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The Charlestown High School basketball team is pictured at midcourt at the Tsongas Center in Lowell after winning the 2024 MIAA Division 3 state championship.

Charlestown boys basketball team captures Division 3 state championship

By Cary Shuman

From an opening semi-alley-oop play between stars Jaylen Hunter-Coleman and Jaylin Williams-Crawford to the late stages of a dominating overall performance, Saturday's victory in the

MIAA Division 3 state final was a crowning and historic achievement for Coach Hugh Coleman, his staff, and the 2023-24 Charlestown High School boys basketball team.

Already reigning as the Boston city champion, the Charlestown

contingent wanted to affirm its season-long No. 1 ranking in the division. Charlestown won five tournament games to capture the Division 3 state title, capping it with an impressive 60-41 victory over Old Rochester Saturday at Tsongas Center in Lowell.

The aforementioned duo of cousins Williams-Crawford and Hunter-Coleman truly led the way all day. Williams-Crawford, a talented 6-foot-6-junior forward and 1,000-point career scorer, was immense with 26 points 13 rebounds, and six steals. Hunt-

er-Coleman, the confident 6-foot point guard with dynamic ballhandling skills, had 18 points, seven rebounds, and five assists. The son of the head coach, Jaylen, also a 1,000-point career scorer, pushed

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BPDA Board approves 66 Cambridge project

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

During its meeting last week, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board approved a project at 60-66 Cambridge Street, which would bring more than 800,000 square feet of life science, office, research, and development space to the site.

This project, which would activate a site that has previously been home to Boston Public Schools

(BPS) buses, has been proposed by 60 Cambridge Development LLC, which involves a partnership between the Fallon Company and the Owens Companies.

"This is an emerging development corridor in Charlestown, and this site... has the opportunity to connect Hood Park to Sullivan Square Station and facilitating a connection to the Lost Village," said Danny Guadagnoli of the Fallon Company.

"So it really sits in an important location. Something that we were excited about when we looked at this project," he added.

According to Sarah Peck of the BPDA, who provided an overview of the project during last week's meeting, two new buildings would be constructed with 10,000 square feet of retail/restaurant space, with the rest slated for life science,

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CNC MEETING DATES

CNC Development Committee Meeting, Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m. The Charlestown Neighborhood Council's Development Committee will hold an in-person public meeting at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford Street, on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 PM. The sole agenda item is the proposed development of the Austin Street /Rutherford parking lots located between Bunker Hill Community College and City Square. A presentation by the project proponents, Trinity Financial, will be followed by an opportunity for the committee and community to ask questions about the project.

CNC Meeting, Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 7 p.m. The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold an in-person public meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, from 7-9 P.M at the Knights of Colum-

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Artists' Group of Charlestown kicks off their 2024 events with 'Clean Slate'

On Friday, March 22, the Stove-Factory Gallery re-opens with the Artists' Group of Charlestown (AGC) 2024 Spring Exhibition entitled Clean Slate.

This exhibition is curated by AGC Member/StoveFactory Gallery Committee Member, Sioux Gerow, and will include a body of work of art from all forms of media. Clean Slate is a juried exhibition inspired by the change of season. The goal of this exhibition is to present artwork that embodies newness in growth, potential and emergence. More than 150 submissions from nearly 60 artists in an open and public call for art were considered.

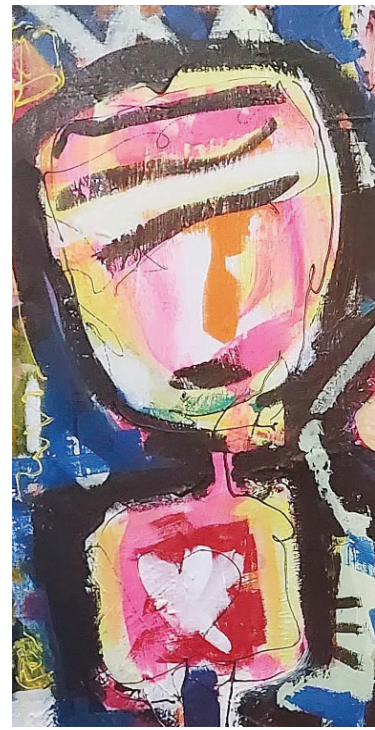
Clean Slate also includes two special Guest Jurors, Martha Starr and Kathrine Hackle. Both are AGC Members, StoveFactory Artists, and members of the Stove-Factory Gallery Committee. With Sioux, they helped aid in the difficult task of reviewing all of the art submissions, and helped ensure that the pieces in the exhibition fit

in the theme of the show and were high quality.

Clean Slate opens with a reception on Friday, March 22nd from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. It will continue to run the following Saturdays and Sundays March 23rd & 24th, April 6th & 7th, and April 13th & 14th, from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Closed Easter weekend, March 30th and 31st.

The StoveFactory Gallery is a 950-square foot space in a renovated 19th century factory building with exposed beam ceilings, white walls, and windows, at 523 Medford Street, Charlestown.

The Artists' Group of Charlestown (AGC), a non-profit organization, was founded in 1996. With grants, generous donors, and dedicated member volunteers, the AGC exists to fulfill its mission: to showcase artists' works and to promote high-quality cultural programming for the local community. The StoveFactory Gallery and Studios are the home of the Artists' Group of Charlestown, where almost all



Detail from *FACTS About Aging* by Sioux Gerow.

of their programming is held.

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bus, 545 Medford Street, Charlestown. Agenda: an update from Councilor Coletta, a presentation by Marguerite Wynter, Director of Partnerships & Engagement Now + There, and Marissa Zampino, Community Organizer Mystic River Watershed. Please bring your questions and neighborhood concerns to the meeting or email us

at cnc02129@gmail.com. Check CNC02129.org for calendar and updates.

CNC's 250th Commemoration of the Revolutionary War Committee, Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 7 p.m. The Charlestown Neighborhood Council's 250th Commemoration of the Revolutionary War Committee will hold

an in-person public meeting at the BPD Community Room, 20 Vine Street, on Wednesday, April 3, at 7:00 PM. The sole agenda item is preparations for the 250th Commemoration of the Revolutionary War. Please bring your questions to the meeting or email Sean Boyle at smboyle324@gmail.com.

Celebrate Easter

At St. John's Church

Palm Sunday - March 24

10a.m. *Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist*

Maundy Thursday - March 28

6p.m. *Agapé Meal and Eucharist*

Good Friday - March 29

7p.m. *Liturgy for Good Friday*

Holy Saturday - March 30

12p.m. *Holy Saturday Liturgy*

7p.m. *Easter Vigil*

EASTER SUNDAY - March 31

10a.m. *Easter Eucharist and Easter Egg Hunt!*

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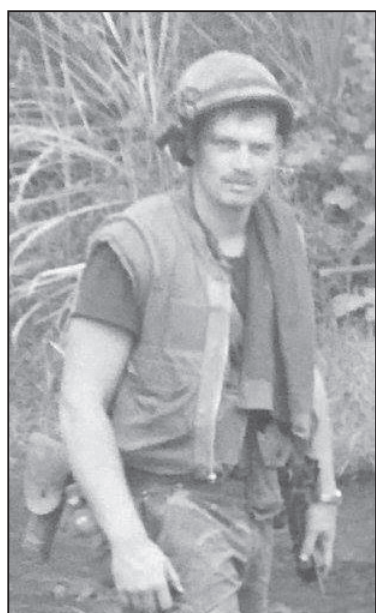
The 2024 Lt. Michael P. Quinn Scholarship application now available

Applications are being accepted for the 55th annual Lt. Michael P. Quinn Scholarship and the winner will receive \$16,000 for the first year of college and the opportunity to receive \$8,000 for the second year. The application form must be received by April 15, 2024 and can be downloaded at www.quinnscholarship.org. The criteria include promise of academic success, athletic achievement, responsible citizenship, and financial need.

