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## CHARLESTOWN'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Courtesy Photos

On Tuesday Night, residents and law enforcement personnel throughout the country came together to hold National Night Out festivities. In Charlestown, the celebration took place at the Anchor in the Navy Yard with activities that included face painting, playing cornhole, getting balloon animals and learning about law enforcement from actual first responders.

National Night Out was started to strengthen the bonds between neighbors and law enforcement. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Shown in the photos are scenes from the local National Night Out.



## NEW Health to hold free community celebration in Charlestown Aug. 9

By John Lynds

In celebration of National Health Center Week, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) will host a free community celebration at its Charlestown location on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

The event, scheduled to take place between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 15 Tufts St., is open to all and will include a back-to-school COVID-19 vaccine clinic for Charlestown residents as well as tours with local dignitaries.

The annual celebration spearheaded by the National Association of Community Health Centers serves to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's health centers over the past five decades.

"In honor of this, NEW Health will host a tour for local civic leaders at its Charlestown site, including City Councilwoman

Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Rep. Daniel J. Ryan, and local City of Boston neighborhood liaisons," said NEW Health spokesperson Mary Zanol. "The tour will include the Rooftop Garden and Community Fridge, which are key components of NEW Health's robust Food Insecurity Program."

Zanol said the entire Charlestown and North End communities are invited to join and learn more about the health center, as well as enjoy complimentary pizza and ice cream, face painting and entertainment for children and gift card raffles.

"A back-to-school COVID-19 vaccine clinic will also be offered for ages six months old and above," said Zanol. "Vaccines, third shots, boosters and second boosters will be offered to those

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# EDITORIAL

## BILL RUSSELL WAS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON

For those of us who were Boston sports fans in our childhood while growing up in the 1960s, there was only one real hero -- and that was Bill Russell.

With 11 NBA titles in 13 seasons, the Celtics and Bill Russell were the epitome of success, especially in comparison to the other Boston sports teams of that era.

However, even at our young age, there was something about Bill Russell that we recognized as transcending the typical athlete of that period. We recall that when he published his autobiographical memoir in the mid-60s, *Go Up for Glory*, we eagerly bought the paperback. It was one of the few (if any) books that we read outside of our required school reading.

We knew instinctively, even at our young age, that if Bill Russell had something to say, it would be important and would be told in a straightforward and honest way that often was lacking in the turbulent era that was the 1960s.

The hippies proclaimed, "Don't trust anyone over the age of 30," but that did not apply to Bill Russell, who won his final NBA title as the Celtics' player-coach in 1969 at the age of 35. Bill Russell's honesty and integrity were unquestioned.

To paraphrase a popular TV commercial, "When Bill Russell spoke, people listened."

Bill Russell was as elegant and graceful in his demeanor off the court as he was in his athleticism on the court. Just as his emphasis on defense, rebounding, and leading the fast break not only revolutionized the game of basketball, but also set the standard for the definition of selflessness and the concept of a team player, so too, did his truthful outspokenness on the subject of racism in America set a new standard in the sports world for elevating our national conversation about race and other social topics.

As we grew into adulthood, if we were hanging out with friends, whenever we might be playing the, "If you could have dinner with anyone famous, who would it be?" game, our answer always would be, "Bill Russell."

Bill Russell will be missed, both in the world of sports and in the realm of life.

## GINA RAIMONDO FOR PRESIDENT

This past week, Congress finally passed the CHIPS (Creating Helpful Incentives for the Production of Semiconductors) and Science Act, legislation that will provide \$280 billion in federal funding to ensure that the making of semiconductors, which are crucial to every aspect of our everyday life, will be manufactured here in America.

It is estimated that only 12 percent of the computer chips that are essential to the products that are sold in America, including our defense industry, actually are made in America.

Ominously, the largest maker of computer chips in the world is the Taiwan Semiconductor Company, which has its largest manufacturing plant in its home country of Taiwan -- a nation that could be overrun by mainland China in a matter of days.

The CHIPS Act overcame opposition from both progressives and conservatives in the House and Senate thanks largely to the tireless efforts of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, the former governor of Rhode Island. Raimondo was forceful, eloquent, and politically savvy in her pitch to legislators on all sides of the political spectrum to garner support for the legislation.

Her efforts almost single-handedly saved the bill from defeat.

Raimondo graduated from Harvard and then went to Yale Law School. She also was a Rhodes Scholar and ran her own venture capital firm before running for State Treasurer and then Governor of Rhode Island.

Yet despite her Ivy League education, Raimondo grew up in a working class family in Rhode Island. She never had anything handed to her and worked hard for her success in life.

Gina Raimondo often is described as a centrist Democrat. When (hopefully) Joe Biden announces that he will not be running for re-election, there is no one on the Democratic side who would be better suited to running for President than Gina Raimondo.

Gina Raimondo is smart, articulate, and can speak the language of ordinary Americans. In short, she is a star among a bunch of also-rans.

## GUEST OP-ED

### Losing everything, what or who is important?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

What or who is important to you? The recent devastating flood in eastern Kentucky reminds us all that life can be swept away in a moment. Hundreds of families lost everything. One family lost their house and everything in it but lost their family -- four children ages less than two up through eight were swept away by the raging flood. One woman who had also lost her house and everything in the house stated she and her family were alive and that's all that mattered.

