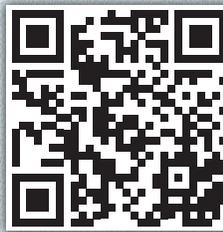




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PATRIOT-BRIDGE

## Ronald McDonald House Charities dedicates new playroom to Napoli family

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of New England (RMHCNE) has announced that its playroom and reading nook will be named the Team Napoli Playroom in honor of Sal, Sabrina, and Sophia Napoli and all of the members of Team Napoli (who ran the Falmouth Road Race for RMHCNE). Sal is a longstanding member of the RMHCNE Board of Directors and part of The Napoli Group, which operates 67 McDonalds throughout New England.

Supporting RMHCNE's mission to keep families close during the stress of their child's treatment,

Team Napoli has demonstrated creative and productive solutions through their incredible fundraising efforts and participation in RMHCNE initiatives and projects.

"The Napoli family have been integral players in furthering the mission of Ronald McDonald House Charities of New England," Gretchen Manning, RMHCNE's CEO, said in a press release. "Their generosity and active support have gone a long way to provide more children with access to healthcare services, while keeping them close to their families. This dedication is a reminder of their longstanding generosity, and appreciation for their partnership."

Most recently, at the Falmouth

Road Race, Team Napoli ran in honor of RMHCNE and raised over \$148,000 - enough funds to cover 10 family apartment leases in Boston and all family parking for more than three months.

"RMHCNE is an amazing cause, especially being a guy that appreciates family," Sal Napoli, member of the RMHCNE Board of Directors and McDonalds owner and operator, said in a press release. "Every year I run the Falmouth Road Race with my entire family, Team Napoli, in support of RMH. The fact that we are raising money to support keeping kids with their families while they

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Courtesy of the Castle Group

Pictured left to right, are: Sal, Sabrina, and Sophia Napoli are joined by Rep. Danny Ryan for the dedication of Ronald McDonald House of New England's new playroom to Team Napoli and the Napoli family.

## TENTH STRAIGHT WIN

Charlestown won their tenth straight with an 86-67 win over East Boston Monday at East Boston High School. See Page 12 for more photos

ROBERT MARRA PHOTOS



Above, Charlestown Myles Lewis (3) goes for a steal from East Boston's Angel Franco.



Left, Jaylen Williams (11) considers his next move as he is guarded by East Boston's Xander Boutros.

## CNC CORNER

**Special Election:** The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold a special election on Saturday, February 4, 2023 for seven (7) open seats: two (2) at-large seats and five (5) precinct seats. Voting will be in-person from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Location TBD). All Charlestown residents age 18 or older are eligible to vote in the at-large election. Residents of precincts 3,4,6,7, or 8 who are 18 or older may also vote for one candidate in the election for the precinct in which they reside. Residents may vote in the special election regardless of their voter registration status. If you are not a registered voter, please bring an ID with your residential address. See you Saturday! Updates on [cnc02129.org](http://cnc02129.org)

**Annual Meeting:** The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold a public, in person meeting on Tuesday February 7, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford Street, Charlestown. This is our annual meeting. The newly elected council members will be seated at the meeting and the council members will then elect the 2023 officers. We will also discuss the council's 2023 priorities. All Charlestown residents are encouraged to attend. Please send questions, matters of concern, or priorities for the coming year via email to [cnc02129@gmail.com](mailto:cnc02129@gmail.com).

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# EDITORIAL

## THE MAURA HEALEY ERA HAS BEGUN!

Governor Maura Healey wasted little time since her inauguration a few weeks ago in setting the pace for what we're sure will be an active -- and activist -- administration with her announcement last week that she will be filing her first two pieces of legislation, one of which is a \$987 million "immediate needs" bond bill targeting housing and economic development and another for an additional \$400 million for MassWorks that will make grants available to cities and towns for infrastructure projects.

Governor Healey, who highlighted economic development as a top priority during her campaign, said she filed the "immediate needs" bill "to ensure critical housing and economic development programs across the state can continue to serve people in Massachusetts without interruption."

The \$400 million for infrastructure will continue the funding stream for MassWorks, which was established in 2010, that will ensure that this key program will create essential infrastructure improvements in communities across our state,

In our view, Governor Healey's announcement represents a burst of energy that portends a refreshing change in the atmosphere on Beacon Hill.

To be sure, her predecessor, Charlie Baker, was the most popular governor in the country during his eight-year tenure. But it was clear that after two exhausting terms in office, Baker's enthusiasm for the job had waned -- which, by the way, is to be expected, especially after three years of battling a pandemic.

But beyond that, Healey represents a true changing of the guard in politics on Beacon Hill. For all of his progressive views, Charlie Baker was a straight, male Baby Boomer who, like all of us, was a product of his age and his times. There were some things he just could not accept, such as marijuana legalization and providing driver's licenses for non-citizens, that showed that he was out-of-step with the times.