Banquet set for April 6, 2024

The annual Quinn Scholarship banquet will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford Street, Charlestown on Saturday, April 6, with dinner prepared by Sandra McLaughlin and entertainment provided by Alan La Bella. Ticket cost is \$50 and can be purchased by E-Mail at maryfitzpatrick10@comcast.net or you can contact Ronan FitzPatrick by phone at (617) 242-5493.

2023 Quinn Scholar Colleen Buckley, a Boston Latin Academy graduate who is matriculating at the University of New Hampshire (Business and Economics), will be



Lt. Michael P. Quinn.

recognized at the event. Featured speaker for the evening will be U.S. Marine Corps Brigadier General Farrell Sullivan, who assumed command in July of 2022 of Training Command and is responsible

for officer/enlisted career progression and training to meet Fleet

"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference. The U.S. Marines don't have that problem."

Ronald Reagan

Marine Force requirements. General Sullivan's deployments include Afghanistan, Liberia, and Somalia.

The ultimate sacrifice

AUGUST 29, 1969: As "H Company" platoon leaders huddled in the darkness of the Quang Nam Province in South Vietnam, U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Michael Quinn was tasked with leading his infantry unit on a reconnaissance mission to seek a water supply and identify enemy troop movement. Stealthily executing their directive, Quinn and his troops happened upon a large invading enemy force heading in the direction of "H Company." Realizing that the only way to alert his fellow marines of the dire situation was to draw fire on his position, Quinn dispatched members of his unit back to "H Company" and engaged the enemy. While that fateful decision resulted in Lt. Michael Quinn

making the "ultimate sacrifice," it also prevented the loss of many lives.

Fellow Marine John Krga recalls: "I had the honor and privilege of serving under Lt. Mike and remember that fateful day all too well as a group of us volunteered to retrieve him, hoping he was still alive. I am not surprised to see that Mike's memory lives on through the people he touched just as he lives on in me."

Lt. Michael P. Quinn was recognized for his bravery and awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart and is honored on Panel 18W, Row 8 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.

A life remembered

Noted for his academic and athletic achievement, Michael Quinn accomplished so much in his 23 years. He was a product of his Walford Way, working-class upbringing where looking out for your neighbor, respecting elders, hard work and "having your friend's back" were ingrained in him at an early age.

Michael graduated from Boston Latin High School and the College

of the Holy Cross where he captained the football and hockey teams and achieved Hall of Fame status at both institutions establishing a reputation as a ferocious competitor.

After graduating from college, Michael attended Officer Training Academy in Quantico, Virginia and finished first in his class. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1968, assigned to "H" Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Division and deployed to Vietnam.

To continue Mike's legacy, the Lt. Michael P. Quinn Scholarship was established in 1969 by his family and friends (most notably Eddie Johnson, Stephen Driscoll and Ronan FitzPatrick) and more than \$250,000 has been awarded to "Townie" high school graduates looking to pursue a college education. While the anguish of Michael's loss is palpable so many years after his passing, the inspiration of his legacy - recounted annually by Quinn Scholarship committee members and esteemed guest speakers - is truly special.

Food trucks sought for 2024 season at Charlestown Navy Yard

The National Parks of Boston is seeking bids for food truck vendors to operate at the Charlestown Navy Yard through a Request for Bids (RFB). There are two lease spaces identified by the National Park Service (NPS) as suitable for mobile food and beverage vending located in the Charlestown Navy Yard at Boston National Historical Park. The NPS is accepting bids until all sites available under the RFB are leased for all days of the week.

Charlestown Navy Yard (CNY) is located at the northern end of Boston's Freedom Trail in Boston's Charlestown neighborhood between the Charles & Mystic Rivers. During summers, CNY is a destination for almost two million visitors. CNY offers special events throughout the season such

as concerts, outdoor movies, and programs run by some of our partners. CNY is currently home to the USS Constitution, USS Cassin Young, and the USS Constitution Museum. Freedom Trail visitors from around the world walk the decks of the historic ships and engage in naval history at the museum. In addition to our tourist visitors, many locals work or study at many of the institutions in Charlestown (i.e., Mass General Hospital, Spaulding Hospital, etc.).

This lease opportunity is open to all interested persons on a competitive basis. The NPS will select the two highest Bidders (one Bidder per space) for award of a lease for each day of the week, provided that the two highest Bidders submitted responsive bids

and subject to a determination of financial capability. A responsive bid is a bid that meets the material terms and conditions of this request for bids. Those interested in this opportunity may obtain the Request for Bids and other required information online at www.nps.gov/bost/getinvolved/dobusinesswithus.htm.

Bids must be submitted electronically no later than April 7, 2024 to BOST_Permits@nps.gov and should include "BID - CNY Food Truck Locations RFB 2024" in the subject line.

Site tours may be scheduled by appointment only. Questions not addressed in the RFB will be collected and responded to through the issuance of Questions and Answers (Q&A) to all interested parties. Questions should be submitted to BOST_Permits@nps.gov. The Q&A along with the RFB and all Exhibits and Attachments can be found at the Park's website, www.nps.gov/bost/getinvolved/dobusinesswithus.htm.

The Request for Bids can also be found at SAM.gov and information on Boston National Historical Park can be found at www.nps.gov/bost. www.nps.gov

The National Parks of Boston is a collection of three National Park Service sites - Boston National Historical Park, Boston African American National Historic Site, and Boston Harbor Islands

National and State Park. Established by individual legislation and for designated purposes, the three units have come together under a unified organizational umbrella to collaborate in ways that celebrate our cultural heritage, recon-

nect people to history and nature, and provide outdoor recreation opportunities on land and on the water. For more information, visit: www.nps.gov/bost, www.nps.gov/boaf, and www.boston-harborislands.org.

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ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION AT THE HISTORIC WARREN TAVERN

St Patrick’s Day was celebrated at the historic Warren Tavern in Charlestown. Assisting the festivities were Irish step dancing by students from the Goulding School Of Irish Dance and a bagpipe performance by the Bunker Hill Pipe Band.

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Students of the Medford based Goulding School Of Irish Dance: Katie Leahy, Honor Lucas, Sarah Barberian, and Kathleen Feeney preform step dancing.



Josie, Kelsey, Ellie, and Jamie.



Besides St Patrick’s Day Kathleen Hennessey is celebrating her 40th birthday with her husband Paul.



The crowd goes wild when Sweet Caroline is played.



Dan and Emily.



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The Bunker Hill Pipe Band preform.



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Laurie Fisher, Marnie Ryan, Shannon Lauren, and Kim Mahoney



Longtime friends having fun while listening to Dancing Queen by ABBA.



Anthony, Mark, and Patrick



It was a crowded but friendly scene at Warren Tavern for St Patrick's Day.



The crowd goes wild when Sweet Caroline is played.



Emily is skillfully bringing some St Patrick's Day cheer to share with her friends.

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EDITORIAL

MARCH IS THE CRUELEST MONTH

Spring officially arrived this week, with March 19 marking the vernal equinox. According to meteorologists, “meteorological spring” began even sooner on March 1.