None of us want to lose our houses and everything we've worked for most of our lives. However, it's all junk in comparison to our children and loved ones.

From the fires of California to the floods of eastern Kentucky to the devastation of Ukraine by Russia, Loss and devastation can come to us all. We don't want loss. We recoil from natural disasters, invaders or diminishing health.

It takes a lifetime to pay for a house. Today, cars are often financed five years and more. People work hard to accumulate a few things. Little children, spouses

and aging parents are not easy to come by. Most of the time we take everything we have for granted. When the floods of life literally wash away all that we have and love, the loss is horrific.

We really don't know the full extent of how painful loss is until we have lost it all. Recent flood victims in eastern Kentucky essentially lost it all. Many literally escaped with only the shirts on their backs.

Cancer can eat away at our lives. Other forms of diminishing health can take us down to nothing. Financial losses can make us miserable. A fire can destroy everything. Life can change and in a moment.

Sometimes we have warnings that life is on the way to changing. When it rains, we don't automatically think the water will become so deep that we will all drown. Some people in eastern Kentucky will never be able to enjoy a long night of rain because of what it may bring.

Overall, people would like to live out their lives quietly and safely. Avoiding floods, fires and other life-threatening crises. Food to eat, something to wear and the enjoyment of people we love are most meaningful to us.

In the middle of life's devastations, we often look to God and ask why? If he is really so great, so good, and so loving then why would he send or allow eight or nine inches of rain to fall on the hollers of eastern Kentucky and sweep away little children? Did he go to sleep? Does he not care? Is he detached from what happens in the world? Is he really out there? Yet, as many grieve, they will fall upon God as he is all they have left to get them through. An old saint of God who suffered through the storms of life once said, "I didn't realize God was all I needed until God was all I had."

Whatever or whoever you have today, don't take it or them for granted. Be grateful, give thanks. Love on your loved ones and be kind to all. Consider taking some of your stuff and giving it to someone who may have nothing. It will be good for you both.

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## LETTER to the Editor

my family. This scholarship will help me with school supplies and books for my senior year as a Health Science major at Stonehill College. Thanks to people like you, I have been able to attend this wonderful institution for the past three years and have been om

the Dean's list every year. With this support, I will be able to further my education at Stonehill College in hopes to become a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Rory Carrier

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## THANK YOU OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOYS

To the Editor,

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## DiDomenico's bill supporting children with diabetes in school passes Senate

Last week the State Senate passed Senator DiDomenico's legislation which would support students managing diabetes in our schools. H.5052 An Act providing for diabetes management in schools would address the critical need for increased diabetes management services in schools for children living with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes throughout the Commonwealth. This bill would allow school nurses to share monitoring responsibilities with teach-

ers and other trusted adults in the classroom.

Currently, students who cannot self-administer treatment for their diabetes must excuse themselves from class in order to be treated by the school nurse or school physician. This takes up immense amounts of time and is incredibly disruptive and detrimental to students' academic and social success. This legislation would allow monitoring and treatment to finally be provided by an adult who is

delegated by the school nurse or physician and ease the burden on students managing their diabetes.

"I know how hard and time consuming it is to manage diabetes for many of our students, and I was proud to sponsor this legislation and advocate for its passage in the Senate," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "We are in a time right now where we are reimagining schools and how we can best sup-

port our families. This one simple tool will allow countless students to finally be able to remain in their classrooms and receive the education and school experience they deserve!"

Having passed the House and Senate, An Act providing for diabetes management in schools now goes on to the Governor for his signature.



Sen. DiDomenico speaking in favor of diabetes management bill.

## Brewer's Fork wins Best of Boston Award

By John Lynds

Since opening seven years ago, Brewer's Fork on Moulton Street has become a neighborhood favorite and is now a Boston Magazine favorite.

The food at Brewer's Fork has become a reliable staple in Charlestown because it's a simple menu of good food.

Recently Boston Magazine announced the neighborhood hot spot was the winner of the 2022 Boston Magazine Best of Boston Award for Best Beer Bar.

"As much as we've enjoyed the silver lining that was takeout four-packs with our wood-fired pizza, nothing compares to a beer — fresh from the draft! — at the Brewer's Fork bar," wrote

Boston Magazine. "That's because co-owner Michael Cooney brings craft-beer-world bona fides to this suds-and-pies joint, making it a place to find rarities — like an IPA from Bissell Brothers or sour beer from Jester King — from the buzziest breweries."

The popular bar and restaurant was previously named one of the top 35 places to drink by Boston Magazine.

Through an \$80,000 Boston Local Development Corporation (BLDC) loan in January 2015, Brewer's Fork owners Michael Cooney and Chef John Payne were able to open in Hayes Square to much fanfare that February.

Cooney and Payne had worked together in the restaurant industry and took a chance to open

a concept that focused on local craft beers on tap and great food cooked exclusively in a custom wood-fired oven. At the time there were no restaurants in the Hayes Square area of Charlestown and despite the fact many said they were taking a gamble, the owners felt it was a great location.

"It's pretty scary borrowing a lot of money from your family and friends and bringing all you have and not knowing what will happen when you open the doors," said Payne in 2018. "We are very happy with how things have gone — especially the rapport we've had with local people. People seem to really like the place. They're comfortable here. We have so many regulars now."