By contrast, Maura Healey is a gay, female Gen Xer -- and accordingly will bring a perspective to the job of governor that will be based on her personal experience.

(We also would note that both Baker and Healey are Harvard graduates where they both played basketball, but Healey was the captain and a star player, whereas Baker was...not so much.)

Yes, the times they are a changin' -- and we're looking forward to the Maura Healey era in Massachusetts.

## JACINDA ARDERN: A TOTAL CLASS ACT

We wish to make note of the incredibly classy announcement last week by New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who told her country that she will be stepping down from the post after almost six years in office.

Ms. Ardern took over the job at the age of 37, making her at the time the youngest head of state in the world.

She admitted very forthrightly that she had "nothing left in the tank," and that she was shifting her focus in life to her family (she has a four year-old daughter.)

Jacinda Ardern epitomized the term "political courage." Her tenure will be remembered for her compassionate response to a massacre in a mosque in the nation's capital, Christchurch, and for her subsequent spearheading of a ban on assault weapons in that country. She also guided New Zealand through the worst of the COVID crisis with courage, determination, and competency that saw New Zealand ultimately have one of the lowest COVID mortality rates in the world.

Ms. Ardern will be missed on the world stage. We can only hope that political leaders in our country might learn from her example.

## GUEST OP-ED

## Monterey Park, Evansville shootings, Hero Brandon Tsay, We need the news, good and bad

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

We like good news but typically the news is not good. Too often no news is good news. In reality, no news is bad news for us all.

There is lots of recent bad news. A crazed gunman entered a dance hall in Monterey Park, California killing 10 people and wounding many innocent people. A former employee walked into an Evansville, Indiana Walmart and shot an employee in the face in the store break-room. The shooter was killed by local police. A planned protest in downtown Atlanta turned violent when protestors damaged stores and burned a police car over the weekend.

We did hear astonishing good news from Monterey Park. Brandon Tsay confronted the gunman at a second location where he was about to enter and kill more people. He heroically wrestled the gun away from the killer and pointed it at him causing the gunman to leave the scene. Only God knows how many lives Tsay saved. He is a true hero.

News is always happening nationally, locally and individually to us all. We need the information whether it's good or bad. We need the national and regional news but the local news is up front and close to us.

For example, all around us we are targets of scams, thieves and prowling bad people. Americans were scammed to the tune

5.8 billion dollars in 2021. (Digital Guardian). We are never beyond being duped. Today, daily text messages, emails, phone calls and mail come to Americans phishing for a sucker who will buy the false story they are telling. They are good at what they do.

My son was away in a foreign country when I was duped out of \$350 years ago. The caller was very professional sounding and convincing. I believed that if I did not pay the money owed by my son it would negatively impact his career. This was at the beginning of the telephone scam industry and I paid him the money. Later I realized that I had been scammed.

Years ago, a dear friend received a telephone call from someone posing as an IRS agent. The scammer told the senior adult man that he owed \$45,000 in back taxes for various reasons. The friend was about 90 years old and living on a meager retirement income. He didn't realize he was being scammed, was overwhelmed with anxiety and killed himself.

"At every level of life there is a new devil," an old friend once said. At every stage of life there are new twists, turns and curves. We are never beyond being informed, learning and developing. Young people make mistakes but so do old people. We often think we've lived long enough and know most everything, but we don't. Most of us have become more aware of this problem but crooks work at catching people off guard and are con-

stantly developing new schemes.

Today, we have search engines and are inundated with news and information. However, we don't hear all the news nor do we know everything we need to know when we need to know. Often, we learn the hard way. This is why education is expensive. Life experience education is often the most expensive and difficult of all learning processes. Even in life education we learn but we don't always utilize the life experience very much. Too often we repeat the same mistakes hoping for a different outcome.

We can't go wrong with good information. This is why you need the publication you are reading. Your local paper and online news sources are crucial to a community's health and overall well-being. Local newspapers, blogs and online sources tell what is happening in your local town and county. Support this news source with your subscription and advertising needs. County newspapers that have been around for years continue to close. Every week I receive notification of a newspaper printing its final edition and that's not good news.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### JOIN FCNY

Joining the Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard (FCNY) is a great way to get involved in the community and to stay informed on important issues and current events. In 2022 FCNY continued to make strides back to normalcy. In 2022 we engaged in the following activities:

- Donating to local non-profit organizations providing services to Charlestown residents, focusing on food insecurity and educational and recreational support for Charlestown youth, as well as outdoor art installations in the Navy Yard.

- Holding our annual free outdoor summer concert this summer featuring perennial favorite, the Harvard Alumni Jazz Band

- Offering member discounts at local restaurants and service providers.