The poet Emily Dickinson extolled the arrival of March (“Dear March—Come in—How glad I am—”). But we always have viewed March as the ultimate tease. Emily Dickinson lived in Amherst, far from the coast, where ocean breezes off the still-frigid Atlantic -- water temps are their coldest in March -- can lower the dreaded wind-chill factor by 10 degrees even on sunny days.

For those of us who have been lifelong residents of Eastern Mass., March is the month on the calendar that we long for with great anticipation after the harsh winter season. But it always disappoints, like an object of desire who fails to live up to our expectations.

Admittedly, these past few winters have not been too tough to take, both in terms of the lack of cold and snow, which environmental scientists tell us is the beginning of a long-term trend of warmer winters because of climate change. Those milder winters have given us all the more reason to hope that March would be even more temperate compared to the past, but our hopes have been dashed by Mother Nature.

To be sure, we had some warm weather last week and the crocuses and snowdrops have been pushing through the ground for a while now, especially in the areas of our gardens in full sun. But the cold weather that is forecast for the coming week, with below-freezing temperatures every night and early-morning, is anything but a harbinger of the coming spring season.

One of the earliest memories of our childhood was learning the aphorism, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” Despite the onset of climate-change, that saying remains as true today as it was then.

IT’S A SAD, SAD, SAD, SAD WORLD

It is fair to say that for everyone reading this editorial, the world is in a greater state of chaos than at any time in our lives.

Although the decades in the aftermath of World War II brought us the Cold War and two “hot wars” in Korea and Vietnam, plus the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the world overall was a more orderly place, divided between the Western democracies and the Eastern European Communist autocracies. Everyone knew where they stood and played by the rules. Both sides possessed huge nuclear arsenals that could destroy the other 10 times over, but that equilibrium brought us relative peace thanks to the concept of mutually assured destruction, appropriately known by the acronym MAD.

Even during the height of the Cold War, we could laugh at movies such as “The Russians Are Coming, the Russians Are Coming,” and the Beatles could make a parody of Chuck Berry’s “Back in the U.S.A.” and the Beach Boys’ “California Girls” with their song, “Back in the U.S.S.R.”

But since the demise of the Cold War’s hierarchy, turmoil has erupted in many places that had been relatively-peaceful. The civil wars that engulfed Somalia, Rwanda, and the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s presaged the terrible situations we have today.

Those relatively-contained civil conflicts have evolved into the ongoing cross-border wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Syria, and sub-Saharan Africa, where civilians are being bombed, murdered, raped, and displaced by the millions. No one is making jokes about the evils of Vladimir Putin and Hamas or the dire situation in Gaza.

In our own hemisphere, Haiti has collapsed into complete and total chaos, ruled by warring criminal gangs, and the Central American nations of El Salvador and Honduras are not far behind. In Mexico, the drug cartels effectively control large swathes of the country.

Venezuela has descended into desperate poverty despite having oil reserves that made it one of the wealthiest nations in South America just 10 years ago when its GDP was five times what it is today.

Even Chinese citizens are fleeing their country, where there is a huge crisis in the real estate market, because of economic stagnation that has brought record-high unemployment and a lack of opportunity to a nation that had known exponential growth for three decades.

It is estimated that 280 million people worldwide today are migrants, of whom 110 million are refugees, asylum-seekers, and others who are internally displaced people and in need of international protection. Both of those numbers are all-time records and are growing parabolically year-after-year.

The New York Times columnist and best-selling author Thomas Friedman has divided the post-post-Cold War world into two camps -- the nations of order vs. disorder. America remains a beacon, not only among the disorderly nations, but also compared to the industrialized world. We emerged from the pandemic as the strongest economy on earth, with an historically-low unemployment rate and a taming of post-COVID inflation that by far have outpaced our peers in Western Europe and elsewhere.

But despite our success, the news headlines each day inform us that the world today is a sad, sad place, instilling in all of us a sense that our relative strength and stability is fragile and cannot be taken for granted.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations, Charlestown

To the Editor,

On behalf of our congregation, Christ Church Charlestown, and those in the community who have talked about it with me this week, I want to congratulate and thank Head Coach Hugh Coleman, his coaching staff, and the incredible young men who made this community so proud last weekend in winning their last game and bringing a Massachusetts basketball state championship back to Charlestown.

When I first met Coach Coleman after he became the head coach here in Charlestown, he expressed to me a four-part vision of leading young men to become men of character on and off the court, men who display academic excellence, men with a belief in Someone bigger than themselves, and — as those things happen — men who win basketball games. Coach, well done! Young men, well done!

Seeing the pride that everyone in our community felt in the Tsongas Arena as the clock hit 0:00 and the final score showed Charlestown won 61-40 was inspiring. Seeing the bus carrying these champions pull up at the Community Center and

watching the community gathered to celebrate made me so proud to live here and be part of this community. The guys were pouring off the bus with the trophy held high as 200+ of us were overflowing with joy!

Coach, I love you brother. You have a gift of making each of us feel like we are the most important person in a room and a knack for making sure everyone wins as you win. I know it was never a stated goal for your program, but a fifth outcome I’ve seen this year is that Charlestown High basketball brings our community together and has only deepened our strong sense of community pride. What you could have made a very private moment of celebration for your staff and team, you instead made a public, community celebration — you let us feel like we played a part in winning that title! For these reasons and so many more, we congratulate you and we thank you — and we can’t wait for next year!

JD Mangrum
Pastor, Christ Church
Charlestown

More pools open this summer


To the Editor,

Thanks to interagency

collaboration between BPS, BCYF, the Public Facilities Department, and the Property Management Department, investments of City funding, and improved facilities assessment, the City is on track to have more pools open this year than in previous summers, including the BCYF Clougherty, Draper, Marshall, and Mattahunt. The BCYF Clougherty outdoor pool is in the midst of a two year renovation and is expected to open this summer with temporary restrooms and changing areas. More information will be available as we get closer to summer. The BCYF Charlestown Community Center has an indoor pool which is open.

The City also has more opportunities for lifeguards through a residency waiver which allows us to hire more lifeguards and the lifeguard academy and hiring days that BCYF has been hosting in collaboration with the Office of Human Resources. Additionally, through the SwimSafe program the City is providing more free swim lessons for children in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Boston (9 pools), Boys and Girls Club (4 pools), Dorchester House (1 pool), and USA Swimming.

Sandy Holden



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DiDomenico and colleagues pass bill to transform early education and care

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to unanimously pass legislation to make early education and care more accessible and affordable for families across Massachusetts. DiDomenico has championed significant investments in early education and childcare throughout his entire career, and he was proud to speak on the Senate floor about this transformational legislation.

The EARLY ED Act—An Act ensuring affordability, readiness and learning for our youth and driving economic development—takes transformative steps to improve the affordability and sustainability of childcare programs by making the state's Commonwealth Cares for Children (C3) operational grant program permanent, expanding eligibility for the state's subsidy program and capping subsidy recipients' childcare costs at 7 per cent of family income, and boosting compensation for educators by creating a career ladder and providing scholarships and loan forgiveness.

"From my first day in the Senate I have been pushing for expanded access to early education and increasing staff salaries to ensure educators can earn a good living," said Senator Sal DiDomenico, Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Education. "This critical legislation will drastically expand access to affordable, high-quality, early education and childcare and deliver significantly better pay and benefits for early educators. I am proud to support this bill which helps move our state one step closer to guaranteeing every child will receive world-class education from childhood through adulthood. We must get this bill over the finish line and keep our state a livable and welcoming home for families of all incomes. I want to thank all of the advocates, Senate President Karen Spilka, Senator Jason Lewis, Senator Susan Moran, Senator Robyn Kennedy, and all my colleagues for their tireless efforts to prioritize this vital proposal."