Brewer's Fork owners Michael Cooney and Chef John Payne toast winning the 2022 Boston Magazine Best of Boston Award for Best Beer Bar.

## Charlestown's weekly COVID positive test-rate decreases

By John Lynds

As the highly contagious sub variants of the COVID virus continue to spread across the nation, the latest surge of COVID may be waning a bit both in Charlestown and citywide.

According to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) nearly 12 percent of Charlestown residents tested for the virus were positive two weeks ago but those numbers have dropped a bit last week.

Last week, 252 Charlestown residents were tested for the virus and 10.7 percent were positive—this was a 10 percent decrease from the 11.9 percent that tested positive between July 18 and July 25.

Twenty seven additional Charlestown residents contracted

the virus between July 25 and August 1 and there have now been 4,586 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate also decreased last week according to the BPHC, 10,329 Boston residents tested citywide and 9.1 percent were positive—an eight percent decrease from the 9.9 percent that tested positive between July 18 and July 25.

Adult COVID-19 hospitalizations in Boston are now averaging 132.1 per day—down 10 percent from the previous week. This metric helps the BPHC understand the burden of serious COVID-19 cases among adults resulting in inpatient care in Boston hospitals. It includes the total number of adult hospitalizations among

Boston and non-Boston residents for COVID-19.

According to the BPHC levels of COVID-19 virus in local wastewater have decreased by 21.1 percent in the past seven days and are now at 578 RNA copies/mL—14 days ago it was up to 763 RNA copies/mL. While the current rate is still high, it is an improvement from the rates of more than 1,000 RNA copies/mL that were observed in early June.

The BPHC also reported that new COVID-19 cases in Boston have stabilized over the last seven days but Suffolk County as a whole remains at medium community risk, according to the CDC.

"The improvement in our COVID-19 trends over the past two weeks is a welcomed sign, but we must remain vigilant, especially with the highly transmissible

BA.5 variant making up a majority of cases in the region," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "We've seen a consistent pattern of ups and downs for the past few months, but, overall, Boston's metrics are at a medium risk level. The risk of transmission is still significant, and we all need to continue to take proper precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities."

The highly transmissible BA.5 variant, which accounts for 81.4 percent of COVID-19 cases in New England, has resulted in several instances of reinfection. Its ability to evade immunity from the initial vaccine series and prior infection are further reasons for everyone to get a COVID-19

booster. Booster doses provide an added layer of protection that supports a strong immune response to the virus, significantly reducing the likelihood of infection and severe illness.

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

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 1.6 percent last week and went from 197,686 to 194,506 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 1,502.

# Wu declares heat emergency, opens 16 BCYF cooling centers to all residents

Mayor Michelle Wu declared a heat emergency in the City of Boston starting, August 4 through Sunday, August 7, due to the upcoming weather forecasts. High temperatures will reach into the 90s, with the heat index expected to reach high 90s to over 100 degrees.

"We're working quickly to make sure all of our Boston residents and families are protected during this week's extremely hot weather," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I urge everyone to stay cool and safe, and check on your neighbors during the week. I'm thankful for the many City employees who are preparing for this emergency and will be responding to calls for service throughout our neighborhoods."

To help residents stay cool, cooling centers will be open at 16 Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers through Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A full list of centers can be found at [boston.gov/heat](http://boston.gov/heat). Due to the rising COVID-19 case count, the use of masks in cooling centers is strongly recommended. Additionally, splash pads will be open at parks and playgrounds throughout the City. Select indoor BCYF pools and the outdoor BCYF Mirabella Pool in the North End are open. Registration for a time to swim can be found at this link.

Anyone, regardless of their

medical conditions, can feel the impacts of extreme heat. During last month's heat wave Boston EMS experienced a 15-20% rise in daily calls to 9-1-1.

"We strongly encourage people to increase hydration and avoid outside activities during the hotter parts of the day, from 11am-6pm," said Boston Emergency Medical Services Chief James Hooley. "With multiple days of high heat, we see people of all ages, including the young and healthy, who are affected by the heat."

The City of Boston is taking critical immediate action to provide heat relief, including short-term, actionable steps toward relief during heat waves. The City of Boston has been engaging in a variety of catalytic projects to support extreme heat mitigation and improved health for residents. This includes the distribution of pop-up cooling kits with a hose, misters, and a tent to community organizations that have public events this summer.

Boston Public Library locations are available for residents to seek relief from the heat. The East Boston and Egleston Square branches recently installed misters in their outdoor free WiFi zones.

The Boston Public Schools is encouraging students and their families to prepare for hot weather this week by staying well hydrated and dressing appropriately. Families are welcome to send

their children to their respective summer programs, which will provide students with water and meals. Additionally, the majority of summer sites are equipped with air conditioning and fans will be delivered to sites in need of cooling.

Information on heat safety tips can be found online at [boston.gov/heat](http://boston.gov/heat) and by following @CityofBoston on Twitter. Residents can sign up for AlertBoston, the City's emergency notification system, to receive emergency alerts by phone, email or text. Sign up online here. Residents are also encouraged to call 311 with any questions about available City services.

The Mayor issued the following heat safety tips:

Children and pets should never be left alone in vehicles, even for short periods of time.

Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids regardless of activity level. Avoid alcoholic beverages and liquids high in sugar or caffeine.