- Celebrating the Summer Solstice jointly with Navy Yard Garden & Art with the opening of the art installation "Of Many Minds" plus "Abrakidabra" the magician.

- Holding two free Adaptive Sailing Program, in conjunction with Courageous Sailing, for individuals with disabilities and their families with over 150 participants and sponsorships by Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, DC Beane, State Representative Dan Ryan and City Councilor Gigi Coletta.

- Regular dissemination of important community news and events through our website and email distribution list.

- Member socials at Blackmoor Bar & Kitchen, The Anchor, Dovetail & The Tradesmen.

Become a member in 2023 so that you can be a part of our Navy Yard community of over 200 individual and family members and 50 business members. We have a full schedule of activities planned for

2023 including the Annual Winter Warm Up.

Dues for membership are good from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

### FREE APPLE DEVICES CLASSES FOR SENIORS AT THE GOLDEN AGE CENTER

Steadfast Solutions will be holding 3 classes on iPhones and iPads on February 20, 27 and March 6. All seniors are welcome to attend at The Golden Age Center to learn how to use your tech. If you own an Apple device please bring it to class. The classes will be progressive, so please plan to attend all 3. There will also be one-on-one sessions available before and after classes. The Golden Age Center is located at 382 Main Street in Charlestown, please contact Director Meaghan Murray 617-635-5175 if you have questions.

### KNIGHTS FUNDRAISER, FEBRUARY 25

Get your tickets now for a night featuring Master Hypnotist Joe DeVito at the Knights of Columbus #62, Medford St. Saturday, February 25th, doors are at 7PM. There will be some local comedy and a DJ as well as the mesmerizing show from DeVito. Tickets are \$25 each or get a table with your friends for \$200. Support the Knights in Town and have a great night.

### MOODY NAMED TO MUHLENBERG DEAN'S LIST

Congratulations to William Moody of Charlestown for being named to the Muhlenberg College Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester.

Muhlenberg College students and Muhlenberg College School of

Continuing Studies students with a term GPA of 3.50 or higher were recognized for this academic achievement.

Founded in 1848, Muhlenberg is a highly selective, private, four-year residential, liberal arts college offering baccalaureate and graduate programs. With an enrollment of approximately 2,200 students, Muhlenberg College is dedicated to shaping creative, compassionate, collaborative leaders through rigorous academic programs in the arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences; selected pre-professional programs, including accounting, business, education and public health; and progressive workforce-focused post-baccalaureate certificates and master's degrees.

### MVES HOSTS FREE VIRTUAL HEALTH EVENTS

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) will present two FREE virtual workshop series in January and February 2023.

"Healthy Eating for Successful Living" will be held on Tuesdays, January 31 to February 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn how to connect virtually through a Zoom platform and take this free class from the comfort of your home.

Throughout the series, you'll learn more about how nutrition, physical activity and lifestyle changes can promote better health. This virtual workshop series focuses on heart- and bone-healthy nutrition strategies to help maintain or improve wellness and prevent chronic disease development or progression in older adults. Healthy Eating uses the USDA's MyPlate as a framework.

"My Life; My Health," a FREE virtual chronic disease self-management workshop series, will

be held Monday, February 6 to March 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (No class on Feb. 20.) Learn how to connect virtually through a Zoom platform and take this free class from the comfort of your home. You don't want chronic disease, pain or discomfort to limit the activities and life you enjoy.

The series is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition, such as arthritis, asthma, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, cancer, COPD, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, Parkinson's disease, or stroke. Topics will include managing and controlling pain, beginning (or improving) an exercise program, handling stress and learning to relax, increasing energy, and eating for your health and wellbeing.

Class size is limited for both workshop series, so reserve your spot today. To register, or if you have any questions about the program, contact Donna Covellet at [dcovelle@mves.org](mailto:dcovelle@mves.org) or call 781-388-4867.

### NOMINATE A YOUNG CONSERVATIONIST

Do you know an outstanding youth who is an advocate for wildlife and conservation? Nominations are now being accepted for the Young Conservationist Award, presented by Zoo New England.

As part of the celebration of Zootopia, Zoo New England's annual fundraising gala, zoo staff is excited to announce that applications are now being accepted for the Young Conservationist Award. The nominated youth should be enrolled in grades 3 through 12, have demonstrated a positive commitment to conservation at large and/or Zoo New England's mission, and have engaged in some outstanding action to support this. The award, which includes

a \$2,500 scholarship to further the recipient's project and conservation work, will be presented at Zootopia on June 10 at Franklin Park Zoo. The winner and two adults will receive complimentary tickets to Zootopia to participate in the awards ceremony.

"We are honored to once again present the Young Conservationist Award to an outstanding youth who is making a difference for wildlife and the environment," said John Linehan, President and CEO of Zoo New England. "A cornerstone of the Zoo is to protect the natural world and cultivate the next generation of environmental stewards. Our past winners have been inspiring young individuals who share this mission and we can't wait to continue this tradition."