"An equitable and competitive Commonwealth is one in which every child and family has access to affordable quality early education," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "At the same time, we must recognize the incredible work of the providers who are shaping the minds and hearts of our earliest learners. Today I'm proud that the Massachusetts Senate is once again taking action to lower costs for families, open up more opportunities for children, increase pay for our early educators, and make support for providers permanent so

they can keep their doors open and thrive for years to come. I extend my thanks to Chair Rodrigues and Chair Lewis for their diligent work, all of my Senate colleagues for their support, and the many, many people who have advocated for early education and care."

"With the passing of this legislation, the Senate has reaffirmed its commitment to an ambitious and transformative investment in Early Education and Care (EEC). I want to thank my colleagues and the Senate President for her leadership in wisely continuing these investments in quality and accessible early childhood education for all. The onset of the COVID pandemic showed just how important these stabilizing grants were to early childhood programs, who otherwise would have been unable to sustain operations. We will always do whatever we can do assist working families by making permanent investments in early education and childcare initiatives in the Commonwealth," said Senator Michael J. Rodrigues (D-Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

By extending access to high-quality education and care to families who currently lack access because of cost or availability, the bill seeks to set children up for future success and drive the Massachusetts economy forward.

The bill would make the state's C3 grants permanent, which provides monthly payments directly to early education and care providers. The grants, which provide monthly payments to more than 92 per cent of early education and care programs across the Commonwealth, have become a national model thanks to their success at keeping programs' doors open during the pandemic, reducing tuition costs for families, increasing compensation for early educators, and expanding the number of childcare slots available.

The legislation improves affordability by expanding eligibility for childcare subsidies to families making up to 85 per cent of the state median income (SMI), which is \$124,000 for a family of four. It eliminates cost-sharing fees for families receiving subsidies who are below the federal poverty line, and caps cost-sharing fees for all other families receiving subsidies at seven percent of their income, putting millions of dollars back into families' pockets. Finally, the bill paves the way for expanding the subsidy program to families making up to 125 per cent SMI, or \$182,000 for a family of four, when future funds become available.

The legislation provides



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking at a rally on the State House steps Thursday morning before voting began.

much-needed support for educators by directing the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) to establish a career ladder with recommended salaries. This career ladder will help increase salaries in this historically underpaid field. The bill would also make scholarship and loan forgiveness programs for early educators permanent, as well as direct the state to explore more innovative ways to develop this crucial workforce.

Notably, the bill would also create an innovative public-private matching grant pilot program, which would incentivize employers to invest in new early education and care slots, with priority given to projects serving families with lower income and those who are located in childcare deserts. In addition, the bill tasks the Administration with completing a study to further analyze ways to incentivize or require employers to partner with the state to expand access to high-quality and affordable early education and care.

The bill also includes provisions that would:

- Ensure that early education and care programs serving children with subsidies are reimbursed based on enrollment, rather than attendance, to provide financial stability to programs.
- Require the cost-sharing fee scale for families participating in

the childcare subsidy program to be updated every five years to ensure affordability for families.

- Establish a pilot program to expand access to shared-service hubs, which would support smaller early education and care programs.

- Increase the maximum number of children that can be served by fully-staffed large family childcare programs, aligning with states such as New York, California, Illinois, and Maryland.

- Bar zoning ordinances from prohibiting family childcare programs in certain areas, preventing an unnecessary hurdle to the expansion of childcare slots.

The legislation was praised by early education and care reform advocates from around the state.

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The Charlestown High School boys basketball team are Division 3 State Title champions on Saturday, March 16 at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell after beating Old Rochester Regional High School by a score of 61-40.

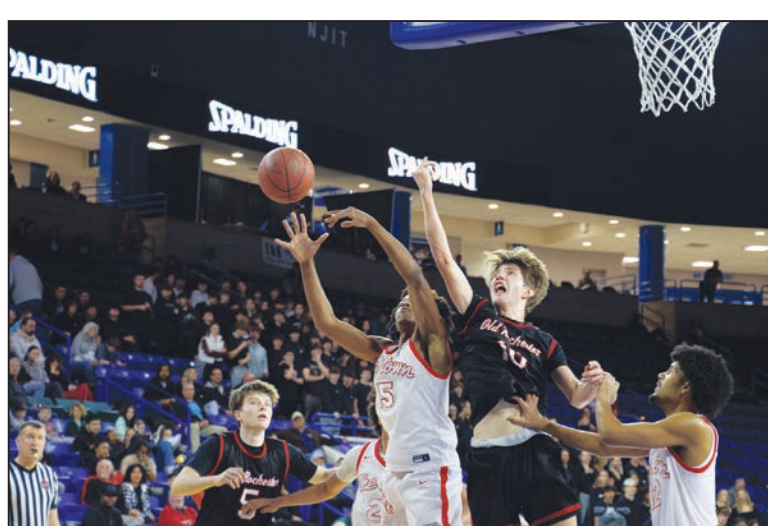



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the basketball downcourt quickly to create excellent opportunities for himself and his teammates.

The other members of the Charlestown starting five, seniors Jordany Mak (3-point field goal), Damante Vanheyningen (10 points), and Trevari Andrews (two points), brought their ‘A’ game to the court all season and into the playoffs. Junior Francis Nelson (two points) also contributed well in the championship game. Junior Dewayne Cannon-Lewis was credited by Hugh Coleman for “his phenomenal defense” against Old Rochester.

The Charlestown coaches devised an effective game plan that their players carried out to perfection. The Charlestown defense forced the Old Rochester guards to go left and executed their full-court press that led to several turnovers. The Townies also controlled the defensive glass, allowing Hunter-Coleman to get out into the open court and generate easy baskets.

“Our big thing is to get the ball off of a defensive rebound and try to beat the other team up the court before they can set up their defense,” said Coleman.

Coleman, who had tears of joy in his eyes during his post-game interview with reporters, reflected on the state championship season during an interview Monday at the high school.

“It feels really amazing to be at this point at this moment in time,” said Hugh Coleman, who starred at Charlestown High (1993-97) before going on to play basketball and graduate from Bowdoin College. “When I went off to college,



Boston Region 1 School Superintendent Dr. Tommy Welch congratulates Charlestown head coach Hugh Coleman on his team's state championship season.

my brother [Derek Coleman] and Coach [Jack] O'Brien won four consecutive state championships, and during that time, the community really rallied around the team. So we really transcended and broke barriers in this community through the game of basketball, so this is full circle.”

Coleman said he and his players were appreciative of the police escort once the team bus reached Sullivan Square on the trip back from Lowell.

“The police escort was so phenomenal,” said Coleman. “They guided us from Sullivan, through Main Street, up Bunker Hill, and back up Medford. The community came out for us. We had more than 200 people meet us on the gym steps. It was a beautiful, beautiful day.”



Charlestown's starting 6-foot-4-inch senior Trevari Andrews, pictured with his proud family after Charlestown High School captured the Division 3 state championship Saturday at Tsongas Center in Lowell.

Willams-Crawford puts on a show on the biggest stage in basketball

By Cary Shuman

If Saturday's state championship game is Jaylin Williams-Crawford's final appearance in a Charlestown High School basketball uniform, the 6-foot-6-inch junior certainly went out in a blaze of greatness.

Yes, the prep schools are aware of Williams-Crawford (and his cousin, Jaylen Hunter-Coleman) and JWC will likely travel that route before beginning his college basketball career. Jaylin's potential – he is a likely Division 1 college basketball scholarship prospect – is off the charts.