Keep cool with frequent cool showers, shade, and air conditioning or fans.

Limit outdoor activity to morning and evening hours. Rest often in shady areas and be extra cautious from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., when the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is strongest.

Know the signs of heat exhaustion. Heavy sweating, cool and clammy skin, dizziness, nausea, and muscle aches could all be signs of heat exhaustion. If symptoms persist, call 911 immediately. Do not delay care. Heat is the leading cause of weather-related deaths in the U.S. and can exacerbate underlying illnesses.

Adults and children should use sunscreen containing an SPF-30 or higher and wear protective, loose-fitting clothing including long sleeve shirts and hats.

If you have a child in your home, use child window guards in addition to screens on any open

window on the second story or above. Falls are the leading cause of injury for children under the age of six.

Secure all window air conditioner units according to the manufacturer's specifications.

If you are heading to a beach, lake, or pool to beat the heat, swim where lifeguards are present. Always watch children near the water and make sure they're wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket.

Please call or check on neighbors, especially older adults and people with disabilities.

Please keep pets indoors, hydrated, and cool as asphalt and ground conditions are significantly hotter and unsafe during heat.

Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness:

If you see individuals out in the heat who appear immobile or disoriented, please ask them if they need assistance and call 911 immediately.

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) operates emergency shelters at 112 Southampton St (men's shelter) and 794 Massachusetts Ave (women's shelter). These facilities are air conditioned and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Amnesty has been called because of extremely high temperatures so those with non-violent restrictions can access shelter out of the heat.

The City of Boston works closely with a network of shelter providers to ensure there is adequate shelter, food, water, and a cool respite from the heat.

Street outreach teams providing recovery services remain operating as normal during summertime weather. Outreach teams are providing water on outreach routes.

The Engagement Center at 112 Southampton Street, run by BPHC, will be open and provides air conditioning, showers, and beverages from 8AM - 5PM, seven days a week.

Playground Safety:

Shoes should be worn outdoors, including playgrounds and turf athletic fields, as surfaces can become extremely hot and cause burns, even on splash pads and spray decks.

Outdoor Fires and Grilling:

No outdoor fires are allowed in Boston, including fire pits, chimineas, and bonfires.

Charcoal grills must be on the ground and away from buildings. Keep in mind the wind and never leave grills unattended. Dispose of the ash in a metal container once completely out.

Propane tank grills are only allowed on first floor porches with steps to the ground. Do not place propane tank grills near air conditioners or up against a building. Make sure all connections are tight and never carry propane tanks into a home.

Grills should always be used in a well-ventilated area.

Mayor Wu recently announced Heat Resilience Solutions for Boston, a citywide framework to prepare Boston for hotter summers and more intense heat events. The Heat Plan presents 26 strategies that will help build a more just, equitable, and resilient Boston. To support the implementation of the Heat Plan, the City will launch the Boston Extreme Temperatures Response Task Force, which will help deliver a unified, all-of-government response to address chronic high temperature conditions and prepare the city in advance of extreme heat events. The Task Force's work will be supported by the Environment Department, the Office of Emergency Management, and the Boston Public Health Commission's Office of Public Health Preparedness with the goal of collaboratively protecting and promoting the health and well-being of Boston residents facing increasing temperatures and other climate risks.

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## Major Orange Line revitalization work to be accelerated during 30-day shutdown of entire line

The MBTA announced its plans to accelerate major track and maintenance work on the Orange Line during a 30-day shutdown of the entire line beginning at approximately 9 PM on August 19 through September 18 with service resuming on Monday, September 19, to improve service, safety, and reliability on a faster timeline.

The major revitalization work to take place on the Orange Line during this 30-day shutdown will

deliver a number of projects over five years faster than originally planned, and will result in track replacement, upgraded signal systems, and station improvements. The MBTA will also be able to accomplish required track maintenance associated with Federal Transit Association (FTA) directives as quickly as possible.

"This closure will allow departments across the Authority to make substantial improvements

across the Orange Line," said Secretary of Transportation Jamey Tesler. "Not only will improvements made benefit Orange Line riders, but they will allow for an overall rehabilitated system that is safe and efficient for employees and neighboring communities."

To keep riders updated about this upcoming Orange Line work, the MBTA has created a specially designated webpage available at [atmbta.com/BBT2022](http://atmbta.com/BBT2022).

## THROWING OUT THE FIRST PITCH AT POLAR PARK



Tom MacDonald with "Woofster" at Polar Park after throwing out the first pitch.

Tom MacDonald, Director of Harvest on the Vine recently threw out the first pitch and was given a player signed game ball at Polar Park in Worcester. To top it off the WooSox (Triple-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox) had a come from behind victory to win 6-4 over the Scranton Wilkes-Barre RailRiders (Triple-A affiliate of the New York Yankees) with an eighth inning two on and two out, three run home run to seal the win. Now it may not be a script for Hollywood, but it sure was for Charlestown's Hometown Hero, Tom MacDonald.



Tom MacDonald with his MVP, wife Maribeth.

## NEW HEALTH (from pg. 1)

who are eligible. Walk-ins are welcome but non-patients must register with the Health Center."