The Young Conservationist Award are being accepted through Friday, April 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Nomination forms are available at <https://www.zoonewengland.org/zootopia>. Please email questions to [YoungConservationistAward@zoonewengland.org](mailto:YoungConservationistAward@zoonewengland.org).

Zootopia is Zoo New England's annual fundraising gala. This year's event, to be held at Franklin Park Zoo on June 10 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., promises to be an unforgettable evening. The gala begins with an auction, followed by catered tasting stations and dancing. Attendees are encouraged to wear animal-inspired attire.

Zootopia will directly benefit Zoo New England's Franklin Park Zoo and Stone Zoo and will help to further the Zoos' mission to inspire and educate the next generation of conservation stewards and leaders.

To purchase tickets or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit <https://www.zoonewengland.org/zootopia> or call 617-379-5190.

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# Local students launch an adventure across the Atlantic

Two “miniboats” created by a local Harvard-Kent School 4th-grade class in 2020 have journeyed across the Atlantic, touching communities all along their journey, with the school – and many more followers – eagerly awaiting an anticipated landfall on the coast of France. Better than any message in a bottle, the miniboats are a fantastic story that has connected multiple schools, students, fishermen, and coastal communities in three countries in a united effort to keep the boats afloat!

The HK Pride and Teal Turtle miniboats were built and ceremonially launched in Charlestown by students in a 4th-grade science enrichment class through an initiative of the USS Constitution Museum and partner Educational Passages, coinciding with USS Constitution’s 223rd birthday. The “miniboats”

are 5-foot unmanned boats armed with a solar GPS for tracking online. They also contain letters from the kids who hoped their story would make it across the ocean.

Along the way, communities and school children have rescued the boats on landing, repaired, and re-launched them – with new messages added from local students all along the way.

Their travels have not always been smooth sailing. As hoped, after their initial launch in May 2021 off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, they made their way up the Eastern Coast in the Gulf Stream, on track for the current to carry them across to Europe. But eventually, they blew off course following Tropical Storm Elsa in July and both boats ran aground on the south coast of Newfoundland.

HK Pride was stranded in

a remote location at Kent Cove Beach while Teal Turtle landed further west on a rocky island near Burgeo. It took the tremendous efforts of local Canadians who heard about the search through social media to access the locations by boat and finally rescue them. Museum staff traveled to Newfoundland, meeting with 4th and 5th-grade students at St. Joseph Elementary School in Harbour Breton and Burgeo Academy to open the miniboats’ hatches before they were sent on to volunteers for repairs.

HK Pride was taken on by the local high-school King’s Academy, where students in a shop class would fully repair her. Then, it was one more stop at the Villanova School in Conception Bay to visit with schoolchildren and eventually a September 2022 relaunch off the Grand Banks with the help of Maersk Shipping.

Since then, both miniboats have found their way across the Atlantic, where just a month ago, Teal Turtle landed on another rocky shore – this time on the

coast of the Azores. The boat, once again, was located with tremendous effort and retrieved by a charter team at Calypso Azores, who scaled a cliff to get her back! Teal Turtle remains with the 8th-grade students at Escola Básica e Secundária da Graciosa. They are working on repairs and adding their messages before relaunching the boat into the North Atlantic.

Meanwhile, HK Pride has sailed past the Azores, leaving her sister ship behind. HK Pride has cruised past Portugal and then Spain and now continues to sail north. After more than 95 days, this sailing ambassador may make landfall on the French coast at any moment!

The miniboats have created a global community – including teachers, students, Museum staff, and community members from multiple countries – eagerly participating in their journey through social media and 24/7 updates from USS Constitution Museum.

Emily Bryant, Education Manager at the Museum who worked with the Harvard-Kent students to build the miniboats,

then traveled to recover HK Pride and Teal Turtle and work with students in Newfoundland, explains, “It’s a fantastic story of learning and connection that started right here in Charlestown and brought our public school together with other communities worldwide. We’re so excited to follow the miniboats, as it’s not every day that we all come together to ensure the success of something this special.”

Anne Grimes Rand, President and CEO of USS Constitution Museum, added, “The Museum is excited to provide STEM education to local students that offered online education when schools went virtual. Now our floating ambassadors continue to offer lessons on ocean winds, currents, geography, and international relations. USS Constitution Museum is proud to be a leader in hands-on engagement in our galleries and far beyond!”

Visit the Museum’s website to learn more about the boats and continue tracking their position.

