continuum of Care members. Boston has one of the lowest percentages of unsheltered people living on the street of any major city conducting a census, with under 4 percent of Boston's homeless population sleeping on the street in 2021, the most recent year for which HUD has published national data. HUD did not publish national data for the total number of homeless persons who were unsheltered in 2021, because many Continuum of Care waived their unsheltered count due to COVID-19. In 2020, 39 percent of all homeless persons were unsheltered nationwide.

The Mayor's Office of Housing is responsible for housing people experiencing homelessness, creating and preserving affordable housing, and ensuring that renters and homeowners can obtain, maintain, and remain in safe, stable housing. The department develops and implements the City of Boston's housing creation and homelessness prevention plans and collaborates with local and national partners to find new solutions and build more housing affordable to all, particularly those with lower incomes. For more information, please visit the MOH website.

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# Charlestown's weekly COVID positive test-rate increases

By John Lynds

Charlestown's weekly COVID positive test rate increased slightly last week after weeks of decline according to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

This week the BPHC announced it is recommending that all Boston children and infants ages six-months and older get vaccinated against COVID-19. BPHC's recommendation follows recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommending COVID-19 vaccines.

"Many parents and caregivers have been anxiously awaiting approval of COVID-19 vaccination for the under 5 age group after two very difficult years of

worrying about the health and safety of their children," said Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the BPHC Dr. Bisola Ojikutu. "Some parents may be uncertain about getting their child vaccinated because there is so much information to consider. The vaccines are safe and protective against serious illness in this age group. Parents with questions or concerns should talk to their child's pediatrician to get the facts about the vaccine."

Last week, 342 Charlestown residents were tested for the virus last week and 12 percent were positive--this was a 36 percent increase from the 8.8 percent that tested positive between June 13 and June 20.

Forty one additional Charlestown residents contracted

the virus between June 20 and June 27 there have now been 4,456 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

However, Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate decreased last week

According to the BPHC, 12,787 Boston residents tested citywide and 7.3 percent were positive—a 5 percent decrease from the 7.7 percent that tested positive between June 13 and June 20.

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 0.67 percent last

week and went from 192,591 to 193,870 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were seven additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,478.

Dr. Ojikutu said the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine, which consists of three pediatric doses, is available for children ages 6-months to 5-years old.

The Moderna mRNA vaccine, consisting of two pediatric doses, is available for those ages 6-months to 5-years old. COVID-19 vac-

cines are already available to those ages 5 and up. Ensuring your child is up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations is the most effective way to keep them safe at summer camps, family outings, and other in person gatherings.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, parents will be able to find clinics and make appointments at the state's Vax Finder website. Parents who prefer to have their child vaccinated by their pediatrician should call their provider's office directly. The COVID-19 vaccine is free and no insurance or ID is required.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### PARKARTS NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERTS BEGIN JULY 11

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's 2022 ParkARTS Citywide Neighborhood Concert Series offers top-notch musical entertainment in local parks from July 11 through August 10.

The ParkARTS outdoor neighborhood summer concerts are presented in City of Boston parks and made possible by presenting sponsor Bank of America with additional support provided by Berklee College of Music. All shows begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

The series kicks off on Monday, July 11, with Bon Jovi tribute Living on a Bad Name at Hemenway Playground, 540 Adams Street, Dorchester, and continues Wednesday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. with Swingin' in the Fens featuring Lydia Harrell at Ramler Park, 130 Peterborough Street, Fenway (rain date July 20); Monday, July 18, with the Soul City Band at Medal of Honor Park, East Broadway and N Streets, South Boston; Tuesday, July 19, with The Dope Lotus at Smith Playground, 235 Western Avenue, Allston-Brighton; Monday, July

25, with Conscious Reggae at Horatio Harris Park, 85 Harold Street, Roxbury; and Wednesday, July 27, with Conscious Reggae at Fallon Field, 50 Firth Road, Roslindale.

The August schedule begins Wednesday, August 3, with Angelena & the Unit at Hunt/Almont Park, 40 Almont Street, Mattapan, and continues Sunday, August 7, at 5 p.m. with Jazz at the Fort featuring Jacques Schwarz-Bart at Highland Park, 58 Beech Glen Street, Roxbury; and Monday, August 8, with Divas with a Twist at Blackstone Square, 1530 Washington Street, South End. The series ends on Wednesday, August 10, with the Rebels Tom Petty tribute at Billings Field, 369 LaGrange Street, West Roxbury.

All ParkARTS neighborhood performances are free of charge. For more information, please call (617) 635-4505 or visit [boston.gov/parkarts](http://boston.gov/parkarts). 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](mailto:bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails) and following our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

### REGISTRATION OPEN FOR BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD SOCCER LEAGUE SCHOOL DIVISION

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with Boston Scores has announced that registration is now open for the 2022 Boston Neighborhood Soccer League High School Division.

This five-week, 7 v 7 league offers high school age soccer players in grades 9 to 12 the opportunity to compete against each other and develop their skills. Teams will play two games a week.

Pre-registration is required. Coaches can register their teams online at: [boston.gov/sports](http://boston.gov/sports).

For more information about BNSL, contact Woodley Auguste at (617) 961-3084 or email [woodley.auguste@boston.gov](mailto:woodley.auguste@boston.gov)

The Parks Department also hosts Boston Neighborhood Soccer Clinics for younger players ages 7 to 14 at the Department's Summer Sports Centers from July 5 to August 19. Visit [boston.gov/sports](http://boston.gov/sports) to register for this free summer drop-off sports and enrichment program.

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