In addition, NEW Health has also launched a fundraising campaign for National Health Center Week so that area residents can help support the health center and it can continue serving the Charlestown, North End and surrounding communities. Donations can be made online at [https://](https://www.paypal.com/donate)

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NEW Health is a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center and extends its world-renowned healthcare services to people who live and work in and around Boston's North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods.

## Youth shows positivity in the Navy Yard with photo contest

The Navy Yard is a beautiful place with a vibrant community. There are many young people brought up here ready to make their mark. One of those youths is Mitchell Geffin. Mitchell is a 15-year-old sophomore at the Landmark School in Beverly and has lived in the Navy Yard his entire life with his parents, Alison and Michael Geffin and his sisters Abigail and Ariana who are currently attending Washington University in St. Louis. Mitchell is a very active young man, seen frequently at the basketball courts in the Yard thrashing his father in games of one on one. During the school year Mitchell catches the 6:35am commuter rail to Beverly to get to school and returns each day in the early evenings. Besides being an excellent student, Mitchell plays basketball (he is a three-point specialist) and runs track (200 meters).



Mitchell Geffin.

community during some dark times. As a result, Mitchell has become adept at coining positive phrases to contemplate such as, "happiness is contagious" and "if you are disciplined, your future self will thank you."

Mitchell hopes to expand the newsletter to the Navy Yard community someday. In the meantime, to keep the momentum going, FCNY is sponsoring a photo contest. Send us your most positive Navy Yard picture and if Mitchell decides it is the most positive image sent in, you will win the original watercolor by Navy Yard artist, Norris Strawbridge, pictured.

Just send your most positive pictures to [info@friendscny.org](mailto:info@friendscny.org) by Monday, August 15. Multiple entries are encouraged, but please no more than three entries per person. Good luck and look for more positive messages from Mitchell soon!

news tends to focus on the negative aspects, rather than the uplifting parts of life." The newsletter took off during Covid, attracting many contributors and bringing much needed positivity to the Landmark

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# BPDA releases two draft scenarios for the future of Charlestown

By John Lynds

This week the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) announced an important milestone and update in the PLAN: Charlestown community planning process.

The BPDA officially released two draft scenarios for the future of Charlestown, focusing on the industrial area along Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square, and scheduled a series of listening sessions with the neighborhood.

According to the BPDA PLAN: Charlestown team, the draft scenarios are the continuation of a collaborative dialogue to create a framework for the future in this area.

The BPDA is now inviting and strongly encouraging Charlestown residents to share their opinion

and feedback on the draft scenarios as part of the ongoing planning initiative.

Charlestown residents can view the scenarios released and submit comments at <https://story-maps.arcgis.com/stories/fa48f4daca84144a854fa1808ad9902>.

“The scenarios are presented using an ArcGIS StoryMap web page with integrated surveys throughout,” said the BPDA in a statement “Community feedback received over the next two months will guide the production of a single hybrid scenario for further public review. Please help the PLAN: Charlestown team create a plan that reflects your goals and vision for the neighborhood’s future by reviewing and answering the surveys throughout the StoryMap. You can also email members of the team with your

feedback, which will be incorporated into the public record.”

According to the BPDA PLAN: Charlestown team the scenarios are best viewed on screens tablet size or larger. Residents may also request a paper copy of the draft scenarios by email or phone from Jay Ruggiero, BPDA, at Jason.Ruggiero@Boston.gov or (617) 722-4300.

“The BPDA will be collecting community feedback on these scenarios in several different places. The best opportunity to give your input will be to engage directly with the material and complete the surveys within the StoryMap,” the statement continued. “To supplement virtual engagement, you will also see our team attending, participating, and tabling at various neighborhood events, showing up at parks and other community socializings, and hosting a series of virtual listening session events.

We invite you to engage with us in any way that is most convenient for you.”

As part of the release of the scenarios the BPDA has scheduled a series of virtual listening sessions.

The Listening Session events are intended to be opportunities for Charlestown residents to ask questions and share feedback directly with the BPDA team.

“These will be held virtually via Zoom from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM on the following dates: August 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 16th, 17th, and 18th – we hope to see you drop by for one of these sessions,” said the statement. “We are also happy to meet with residents who cannot attend any of the listening sessions upon request.”

Through the PLAN: Charlestown initiative and planning process, by 2040 Charlestown will be transformed into a thriving, diverse, accessi-

ble, and resilient neighborhood where residents can safely and more easily walk, bike, or bus to new parks, plazas, neighborhood amenities, and active waterfront areas. These improvements will unite an enhanced historic residential fabric with new homes and jobs which support small businesses, as well as families of all types, sizes, and income levels.

The Listening Session events will be held from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM on the following dates:

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# Final Summer Festival happening on August 13

The City of Malden has announced the musical line up for the final Summer Festival on August 13. Taking place between 12-4PM in Malden Center, Pleasant and Exchange Streets transform into an open-air market that features artists and artisans, vintage clothing stores, a farmers market, and much more. The main stage located on the corner of Washington and Pleasant Streets — the line-up for August 13 features a musically diverse mix of bands.

