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## ART IN THE PARK

*The Artists Group Of Charlestown held its annual Art In The Park in City Square Park. Over 30 artists showcased their work for visitors to view. Donated artist pieces were available as raffle prizes. Above, Martha Zackin shows Hannah and Zach Poirier some of her glasswork. Right, Tina Busa shows off her ceramic work. See pages 8 and 9 for more photos.*

## BPD: Charlestown sees 11-percent spike in Part One crime from last year

By Dan Murphy

With the summer of '22 on the books, Charlestown had seen an 11-percent increase in Part One crime from the previous year, according to Boston Police.

Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 4 of this year, 194 incidents of Part One crime were reported in Area A-15, as opposed to 174 Part One crime incidents during the same timeframe last year.

Part One Crime includes violent crimes (homicide, rape and attempted rape, robbery and attempted robbery, and aggravated assault), as well as property crimes (burglary and attempted burglary, larceny and attempted larceny, and vehicle theft and attempted vehicle theft).

No homicides have been reported this year, compared to one in 2021. (The five-year average in the district is also one incident in this category.)

Conversely, one rape or attempted has been reported in 2022, compared to none last year. (The five-year average for the district is four in this category.)

The number of robberies and attempted robberies doubled, with 12 this year as opposed to six in 2021. (The five-year average for the district was 12 in this category.)

Incidents of domestic aggravated assault were down 20 percent as the number fell to 12 from 15

last year. (The five-year average for the district was 14 in this category.)

Likewise, incidents of non-domestic aggravated assault were down 20 percent as the number fell to 12 from 15 last year. (The five-year average for the district was 22 in this category.)

Commercial burglaries tripled, with six this year, compared to two in 2021. (The five-year average for the district was three incidents in this category.)

Residential burglaries saw a minor uptick as the number climbed to 13 from 12 last year. (The five-year average for the district was 18 in this category.)

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle were up almost 38 percent, with 66 this year, compared to 48 in 2021. (The five-year average for the district was 58 in this category.)

In contrast, other larcenies were down nearly 9 percent as the number fell to 61 from 67 last year. (The five-year average for this district was 95 in this category.)

Auto theft was up nearly 38 percent, with 11 incidents this year, compared to eight in 2021. (The five-year average for the district was 15 in this category.)

Citywide, Part One crime saw a 1-percent increase as the number climbed to 10,066 from 9,815 last year. (The five-year average for Part One crime was 11,048 incidents citywide.)

## Wu challenges 2020 US Census count

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that the City of Boston is challenging the United States Census Bureau's 2020 Census Population count of Boston's total population. Based on research by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), the population count of 675,647 for Boston undercounts significant segments of the City's college and university student and foreign-born population, and individuals in correctional facilities. Mayor Wu also announced that

the City of Boston has applied for a review of the City's group quarters count through the Post-Census Group Quarters Review (PCGQR) program.

The City's challenge centers on population count concerns, count case coverage issues, and objections to the racial and ethnic classification changes for the 2020 census. An accurate count of Boston's population will help inform the needs of Boston's residents as well as guide the City's planning for allocation of resources across communities.

"Boston deserves an accurate census count across every neighborhood and community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This count is the foundation to assess the needs of all of our communities, ensuring that Boston receives crucial federal resources, and it should reflect our full numbers."

"Our Census count is immensely consequential for determining the allocation of public resources, federal grants and assistance programs, and understanding the

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# EDITORIAL

## ALCOHOL ABUSE IS STILL PROBLEM #1

Two years ago the voters of Oregon approved a measure that decriminalized the possession of small amounts of even the most dangerous drugs, while also mandating that tax revenue from the sale of marijuana (which Oregon legalized in 2014) be used for addiction recovery programs.

Oregon voters recognized that the 50 year War on Drugs has been a total failure that has done nothing to reduce drug abuse and arguably has made the problem even worse, both in their state and nationwide.

However, the shortcoming of the Oregon law is that it ignored the most-abused and harmful drug of them all -- alcohol. And even more ironically, the state legislature in 2021 legalized to-go drinks for restaurant take-out and increased the amount of wine that can be shipped directly to consumers -- and this is a state that is second only to California for its number of wineries and has as many distilleries as Kentucky.

So it should not be surprising that Oregon ranks among the states with the highest prevalence of problem drinking in the country. Last year, 2153 residents died of causes attributed to alcohol, according to the Oregon Health Authority -- more than twice the number of people who died from methamphetamines, heroin, and fentanyl combined. In addition, an Oregon business group estimates that the annual cost in lost productivity because of excessive drinking by state residents is \$5 billion per year.

However, alcohol abuse is a nationwide problem. There were more deaths attributed to alcohol (about 108,000) than to drugs (about 106,000) in 2021 in the United States. Here in Massachusetts, we have one of the highest rates of deaths from alcohol poisoning.

Indeed, alcohol abuse is a world-wide problem. Just this past week, a report published by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) that followed two years of research and a review of more than 5000 peer-reviewed studies concluded that alcohol in even small quantities can be harmful to our health. The CCSA report recommends that a safe amount of alcohol consumption for adults is no more than two drinks per week. (That's not a typo -- two drinks per week.) The CCSA report is confirmation of the World Health Organization's designation of alcohol as a Class A carcinogen a few years ago.

It has been well-known for many years that those who start drinking as teenagers are five times more likely to become victims of alcohol abuse disorder (what formerly was referred to as alcoholism) than those who don't start drinking until they are 21. In addition, it goes without saying that alcohol far exceeds any drug for the damage and tragedy it wreaks upon families, regardless of socioeconomic status.