And it wasn't just his prolific offensive performance (26 points, 13 rebounds) against Old Rochester that had Charlestown fans cheering all game. It was his defensive presence, his ability to get out on the perimeter and use his size to challenge the Old Rochester guards and forwards and force turnovers.

Charlestown Coach Hugh Coleman said that his nephew's impressive, multi-faceted performance wasn't surprising. Williams-Crawford had played to that high level throughout the season, and under Coleman's guidance, Williams-Crawford had emerged as one of the best players in the



Charlestown High basketball star Jaylin Williams Crawford, with his Emily Hunter-Coleman (left) and Mommy Charline, Joann Hunter (right), pictured after Charlestown's 61-40 victory over Old Rochester in the Division 3 state final.

city and a certain All-Scholastic selection.

Following his team's victory over Old Rochester, Williams-Crawford told reporters how much of a positive impact it's been playing basketball for Hugh Coleman and Charlestown High School.

“It's been a great experience,” said Williams-Crawford. “He [Hugh Coleman] is like a father to me. I can't thank our fans enough for being here today for us. I just tried to play the best game I could and I'm glad it all worked out for the team. I'll remember this game, this day, and this season forever.”



Charlestown High basketball coaches, administrators, and supporters proudly display the state championship trophy after the game. From left, are Avelino Damoura, Joann Hunter, Andres Ruiz, Paul Becklens, Head Coach Hugh Coleman, Willie Veal, Athletic Director Genesis Gudiel, Principal Ajay Trevedi, and Melissa Vasquez.

Charlestown remembers the 19th Amendment and womens right to vote

In honor of Women's History Month, we reflect on the pivotal moment of August 18, 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified, prohibiting the government from denying citizens the right to vote on the basis of sex, extending the right to vote to women. This landmark achievement was not only a victory for gender equality but also a testament to the resilience and determination of countless women across the nation. Tens of thousands of women in Boston, including 3,000 in Charlestown, seized their opportunity to participate in shaping democracy by registering to vote. Through the meticulous transcription efforts of the Mary Eliza Project, the stories of these women have come to light, offering a glimpse into their lives and contributions to society. As we celebrate Women's History Month, let us honor the bravery and tenacity of the Charlestown women who registered to vote in 1920, recognizing their invaluable role in advancing the cause of equality and democracy.

Get-out-the vote efforts resulted in a registration process that played out differently depending on an individual's race, ethnicity and geographic location. "The 19th Amendment was ratified, but it was up to each state to change their electoral administration." While some states (predominantly in the south) deliberately blocked women from voting, Massachusetts and Boston emerged as a bastion of democracy.

Before the ratification of the 19th Amendment, in 1879, Massachusetts women won voting rights in School Committee elections. In preparation of the 19th Amendment, city and state officials encouraged women to regis-

ter to vote in these voting registries because they would automatically become registered in state and federal elections. Upon receiving confirmation of ratification, Boston Mayor Andrew Peters extended registration deadlines, urging "the women of Boston [to] show the way in exercising the newly conferred power." The women of Boston responded to their new status as full voting citizens by educating themselves, registering to vote, and voting in their first federal election on November 2, 1920.

The Massachusetts' state primary occurred on September 7, which only gave about 31,500 Boston women time to register. In the months between the state primary and the elections, thousands more women registered to vote in greater Boston. The record of new registered voters shattered daily, and the Mayor of Boston ordered registration locations to stay open past 10pm and hired more election officials to help register new voters. When voter registration closed, more than 70,000 women had registered.

Through a Community Preservation Act Grant, the City of Boston Archives is transcribing 160 handwritten volumes of General Registers of Women Voters from the City of Boston (August to October 1920). The Mary Eliza Project is named after the pioneering African American nurse and civil rights activist Mary Eliza Mahoney, one of many Boston women who registered to vote in 1920. The transcribed data is available to the public as a fully searchable and sortable excel spreadsheet and can be found at this link.

The 1920 Women's Voter Registers document the names, addresses, places of birth and

occupations of these women. Sometimes additional information about their naturalization process to become a US citizen was provided, including where their husbands were born because in 1920, a woman's citizenship status was tied to her husband's nationality. This dataset allows us a glimpse into Charlestown's residents in the early twentieth century.

In 1920, Charlestown encompassed Wards 3 and 4. Ward 3 included the Western part of Charlestown: Sullivan Square area to Austin / Cordis / Cross Street boundary, and Ward 4 covered the Monument Square and Town Hill areas to the Navy yard. Over 1600 women living in Ward 3, and 1400 in Ward 4 registered to vote in the summer and fall of 1920. Most of Charlestown's new voters were born in Massachusetts, but the neighborhood was also home to 687 women born in Canada, England, French West Indies, Germany, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russia, Scotland, Sweden and Wales, of those, 502 were born in Ireland. In Ward 4 almost 1/3 of the women who registered to vote were born outside of the United States.

More than half of the women who registered to vote in Ward 4 worked outside of the home. While many women worked in domestic service and factories, many were employed in the Charlestown Navy Yard as Yeomen. Women in Ward 3 worked as sugar packers, telephone operators, forewomen, box makers, florists, teachers, stenographers, clerks, housekeepers, tailors, accountants and "at home".

45 year old Agnes McAuliffe of 36 Adams Street registered to vote on October 4, 1920. While she gave her place of birth as New

Zealand, her father was born in Ireland and was naturalized in Boston US Circuit Court in 1878, when Agnes would have been only three years old. As a single woman with a naturalized father, Agnes had to produce his naturalization papers to claim her right to vote. She worked as a "packer" in 1920. Further research reveals that Agnes arrived in the United States 1882, never married and lived as a "roomer" on Adams Street.

49 year old Hannah Barry of 43 Lexington Street gave her husband Edward's naturalization papers to the Election Clerk. Both were born in County Cork, Ireland, but only Edward was naturalized through the courts. Because of a 1907 law linking a woman's citizenship status to her husband's nationality, Hannah gained her citizenship status through her husband's naturalization. She was widowed prior to registering in 1920 and worked as a housekeeper in the

Lexington Street house. Further research reveals that #43 Lexington was a small cottage located in the rear of #45, that Hannah's husband Edward died in 1920, and they lived with two fisherman "roomers". Both houses have been demolished to make way for the Bunker Hill Housing Development, and this leg of Lexington Street is now O' Meara Court.

This dataset is an incredible resource, providing a glimpse into the Charlestown culture in the early twentieth century. There are many more stories waiting to be uncovered. We hope that you can find the records of your ancestors, and women that lived in your house in 1920.

We have sorted through the dataset and host all of Charlestown's women voting records from 1920. Charlestown's women's voting records can be found at this link.

NEWS BRIEFS

REGISTER FOR EGG HUNT LOTTERY TODAY

Registration for the lottery for the annual Easter Egg Hunt aboard the USS Constitution closes tonight.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/ussconstitutionofficial> to link to entry form. Happy Hunting!

GET AN EASTER HAM ON MARCH 26

Charlestown Catholic Collaborative/Harvest on Vine food pantry will be distributing Easter hams on Tuesday March 26th at 2PM. We are located at 49 Vine Street (next to the Dollar Trees Store). If you didn't sign up for a ham, you can sign up that day.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The City of Boston is developing a five-year Consolidated Plan for an estimated \$143 million in funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

(HUD), and we want to hear your thoughts on the needs and priorities of the City. The funds may be invested in housing, homeless assistance and community development programs that serve low- to moderate-income residents over a 5-year period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029 through these HUD programs:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

To ensure robust citizen participation, we are offering multiple ways to provide input on the Plan and hope that you will help us get the word out by sharing this email with your contacts and community members. Please encourage them to visit the Consolidated Plan website, complete the Multilingual Survey for Residents, or the Survey for Organizations or submit comments by calling 617-635-0363 or by sending an email to mohcomments@boston.gov.