12:00 p.m. - The Mark Cataldo Quartet

1:00 p.m. - Grupo Fantasia

2:00 p.m. - The Reminisants

3:00 p.m. - Borderline

In addition, August 13th will also be the date of the next Murder in the Malden Bank Pub Crawl. With three straight sell outs, this one-of-a-kind interactive game has proven to be a genuine crowd pleaser! Based upon the actual locations from the first bank robbery murder in the

United States, the easy 17-minute walk takes you to multiple dining and drinking establishments connected to the murder of a member of the esteemed Converse family. At each location you will encounter interesting characters who will present you with challenges and puzzles to unlock the mystery behind the 1863 murder. Visit [www.MaldenGamingDistrict.com](http://www.MaldenGamingDistrict.com) for tickets and more information.

Located next to the Malden Center MBTA Orange Line station, the area is also home to Malden's Gaming District. This is the place to go if you want to quest at Boda Borg, conduct a science experiment that is a lot like mini-golf, play and stock up on Magic cards, shoot some billiards, try a racing simulator or sing your heart out at Karaoke. Easily accessible by Orange Line, but FREE Parking is available at both City garages at 170 Centre Street or 7 Jackson Street. These events are sponsored by the Office of Mayor Gary Christenson.

## SIGNING THE CROWN ACT



Senator Sal DiDomenico (far right) joined his colleagues and community leaders for the signing of his legislation - The CROWN Act - by Governor Baker in his State House office. Special guests included Mya and Deanna Cook - the sisters who were the inspiration for this legislation that prohibits the denial of employment and educational opportunities in places of work, schools, and school-related organizations because of hair texture or protective hairstyles, such as braids, locks, and twists, used by people by color. DiDomenico was one of the bill's lead sponsors and helped shepherd the legislation through the Senate.

## Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library honor Rosemary Kverek, as "Friend of the Year" recipient

On the early evening of Wednesday June 29, the Friends of the Library gathered to celebrate Rosemary Kverek, our 2022 "Friend of the Year," to thank her for her numerous contributions, not only to our local library, but also for her tireless volunteer work throughout the Charlestown community.

When asked why she was so devoted to our library, she readily responded by sharing that she had grown up in upstate NY, in a town that did not have its own library at the time. So her folks would have to drive her and her siblings to the nearest city to check out books from that library. That

personal story explained a lot as to why she's so devoted to supporting ours.

She has been, and continues to be, a very beloved Board Member of the Friends. Needless to say, our "Friend of the Year" gathering was very festive, held at Blackmoor Bar & Kitchen, where the food is terrific and the wait staff is so very attentive!

Hurray for Rosemary Kverek! All of Charlestown is very lucky to have her as our neighbor.

*Submitted by Mary Curtin, Board Member of the Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library*



Rosemary Kverek honored as the 2022 "Friend of the Year."



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# Wu announces city accepting eligibility forms for community preservation funding

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the availability of eligibility forms for applications for the upcoming round of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding. For Fiscal Year 2023, the City of Boston has made nearly \$39 million available for CPA projects under three categories consistent with statewide guidelines: affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space or recreation. Applicants interested in funding for historic preservation or open space or recreation projects must complete eligibility forms by August 31, 2022, which will then be reviewed by the City's Community Preservation Act Office. Candidates deemed eligible by the CPA Office will be invited to submit an application for their proposed projects. Once approved, applications will open on October 5, 2022 by invitation only and close on November 9, 2022. The Mayor's Office of Housing will release a joint request for an RFP for CPA funding for affordable housing in August.

"The Community Preservation Act empowers residents and local organizations by investing in com-

munity-driven developments and preservation efforts across the city," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I encourage everyone to begin the process of applying for funding to join our citywide work to further our city's goals of affordable housing, historic preservation and open space and recreation."

"Some of the most exciting and creative projects in our ever-changing City--innovative affordable housing projects, parks, and historic preservation projects-- are the result of resident and community driven CPA proposals," said Councilor Michael Flaherty, Chair of the Council's Community Preservation Committee. "I am so thankful for the vision and partnership of the many leaders that helped us get the ballot measure passed years ago and continue to be thankful for the partnership with Mayor Wu and the Community Preservation Committee. I am confident that the nearly \$39 million allocation in CPA funds will allow for significant community-driven, transformational change in every corner of our neighborhoods and look forward to another exciting round

of applications."

"With the leadership of the parishioners of Eliot Congregational Church and me, we continue to nurture and cultivate partnerships with architects Menders, Torrey and Spencer and the Wentworth Institute of Technology in the hopes of developing alternative use spaces within and around Eliot Church to benefit a wide variety of racial and socioeconomic groups," said Rev. Dr. Evan C. Hines, Senior Pastor for Eliot Congregational Church of Roxbury. "With the support of the CPA, the Eliot Church could serve as a prototype for other stewards of historic properties that are striving to preserve legacy, protect open space and address the need for affordable housing."

Applicants who would like to apply for affordable housing projects will need to respond to the joint request for proposals (RFP) released by the City of Boston Community Preservation Program and the Mayor's Office of Housing. This joint RFP must be submitted by Friday, September 30, 2022.

After the end of the applica-

tion period, the Community Preservation Committee will review applications by January 2023 and vote on a list of proposals in February to recommend to the Mayor. The Mayor will then make a recommendation on the slate of CPA projects to be voted on by the Boston City Council.