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## DiDomenico visits Soldiers’ Home in Chelsea amid Inspector General report

In light of the Inspector General’s January report citing many areas that have to be addressed and improved at the Soldiers’ Home in Chelsea, Senator Sal DiDomenico visited the Veteran facility last week alongside State House colleagues, Senator John Velis, and Representative Judith Garcia. The elected officials spoke with Veterans at the Home and toured the facility with staff and the new

leadership. The Inspector General’s report highlighted the need for better communication from the leadership team to the staff, as well as several issues regarding the care of Veterans.

“Our Veterans and the staff that cares for them deserve better,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “We visited the Soldiers Home to see and

listen for ourselves about what is happening at the ground level. We are taking this very seriously, and I look forward to partnering with the new leadership at the Soldiers’ Home and the Healey Administration to make sure conditions improve and every Veteran is treated with dignity and respect.”

### CHARLESTOWN BEAT

**COMMUNITY ROOM:** The 2nd floor Community Room at 20 Vine St. is available to neighborhood groups for meetings.

Please call Christine Vraibel at 617-343-4627 or email [christine.vraibel@pd.boston.gov](mailto:christine.vraibel@pd.boston.gov) to reserve.  
**POLICE RELATED INFO:** Contact the District A-1 Community Service Office at 617-343-4627.

**Larceny**  
01/19/2023 – At about 6:33 p.m., police responded to Sackville Street for a reported package theft.

On arrival, the officer spoke to the victim, who stated on Jan. 17 at approximately 2:37 p.m., a male suspect stole two packages from the front steps of her home. The victim said one of the packages contained a dog mat, while the second package contained a mug.

The victim stated that the incident was caught on her doorbell camera. The victim also said that the suspect went to the side of

her building, opened the packages, and left them there. The suspect was described as a white male, between 40 and 50 years old, with gray hair, and wearing what appeared to be a Patriots grey hoodie, grey sweatpants, and a black coat.

Area A-1 detectives were to perform a follow-up investigation.

#### Recovered Motor Vehicle

01/22/2023 – At around 7:30 a.m., an officer responded to a radio call for a motor vehicle in the water, resulting in the recovery

of a stolen vehicle at 269 Terminal St.

Upon arrival, officers observed a 2013 BMW submerged in the water of the Little Mystic boat ramp. A CJIS (Criminal Justice Information Services) inquiry was conducted by police, resulting in an alert that the vehicle was reported stolen on Jan. 21 by the Saugus Police Department.

Boston Police Dive Team located the submerged motor vehicle underwater, while the City Side Towing helped extract the car from the water.



Team Napoli stands proudly together after celebrating the dedication of Ronald McDonald House of New England's new playroom in their name.

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undergo medical treatment is a no-brainer to me”.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of New England supports and provides programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their

families. They support the families of seriously ill children, providing them with free housing and comprehensive care programs to ensure that families remain close to each other, and their children receive the vital healthcare services

they require.

The playroom dedication took place on Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Ronald McDonald House in Charlestown.

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### Catholic Schools offer students more than just an education

Staff report

For parents seeking a well-rounded education that emphasizes good citizenship and a devotion to God, in addition to a regular academic curriculum, there are a number of Catholic School options for students in the Greater Boston area.

Good Shepherd School is an independent, nonprofit Catholic preschool for children ages 2 to 5 years old located at 20 Winthrop St. in Charlestown. The school, which was formed through the leadership of Father James Ronan Ph.D., Pastor of St. Mary-St Catherine of Siena parish in Charlestown and a board of par-

ents, citizens, and friends, opened in October of 2009.

“Good Shepherd School prepares its students for a life of joy by growing in the love of Jesus,” according to the school’s mission statement on its website. “We seek to integrate this belief into all aspects of our educational programs.”

Good Shephard School has a range of half day, “lunch brunch,” full day, and extended day options for Toddlers, Young Preschool, and Preschool. Financial aid is available via the FACTS system.

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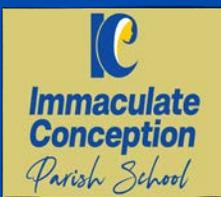
Students are all smiles during an outing at St. John's School in the North End.

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School, located at 127 Winthrop St. in Revere, is a co-ed Catholic elementary school for pre-school through eighth grade, which has been extoling the virtues of “tradition pride, and excellence” to its students since opening in 1913. The school currently serves more than 300 students in Grades 3-8 from Revere and surrounding

communities.

“The mission of Immaculate Conception Parish School is to prepare a culturally diverse student community to become responsible, well-rounded, faith-filled citizens by focusing on Catholic values and high academic standards,” according to the school’s website. “Our school celebrates its faith by

practicing the ideals of peace, justice, and service to others, thereby witnessing to Christ's teachings.”

Total tuition and fees for Preschool (3-year-olds) and Pre-K (4-year-olds) is \$7,315; total tuition and fees for Kindergarten is \$6,315; and total tuition and fees

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### Wonderful to be together again at St. John School!

By Rebecca Griffin

Nestled in the heart of Boston's historic North End, St. John School has educated children since 1895. Welcoming students in PreKindergarten Three through Grade Eight from over thirty five zip codes, we instill Catholic values while focusing on Faith and academic excellence.

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This past Christmas Season, it was such a joy to bring everyone



Photo by George Martell

Student hard at work at our in house Hydroponic Tower Garden.

back together again as our greater St. John School Community. It was wonderful to celebrate through several school wide events:

Our Advent Angel initiative matched older students with younger students to spend time together, share snack times, and to create a multi-week nativity craft. Our very own art teacher, the amazing Mr. Barber drew our nativity scene that St. John School students added to each week of Advent. At the conclusion of this

initiative, our older Advent Angels accompanied our younger Advent Angels, and sat together at our whole school Christmas Mass at our beautiful Parish Church, St. Leonard's Church. (St. Leonard's Church is celebrating 150 years this year, [www.saintleonard-churchboston.org/150thcelebration](http://www.saintleonard-churchboston.org/150thcelebration)). It was wonderful to see friendships develop and flourish across grade levels through this initiative.

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Advent Angels from grades Kindergarten and Sixth Grade working together on their Nativity Scene crafts.



### Good Shepherd School

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**ST. JOHN** (from pg. 7)

It is wonderful to be together again at St. John School!

Rebecca Griffin is Director of Advancement and Enrollment (bgriffin@sjsne.com or 617-227-

3143) at St. John School in Boston, Massachusetts, a PreKindergarten Three through Grade Eight school serving 200 students from over 35 zip codes.



First, Seventh and Eighth graders from St. John School at Quincy Market. They are pictured on their walk to St. Anthony's Franciscan Food Center to deliver fresh produce food donations and Christmas Cards that the students made.

**EDUCATION** (from pg. 6)

for Grades 1-8 are \$6,015 for one child, \$11,330 for two children, and \$16,645 for three children. Families who can provide the necessary factual documentation are eligible for financial aid.

An Open House takes place on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the school.

For more information on Immaculate Conception Parish School, call (617) 933-9230, email dtracy@icreve.org, or visit ICRevere.org.

St Pius V School is a coed Catholic elementary school for pre-K through Grade 8 located at 28 Bowler St. in Lynn. The Sisters of Saint Joseph founded St. Pius V School in cooperation with the Parish of St. Pius V I in 1945. The school was initially based at a former public school building on Maple Street and served only two grades before relocating to its current Bowker Street home in 1959 and expanded to serve pre-K to Grade 8.

“Education at St. Pius V School is a ‘Lived Experience’ and focuses on developing the whole child according to the gospel of Jesus Christ,” according to the school’s mission statement on its website. “The school provides a unique, comprehensive, quality education with particular emphasis on Catholic values, fundamental skills, critical thinking, technology, and the fine arts.”

St Pius V School has financial

aid available via the FACTS system, but there is a \$25 non-refundable processing fee for each application.

An Open House will take place on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the school.

For more information, visit stpiusvschool.org, email info@stpiusvschool.org, or call 781-593-8292.

East Boston Central Catholic School is a faith-based school serving Pre-K through Grade 8 located at 69 London St. in East Boston. The school was established in September of 1974 as a multi-parish, collaborative elementary school serving Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Most Holy Redeemer and Sacred Heart Parishes.

“East Boston Central Catholic School is committed to strong basic skills development within a solid Christian Framework,” according to the school’s mission statement. “The curriculum at all times is geared to foster the growth of individual self-worth; to develop a love and commitment to our faith; to encourage knowledge and pride in one’s heritage; to develop an appreciation and respect for cultural diversities; and to develop a commitment of service to others.”

Full-rate tuition for 2023-2024 is \$6,200 for one child; \$9,900 for two children (\$2,500 savings); \$11,600 for three children (\$7,000 savings); and \$12,600 for four children (\$12,200 sav-

ings). Discounted tuition rates and financial aid are also available.

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St. John’s Prep, an inclusive Catholic school for young men in Grades 6 through 12 located at 72 Spring St. in Danvers, was founded by the Xavierian brothers in 1907.

“Our rigorous academic and extensive co-curricular program encourages students to develop their spiritual, intellectual, moral, physical, and creative potential, and inspires them to honor the diversity that enriches both our school community and the world beyond St. John’s,” according to the school’s website. “We challenge our young men to grow in faith and wisdom, to promote human dignity, to act with compassion and integrity, to pursue justice and peace, and to live lives of service to society.”

The 2022-2023 tuition for Grades 6, 7, and 8 is \$27,885, and the tuition for Grades 9 through 12 is \$29,150. Around 36 percent of students received needs-based tuition assistance, while St. John’s meets 99 percent of families demonstrated need using the services of Blackbaud Financial Aid Management to process and determine need for all tuition assistance applications.

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## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION STUDENTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



Some students from the Immaculate Conception Eighth-Grade class, Mrs. Tracy, and parent chaperons joined together with many others from the Archdiocese of Boston, traveling to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. previously. The trip included attending a Christian rock concert called "LifeFest," followed by adoration, Mass, and the March itself. It was a memorable experience for all. Students accompanying the Archdiocese this year will be leaving on Jan. 28 to participate in the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

# Bunker Hill Associates winds down 2022 with another successful Townie Santa

Before the New Year, the Bunker Hill Associates were hard at work making sure the elderly and shut-ins of Charlestown had everything they needed for the holidays, capping off another successful year of fundraising with their annual Townie Santa, keeping alive a longstanding tradition in the community. With the help of their sponsors: the Charlestown YMCA, The Warren Tavern and Baby Boyle Bouquets, the Associates and volunteers packed, and hand delivered over 100 tote bags filled with blankets, flowers, and holiday essentials to families across Charlestown. And thanks to Karen, Bobby and the entire Collier family, each recipient was also provided with a home cooked meal.

Over 40 volunteers of all Charlestown generations joined the Associates on the morning

of December 18 to carry out the deliveries. "It's awesome to see new faces getting involved in the community," said Jimmy Lister, 2023 President of the Bunker Hill Associates. "Townie Santa has always been about making sure Charlestown's elderly are not forgotten, especially during the holiday season. Seeing residents, new and old, stepping up to keep this tradition alive speaks volumes of the people in our community. I know it means a lot to these families!"

Secretary of the Associates, Kim Mahoney added, "It's wonderful to see multiple organizations working together to ensure our most precious residents feel supported. Christmas is about giving back to those who need it most. We encourage everyone to 'Be A Doer' and make a difference in the New Year."



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Charlestown families were also provided with a home cooked meal.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through February 4

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

#### Contraflow Pilot

The MassDOT-implemented pilot contraflow traffic setup on the temporary bridge will continue to be in effect during evening peak traffic (3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday for 6 months.

The temporary bridge's current roadway set up provides 1 northbound lane and 2 southbound lanes. As part of the contra-flow pilot, during evening peak traffic there will be 2 northbound lanes and 1 southbound lane.

Traffic monitoring will be in place to determine if the contra-flow traffic setup is effective in improving traffic flow.

The contraflow will not be in place during holidays or inclement weather.

Police details, lane markings,

temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic during set up and operation of the contraflow.

#### Scheduled Work

Weld repairs wrap up  
Installation of bridge deck formwork at North Abutment

Installation of utility conduits on bridge structure

Installation of steel support and bolting

Installation of marine wooden fender

Installation of sidewalk steel and formwork

#### Work Hours

Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

#### Travel Tips

For everyone using the temporary bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone.

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porary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, the following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

BRUINS: 1/22 at 7:00 p.m.

CELTICS: 1/26 at 7:30 p.m., 1/28 at 8:30 p.m., 2/1 at 7:30 p.m., 2/3 at 7:30 p.m.

ALL OTHER EVENTS: 1/26 at 7:00 p.m., 2/4 7:00 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following the @MassDOT twit-

ter account and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

You can also sign up to receive project updates via email by clicking this link.

Project website: [Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement](https://www.mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement)

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617)788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU23P0109EA  
Estate of: Christopher M. Nucci  
Date of Death 02/12/2015  
To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Lawrence J. Nucci of Medford, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Lawrence J. Nucci of Medford, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/03/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you

fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)  
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 20, 2023  
Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate

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#### LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,

§ 5-304 & § 5-405  
Docket No. SU23P0032PM  
In the matter of: Frieda Bauer Of:Charlestown, MA  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Frieda Bauer is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Evelyn Rummell of West Palm Beach, FL (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.  
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/07/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask

for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 06, 2023  
Felix D. Arroyo,  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU15P0339EA  
Estate of: Patricia Catherine Whitlock  
Also known as: Patricia Catherine O'Brien  
Date of Death 12/01/2013  
To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Patricia A. Williams of North Andover, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that: Patricia

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## COVID-19 numbers show promising trends

As Boston's COVID-19 metrics continue to improve following a spike in cases and hospitalizations, the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is reminding residents that the risk for getting COVID-19 remains and that individuals need to get their bivalent booster to avoid severe infection and hospitalization. BPHC also encourages everyone to mask indoors, test before and after large indoor gatherings, and to stay home when ill.  
Daily COVID-19 cases in Boston have decreased by 23% over the past week and by 42% over the last 14 days (as of 1/20/23) and new COVID-19 hospitalizations are down by 10% and 16% during the same time frames (as of 1/20/23). In another positive sign, the CDC moved Suffolk County back down to medium community risk last week, after a short period of being at high.  
Data from BPHC's newly launched wastewater surveillance program show the number of COVID-19 particles in the city's wastewater decreased by 52% over the past two weeks and are now at an average of 1,856 COVID RNA copies/mL throughout Boston. Six of the 11 neighborhoods in Boston