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ning several legislative sessions, policy development and progress based on brain development and economic research, a global pandemic, the incredible response from thousands of early educators across Massachusetts, and how we have worked together to stabilize, heal and transform as a community," said Amy O'Leary, Executive Director of Strategies for Children. "Hearing the real life, day-to-day challenges has helped inform our advocacy and must continue to drive policy decisions and match up resources with needs. We are grateful to Senate President Karen Spilka, Education Committee Co-Chair Senator Jason Lewis, Senator Susan Moran, Senator

Sal DiDomenico, Senator Robyn Kennedy and all the members of the Massachusetts Senate for your action today on the EARLY ED Act. We know that fulfilling our vision will require a sustained effort and careful, thoughtful consideration. We look forward to working with the Legislature and the Healey-Driscoll Administration to pass comprehensive legislation this session and set a clear path for children and families in the Commonwealth."

"The EARLY ED Act establishes a comprehensive framework needed to build affordable care options for families; significantly better pay and benefits for early educators; a stable source of fund-

ing for providers; and high-quality programs and services for children. MAAEYC is thrilled to be able to celebrate the Massachusetts Senate's clear commitment to early childhood education today, and every day. We look forward to continuing to advocate on behalf of all young children across the Commonwealth alongside our colleagues and friends," said Patty Sinclair, President of the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children.

Having been passed by the Senate, the legislation now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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425 Medford PDA Master Plan gets BPDA Board approval

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

A project that would bring public realm enhancements, along with lab, residential, and hotel space at the site of the old Domino Sugar Refinery at 425 Medford Street, had its Planned Development Area (PDA) Master Plan approved by the Boston Planning & Development Agency's (BPDA) Board during a meeting last week.

The Flatley Company, which also owns the Schrafft's Center and has strong ties with the community, has proposed the project.

"The Flatley Family has been an active member of the Charlestown community since 1985, and both Dan Flatley and I have children and grandchildren living in Charlestown today," said John Roche, CEO of the Flatley Company.

"We have worked very hard over the last two and a half years to bring our vision for the redevelopment of 425 Medford Street to the community," he added.

Six buildings would be constructed at the site as part of the project, encompassing several uses, such as residential, research/lab/office, hotel, retail/restaurant, and community center space.

There are plans for about 1.79 million square feet of mixed-use development, according to Sarah Peck of the BPDA, who outlined the project at last week's meeting.

According to a document on the project's webpage, which is located on the BPDA's website, up to two buildings would contain residential space with around 500 units (400 rentals and 100 condos), the research/lab/office space would be in up to three buildings, and

the hotel which may also include residential space would be in one building with about 210 units.

Moreover, the document indicates that up to 889 parking spaces are planned, most underground.

Additionally, Peck explained that plans are to create a 2,400-foot-long "resiliency component along the waterfront by the Mystic River."

After Peck provided a brief overview of the project, the development team went through a presentation of its own and shared more information about several facets of the plan.

Initially, Jamie von Klemperer of KPF, the project's lead architect, spoke about some of the work done to modify the project since September 2019.

He also detailed specific design drivers for the project, which included aspects such as the Mystic Waterfront as an attraction, connecting people to the waterfront through public access, and much more.

Specifically, around 13 acres of public open space are planned for the site through different programming, such as a kayak launch, the harbor lawn, a community path, and more.

"Suffice to say, they're very generously dimensioned, varied in use to create a tapestry of great possibilities for recreation and everyday life," said von Klemperer.

As the presentation continued, Sanjukta Sen of Field Operations, the project's landscape architect, spoke about several other parts of the project.

For example, Sen talked about an approximately five-acre waterfront park, the resilience measures in the project to combat 2070 projected flood risk, the public ways

incorporated into the plan, a community path, the "railroad ramble," and much more.

Finally, von Klemperer discussed the parking strategy and design plans, which evoke some of the neighborhood's traditional architecture.

Following the presentation, those in attendance could provide testimony, and there seemed to be a lot of support for the project.

Several representatives from local unions and Karl Alexander of the Mystic River Watershed Association spoke in favor of the project.

While several attendees spoke favorably about the project, some residents shared concerns and had questions.

A resident, Eric Zachrison, said he could not support the project and raised concerns about the heights of the proposed buildings and the proponent's ability to maintain the proposed public realm upgrades.

"Fundamentally, I have to beg the BPDA to either reject this proposal or cap its height for professional reasons. If my clients and other developers see this, they're going to believe that if they propose 220-foot-tall buildings and come back with 160-foot-tall ones, the BPDA will support that," said Zachrison.

"How are we supposed to believe that they're going to plant and maintain these lavish gardens when they don't even take care of the narrow strip of trees and grass that exists along Medford at the moment," he also said.

JoAnn Grigoli, another Charlestown resident who complimented the project team for its renderings, wondered about the possibility of a grocery store for the retail com-

ponent, citing the limited grocery stores in the neighborhood.

After the public testimony concluded, project team members responded to some of the questions and concerns, such as the height of the buildings and the potential for a grocery store.

Regarding the proposed heights, von Klemperer said, "We did look at — as we said — bringing down the heights significantly and also at the height that we have the buildings, stepping down the massing within each building so that they don't go from the topmost to the ground uninterrupted."

"We think there's overall a lot of care in taking the shape of the buildings seriously for the purposes of softening sightlines and shadows and giving a sense of proportion," he later added.

Concerning the grocery store thought, Roche mentioned that the retail would be community-based and that they have heard from other residents that there is interest in a grocery store at the site.

"We're more than open to that. We can accommodate it. We have had dialogue with — when we first started this process — what I'll say is a regional supermarket chain," said Roche.

"It certainly makes a lot of sense for us to be able to get a supermarket, and we will certainly do what we can to get one," he added.


Ultimately, the 425 Medford PDA Master Plan went to a vote and was unanimously supported. As for the next steps, a BPDA news release announcing the approval says, "The project will be phased and constructed over the course of approximately 10-15 years, with each phase going through the Article 80 review process."

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction look-ahead for the North Washington Street Bridge through March 30 is as follows:

Scheduled Work

Removal of temporary vehicle bridge and pile supports

Demolition of old bridge structure

Work Hours

Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Travel Tips

For everyone using the east sidewalk of the new 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. Police details, lane markings, temporary 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: March 21 at 7 p.m.

CELTICS: March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS: March 22 at 4 p.m., March 23 at 7 p.m., and March 22 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

NCAA Div. I Men's Basketball Championship (times TBA): 3/28 and 3/30.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

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North Washington Street (Charlestown) Bridge Replacement

Temporary lane closures on Friday, March 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. the following morning

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing lane closures at Keany Square in Boston to safely complete the demolition of the last bridge span on the existing North Washington Street Bridge. The right turn lane and right through lane will be closed beginning on Friday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m. through 8:00 a.m. the following morning.

Two inbound lanes will be maintained across the bridge. The outbound lanes across the bridge

and pedestrian paths will not be impacted. Three temporary traffic stops will be implemented in the 2 inbound traffic lanes during crane removal of steel beams, which each stop expected to last two to three minutes.