The last round of CPA awards in February 2022 funded over \$27 million to 52 projects across the city, including affordable housing developments, open space and recreation, and historic preservation projects consistent with statewide guidelines. Examples of community projects that benefited from this investment include preserving archaeological sites from climate change-induced erosion on the Boston Harbor Islands, creating a new community garden in Mattapan on a vacant lot, rehabilitation and restoration roof repair of the historic 1873 Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury and creating a 96-unit affordable housing building in Jamaica Plain.

The Community Preservation Fund is capitalized primarily by a one percent property tax-based surcharge on residential and busi-

ness property tax bills that began in July 2017 after Boston voters adopted the measure on a ballot question in November 2016.

The City of Boston Community Preservation Act Program has awarded over \$119 million to support 242 projects across the City since 2018. Community Preservation Act-funded projects can be found in every neighborhood across Boston. Of those supported since its creation, there have been 37 affordable housing projects, 97 open space and recreation projects, and 108 historic preservation projects.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is committed to broad community participation, supporting accessible and visible projects that have a positive impact on neighborhoods and residents. CPA staff has been hosting virtual meet and greets, community meetings, and workshops to explain the eligibility requirements and the application process to residents and organizations interested in applying for funding.

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The following Charlestown students have been named to the Third Quarter Honor Roll at Boston College High School:

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- Andrew teDutis, High Honors (Class of 2023)
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  - Jake McGrath, High Honors (Class of 2025)
  - Charles Reitz, Honors (Class of 2022)
  - Michael Frawley, Honors (Class of 2024)
  - Alessandro Parisi, Honors (Class of 2024)

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For Honors a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior must have at least a 3.20 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.165 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher.

About Boston College High School: Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men in grades 7 to 12. Founded in 1863, the school enrolls approximately 1,500 students from more than 140 communities in eastern Massachusetts. For more information please visit [bchigh.edu](http://bchigh.edu).

### LETTERS (from pg. 2)

#### TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD A NICOTINE-FREE LIFE

To the Editor,  
The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is running Take the First Step, a campaign that educates adults about free resources designed to help them quit smoking, vaping, or using other tobacco or nicotine products. The campaign offers information about 1-800-QUIT-NOW, Massachusetts' Quitline for tobacco/nicotine, and encourages residents to call for support or to connect online at [mass.gov/quitting](http://mass.gov/quitting). The campaign has ads, videos, and resources available in English and Spanish.

A brochure about quitting, wallet cards with 1-800-QUIT-NOW information, and other

materials are available free of charge at the Massachusetts Health Promotion Clearinghouse.

Learn more about free resources to quit tobacco/nicotine and watch a video about 1-800-QUIT-NOW at [mass.gov/quitting](http://mass.gov/quitting).

Taking the first step toward a nicotine-free life can begin by speaking with a FREE trained quit coach on the phone at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or online at [mass.gov/quitting](http://mass.gov/quitting). Please contact me, Edgar Duran Elmudesi, at the Metro Boston Tobacco-Free Community Partnership, [eduran@hria.org](mailto:eduran@hria.org) or 617-502-6549 for more information and to help promote quit attempts in our region.

Edgar Duran Elmudesi  
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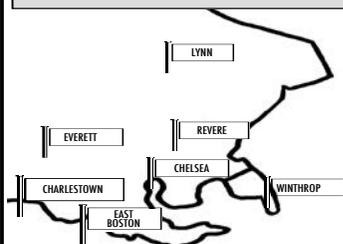
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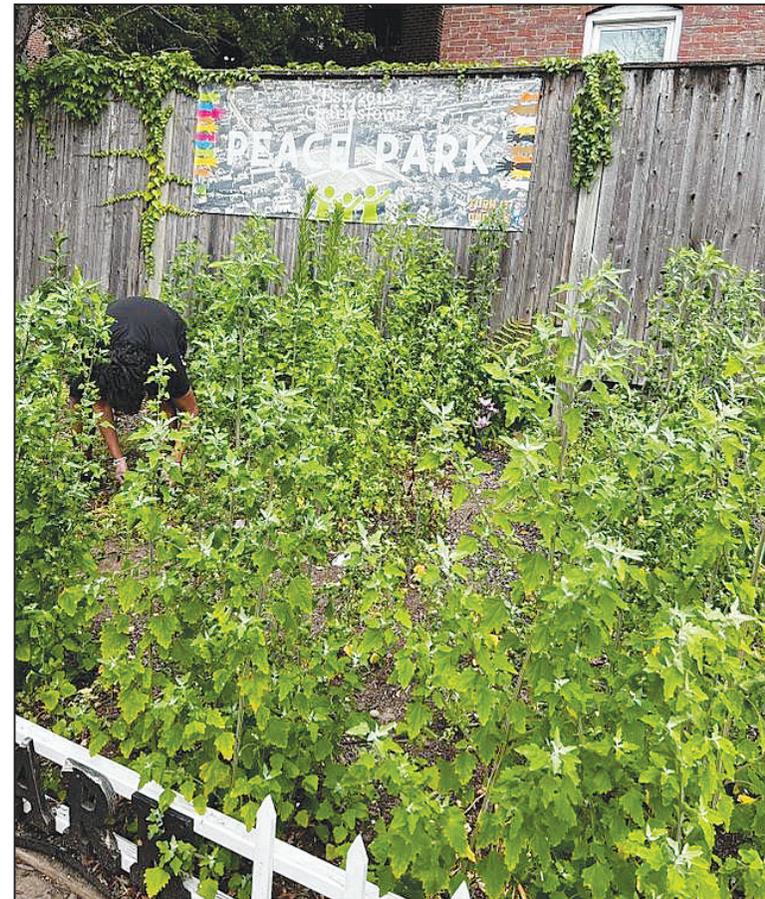
# A SUCCESSFUL CLEANING OF PEACE PARK

The Charlestown Coalition wishes to thank all who turned out to help clean Peace Park as seen in the photos on this page. The following is their statement:

“Thank you to everyone who came out to help us clean up the Peace Park. We had a great day with many volunteers, making for light work! We will be holding clean up and maintenance events about every month and a half - reach out to Ciara to get involved!