(COVID Pg. 11)

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# Two new museum exhibits celebrate contrasting elements of maritime life

The USS Constitution Museum, in partnership with the USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild and the Seafarer's Trust, proudly presents the 43rd annual exhibit, Masters of Miniature: Ship Model Show, and the new companion photography show "Life At Sea 2022". The exhibits, opening on Saturday, January 28, showcase the intricate and spectacular handcrafted models from local modelers alongside photography documented by seafarers worldwide, shining a light on the human side of the experiences and challenges this essential workforce faces.

Ship modeling is an art as old as shipbuilding itself and one for which USS Constitution has been a favored subject. Model shipbuilding provides a glimpse into vessels' remarkable history and intentional design. The process reveals much about the original shipbuilder's design, engineering, form, and functional considerations as they built a ship to accomplish a specific purpose. This year's Model Show showcase over 70 exquisite, handcrafted models of all types created by USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild members across New England. From ninth-century ships to pleasure craft of today and everything in between, the show



PHOTO BY ARVY VERDER, ITF SEAFARERS' TRUST LIFE AT SEA PHOTO COMPETITION

Arvy Verder's "PATINTERO" is part of the "Life at Sea 2022" photo competition by the ITF Seafarers' Trust on display at the USS Constitution Museum. The image captures crew on a vessel at anchor in China playing a traditional Filipino children's game known as "block and catch" or "block the runner."

includes vessels of many kinds made by skilled Modelers representing Master Craftsmen and a new generation of modelers. They will be available daily to answer questions and demonstrate the craft of model building. Attendees can vote for their favorite model.

This year, the Museum also features a companion exhibit, ITF Seafarers' Trust LIFE AT SEA 2022, to convey the human side of maritime life. Featuring submissions to the ITF Seafarers' Trust photography competition, the

images were taken by seafarers at work, communicating their unique perceptions and experiences while forging lives connected to ships and the sea. In contrast to the perfectly and intricately designed ship models, the emotionally charged imagery conveys the challenges and incredible passion of people who work in various ways connected with the sea. Robert Kiihne, Director of Exhibits at the USS Constitution Museum, explains, "These personal, moving images shine a light on the experiences of

people who are often invisible to us; the seafaring men and women from around the world that make trade possible. By presenting their reality alongside the work of highly skilled Model shipwrights, we hope to explore the engineering beauty of ships throughout history and the realities their human crews face daily."

The Masters of Miniature and LIFE AT SEA 2022 exhibits will run from January 28 through February 25, 2023. Both exhibits are open to all visitors during regular Museum hours, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. daily. Admission is by suggested donation.

The Boston Marine Society sponsors Masters of Miniature.

The USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild encourages the art of constructing model ships and supports research in nautical history through its monthly meetings, workshops, educational activities, and exhibits. Guild members maintain a working model shop at the USS Constitution Museum, with an extensive library of modeling books and plans. For more information about model building: <https://www.uscmsg.org>

The ITF Seafarers Trust is a UK charity established in 1981, which funds programs that advance the

well-being of maritime workers, seafarers, and their families. They are funded by the Trust's own capital funds, and by the investment income of the Welfare Fund at the International Transport Workers Federation, a global federation of transport workers' unions representing nearly 20 million members. For more information, visit <https://www.seafarerstrust.org/>.

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum's mission is to engage visitors in the story of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. The USS Constitution Museum is a 2022 winner in USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice in the "Best History Museum" category and Boston Parents Paper's Family Favorites in the "Historic Sites & Tours" and "Museums & Attractions" categories. For more information, visit [uscsm.org](https://www.uscsm.org).

## COVID (from pg. 10)

fall below this average.

"All of our metrics are currently trending in the right direction. But it is important to remain vigilant. Nationally, hundreds of people still die from COVID daily," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "I encourage everyone to get boosted, test for COVID-19, access treatment if positive, wear masks indoors and stay home if you are sick."

Boston has also seen considerable improvement on the spread of influenza, with 79 confirmed cases from January 14-20, down significantly from the peak of 944 cases observed December 3-9. While this is another encouraging trend, it is important to note that flu season can be bimodal and have two peaks of activity. As such, getting an annual flu vaccination remains critically important for ensuring protection during the remainder of flu season.

The Boston Public Health Commission has several free, walk-in standings sites offering COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, testing, flu vaccinations, and rapid at-home testing kits throughout the city.

Services are available for everybody ages 6-months and older with no IDs or proof of insurance needed. Seventy-five dollar gift cards are available for those who get a COVID-19 vaccine or booster, while supplies last. This incentive is offered in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of

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Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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