The time has come for our public officials and our citizenry to recognize alcohol abuse as an immediate public health emergency and to take action to address this growing -- and largely-ignored -- problem.

## WHAT'S WITH ALL THE COVERAGE OF THE BRITISH MONARCHY?

The passing last week of Queen Elizabeth II saddened all of us. She was a great woman who epitomized what used to be called noblesse oblige, the idea that nobility extends beyond mere entitlement, requiring people who hold such status to fulfill social responsibilities.

Queen Elizabeth understood this sense of duty from the very outset of her ascension to the throne at the age of 25 when she said, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."

On another occasion, she said, "Our modern world places such heavy demands on our time and attention that the need to remember our responsibilities to others is greater than ever."

But as much as the world will miss Queen Elizabeth, the reality is that the British monarchy is an anachronism that only serves as a reminder of the terrible oppression perpetrated by the British Empire through the ages.

And while a majority of Britons may be content to spend hundreds of millions of their tax dollars to support the royal family (and some say that the tourist dollars generated by Buckingham Palace actually are a net positive), it is undeniable that the majority of members of the royal family are unworthy heirs of Queen Elizabeth's legacy, especially most of her children.

But while Britain may still be enthralled with the vestiges of a long-gone era, what makes the major American media think that we are? The non-stop coverage of her death, funeral proceedings, and accession by Charles has been ridiculous. This is 2022, not 1772.

It's time to relegate (the term used in the English Premier Soccer League when the bottom three teams are dropped down to the minor league at the end of the season) the monarchy to what it really is -- an historical footnote that is irrelevant in the world today.

## LETTERS to the Editor

### QUESTION 1 IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT BALLOT INITIATIVE

To the Editor,

The past month without Orange Line service shows why Question 1 is such an important ballot initiative for us this November. Charlestown has been that much more of an island thanks to reduced transportation options while the Orange Line is closed. While the T should be safer and more reliable once it reopens later this month, we can't return to the status quo, or we'll end up in this embarrassing and dangerous situation again.

The Commonwealth needs to better fund the MBTA if this is to be a livable city—one where

people can easily get to work or school and enjoy Boston's amenities without shelling out big bucks to idle in traffic in an Uber. Voting Yes on Question 1 will help provide a long-term source of funding for the MBTA and other transportation infrastructure projects that benefit all of Massachusetts' residents. It's particularly vital we take action as we face a \$230 million deficit in the T budget once federal aid runs out in 2024.

Investing in transportation will help those of us in Charlestown be connected to our city again. I'll be voting Yes on Question 1 and I hope you'll join me.

Amy Bucher

## GUEST OP-ED

### Will you own an electric car?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Will you own an electric car? If you live long enough and that's all that is being made, you probably will. Many of us we'll hold out for as long as possible.

I'm all for electric cars especially if someone else is buying them. If 20 percent of America's driving population goes to the electric vehicle, EV, then surely gasoline will become cheaper. Less people buying gasoline will reduce the demand and it should reduce the price. We hope.

California will not allow the sale of gasoline cars by 2035.

This same state told EV drivers not to charge their electric cars during the past Labor Day weekend when the temperatures were expected to hit triple digits for millions of residents putting a drain on the power grid.

This brings us to the same crisis every community will face. America's power grids aren't ready to accommodate millions of EVs plugging in a for a recharge. The prospects of city and regional blackouts are alarming. You can forget charging your car. You won't be able to charge your cell phone or have air conditioning or heat during a blackout.

I'm not opposed to electric cars. I am opposed to them being crammed down our throats. The manufacturers are being pushed to eventually eliminate all gasoline vehicles. We will see how this goes over the next ten years.

Plan to spend some money. A local salesman talked to me about an electric Mustang. Stickered at \$48,000 but they were asking \$58,000 because as he said, "We can get it." I didn't want the car to begin with but was curious about the car.

It sounds time consuming to recharge an EV, although some EVs are promising up to 150-mile charge in a short amount of time.

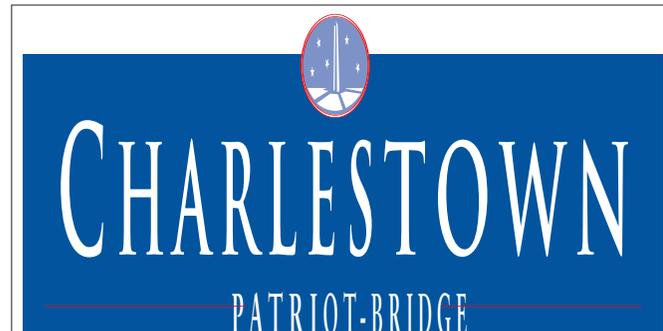
EVs could mean fewer people on America's Interstates. Currently in most American communities it's much easier to go home to recharge at your own power station. Cross country driving will be out of the question or very difficult in an EV for the next two or three years. Currently an EV will go about 250 to 350 miles on a charge. This means you will always be searching for the next power station. This will be a major lifestyle change.

There are reports that Pilot and Flying J will have charging stations installed by 2025 and are spending a billion dollars to upgrade their facilities.

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# Charlestown residents to participate in Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

More than 250 residents from Boston will participate in the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, October 2.

Charlestown residents Steph Martin, Natalie Gallagher, Jack Gallagher, Juliette Steinkrauss, Stacy Rosenbloom, Alex Brussard, and Kelsey Doherty will join 244 Boston residents along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$155 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 33-year history.