Additional thank you to neighbors Jim and Judy, Shannon, Sister Mayra, Mswati and the Turn it Around Summer Program, the Kennedy Center and their summer group, and Marissa from the Mystic River Watershed Association. Huge thank you to Neal Boyle, MassDOT employee, Charlestown resident and father to Sean for teaching us how to use the fire hydrant and coordinating with Boston Fire Department to ensure we can keep up with watering the flowers and plants.

Taking care of the Peace Park while waiting for it's eventual reconstruction is a priority to the Charlestown Coalition. Together we make a difference!”



These photos (above and below) show a before and after look of the park.



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## FRESH AND LOCAL

## Potato salads minus mayo

By Penny &amp; Ed Cherubino

Around here, potato salads are made without mayonnaise. This began because of an egg allergy, but continues because we prefer the alternative dressings we've used over the years. To add to our heretical potato salad ways, we are now experimenting with a range of recipes for sweet potato salads.

## Variations on Vinaigrettes

Most of our favorite potato salads start exactly like mayo-dressed ones. We boil potatoes until cooked. Then we add crunchy additions like celery, onion, scallions, and herbs. While the potatoes are still warm, we add a typical oil and vinegar dressing. This helps the potatoes soak up the flavors from the additions. You can use your favorite dressing and opt for an Italian, Greek, or French flavor profile with oregano, dill, or mustard respectively.

Our potatoes of choice are Yukon Gold or red potatoes. Occasionally they are peeled, but

most of the time, we just scrub them and keep that nutritious skin in place. Red potatoes add to the look of the salad. Red onion will also perk up the visual appeal. Penny always tastes the onion; if it's too strong, she soaks it in white vinegar for a few minutes to take away the bite.

A few traditional German potato salads introduce some fun options. One recipe attributed to the Bavarian region adds beef broth, pickles, and crisp bacon to an oil and vinegar dressing.

The version best known in this country has a bacon-fat vinaigrette. You cook the bacon and remove all but a couple of tablespoons of fat from the pan. Cook the onion in that fat until soft, and then deglaze the pan with vinegar before adding seasonings. Pour the dressing over boiled potatoes and top it with bacon pieces and chopped scallion or herbs. You can serve this salad warm or cool.

## Sweet Potato Salad

Both regular and sweet potatoes are healthy additions to your diet. Healthline.com says, "Both types of potatoes are rich in fiber, carbs, and vitamins B6 and C. White potatoes are higher in potassium, whereas sweet potatoes contain more vitamin A." That's a good reason to consider making both potato salads.

The most appealing recipes we've found take the sweet potato to exciting places with additions like orange juice for the acid, red onion and jalapeno for crunch, and cooked Mexican chorizo as a topping.

A recently published recipe for "Sweet Potato Salsa Salad" in the Washington Post ignited our interest in this topic. This one starts with roasted chunks of sweet potato and tops them with a flavorful and colorful salsa before serving.

Like most salsas, you can create your version. The original recipe includes jalapeño pepper, corn, black beans, red peppers, cherry tomatoes, avocado, garlic, and smoked paprika. It's topped with



Red potatoes, scallions, celery, and slices of hard-boiled egg add color, texture, and flavor to this oil and vinegar potato salad.

toasted pumpkin seeds.

## Testing for Food Allergies

An allergy to eggs was the original reason we didn't use mayonnaise. Penny's case was so severe that she was rushed to an emergency room after drinking eggnog. We both had hives from penicillin and were told we had allergies to that.

A few years ago, we learned about the allergy testing program at Massachusetts General Hos-

pital. We decided it was worth a few hours of our time to use an essential set of antibiotics. We both underwent the testing and found that we had outgrown or never had a true allergy. We recommend a professional assessment of any long-ago food allergies.

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\*APY - Annual Percentage Yield effective 7/28/22. Maximum balance \$1,000,000. You must maintain a minimum balance of \$1,000 in the CD account to obtain the disclosed APY. Minimum amount to open an account \$1,000. Opening deposit must be funded with money not currently on deposit with The Cooperative Bank. Annual Percentage Yield is based on monthly compounding of interest. This account will automatically renew at maturity. Each renewal term will be 12-months. The interest rate will be the same as we offer on a new 12-month time deposit on the maturity date, minimum balance (if any) and other features of the 12-month time deposit. Maximum online account opening \$50,000. Accounts with higher balances will need to be opened at a branch office. Rates are subject to change at any time without notice. Fees may reduce earnings. A penalty is imposed for early withdrawal from a certificate of deposit (CD) account. Personal deposits only.

SEE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF YOUR ACCOUNT DISCLOSURE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION