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## ENJOYING THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER



Dougie Junior is back with his rollerblading skills after a 20 year absence from Charlestown. See page 8 for more end of summer photos.

## Mejia, Coletta seek hearing on Clougherty Pool closure

Special to the Patriot Bridge

Boston City Councilor-At-Large Julia Mejia and Councilor Gabriela Coletta offered an order for a hearing on Clougherty Pool closure in Charlestown to be held in the Government Accountability and Transparency Committee.

“The Clougherty Pool is a beloved anchor space for the people of Charlestown and serves a broad range of families in this community, especially those living in the Bunker Hill Boston Housing Authority development,” said Councilor Coletta. “Given that Boston just recorded its hottest 30-day stretch in history with six days in a row of 90-degree weather, finding solutions and resources to open up this iconic pool is paramount. I look forward to working with the Wu administration to ensure we are moving

forward so that the Clougherty pool is ready for use for generations to come.”

Councilors Coletta and Mejia seek to bring transparency to the Charlestown community on what led to the maintenance decisions of the Clougherty pool, as well as to move forward in partnership with the Wu Administration and Boston Centers for Youth and Families to secure long-term systemic solutions.

“The Clougherty pool has served the Charlestown community since 1949, a tradition that must continue. The neglect of this valued community asset will no longer be hidden or tolerated,” said Councilor Mejia. “I look forward to working with my colleagues on the council, community leaders, and residents to restore the Clougherty’s vibrancy

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## BPDA holds meeting for 60-66 Cambridge St.

By Stephen Quigley

At last week’s public meeting held by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) concerning the 60-66 Cambridge Street project, many of the supporters of the project were members of the trade unions.

These spokespersons stressed the construction jobs that will be

needed to build the two office towers that will reach more than 200 feet high and act as a buffer between the Charlestown community and the I-93 highway.

What also was clear from the comments by the trade union representatives is the high regard that all of the unions have for Fallon Company, which has built many projects in Boston, earning an

excellent track record. Fallon will be the lead builder of the project.

Ed Owens Jr., whose family has owned the four-acre site for more than 35 years, spoke first in the presentation. Owens said that the project that is planned is “the best use for the site.”

Managing Director Michael Barelli, spokesperson from Fallon, then went into the history of the project, noting that there have been more than 50 neighborhood meetings over the last 20 months.

“We have heard the feedback,” said Barelli. “With Sullivan Square holding so much potential, this project must be done right.”

The goal of the development is to connect the neighborhood with Sullivan Square and the Hood Park, all of which lie west of Rutherford Ave.

Barelli added that once done, the site will create a significant park for the public and will be a green site with “trees, trees, and more trees. This will be a place where people will want to come.”

Included in the plans are not only the office areas, that will be

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## CNC CORNER

CNC General Meeting, Thursday September 8, 2022 The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold in-person, public meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2022, 7-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford Street, Charlestown. District One, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta will attend to give us an update on her work and issues that affect Charlestown. Please bring your questions and neighborhood concerns to the meeting or email us at [cnc02129@gmail.com](mailto:cnc02129@gmail.com).

Charlestown Neighborhood Council, 2022 Fall General Meeting schedule: All meetings are in person. Guests and presentations will be announced closer to the meeting dates. CNC Committee meetings are scheduled on an as needed basis and will be announced on the CNC Facebook page and in the Charlestown Patriot Bridge.

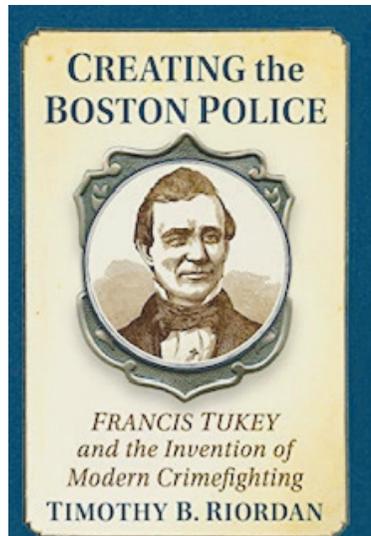
- September 8, 2022, Thursday, 7-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford St. Charlestown MA 02129.
- October 4, 2022, Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford St. Charlestown MA 02129.
- November 1, 2022, Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford St. Charlestown MA 02129.
- December 6, 2022, Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford St. Charlestown MA 02129.

## Riordan to give talk on his new book

The Charlestown Historical Society is hosting an event at the Bunker Hill Museum on September 7 at 6 p.m. with author Tim Riordan to talk about his new book about the creation of the Boston Police and it’s “inventor” Francis Tukey.

Tim is a Charlestown resident. The book is very timely as Michael Cox was sworn in as the 44th police commissioner last month. This book takes a historical look back at the history of crime fighting and how it was created in the country’s oldest police department.

The event is free for members and the general public.



Tim Riordan’s new book.

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# EDITORIAL

## ENJOY A GREAT -- AND SAFE -- LABOR DAY WEEKEND

With the weatherman predicting a superb Labor Day weekend, we hope that all of our readers will have a chance to make the most of the final weekend of the summer season.

The Summer of '22 overall has been a great one that, we hope, has created memories that will last a lifetime for our families. The coming Labor Day weekend promises to give us one final opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in whatever way we choose.

However, as always, we urge our readers to do so safely, not only for ourselves, but also for our family members, friends, and loved ones, whether we are on land or on the water.

None of us wants to be a tragic statistic, and that means making sure that we ourselves and those around us do not overindulge in alcohol. Yes, accidents do happen even under the best of circumstances, but generally speaking, no one ever gets hurt by being sober. It's when two beers become four or more that the chances for a tragedy increase exponentially.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

## SCHOOL'S BACK -- DRIVE WITH CAUTION

With schools back in session this week after the summer vacation, morning rush-hour commuters need to readjust our driving habits to ensure that we take into account the thousands of children who will be filling our streets during our morning commute.

We'll be honest and admit that school buses, school crossing guards, etc. are a pain in the neck, especially if we're running a bit late on our way to work.

But that is no excuse for ANY sort of driving behavior that does not take into account the safety of the children in our communities.

Every morning commuter needs to be a patient and defensive driver, especially in the first few weeks of school, when youthful exuberance typically results in kids dashing out into the street to greet friends for the start of the new school year.

Each of us is responsible not only for our safety, but also for the safety of others when we are behind the wheel of a motor vehicle -- and that is doubly true when school is back in session.

## GUEST OP-ED

## MBTA fall service cuts are yet another hit to mobility in Greater Boston and the region

By Jascha Franklin-Hodge

Wednesday's announcement by the MBTA that it would sustain and deepen service cuts on the rapid transit system and bus network puts the region's transportation future in jeopardy. Federal, state, and local officials must work together to restore critical services as quickly as possible. These service cuts will overlap with the unprecedented Orange and Green Line shutdowns, compounding significant challenges for riders and the region, and raising serious equity, mobility, environmental, and economic concerns. Magnifying the impact of chronic underinvestment in infrastructure, these cuts underscore the MBTA's continued inability to address critical systemic staffing issues.

Transit is essential to Boston and the consequences of diminished service are felt every day by riders. These cuts will ripple across our region this fall as students return to school, more workers return to the office, and the Orange Line resumes service with the expectation of major improvements. To

rebuild trust in transit, we call on Secretary Buttigieg and members of the Massachusetts Congressional delegation to work with the MBTA and the FTA to restore safe, reliable service to Boston and the region. We must:

- Find accelerated solutions to the rail dispatcher shortage that has resulted in substantial reduction in rail service since June. As additional dispatchers enter service, the MBTA, with support from the FTA, must prioritize restoration of peak period service levels as quickly as possible.

- Immediately address the critical shortage of bus operators which has led to dwindling service for the most loyal and transit-dependent riders. The Department of Transportation and Department of Labor must work with the MBTA, state officials, and labor unions to understand and remove the barriers to attracting this essential workforce, financial or contractual.

- Support improved MBTA communication with riders in advance of any significant future service disruptions that may be necessary to address safety defi-

ciencies identified by the FTA.

- Provide regular progress reports to the public on staffing levels and targets, headways, and ridership impacts in order to maintain transparency and rebuild trust.

In addition to the direct impact on mobility and quality of life for the people of Metro Boston, the MBTA's inability to provide full service will increase some of the nation's worst congestion, further lock in unsustainable travel patterns, and make our decarbonization goals more difficult to reach. While safety must be the MBTA's number one priority, the MBTA needs the support of every level of government to urgently implement a plan to address safety and provide robust, reliable, and equitable transit options to support commuting and mobility within the region. We stand ready and eager to partner on these needs and accelerate the return of safe, reliable service that our communities deserve.

*Jascha Franklin-Hodge is Mayor Michelle Wu's Chief of Streets, LivableStreets Alliance, A Better City, and Transit Matters.*

## LETTER to the Editor

### DOCTORS URGE VACCINATIONS FOR STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Dear Editor:

"As schools in the Common-

wealth prepare to open for the new academic year, the physicians of the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS), the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MCAAP) and the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians (MassAFP) strongly

encourage parents and guardians to ensure that their children are up to date on all vaccinations and boosters, including those that reduce the effects of and transmission of COVID-19 and those

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### CLARIFICATION

In a story last week about the PLAN: Charlestown the following clarifications should be noted:

PLAN:Charlestown is a neighborhood-wide comprehensive planning initiative. One of the primary objectives of the planning process is to establish new zoning parameters where most appropriate and necessary. Because any newly-established zoning wouldn't affect the recently approved Bunker Hill Housing project and the Hood Park campus, they are not included in the new zoning efforts portion of the project. However, there are other portions of PLAN: Charlestown that do consider these future developments. Both the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment and Hood Park are considered as part of the coming Urban Design Guidelines, and their impacts are accounted for in the PLAN's ongoing Neighborhood Needs Analysis. There will also be recommendations to improve these two areas as part of the plan initiative, especially how they connect to the rest of the neighborhood, their traffic impacts, and the needs of new residents.

The story also said that almost 900 survey responses have been submitted. It should have read 493 survey responses have been submitted, split between nine surveys of different topics.

The Patriot Bridge regrets any inconveniences.



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# Coletta, Bok seek Council hearing on tree mitigation fund

Special to the Patriot Bridge

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta along with co-sponsor Councilor Kenzie Bok, offered an order for a hearing in the council regarding a tree mitigation fund for the City of Boston.

“As our City continues to grow, we must ensure that residents can thrive in the face of any impacts related to climate change including extreme heat. Expanding our tree canopy to protect against the heat island effect in neighborhoods like East Boston and Chinatown should be an obligation not held by just the City, but by everyone who wishes to build in Boston,” said Councilor Coletta. “I look forward to the conversation in hopes of creating a tree mitigation fund that requires developers to submit money for every tree that is lost or if they can’t meet their open space requirements on site.”

The Councilor points to similar tools at the City’s disposal as a model, including linkage which extracts mitigation for affordable housing and workforce development. She is also interested in regulations related to the loss of rear and side yard setbacks, which

largely result in the loss of trees in small developments.

“Environmental and housing justice go hand in hand,” said Councilor Bok. “Creating a tree mitigation fund could help accelerate our work towards our climate and urban forestry goals, as we also build more affordable, resilient housing and neighborhoods in the City of Boston.”

“In addition to reducing noise and air pollution as well as cooling our streets, trees increase property values and provide a sense of community to our neighborhoods,” said Bill Masterson, founder of Tree Eastie. “Developers have a moral obligation to replace any trees removed and add new trees whenever possible, particularly street trees which can reduce heat islands.”

“Protecting and growing Boston’s urban tree canopy is critical as Boston faces hotter summers due. With the majority of Boston’s tree canopy found on private land, the city needs to develop a mechanism to reduce tree removals and to fund the planting and care of new trees.” said David Meshoulam, Executive Director and Co-founder of Speak for the Trees.

Highlights of the Order include:

“WHEREAS, The City of West Palm Beach in Florida has developed a “tree mitigation” fund that developers pay into if they can’t meet city requirements for trees or open space on their property, and as of July 2022, there was \$582,000 in the account to pay for the resources necessary to plant thousands of trees; and

WHEREAS, Boston utilizes mechanisms like linkage payments to extract private funds related to

development to assist with affordable housing and workforce development goals; and

WHEREAS, Similar tools should be implemented to advance expanding our tree canopy and assist our goals of becoming a Green New Deal city; and

WHEREAS, These funds have the potential to be part of a wider range of strategies to promote an equitable response to heat resilience by investing directly into environmental justice communities experiencing generations

of systemic injustice and inequities;”

The Boston City Council will hold a hearing at a later date through the Environmental Justice Committee where members of the Energy, Environment, and Open Space cabinet as well as the Boston Planning and Development Agency will be invited to testify. Members of the public are encouraged to provide written or oral comments.

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|  |         |          |          |           | 3  | \$37,850 | \$63,100 | \$75,720 | \$100,950 |
| 3 BR   | N/A     | \$62,506 | \$75,008 | \$100,011 | 4  | \$42,050 | \$70,100 | \$84,120 | \$112,150 |
|  |         |          |          |           | 5  | \$45,450 | \$75,750 | \$90,900 | \$121,150 |
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We will be holding 2 virtual informational meetings on Zoom:

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Meeting ID 979 8701 3061, Passcode bwM5f1, Dial In 1-929-205-6099

Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:00pm <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83655911386?pwd=YjhGZGZGMU0UkVWTJlZHVlK3NKSkVsZz09>

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required to attend school.

“The importance of in-person learning and its positive effect on the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of children cannot be understated. Public health officials, school officials, school districts, and families must work collaboratively toward a shared goal of an academic year with as little disruption as possible. Vaccines are safe and remain our most effective public health tool to prevent outbreaks of COVID-19 and interruption of day-to-day learning that will result from a significant increase of positive cases.

“COVID-19 is still here, it is still a threat to public health, and there exists the likelihood of a surge in the fall and winter. Therefore, it is critically important that schools be prepared to shift quickly to preventive measures proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19 should community data suggest a signifi-

cantly increased risk of contracting COVID-19 within the school or in the community.

“Our organizations will work closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and continue to monitor key data and base real-time COVID-19 guidance on relevant and current public health data. We wish all students, school staff, and families a safe and productive school year.”

Dr. Theodore Calianos,  
President, Massachusetts Medical Society

Dr. Mary Beth Miotto,  
President, Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

Dr. Emily Chin,  
President, Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians

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# BPHC reminds eligible residents to get vaccinated against Monkeypox

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is reminding Boston residents that vaccines can help protect against monkeypox illness when given before or soon after being exposed and are encouraging eligible residents to get vaccinated. This guidance comes after the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced 41 new cases of monkeypox and new protocols for administering the JYNNEOS vaccine that will expand the state's supply, enabling more residents to get vaccinated.

To increase the number of vaccine doses available, the JYNNEOS vaccine is now being administered intradermally (into the skin), as opposed to in the muscle, at a lower dose that still provides the same immune response, following guidance from the CDC and FDA. The intradermal regimen includes two doses of the vaccine. Vaccination before or soon after exposure is highly effective at preventing monkeypox infection or reducing the severity of infection. Monkeypox most commonly spreads through direct skin to skin contact with a monkeypox rash, sores, or scabs. It can also spread through contact with surfaces that have been exposed to the monkeypox virus. Anyone who comes in close contact with someone who has monkeypox is at risk for becoming infected.

## FEMA awards grant for COVID-19 child care costs

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$60 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse the Department of Early Childhood Education and Care for steps taken to keep child care centers open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$60,066,850 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the department for purchasing and distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies to clean and sanitize facilities to all childcare providers at no cost.

By providing masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, cleaning supplies, disinfecting wipes and bleach to child care centers, emergency childcare programs were able to remain open to provide priority access for families of emergency

"I'm optimistic that the new approach to monkeypox vaccination will allow us to vaccinate more people, help ensure vaccines are distributed equitably, and ultimately support our efforts to control this outbreak," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "Getting vaccinated against monkeypox is an effective way to prevent disease. I strongly encourage all residents who are eligible for vaccination to schedule an appointment as soon as possible."

Currently, the following individuals who live or work in Massachusetts are eligible to receive the vaccine:

- Known contacts identified by public health via case investigation, contact tracing, and risk exposure assessments (this may include sexual partners, household contacts, and healthcare workers); as well as

- Presumed contacts who meet the following criteria:

- o Know that a sexual partner in the past 14 days was diagnosed with monkeypox or
- o Had multiple sexual partners in the past 14 days in a jurisdiction with known monkeypox.

It is particularly important that education and vaccination efforts support men who have sex with men (MSM) and the broader population of people they may be in close intimate

personnel, medical staff, and other essential workers between January and December 2021.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation."

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$1.2 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

contact with. While anyone can get monkeypox, the current outbreak's spread among networks of MSM poses a threat to BIPOC LGBTQ+ individuals, a group that faces high barriers to care and poorer health outcomes due to centuries of oppression and marginalization. As BPHC responds to this unprecedented outbreak, supporting Boston's BIPOC LGBTQ+ residents by improving access to care and pushing back against anti-LGBTQ+ stigma will remain a top priority.

Infections with the type of monkeypox virus identified in this outbreak are rarely fatal. However, people with weakened immune systems, children under 8 years of age, people with a history of eczema, and people who are pregnant or breastfeeding may be more likely to get seriously ill or die. People infected with monkeypox virus are also required to self-isolate until the rash fully scabs and skin heals over, which can require anywhere between 2-4 weeks of isolation.

The JYNNEOS vaccine is currently available at the following locations in Boston by appointment only:

**Boston Medical Center:** Register for an appointment directly at [www.bmc.org/monkeypox](http://www.bmc.org/monkeypox). Appointments can be made by calling 617-414-2803 Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM.

**Codman Square Health Center:** Please register for an appointment directly at <https://www.codman.org/medical-service/x-clinic/>. Appointments can also be made by calling 617-822-8271 Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 8:30 PM. This site also offers vaccine appointments on Saturday between 9 AM and 1 PM.

**Fenway Health:** Appointments can be made by calling 617-927-6060 Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM.

**East Boston Neighborhood Health Center:** Appointments can be made by calling 617-568-4500 Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 5 PM. This site also offers vaccine appointments on Saturdays between 10 AM and 2 PM.

**Massachusetts General Hospital Sexual Health Clinic:** Appointments can be made by calling 617-724-7000 Monday through Friday between 8:00AM and 4:30PM.

## AT THE NAVY YARD



*Sophie, Ella, and Katie Cunningham enjoy the swing at The Anchor as summer comes closer to an end.*

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and utility."

Highlights of the Order Include:

"WHEREAS, According to the Boston Center for Youth and Families The last time this pool was overhauled was in 1988 and the 20-year filtration system installed that same year had long-since expired; and

WHEREAS, Though 2.7 million dollars were first allocated in the City's 2014 Capital Budget towards the Clougherty Pool for the rehabilitation of the pool's bathhouse, its two pool shells, exterior pool deck, and mechanical systems, it is unclear how those funds were used to improve the

Clougherty Pool since then; and

WHEREAS, The Boston City Council has an obligation to ensure accountability, transparency, accessibility, over public community centers such as the Clougherty Pool, especially in regards to spending, safety, and community needs..."

The Boston City Council will hold a hearing at a later date through the Government Accountability and Transparency Committee where Boston Centers for Youth and Families will be invited to testify. Members of the public are encouraged to provide written or oral comments.

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primarily for life sciences, but also retail, restaurant, and other commercial uses.

He stressed that the buildings will be rounded with soft curves and that the landscaping will be significant. He also noted that the whole site will be raised five feet to account for a 100-year flood event.

Perhaps the most interesting piece of the project is the partnership with Just a Start Corporation that will offer workforce development for those residents seeking to enter the life science field.

“There is a lot to like,” said resident Joanne Massaro. She added her concerns about density, saying there is only so much to be done with traffic.

Tom Tinlin, the former Commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department who now is at Howard Stein Hudson, noted that it is important to have the public trust. “There are a lot of pluses,” he said, specifically mentioning the safe cycling routes.

“The project is pretty cool, but could use some more trees,” said resident Sean Boyle.

Resident Dan H. Jaffe said he would like to see space for arts and a cultural gallery. Calling this “a special moment for Charlestown,” he suggested that if people have concerns, then they should see Kendall Square and then compare it to what is being suggested for here.

Resident Nancy Johnsen added, “The lost village (an existing neighborhood in Charlestown located near the area of the proposed development) should be part of Charlestown.” Johnson also voiced her concerns over traffic and added, “There can never be enough green spaces.”

Charlestown resident Diane Vallee who was not able to attend the meeting said, “Low attendance at the 66 Cambridge Street meeting does not indicate endorsement of the proposal. Low attendance at a BPDA meeting can indicate meeting exhaustion, overwhelming schedules, rejection, as well as many other reasons, including summer vacation. The Charlestown community has spoken with 2,700 signatures on a petition for a Charlestown Comprehensive Master Plan which includes “meaningful community engagement” as per Mayor Wu’s directive. Approximately 14% of our population support the Comprehensive Master Plan while PLAN Charlestown seeks 200 respondents, 1% of the population, ignoring the petition.”



Architectural rendering of the street scape at 60-66 Cambridge Street project.

Barelli noted that the comment period on the project will end on September 9. He added that the project does not need any variances and the height of both buildings is lower than what is allowed in the zoning regulations. He said a “robust traffic study” will be conducted in the fall.

“It is helpful to hear feedback,” Barelli said. Sarah Black of the BPDA can be reached at Sarah.black@boston.gov.

**Overview of project according to BPDA website**

The proposed project located at 60-66 Cambridge Street consists of the construction of two mixed-use buildings comprised of approximately 812,000 square feet of life science/office/research and development space, and ground floor retail/restaurant/commercial uses, along with below-grade parking.

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# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

## CHARLESTOWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB - 130th Year!

The Charlestown Boys and Girls Club will open its 130th year of programming on September 13.

New member applications will be accepted in September and start attending in October. SACC program has open slots for ages 6-10. Please contact Maura Cannon (mcannon@bgcb.org) or Derek Gallagher (dgallagher@bgcb.org) for more information. We hope to see you 'up the Club'

## CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

Gym Hockey is a program for boys and girls 3 to 10 years old.

There are approximately 16 games starting in September and ending in January.

The season starts with outside

games, moving inside when it gets too cold to be outside.

Games are played at 9:30 am and 10:30 am on Saturday mornings.

The 2022/2023 season will be our 35th season.

Some of our players, boys and girls have gone on to play collegiate hockey.

5 Gym Hockey players have gone on to play Professional hockey.

You do not have to live in Charlestown to play!

## CHARLESTOWN LACROSSE AND LEARNING CENTER - 14 GREEN STREET

Charlestown Lacrosse and Learning Center will begin their Fall Learning Center Programs starting September 7th. You do

not need to play lacrosse to register for learning center opportunities.

ALL families are welcome to join our Open House on Thursday, September 15th from 4:30PM-6:30PM. We will have light snacks, a community Art Project with Essem Art and more information about our programs!

The Learning Center offers programs for Boston scholars in 1st through 12th grade.

Tuesdays: LEGO Coding and Engineering Program 9/27 -11/15 4:15PM-5:30PM

Wednesdays: Chess Wizards Chess Club 9/7-12/14 4:30PM-5:30PM

Thursdays: Manners Matter Etiquette Course 9/29-10/27 5:00PM-6:00PM

Virtual Programs: Monday/Wednesday ISEE Prep 9/12-11/2 4:30PM-6:30PM & Tuesdays MAP Test Prep 10/4-11/8 5:00PM-6:30PM

More program options and homework club/tutoring opportunities are coming soon.

Scholarships are available. For more information on the Charlestown Lacrosse and Learning Center please contact Blake Riley at clclearningdirector@gmail.com

## ESSEM ART STUDIO

Essem Art Studio is kicking off its 5th year of joyful art programming for artists as young as 15 months old toddlers through adults in their charming studio located at 15 Tufts Street. This Fall, programs include Sensory Art Labs (15 mo – 30 mo), Art Labs (2-5), After School Art Club (5+), Adult Art Nights and more. For more information, you can email Sophia Moon, hello@essemart-studio.com and follow the creative journey on Instagram at @essemartstudio

## PEDIATRIC COVID VACCINE CLINIC

MGH Pediatric Covid vaccine clinic at Mass General Hospital, Building Yawkey 6, Boston. Charlestown Pediatric PCP patients are welcome to get vaccinated on Sept. 6,8,10,20, 28, Oct. 15 and Nov. 5. Appointments are required and can be booked by calling Charlestown Pediatrics at (617) 724-8135. Children getting Covid vaccinations can also get flu vaccine when supply is available.

## TREE HOUSE SCHOOL

The Treehouse School preschool opened in Charlestown

in September 2019, for children ages 2.9-5 years old. Founded by Kristin Riciputi, a private school educator from New York City, The Treehouse School prides itself on its progressive hybrid teaching methods. Unlike any other school in the area, we believe that there isn't just ONE approach to learning. We have found that children learn best through imaginative play, as exploration and peer interaction lay the foundation for a successful student. However, The Treehouse also believes that a child must have direct instruction in literacy and mathematics for his or her academic future. Incorporating our philosophy is at the roots of this treehouse, yet we NEVER lose sight of our #1 goal: Always have fun!

Our community is a huge part of our curriculum and we embrace the close-knit neighborhood of Charlestown by taking monthly field trips to local businesses!

## MARK & MICHELLE GORMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Gorman Scholarship is pleased to announce that it will be awarding \$6000 to eligible students for the 2022-2023 school year. This year 5 scholarships will be awarded, 1 to a girl and 1 to a boy in 2 categories: Preschool – Grade 12 and College or a higher education program. There will also be a special scholarship awarded in memory of all of the Gorman Scholarship supporters that we have lost. Eligible candidates must be Charlestown Residents or players in our annual tournament. Tournament donors are eligible to enter one non-Charlestown resident who meets eligibility. Students in Private and/or Catholic schools are also eligible for scholarships. To apply: please write the student's name, address, phone number, school & grade on a 3x5 index card, 1 entry allowed per child. Completed cards should be dropped off during our annual Cornhole Tournament at the Barry Playground, on September 10, 2022 from 10-3. Only index cards will be accepted. Winners will be chosen in a lottery and awarded at the tournament. All scholarships will be given directly to the school that the winner is enrolled in. September 10, 2022 is the only day to enter.

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Preschool – Grade 12 and College/higher education.

### Special scholarship awarded in memory of all of the Gorman Scholarship supporters that we have lost.

Eligible students must be Charlestown residents, enrolled at a private or Catholic School or

play in our tournament. Tournament donors may enter one eligible non-Charlestown resident. To apply, fill out a 3x5 index card with: student name, address, phone number, school & grade and drop it

off during our

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### STARTING OUR 35TH SEASON!

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Games at 9:30 am and 10:30 am on Saturday mornings.

We still have spots available for 5 to 7 year old players.

Anyone interested should call

Debbie Lent at (617) 241-0434.

## Pediatric Covid Vaccine Clinic

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55 Fruit St, Boston 02114



Charlestown Pediatric PCP Patients are welcome. Appointments are required and can be booked by calling Charlestown Pediatrics (617) 724-8135

Saturday Covid Clinic:

9/10, 10/15 and 11/5

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9/6, 9/8, 9/20, 9/28

Any child coming for a Covid vaccine can also get their flu vaccine when supply is available.

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# Johnny Pomodoro coming to Charlestown

Special to the Patriot Bridge

Johnny Pomodoro, a counter service Italian dining destination in Charlestown slated to open in October, is the brainchild of noted chef Johnny Burke, owner of Johnny's Takeaway in West Roxbury and Johnny Burke Catering.

Chef Johnny Burke worked in fine dining for over a decade with Barbara Lynch at the Butcher Shop and then onto TW Food and Belly Wine Bar. After realizing his dream of making more approachable food with elevated twists for families to enjoy at home, he opened Johnny's Takeaway which thrived during the pandemic. One of the "pop ups" during the pandemic at

the restaurant was "Johnny Pomodoro" which was his take on an old-school, red sauce Italian style counter service concept. It did so well that he decided to find a permanent place for Johnny Pomodoro. That place is located at 297 Main Street in Charlestown and the restaurant will include everything from family-style meals of chicken parmesan, Caesar salad, pasta, homemade pomodoro sauce, garlic knots and freshly baked chocolate chip cookies.

The other individual grab-and-go, takeout and delivery items include: a variety of subs, thoughtful plays on traditional takeout salads, square sheet tray pizza reminiscent of Detroit style,

house-breaded chicken fingers, and homemade garlic knots. The dipping sauces will be made daily and customers can select from pesto, pomodoro, piccata sauces. Johnny Pomodoro will be open for dinner daily from 5-11p and starting in November, it will be open for lunch and dinner daily. For more information, log onto [www.johnnypomodoro.com](http://www.johnnypomodoro.com) and on socials at @johnnypomodoro.



Some of the specialities to be served at Johnny Pomodoro

## FEMA awards nearly \$5.7 million for COVID-19 testing costs

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending almost \$5.7 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse the Boston Public Health Commission for the costs of setting up and operating testing sites during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$5,696,152 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the commission for contracting to set up and operate testing and treatment centers around the city between November 2020 and April 2021 at the following locations:

- LCG Health Wellness and Recovery
- Codman Square Health Center
- Dot-House Health Center
- East Boston Neighborhood Health
- Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center
- Whitter Health Center
- Uphams Corner Health Center

These sites not only provided 66,609 COVID-19 tests but also provided accommodation for

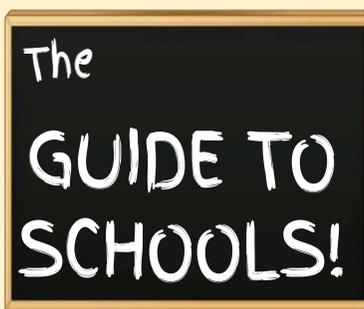
new patients without insurance to obtain care as needed; incorporated educational resources on the Coronavirus; and provided registration and traffic control services.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the City of Boston with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation."

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency. So far, FEMA has provided more than \$1.2 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance program is available at <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>. To learn more about the COVID-19 response in Massachusetts, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4496>

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# ENJOYING THE LAST DAYS OF SUMMER

DEREK KOUYOUJIAN PHOTOS

The Charlestown Navy Yard was decommissioned by the military in 1974 but has evolved into a community, workplace, and living museum. The USS Constitution and USS Cassin Young as well as the facilities are reminders of the important role Charlestown played in the defense of our nation. The Anchor is a family-friendly lounge space offering food, drink, music, and setting to relax and enjoy the day. Public art is placed throughout the yard. Also here is a perfect place to get a view of Boston Harbor.



“Colorado Bob” Kramer and Ed Spillert jam some blues standards at The Anchor.



Isla Gardiner (center) with her friends Maya and Sonny Blake enjoy some frosty treats needed for a Summer day.



Brady and Tyler (2nd from right) Negrich with Jack and Ben (far right) Lucia, and Luke Negrich came from the South Shore.



The Eduardo Family from Malden perches on one of the large anchors found at the Charlestown Navy Yard.



Colleen Gelderman, Rob Driscoll, and Graham McOsker play Catan, a strategic board game.



Adnan Malik and Marva Khalid.

# Team of stroke survivors and supporters completes 100 day trek

Special to Patriot Bridge

On Friday, August 26, a 4,500 mile, 100 day ocean to ocean cycling journey was completed in Boston. This was no ordinary cycling trip but one that focused on the mission to raise awareness about stroke, aphasia, and the emotional recovery after suffering from these and similar traumas.

The ride was led by Debra Meyerson and Steven Zuckerman, co-founders of Stroke Onward, a nonprofit committed to ensuring stroke survivors and their supporters have the resources needed to rebuild identities and rewarding lives. Steve and Debra were inspired to create this trip as part of rebuilding their lives after a severe stroke in 2010 left Debra with aphasia and other disabilities. They were joined by Michael Obel-Omia, a stroke survivor living with aphasia, and Whitney Hardy, a survivor of a life-threatening traumatic brain injury due to a car accident.

The team's journey this summer has been a success thanks to the 16 events they've participated along their cross-country route. Boston was selected as the end of the ride as each rider has special connections to the city. Last week-end in Boston, this journey came full circle as riders paid homage their homecoming with two major celebrations.

On Friday afternoon, after a stop at Revere Beach to dip their front wheels in the Atlantic Ocean, a cycling tradition on ocean-to-ocean rides, the team cycled to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital to complete a different type of journey. They were welcomed across the finish line by a cheering

crowd of Spaulding Hospital leadership and staff along with close family and friends of the riders. It was an especially sweet homecoming for Hardy and Obel-Omia who both received significant care at the facility and among those welcoming the riders to Boston were some of their care providers from Spaulding and MGH Institute of Health Professions.

"While the ride was a journey - literally and figuratively, it taught me what I was capable of," Obel-Omia said. "I showed people that even if they're down, they can get back up."

Obel-Omia was able to get back up thanks to the therapy, support, and encouragement of the students, faculty, and professionals at the Spaulding-Institute of Health Profession's Comprehensive Aphasia Program, affectionately known as S-IHP's CAP.

Before his stroke, he had long been a lover of literature and the English language, both in his career as an educator and in his personal life. Following his stroke, he became one of the 5.3 million Americans living with a permanent brain injury related disability, like those resulting from a stroke. After a five-week rehabilitative stay at Spaulding, Obel-Omia came to the IHP because he was suffering from Aphasia, a disorder that makes communication and comprehension challenging.

The S-IHP's CAP program helped him regain the speaking and comprehension skills and, in turn, reignited these passions that fed his purpose. The intensive five-week program integrates 1-on-1 therapy sessions, group therapy sessions, music therapy, swim group, wellness program,



Stroke Onward's cyclists make their way to the finish line, riding through Revere.

and adaptive sports programs into an individual's Aphasia recovery.

"At the program, they respected his areas of strength," said Carolyn, Obel-Omia's wife and primary caregiver. "They helped him become more like himself again, especially given that he couldn't teach anymore, as he had most of his adult life. At S-IHP's CAP, they laughed and joked, and by the end of the program he was able to give a lecture connecting his personal experience to Hamlet."

But another key part of Obel-Omia's life prior to his stroke was cycling - in fact, the trip he finished Friday wasn't his first-time cross-country ride. But for a variety of reasons, this ride was different. Not only was it a defining moment in his stroke recovery, it was also representative of his personal drive to reach the goals he sets for himself.

Marjorie Nicholas, Interim Co-Dean, Chair, Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and founder of the

IHP's onsite Aphasia Center, shared her congratulations at the event Friday.

"This journey required more physical, mental, and emotional grit and stamina than most of us ever have to muster in our entire lifetimes," Nicholas said. "Congratulations on getting here and thank you for showing us over and over just how powerful teamwork, love, and dedication can be in making our dreams come true."



Michael Obel-Omia stands with his close family friends after finishing the ride at Spaulding. Michael had received services at MGH Institute of Health Professions.

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# Baker signs bill implementing a women's rights history trail in Commonwealth

Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, joined by legislators participated in a ceremonial bill signing of H. 4555, An Act relative to the creation of a women's rights history trail. The Governor previously signed this bill into law in late May. It is now codified as Chapter 76 of the Acts of 2022.

The legislation directs the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (MOTT), in conjunction with the Secretary of Transportation, to develop and implement a women's rights history trail program that will include properties and sites that are associated with the fight for women's rights and suffrage in the Commonwealth. The legislation establishes a women's rights history trail task force to research, solicit public input, and make recommendations for sites, properties, and attractions to be included in the trail program, and calls for MOTT to create related educational materials and vacation itineraries. Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito were joined by bill sponsors Senator Joan Lovely (D-Salem) and Representative Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury) and several other members of the Legislature, including the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, for the ceremonial bill signing at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

"I am pleased to sign this legislation that will help Massachusetts better honor and preserve the legacies of women through-

out the Commonwealth's history who have made our state a better place," said Governor Charlie Baker. "I am deeply grateful for the work of so many legislators other partners who worked hard to pass this bill, and our administration looks forward to working with the new commission to make this history trail a reality."

"This bill is the product of significant work and collaboration by many key players and we are grateful to see it become law," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "The new Women's Rights History Trail will cover important historical milestones and landmarks across the Commonwealth and will help our residents better understand these crucially important historical figures."

"This legislation adds to the important work the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism does educating residents and visitors about our unique state by creating a new avenue for exploring sites related to significant women throughout our history," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. "With tourism playing a big role in Massachusetts' recovery from COVID-19, our cultural sector and local economies will benefit from this coordinated effort to increase visibility and access to historic sites in our communities."

"With the creation of a Women's Rights History Trail, Massachusetts is acting to memorialize the struggle for women's rights in



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the Commonwealth," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano. "I want to thank my colleagues in the House and Senate, as well as Governor Baker, for working to ensure that the suffrage movement, and all that it achieved, will be celebrated through the highlighting of these landmarks."

"Women in Massachusetts have played a pivotal role at every step in the Commonwealth's history, yet their contributions are too often overlooked," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka. "The Women's Rights History Trail will serve as a visible monument to the history of women—and the women's rights movement. Understanding this history gives us all a chance to reflect on where we have come from and what it means to leave a legacy that can uplift and inspire future generations. I am glad to see that this trail will give

particular attention to the diverse backgrounds and perspectives of the women who have transformed Massachusetts. I would like to thank Senator Lovely and my colleagues in the Senate, as well as our partners in the House and Senate, for their work to make this a reality."

"Our nation and our Commonwealth would not be what they are today, were it not for the contributions of women," said Senator Joan B. Lovely. "Though as important as men to our country's history, women have seldom received the recognition they rightly deserve. With this law, we stand to remove women from the annals of history and finally place them at the forefront. I would like to thank Senate President Karen Spilka, Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito, House Co-sponsors Representative Hannah Kane and former Representative Carolyn Dyke-

ma, Caucus Co-Chair Representative Pat Haddad and Executive Director Nora Bent, for ensuring that women's history will continue to be preserved and advanced for generations to come."

"This legislation creating the Women's Rights History Trail ensures that the many women from our Commonwealth who contributed to the fabric of our nation and democracy are recognized, and that their accomplishments are preserved in our state's history, so that their legacies may serve as inspiration for future generations of young women," said Representative Hannah Kane. "I am proud to have been a sponsor of this legislation, helping to carry out my late colleague Rep. Gailanne Cariddi's vision, and I look forward to serving as a member of the Women's Rights History Trail Task Force."

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# First human case of West Nile Virus in Boston reported

The Boston Public Health Commission announced that a case of West Nile Virus (WNV) has been detected in a Boston resident. The case was confirmed earlier today by the State Department of Public Health. Although mosquito pools have tested positive for WNV in Boston, it is unknown if the patient in question was exposed to the virus in Boston. It is the first case detected in Boston in 2022.

WNV is a rare, but potentially serious disease that is spread to humans through mosquito bites. Mosquitoes carrying the virus appear in Boston, as well as the rest of state, during the summer and fall months. In addition

to spreading through mosquito bites, WNV can spread through blood transfusions, organ transplants, and from mother to child during pregnancy and breastfeeding.

Anyone who is outside from July through November, especially at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active, is at risk for contracting WNV, however, the risk of contracting it is quite low. Individuals over 50-years old and those with compromised immune systems are more likely to experience severe illness if infected.

“The Boston Public Health Commission is working closely with our partners at the State

Department of Public Health to monitor mosquito pools and investigate this infection,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “During this time of the year and into the fall, it’s very important for residents to take proper precautions. Use bug spray, avoid being outside at dusk and dawn for prolonged periods of time,

and wear long clothing to avoid becoming infected.”

Most people who are infected with WNV do not experience any signs or symptoms of illness. In some cases, people will experience

a headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, and body aches which can last for a few days or several weeks. In most cases, individuals with mild symptoms recover on their own. If you believe you have WNV, contact your health care provider immediately.

More serious symptoms, which can result in hospitalization, include:

- high fever
- severe headache
- lack of coordination
- permanent muscle weakness/paralysis

Seek emergency medical care if you or someone you know is experiencing severe WNV symptoms.

• The best way to avoid contracting WNV is to avoid getting bug bites. The Boston Public Health Commission encourages residents to use and reapply FDA-approved mosquito repellent when outdoors; wear protective clothing (long sleeve shirts, long pants, and socks); limit time outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active; and make sure windows and screens don’t have holes or gaps that can allow mosquitoes to enter your homes; and reduce the mosquito population by eliminating standing water around your home, which is where mosquitoes breed.

## DROUGHT (from pg. 12)

os, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.

• Establish or enhance water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and

Medium-Term Steps for Communities:

• Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication.

• Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.

• Prepare to activate emergency inter-connections for water supply.

• Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

For Regions in Level 2 – Significant Drought

Residents and Businesses:

• Minimize overall water use.

• Limit outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.

• Follow local water use restrictions, if more stringent.

Immediate Steps for Communities:

• Adopt and implement the state’s nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level

2 restriction calls for limiting outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m. If local restrictions are more stringent, continue to keep them in place during the course of the drought.

• Limit or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.

• Establish water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and

Medium-Term Steps for Communities:

• Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication.

• Provide timely information to local residents and businesses.

• Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.

• Check emergency inter-connections for water supply.

• Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

For Regions in Level 1 – Mild Drought

Residents and Businesses:

• Toilets, faucets and showers are more than 60% of indoor use. Make sure yours are WaterSense efficient.

• Limit outdoor watering to one day a week (only from 5:00 pm – 9:00 am), or less frequently if required by your water supplier

Immediate Steps for Communities:

• Adopt and implement the state’s nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought.

• Limit or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.

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• Check emergency inter-connections for water supply.

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Practicing water conservation now will greatly help reduce water use to ensure essential needs, such as drinking water and fire protection, are being met, habitats have enough water to support their natural functions, and to sustain the Commonwealth’s water supplies in the long-term. State agencies will continue to monitor and assess current conditions and any associated environmental and agricultural impacts, coordinate any needed dissemination of information to the public, and help state, federal and local agencies prepare additional responses that may be needed in the future. Furthermore, the Massachusetts Department of

Environmental Protection (Mass-DEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing systems, including emergency connections and water supplies assistance.

“The need for conservation of water has never been greater,” said Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Martin Suuberg. “Citizens are again encouraged to conserve water and follow the conservation measures established by their local water suppliers.”

The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 1:00PM. For further information on water conservation and what residents can do, please visit EEA’s drought page and water conservation page. To get the most up-to-date information on the drought indices, go to the state’s drought dashboard page.

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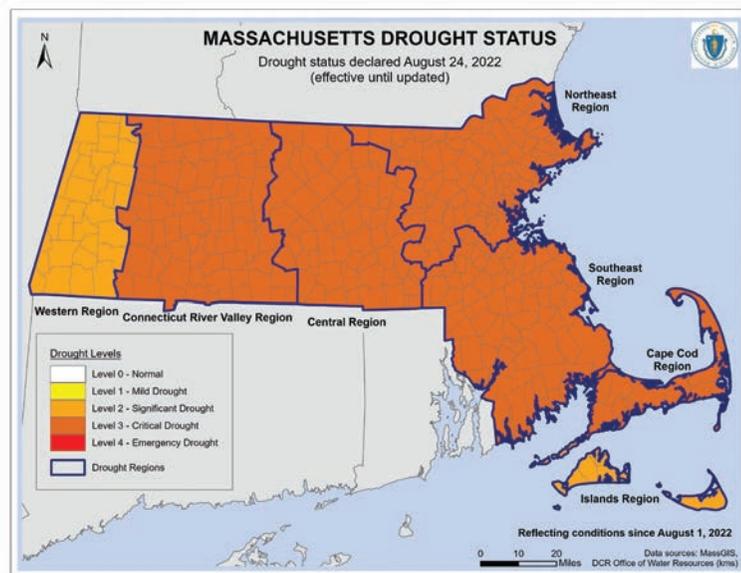
# Risk of wildland fires increases as drought persists

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With the risk of wildland fires increasing due to below average precipitation across the state, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card today declared that the Cape Cod Region will join the Connecticut River Valley, Southeast, Northeast, and Central Regions as a Level 3-Critical Drought. Additionally, the Islands and Western Regions will also elevate to a Level 2-Significant Drought. As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level-3 Critical Drought and a Level 2-Significant Drought calls for the convening of an inter-agency Mission Group, which has already begun to meet, to more closely coordinate on drought assessments, impacts, and response within the government. These efforts are in addition to Level 1-Mild Drought actions, which recommends detailed monitoring of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, and technical outreach and assistance to the affected municipalities.

"Massachusetts continues to experience drought conditions in all regions of the state, which is not only depleting public water supplies, but is also elevating the risk of wildland fires," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card. "It is critical that we all practice water conservation methods and adhere to local requirements to decrease the stress on our water systems and ensure essential needs, such as drinking water, habitats and fire suppression, are being met."

"The impact of the current drought conditions are being



felt throughout the commonwealth, from damaging wildfires to dry riverbeds and wells," said MEMA Acting Director Dawn Brantley. "The recent rains help but won't end the drought so it is more important than ever to prevent wildfires and for residents to conserve water in our day-to-day activities."

From August 1, 2022, to August 22, 2022, rainfall ranged mostly between 0.5 inch to 1 inch across the state, with a few localized higher and lower totals. Precipitation numbers are trending below average for the month of August. The Cape Cod, Islands, and Western Regions of the state were most impacted by the lack of precipitation. Additionally, since the onset of the drought, regions are experiencing between a four and ten inch deficit in precipitation. Streamflow has also been the most affected index with extreme low flows all across the state, where dry streambeds, increased ponding, higher temperatures in rivers, and increased nutrients

and algal blooms are occurring. Furthermore, groundwater levels are declining in each region of the state.

Caution is also advised as fire activity has increased across the state as drought conditions have set in, and wildfires in remote areas with delayed response are now burning deep into the organic soil layers. Drought induced fire behavior can result in suppression challenges for fire resources and result in extended incidents. As a result of fire conditions, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has implemented a temporary ban on all open flame and charcoal fires within state park properties. During the temporary ban, which is in effect until further notice, small portable propane grills are still allowed at campgrounds and recreation areas where grilling is permitted.

Currently, there are over 12 wildfire incidents across the state that are active and require daily mop up and monitoring. This year's fire season has been extended due to dry conditions. Since the

start of the fire season, there have been over 840 wildfires, burning approximately 1,432 acres of land. It is critical that everyone remains aware of how the drought has increased the risk of wildland fires in the state, and the public is asked to exercise extreme caution when using grills and open flames to ensure fires are properly and completely extinguished.

The agricultural sector also continues to experience impacts resulting from the ongoing drought, which includes some depletion of water sources and production acreage, irrigating crops on a more consistent basis due to current precipitation deficits, high temperatures, low soil moisture, and significant increase in operating costs due to increased labor, maintenance of equipment, and increased irrigation. Consumers are encouraged to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products at local farm stands and retail stores throughout the Commonwealth.

On August 15, 2022, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Vilsack announced the designation of nine Massachusetts counties as primary natural disaster areas and three counties as contiguous disaster areas due to the 2022 drought. A USDA Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in the primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), such as FSA emergency loans, provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. The nine primary counties are: Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth,

## Breakheart Reservation in Saugus closed

Due to active wildland fires, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will continue to close Breakheart Reservation, 177 Forest Street, Saugus. DCR staff will remain on site to instruct visitors about the closure. An announcement will be made prior to the reopening of the park. For updates, please visit the agency's Twitter page: @MassDCR.

Suffolk, and Worcester. The three contiguous counties are: Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire. For more information, please visit the USDA's Disaster Assistance Programs' webpage.

It is important to note that the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply system is not experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual plan. Private wells, local streams, wetlands, vernal pools, and other water-dependent habitats located within MWRA-served areas are being impacted by drought conditions while water quality in ponds can deteriorate due to lowering of levels and stagnation.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 3 – Critical Drought, Level 2 – Significant Drought and Level 1 – Mild Drought region, including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are also asked to check with their local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place.

For Regions in Level 3 – Critical Drought

Residents and Businesses:

- Stop all non-essential outdoor watering.
- Minimize overall water use.

Immediate Steps for Communities:

- Adopt and implement the state's nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level 3 restriction calls for a ban on all nonessential outdoor water use.
- Provide timely information on the drought and on water conservation tips to local residents and businesses.

- Enforce water use restrictions with increasingly stringent penalties.
- Strongly discourage or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, pati-

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