Tianna Burns, age six, and Nick Hungerford will participate as Walk Heroes for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. Heroes are matched with Jimmy Fund Walk teams to give participants an opportunity to connect with patients. Tianna was diagnosed with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia and is matched

with CFS Inc. Tianna's family writes, "she is a funny and caring child who wants to be a doctor when she grows up."

Nick was diagnosed with Recurring Ewings Sarcoma. Nick walks on his Match Team, Young Adult Program. "My Dana-Farber team tries as hard as I do to keep me alive," Nick writes. "They give me the chance to live every day with the enthusiasm and drive that I demand from myself. I couldn't be more grateful for every extra day they give me."

"Throughout the past 33 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has continuously supported life-saving research and cancer care at Dana-Farber. And the pandemic didn't stop us," said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Jimmy Fund Walk. "Over the past two years, participants walked virtually and celebrated in their own unique ways. Now, we welcome them to walk the course in person. We are back, we are together, and we are stronger than ever."

Participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K Walk (3.1 miles from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute),

10K Walk (6.2 miles from Newton), Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from Wellesley), or Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton). Participants can also choose to join the event virtually by "walking their way" from wherever they are most comfortable—in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home. Virtual programming and supporting materials are available.

Along the course, walkers are treated to 12 refueling stations as well as poster-sized photographs of patients – Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes – displayed at each mile and half-mile marker as inspiration. All four routes of the Jimmy Fund Walk end at the Copley Square Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric with a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

To register for the Jimmy Fund Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](http://www.JimmyFundWalk.org) or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.



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## Looking for a Career with Purpose? Bay Cove Human Services' City Square Program Wants You!



If you're an active, outgoing, friendly person ready to make a difference in the lives of neighbors looking to learn new skills right here in Charlestown, then Bay Cove's City Square Employment Supports (CSES) program could be just the place to launch your exciting new career!

CSES is a social, education and employment preparation program designed to help people with intellectual disabilities. The City Square program in Charlestown is currently looking to hire Education and Employment Counselors to join their team. Individuals in these positions support people with the process of seeking employment—assisting them in their job search, putting together resumes, and applying and interviewing for jobs.

Counselors also support individuals in the program in learning "soft," or social, skills that will help them successfully engage with their community and build relationships. Counselors assist program participants in accessing the Charlestown and Boston community, providing transportation and partaking in social activities like visiting local restaurants, parks, museums, and recreation areas. Counselors teach everyday tasks that help inspire independence—from taking public transportation, to going to the bank, to learning how to cook meals.

Bay Cove is offering **\$4,000 signing bonuses** for these exciting positions, competitive salaries (with applicants with valid drivers' licenses having the opportunity to earn an additional \$1200/month above the position's standard starting salary!), benefits and the opportunity for advancement. It's an opportunity to get your start in human services, and jumpstart a career with real meaning and impact!

To learn more about opportunities at Bay Cove's City Square program, visit [www.baycove.org/current-openings](http://www.baycove.org/current-openings) and search for the keyword EDUCATION. **We're eager to meet you!**



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. MARY - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA GRADES K-10

Registration is open on our website: [stmarystcatherine.org/education](http://stmarystcatherine.org/education) for students in Grades K-8 (Religious Education including preparation for First Communion, Grades 1 and 2) and 9-10 (Confirmation).

Classes meet twice per month beginning October 2; once a month in person and once a month on Zoom.

Please email Katy Fleming [kfleming@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:kfleming@stmarystcatherine.org) with any questions.

## CHARLESTOWN HOUSE TOUR

The Charlestown House Tour is scheduled to take place this Saturday, Sept. 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. The biennial self guided tour of neighborhood homes celebrate a long tradition of preservation in Charlestown. Since the tour was started more than 40 years ago, Charlestown homeowners have generously opened their homes and buildings. The tour is rain or shine.

Pick up your tour information from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 91 Main Street.

Charlestown Historical Society is also a sponsor of this event.

# Court officer arraigned on assault and battery charge after North End attack

A North End man and court officer at the Charlestown Division of Boston Municipal Court was arraigned Wednesday on charges that he attacked and severely injured a man in a Salem Street residential building, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Anthony Firicano, 53, was charged in the Central Division of BMC with assault and battery resulting in serious bodily injury. Assistant District Attorney Alexander Jones requested that Firicano be held on \$15,000 bail, surrender all firearms and stay away from the victim and witnesses. Judge Erika Reis set bail at \$1,000 and ordered Firicano to surrender all firearms, stay away from the victim and witnesses and the location of the incident, stay in Massachusetts and enroll in an anger management course.

Firicano will return to court October 7.

Jones said that on August 30, Firicano approached the victim and complained about the noise involved with the victim's friend moving a couch. He threatened to shoot and kill the victim and the friend. He then punched the victim in the face and pushed him down a flight of stairs. The victim broke multiple bones in his legs, requiring surgery.

Jones said that Firicano has a history of making threats to people in the building and at a nearby business. The threats have included blowing up buildings, shooting people and physically assaulting people.

"The injuries inflicted by this brutal attack will affect this victim's life for a long time, and the psychological impacts could last even longer. The fact that the person responsible is a court officer is deeply concerning. The work of any law enforcement officer is to protect people, not endanger

them," Hayden said.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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

## CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

### Weekly Standings

9/10/2022

	W	L	T
Bryan's Pals	0	0	1
Halligan Club	0	0	1
Duce 2	0	0	1
A-1 Convenience	0	0	1

### Players of the week for 9/10/2022

A-1 Convenience - Cooper Smith, Thomas Fink  
 Bryan's Pals - Logan Fallon, James Byrne  
 Duce 2 - Ryleigh McDonald, Clay Hess  
 Halligan Club - Peyton King, Landon Morales

### We still have openings for players 3 to 10 years old.

Gym Hockey season runs September to January, starting with outside games, moving inside when it gets cold. Games are played at 9:30 am and 10:30 am on Saturday mornings. Some of our players, have gone on to play college and pro hockey. You do not have to live in Charlestown. Anyone interested should call Debbie Lent at 617-241-0434.

The Beacon Hill Times - [beaconhilltimes.com](http://beaconhilltimes.com)  
 The North End Regional Review - [northendregionalreview.com](http://northendregionalreview.com)  
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 or call the CWT at 857 391 0489

# THE FRIENDS OF THE TRAINING FIELD HOLDS FINAL CONCERT

The Friends Of The Training Field held the final concert of their Summer Concert Series with Boston based Erin Òg performing traditional Irish folk music. Neighbors gathered to enjoy one last Summer day with music in the historic park.



Jerry Mahoney and Tom Gilgunn.



Another pair of international visitors, Camille Heraud and Esther Faivre-Duboz came from France to see Boston and were delighted to attend this neighborhood concert.



Concert organizer Billy Kelly (center) with Linda, John, Erin, and Courtney Carr.



Erin Òg is a Boston based band that performs traditional Irish folk songs. Steve Gill on bass, Bobby Mullis on guitar vocals and flute, and Frankie Kelly on guitar and mandolin.



Patty Awbrey and Peggy Piwinski.



Karen Wodjoqski, Charles "Buddy" Clifford, Peg Walsh, Billy Kelley, Maureen Moriarty, Missy Flynn, and Barbie Kelly.



The Training Field was filled with neighbors from all circles of the community wanting to hear some great music and also looking to enjoy a beautiful Summer day at the end of the season.



Calee and Beth David with Emily Ingardia.

# Thank You!

**Thank You Charlestown!** for another great concert season at the Training Field. We could not do these great events without devoted members & volunteers, and generous donors. If you enjoyed our events, please consider joining us or making a contribution.

**-The Friends of the Training Field**

Contact: Billy Kelly 617-241-8130

# Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library host author Fr. Charles R. Gallagher, S.J.

"Nazis of Copley Square: the Forgotten Story of the Christian Front" will be a book presentation by author Fr. Charles R. Gallagher, S.J. and hosted by the Friends of the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library. Thursday, September 22, 6:30 pm. The event is free and open to all, including a book signing. Wheelchair accessible; conveniently located near public transportation. Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street, Charlestown. For more informa-

tion: [www.facebook.com/FriendsCharlestownBranchLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsCharlestownBranchLibrary), [friendsofcharlestownlib@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcharlestownlib@gmail.com), 617-242-1248.

Nazis of Copley Square is the forgotten history of American terrorists who, in the name of God, conspired to overthrow the government and formed an alliance with Hitler.

On January 13, 1940, FBI agents burst into the homes and offices of seventeen members of the Christian Front, seizing guns, ammunition, and homemade bombs. J. Edgar

Hoover's charges were incendiary: the group, he alleged, was planning to incite a revolution and install a "temporary dictatorship" in order to stamp out Jewish and Communist influence in the United States. Interviewed in his jail cell, the front's ringleader was unbowed: "All I can say is—long live Christ the King! Down with Communism!"

In Nazis of Copley Square, author Fr. Charles R. Gallagher provides a crucial missing chapter in the history of the American far right. The

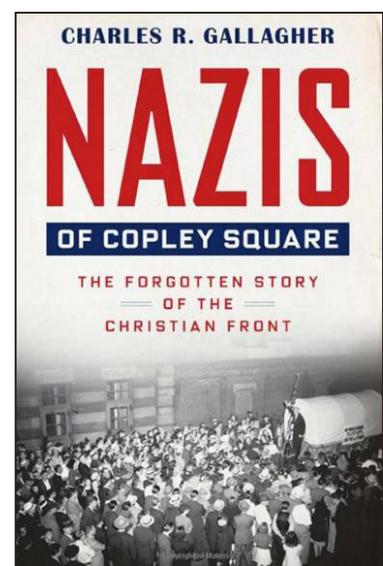
men of the Christian Front imagined themselves as crusaders fighting for the spiritual purification of the nation, under assault from godless Communism, and they were hardly alone in their beliefs. The front traced its origins to vibrant global Catholic theological movements of the early twentieth century, such as the Mystical Body of Christ and Catholic Action. The front's anti-Semitism was inspired by Sunday sermons and by lay leaders openly espousing fascist and Nazi beliefs.

Gallagher chronicles the evolution of the front, the transatlantic cloak-and-dagger intelligence operations that subverted it, and the mainstream political and religious leaders who shielded the front's activities from scrutiny. Nazis of Copley Square is a grim tale of faith perverted to violent ends, and a warning for those who hope to curb the spread of far-right ideologies today.

Fr. Charles R. Gallagher, S.J. is Associate Professor of History at Boston College. His book Vatican Secret Diplomacy won the John Gilmary Shea Prize from the American Catholic Historical Association.

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The Friends of the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library was formed in 1953, becoming the second Friends group to organize within the Boston Public Library



system. As a non-profit organization, the Friends schedule four to six evening adult programs per year, helps to support programs for children held during the day, and maintains the library's landscaping. The mission of the Friends remains today what it was in 1953: to serve as an advocacy and support group for the needs of the Charlestown Branch Library, its staff, and users.

[facebook.com/FriendsCharlestownBranchLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsCharlestownBranchLibrary)  
Save the following date for another Charlestown Friends' Fall 2022 program:

-- Thursday, October 27: The Great Boston Fire: the Inferno that Nearly Incinerated the City; presentation given by author Stephanie Schorow. In recognition of the 150th anniversary of that massive fire, that took place in November 1852.

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1**	2 BR	875	\$1,577	50% AMI		
18	2 BR	875	\$1,893	60% AMI	2	1
3	2 BR	875	\$2,524	80% AMI	1	
1**	2 BR	875	\$2,524	80% AMI		
2	3 BR	1,154	\$1,823	50% AMI	1	
4	3 BR	1,154	\$2,187	60% AMI		
4	3 BR	1,154	\$2,917	80% AMI		

\*\* These units have a preference for BPDA Certified Artists.

3 Homeless Set-aside units will be filled through direct referral from HomeStart. For more information please contact us at the email address or phone number below. For direct referrals, please visit <https://www.homestart.org/bostonhsh>.

*Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))					Maximum Incomes (set by HUD/MOH + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI))				
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1 BR	N/A	N/A	\$54,102	\$72,137	1	\$29,460	\$49,100	\$58,920	\$78,550
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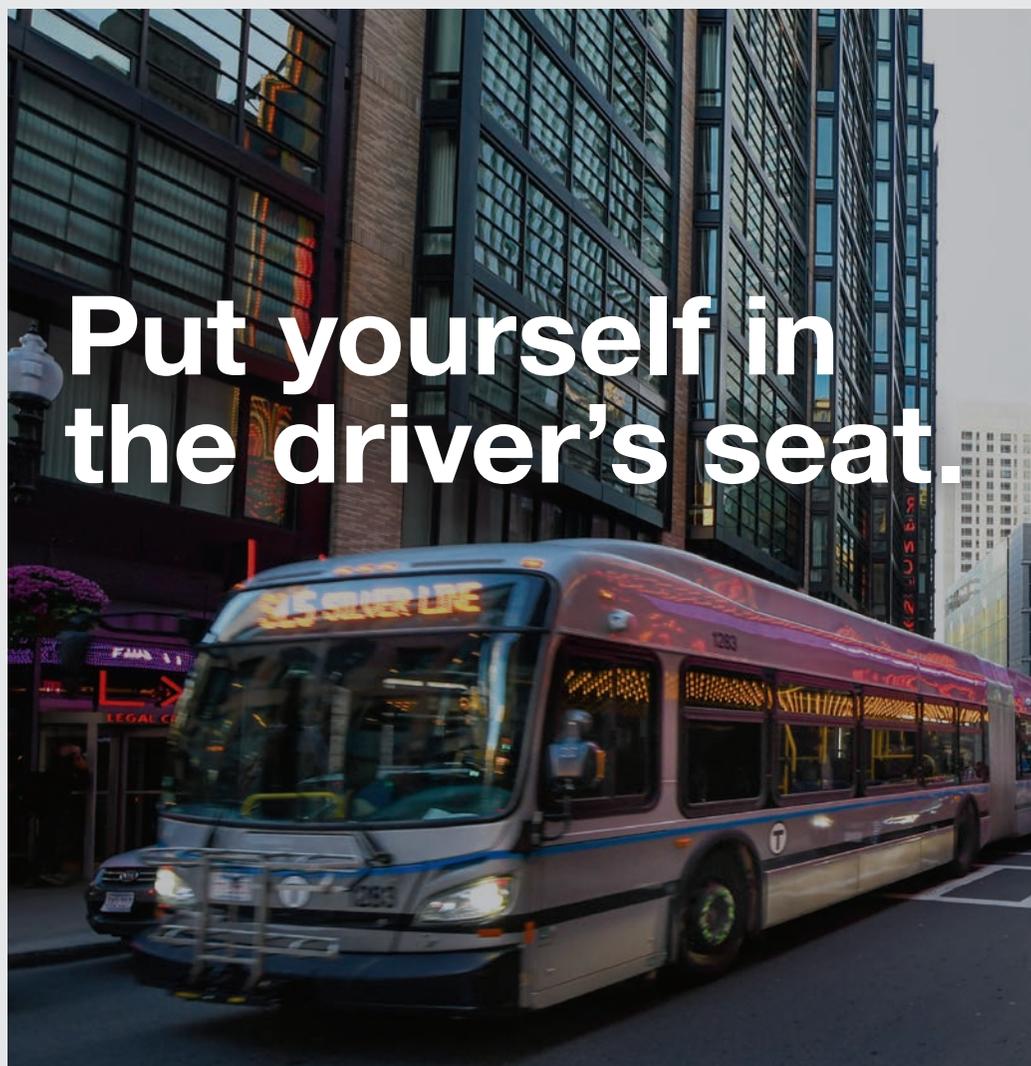
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# THE ARTISTS GROUP OF CHARLESTOWN HOLD ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK

The Artists Group Of Charlestown held its annual Art In The Park in City Square Park. Over 30 artists showcased their work for visitors to view. Donated artist pieces were available as raffle prizes.



Laurie Sigmund with her Waterville paintings.



Maria, Greta, and Audrey Halovanic check out the illustration work of Daphne Rae.



Elizabeth Budington described her printmaking work as collecting and curating antique glass and celluloid negatives then reprinting them.



Michael Dean shows off not only his artistry in painting but in music as well.



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# Mayo named Director for the Office of Returning Citizens

Mayor Michelle Wu announced David Mayo as Director for the Office of Returning Citizens (ORC). The mission of the Office of Returning Citizens is to help returning citizens recover from the trauma of

incarceration, reclaim their dignity and purpose, and rebuild their lives through positive choices, incentives, and opportunities. The ORC aims to empower its clients to break the cycle of recidivism through hands-

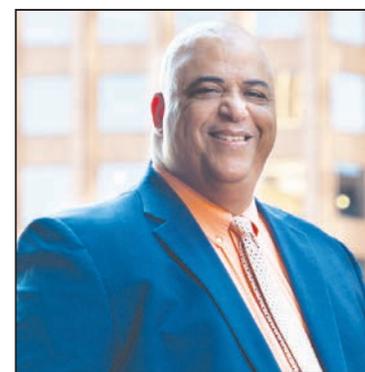
on case management and an extensive provider referral network. Mayo brings decades of experience in rehabilitative services and a deep-rooted passion for at-risk youth and adult populations. The

ORC is housed within the Mayor's Office of Human Services, led by Chief José F. Massó.

"The Office of Returning Citizens plays a critical part in empowering our returning community members to rebuild their lives," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "David has shown an extensive commitment to advocating for residents and their families through his work with reintegration, workforce development and reentry, and we are excited to welcome him to this new role."

"It is with extreme pleasure and a sense of urgency that I accept this post understanding the responsibility and necessity of serving our Returning Citizens. It is my mission to engage, equip and empower every returning citizen with the tools to create a stable and independent life for themselves while overcoming barriers and destroying recidivism," said David Mayo. "It is my goal to create the strongest returning citizens program in the country."

As Director, Mayo will lead the department's efforts to expand resources and services for returning citizens and assist the City of Boston in addressing the inequitable harms



David Mayo.

of incarceration. Mayo will have the primary responsibility of driving the ORC's vision and managing the day-to-day operations of an office charged with engaging, serving, and advocating for individuals returning to Boston from incarceration and impacted by CORI.

The ORC helps over 3,000 people who return to Boston each year from federal, state, and county prisons and jails take healthy steps in their lives through a variety of services. These services include in-person case management with program and intake coordinators, peer mentorships, and warm referrals to key programs and services, including transitional housing, employment, healthcare, education, and legal services. Between the Office's inception in 2017 and today, the number of yearly clients served by the Office has increased by more than 700%.

For Fiscal Year 2023, the Office of Returning Citizens has a \$2.67 million operating budget. This investment will enable the ORC to hire five additional staff members and build more robust support in the areas of housing, workforce development, and case management for returning citizens.

"I am very excited to welcome David to the Human Services team," said Chief of Human Services, José F. Massó. "His deep experience and commitment to successful reentry and building partnerships with community-based organizations will be critical to the success of a reinvigorated Office of Returning Citizens."

Prior to this appointment, Mayo served as the Director of Reintegration with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, where he oversaw the Family Matters Program, Workforce Development, and Discharge to Reentry Services. Mayo also formerly served as the Coordinator of the Nurturing Fathers' program at the Suffolk County House of Correction. He managed program services for inmates and the mothers of their children through the Family Matters Program.

Mayo is a native of Charleston, South Carolina and is a proud United States Coast Guard veteran. Having mentored over 200 at-risk youth, Mayo affectionately calls them his children. He has been a father to many.

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# MGH Institute students deliver health and service into Charlestown and beyond

Caitlin Clarizia was sitting at a long, rectangular table in the Kennedy Center in Charlestown. Next to the first-year Doctor of Occupational Therapy student was Joanne Leslie, a long-time neighborhood resident. The pair was studiously working on making a Boston Celtics blanket, one of dozens of activities that occurred September 9 during the MGH Institute's annual Community IMPACT Day event in which more than 500 new graduate students fanned out across Greater Boston during the first week of the fall semester.

"This has been great," said Clarizia, who was seated next to fellow students Rachel Hickey, DPT '25, Lyn Belizaire, BSN '23, and Molly DelGreco, BSN '23. "Seeing how the skills I'll be learning put into action, plus being able to see how students in other programs approach working with people, has been a good experience."

What Clarizia was referring to is interprofessional education, one of the hallmarks of an MGH Institute education, where students learn from and with their classmates in other programs and experience how team-based care results in better patient outcomes.

That was just one of the take-aways from the event, said Dr. Midge Hobbs, director of the school's IMPACT Practice curriculum, who organized the event. "There's a community service aspect to this day, of course, but we purposely set up each activity to provide tangible health benefits for people – and that helps students connect the dots with their education," said Hobbs, who noted this was the first time in three years the event was held live. "That aspect is very important because students are much more aware of the social determinants of health which affects communities. They're more aware of the environment on a person's

health and wellbeing - whether it's physical health, emotional health, and mental health. That's why even cleaning a park has a health benefit because it improves the area where people live and that can make an impact in terms of community well-being."

Because the IHP is located in Charlestown, most student teams walked to nearby sites in the neighborhood At Harvard-Kent Elementary School, dozens of students in the school's genetic counseling, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, and speech-language pathology programs conducted fun-filled exercises with the children in the school's playground and its gym. Squeals of laughter filled the air while the graduate students put the kids through myriad activities. The exercise and activity connection was deliberate: studies show only 25% of children get a healthy amount of physical activity each day.

"It's really fun to see how the children interact, especially the older ones with the younger ones," said Stacy Monteiro Mendes, a student in the Master of Science in Nursing program. "One of the kids told me that this was their best day ever."

Down at the end of the Charlestown Navy Yard was a team at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital working with pet therapy dogs. Like all the tasks and service components of IMPACT Day, this was chosen for a reason: to expose students to how these dogs help patients cope with stress, anxiety, depression, and pain, particularly when hospitalized. The team included nursing students Elsa Allstaedt and Alice Mitchell, and PA student Moorea Spoljaric. Led by Debra Blyth-Wilk, Spaulding's vice president of quality and safety and chief quality officer and an IHP adjunct faculty member in the School of Nursing, the students observed certified therapeutic rec-

reational specialist Sandra Villante bring therapy dog Zoe into the room of patient Margaret Pfau. Assisting Pfau was Emily Boyle, a 2018 SLP graduate of the Institute.

Several teams were at the Newton headquarters of Cradles to Crayons, a non-profit that distributes needed items to disadvantaged children in the region.

"It's exciting and heart-warming to know that I am helping an organizing that helps to support so many children," Christopher Keyes, a nursing student, as he sorted and packaged donated



Charlestown resident Joanne Leslie (left) talks with MGH Institute occupational therapy student Caitlin Clarizia while making blankets at the Kennedy Center. Also participating were students Rachel Hickey, DPT '25, Lyn Belizaire, BSN '23, and Molly DelGreco, BSN '23.

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items in the warehouse. His nursing classmate, Mackenzie Libera, added: "I just moved to Boston and was wondering how to get involved and this is a great way. I love how what we are doing here directly impacts the children within the community."

Additional teams painted walls, fixed up equipment, gardened, cleaned up the Esplanade and under the Tobin Bridge, created informational flyers and calendars with tips about physical and mental health wellbeing, and held yoga classes to help older adults have better balance to avoid falling.

"All of these activities are great on so many levels," said Patricia Peterson, clinical education placement & systems associate in the Department of Occupational Therapy, who led a team making no-sew blankets that will be sent to Project Libra. "Seeing how the students interact with each other and how the group dynamic developed produced some amazing conversations."

After teams returned to cam-



Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital patient Margaret Pfau pets service dog Zoe during the MGH Institute's Community IMPACT Day. 2018 SLP grad Emily Boyle (left), who works at Spaulding, looks on as do IHP students Elsa Allstaedt, MS-NU '25, Alice Mitchell, MS-NU '25, and Moorea Spoljaric, PAS '24.

pus for lunch, a live case rounds interview by a panel of faculty clinicians and clients, that included a question-and-answer session, was broadcast into classrooms. Following that, each

team debriefed and worked on a group care assignment – the first of several tasks they will work on throughout the fall semester to reinforce the interprofessional focus of their education.

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# Orange Line repair work is 82-percent complete

Special to the Times

With a planned re-opening of the Orange Line on Monday, MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak announced that 82% of the work taking place along the Orange Line is complete and track work taking place between Dana Bridge and North Station will allow for the removal of three more slow zones, which will bring the total number of slow zones removed to five.

Work taking place in this area includes track and tie replacement, rail installation, track alignment, and tamping. Crews have worked tirelessly to finish tie replacement work between the Dana Bridge and Community College station with current tie replacement work taking place at the North Station

portal, which began on September 9. Tie replacement work involves crews operating hi-rail heavy equipment to remove old ties and install new ties. This critical tie replacement will remove three of the six slow zones that the T aims to address during the shutdown. Crews have already completed work to remove slow zones at Jackson Square and between Downtown Crossing and State. Finishing this important work and removing these slow zones allows for faster, more reliable service for Orange Line riders.

Orange Line riders should note that, when Orange Line trains begin running again on Monday, September 19, slow zones will continue to be in place temporarily for about one week where the work was performed. In the rail

industry, after new track and ballast installation, and due to the amount of track area disturbed during work, it is a given that slow zones need to temporarily remain in place. This is because it takes time for the new track and ballast to "settle" as trains repeatedly run over these areas.

Additionally, 64 new Orange Line cars are now available when service resumes, supporting riders during peak commuting periods. This is up from 30 cars when the Orange Line shutdown first started. This is also over a full complement of new Orange Line cars ready to serve riders.

As of today's reporting, 82% of the planned work has been completed.

Overall, teams have completed approximately 65% of rail replacement and 90% of track replacement. The full depth track replacement includes the ballast, ties, and rail.

About 99% of the special track work is complete. The special track renewal work includes replacing things like crossover areas.

About 99% of Cologne eggs and rail fastener work is finished



MBTA spokesperson holds a press conference on progress on Orange Line repairs and new train cars.

near Tufts Medical Center station. Cologne eggs are the fasteners that allow crews to directly affix rail to the concrete pads, which are also utilized on certain parts of the Orange Line. The MBTA is in the process of installing the final five new eggs with 395 fully complete.

There has also been excellent progress on the ongoing signal

testing at Oak Grove and Malden Center stations with about 84% of these signal upgrades complete.

For more information, visit [mbta.com/BBT2022](http://mbta.com/BBT2022) or Orange Line Track and Signal Upgrades, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram@theMBTA.

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or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before October 21, 2022. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Date: 9/1/22 Hon. Janine D. Rivers Justice of Probate and Family Court

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# GORMAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE HOLDS ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

The Gorman Scholarship Committee held its annual Cornhole Tournament fundraiser at Barry Park. It was established 23 years ago by Charlestown resident Michelle Gorman as a softball girls day game for her and her friends. After her brother Mark passed away later that year, she dedicated the game day to him. As she and her friends aged, the softball play became cornhole. In 2010 her name was added to the event with her passing. The Scholarship Fund in her and her brother's names gives students from preschool to college additional funds for their education.



Marykate Peterson and Lisa Schievink.



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A photo of Mark and Michelle Gorman indicating how close they were right from the start.



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Carole Muscarella tosses a beanbag to up her team's score.



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Cathy Reese, Lynne Woods, and Shannon Lynch.

# GORMAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE HOLDS ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



*Roslyn Arroyo commits to her toss while teammate Kaileen Cotter waits for her turn.*



*Denise Dagole, Mary Smith, and Gayle Wilkins.*



*Rowan and Bob Collier with Pat and Kennedy Considine.*



*Peggy Lynch, Terry Muscarella, Joanne Doberty, and Peggy Sindoris.*



*Mother of Mark and Michelle Ruth Gorman (2nd from right) with her daughters Andrea Gorman, Kim Sodergren, and Ruthanne Brennan.*

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needs of our communities. I am appreciative of the administration's formal submission of a challenge to our 2020 Census results through Census Bureau programs because we must set the record straight," said Councilor Liz Breadon. "I am particularly concerned by Allston's reported 5.9 percent loss in total population and 40 percent decline in group quarters population, severely impacted by the early pandemic evacuation of colleges and universities. Correcting the count will help inform the needs of our communities and ensure every Bostonian is reflected."

"I'm relieved that we are challenging the 2020 Census results. My office met with the Administration early on to sound the alarm on how an undercount would unjustifiably lead to our receipt of fewer federal dollars to tackle issues like housing & education. It is vitally important that we are getting accurate census data to help ensure we measure what matters, and what matters most is every person. Undercounting our immigrant population, our students, and our incarcerated residents is a civil rights issue that we must forcefully address. An accurate count of Boston residents will ensure that all our communities, especially our Black & Brown communities that have suffered from decades of disinvestment, get

the resources and attention needed to thrive," said Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune. "Additionally, the U.S. Census Bureau must respect how people identify themselves racially and ethnically. The Census must consider simplifying categorization, particularly for Latino, Brazilian, Middle Eastern and North African respondents, to correctly capture our demographics."

The City's challenge centers on concerns related to the group quarters population count, household population count, and objections to the racial and ethnic classification of Boston's population in the 2020 census; all three of which heavily impacted an accurate and reflective count of Boston's population.

### Group Quarters Population

The City of Boston's concerns regarding the group quarters population count from the April 1, 2020 Census are due to undercount issues amongst colleges and universities and with Boston's two correctional facilities.

The COVID-19 pandemic in mid-March 2020 led colleges and universities to evacuate their campuses and move to remote operations before the April count. Data collected from colleges and universities under the University Accountability Ordinance for Fall 2019 show that approximately 6,000 additional students were not

accounted for by the 2020 Census redistricting data.

The Suffolk County Department of Corrections records show that their two correctional facilities on April 1, 2020 housed approximately 500 additional residents than reported by the 2020 Census redistricting data.

With an undercount of the group quarters count by approximately 6,500 residents, the City has applied for a review of Boston's group quarters count through the Post-Census Group Quarters Review (PCGQR) program. Additionally, the City has provided the Census Bureau with administrative records from educational and correctional institutions to support these undercount issues.

### Household Population

The City of Boston also has concerns related to the Household Population Count based on low self-response rates that were exacerbated by the pandemic disruptions, an issue that the Census' operation has failed to adequately address. In the 2010 census, all of Boston's census tracts' self-response rate exceeded 50 percent. However, in 2020, 29 census tracts – 15 percent of populated Boston tracts – had a self-response rate between 30.0 percent and 49.8 percent.

Some of these census tracts with lower response rates either have

a large share of off-campus students or foreign-born residents. Off-campus students may have left the city due to universities shifting to remote operations, which would have led to them not being able to participate in the Census' Non-Response Follow-up activity. Other census tracts with lower response rates had larger shares of foreign born residents. Issues such as language barriers and government mistrust, in particular a citizenship question and prevalent anti-immigrant sentiment when count was administered, may have resulted in an undercount.

Currently, the Census Count Question Resolution Program (January 3, 2022 - June 30, 2023) only accepts 2020 census challenges for boundary issues and census processing errors which exclude valid housing and associated population data. Additionally, the Census CQR operation provides no avenue to review an increase in apparent housing unit vacancies. Vacancy rates of housing units increased significantly in Allston, Chinatown, Fenway, Longwood, and South Boston Waterfront, neighborhoods that also have significantly lower Census self-response rates. Thus, pandemic disruptions could have led to many of Boston's housing units being incorrectly identified as vacant, resulting in an undercount of the City's pop-

ulation.

### Race Classification

In 2020, the Census reclassified the collection and processing of race and ethnicity data which led to large increases in the "some other race" and "two more races" categories independent of actual demographic or cultural changes. Following this self-reported data on the population's race and Hispanic origin, the Census Bureau recategorizes this information following prescribed definitions developed in 1997 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This recent race and ethnicity reclassification, paired with the Census's recategorization process, heavily impacted Boston's data.

As a result of this Census coding, 76 percent of Hispanics in Boston chose (or were assigned) the "some other race" category, either by itself or in addition to other racial categories, up from 45 percent of Hispanics in 2010. Additionally, respondents listing Brazilian or Cape Verdean origin were reassigned by the U.S. Census Bureau to the "some other race" and respondents that stated a Middle Eastern or North African origin were assigned to the White category respectively.

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