For more information, please see: <https://www.mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement>.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and advanced message boards will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

Drivers who are traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511.com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

Follow @MassDOT on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

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office, research, and development.

Moreover, a document found on the project's webpage on the BPDA's website indicates that one building is slated to be about 222 feet tall and the other about 252 feet tall, "subject to further design review and the terms of the Development Plan."

Additionally, Peck indicated that the proposal would also include up to 487 off-street parking spots and around 41,000 square feet of open space.

Following Peck's overview, the project team made its own presentation about the project.

In speaking about the project, Guadagnoli called the open space portion of the project the "key piece" in creating the aforementioned connection that he talked about.

He also spoke about other improvements being made to the site and surrounding area, such as improving D Street and raising the site's grade by five feet to promote flood resiliency.

As the presentation progressed, Joseph Mamayek of SGA, the project architect, outlined the design in greater detail.

He specifically discussed several key design elements, such as creating connections, greening the site, providing an active and diverse ground floor, and much more.

Furthermore, Mamayek showed different elevations and views and walked through several other facets of the project, such as sustainability, an accessible and active public realm that is welcoming, and much more.

Some other aspects of the project that are highlighted in the

aforementioned project webpage document include a shared-use path, safety improvements near the Cambridge Street and I-93 ramp intersection, the construction of blue bike stations, and more.

It should also be noted that a news release on the BPDA's website indicates that the project team will also be making contributions to the Charlestown Link Shuttle and the city's Transportation Department.

Following the presentation, those in attendance provided public testimony, and there seemed to be widespread support for the proposal.

Steve Jenal, a Charlestown resident, voiced his support, saying, "The Owens Companies and Fallon have been great about the community outreach with this project. The greening of the site is something we really need for our neighborhood and connecting Hood Park to Sullivan Station can only be seen as a positive."


Several other attendees, including residents, union representatives, and even Korynn Stoyanoff, a representative from Just a Start, supported the proposal along with Jenal.

Just a Start is a Cambridge-based non-profit that will have its Biomedical Careers Training program at the site, a feature of the project that Guadagnoli revealed during a public meeting in January.

Before the project went to a vote, the Board's Chair, Priscilla Rojas, shared her excitement for the Biomedical Career Training, saying, "It's awesome." In the end, the BPDA Board unanimously approved the proposal.

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Couyoumjian, Robert	Leo, Robert	42 8th St #5111	\$571,000
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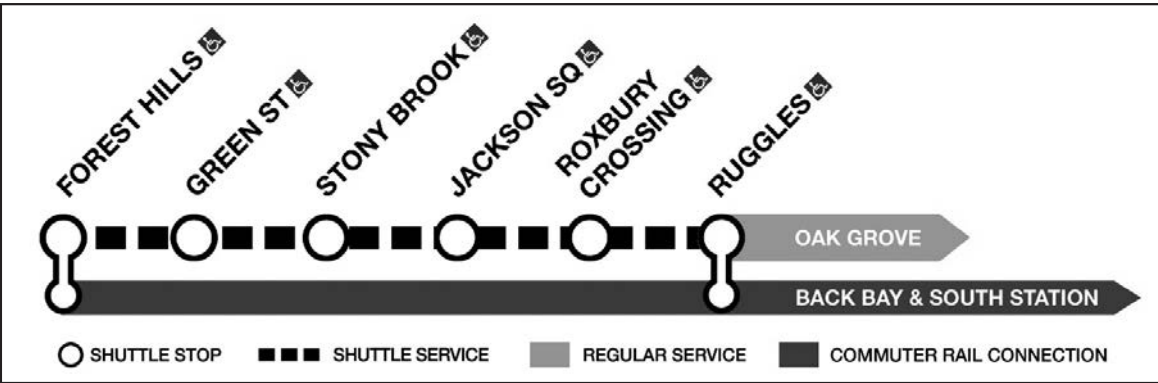
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April service changes: MBTA continues work to improve reliability across the system

The MBTA today announced service changes in April on the Silver, Orange, Blue, Red, Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, Haverhill, and Newburyport/Rockport lines. The MBTA will continue working to maintain its infrastructure and improve reliability across the system.

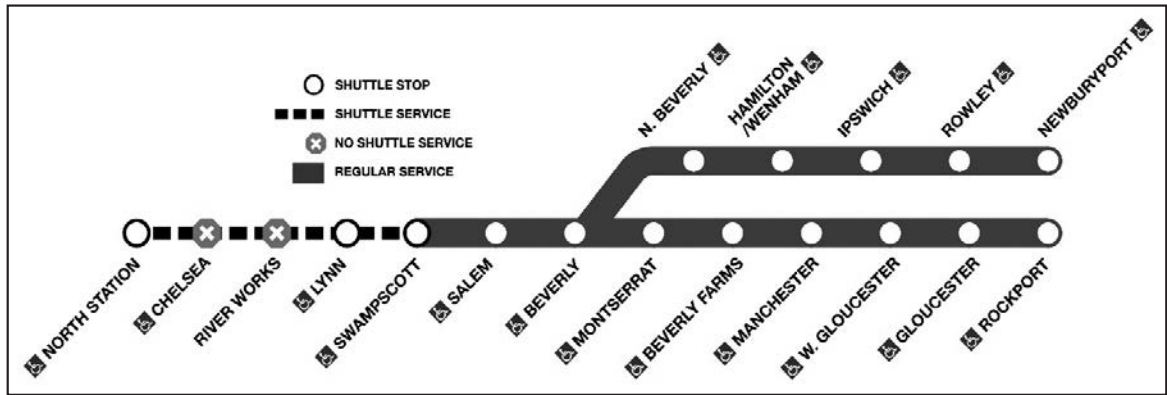
Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at [mbta.com/alerts](https://www.mbta.com/alerts). Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA, @MBTA_CR, and @MBTA_CR_Alerts for up-to-date service information.

- Orange Line service will be suspended between Forest Hills and Ruggles stations during the weekends of March 30-31, April 6-7, April 20-21, and April 27-28.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Forest Hills and Ruggles.
- The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station. Riders should note that regular Commuter Rail fares should be purchased beyond Forest Hills.
- This service change is in place for crews to perform critical signal and switch improvement work.



ON THE NEWBURYPORT/ROCKPORT COMMUTER RAIL LINE

- Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between North Station and Swampscott during the weekend of April 6-7 and for nine days from April 20-28.
- Shuttle buses will make stops between Swampscott, Lynn (within the busway at the legacy station), and North Station. Chelsea

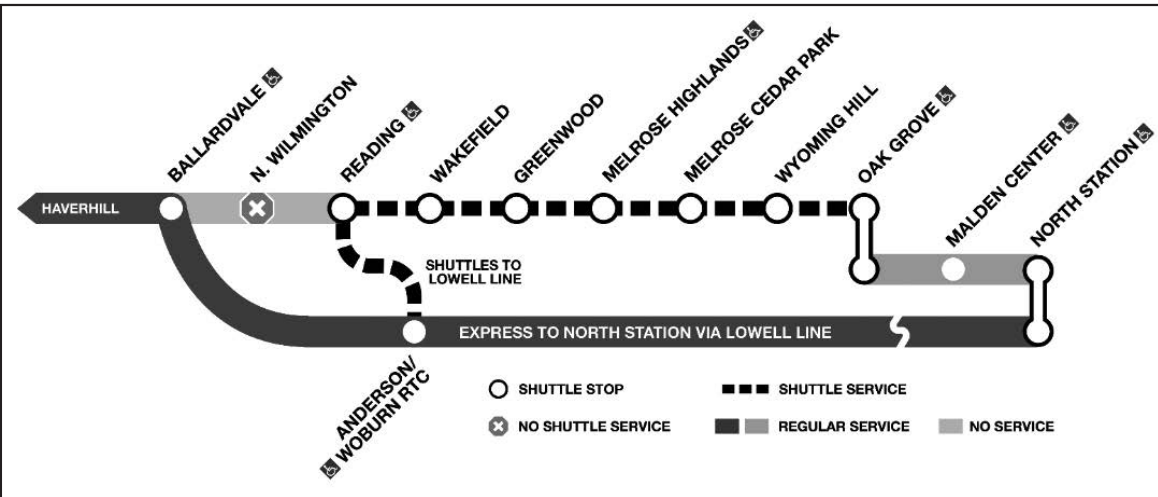


- Passengers should note that this service change overlaps with a planned shuttle bus diversion on the Blue Line. More information is available above and at [mbta.com](https://www.mbta.com).
 - This service change allows for crews to perform Positive Train Control (PTC) / Automatic Train Control (ATC) work. PTC/ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about potentially unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed.
- The MBTA previously announced service changes in March. More information is available here.
- The MBTA understands how these service changes affect riders' daily travels during this period, but we are committed to improving your travels long term with more reliable, timely, and safe service. We thank riders for their patience as we deliver this important work and for continuing to ride our system.
- For more information, visit [mbta.com](https://www.mbta.com) or connect with the T on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

ON THE HAVERHILL COMMUTER RAIL LINE

- Haverhill Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between Ballardvale and North Station during the weekend of April 6-7 and for nine days from April 20-28.
- A dedicated diversion schedule will be available soon on [mbta.com](https://www.mbta.com).
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will replace train service between Reading and Oak Grove where passengers can connect to Orange Line subway.
- A free and accessible shuttle bus will also provide service between Reading and Anderson/Woburn for connections to the Lowell Line and Haverhill Line.
- Regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected between Haverhill and Ballardvale.
- The shuttle service between Reading and Oak Grove will stop in Wakefield, Greenwood, Melrose Highlands, Melrose Cedar Park, Wyoming Hill, and Oak Grove.
- North Wilmington Station will not have shuttle bus service with passengers encouraged to utilize Lowell Line service at Wilmington Station instead.
- Train service for passengers between Ballardvale and Haverhill will be re-routed along the Lowell Line after Ballardvale, making one additional stop at Anderson/Woburn and then running express to North Station. Riders desiring service to or from Reading and Oak Grove should disembark at Anderson/Woburn and board the

- shuttle bus service.
 - Bus Route 137 will be fare free.
 - This service change allows
- crews to perform Automatic Train Control (ATC) work. ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about poten-



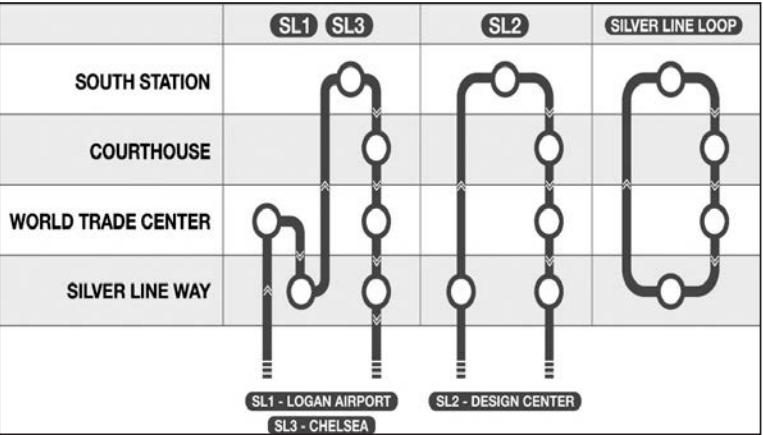
ON THE RED LINE

- Red Line service will be suspended between Broadway and Ashmont stations on the Ashmont Branch and between Broadway and North Quincy stations on the Braintree Branch during the weekend of March 30-31 as previously announced as well as the weekend of April 6-7.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Broadway and Ashmont / North Quincy.
- There will be free fares at Broadway and North Quincy stations with the fare gates open. Riders boarding Mattapan Line trolleys at Ashmont also do not have to pay a fare.
- This service change is in place to allow crews to perform necessary work as part of the Dorches-

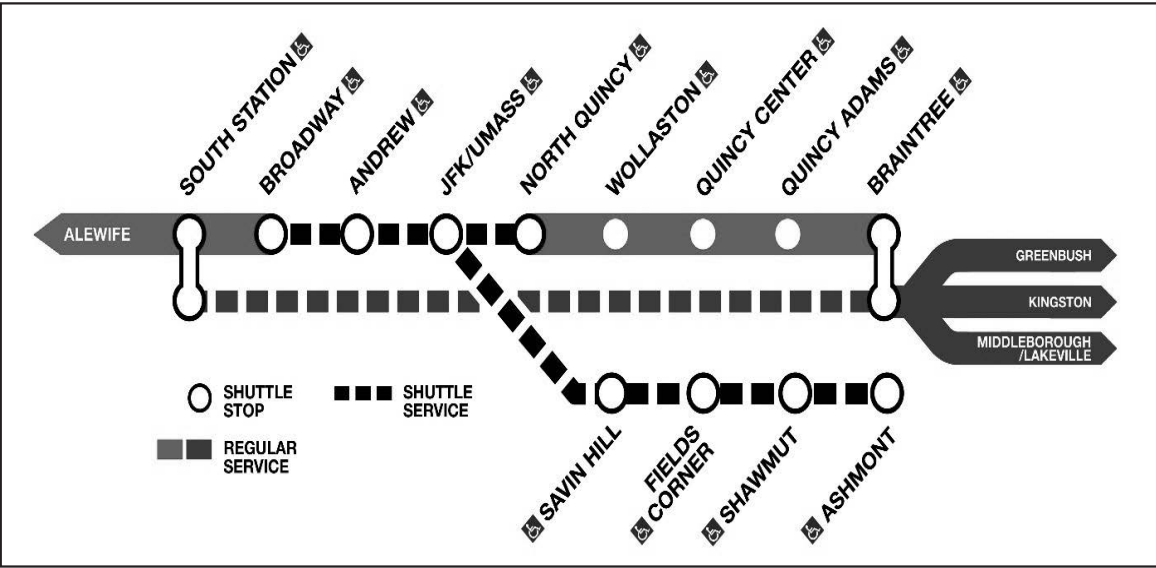
ter Avenue Bridge Replacement Project. Originally built in 1925 and last rehabilitated in 1975, the bridge will be replaced to protect its structural integrity and ensure reliable service. When complete, this project will result in safer, more reliable Red Line service.

The MBTA will also perform upgrade work to the Red Line signal system.

ON THE SILVER LINE



- Silver Line Routes 1, 2, and 3 will operate at the street level beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service on April 6.
- Riders can make connections at the following street-level stop locations:
- Connections for South Station can be made on Summer Street @ Atlantic Avenue (at the Federal Reserve Building)
- Connections for Courthouse Station can be made at Congress Street @ Thompson Place.
- Connections for World Trade Center Station can be made on Congress Street @ World Trade Center Station.
- Connections for Silver Line Way Station (outbound) can be made at 601 Congress Street.
- Connections for Silver Line Way Station (inbound) can be made at Congress Street @ The Renaissance Hotel (between D Street and Harborview Lane).
- This service change will allow for the removal of the overhead wire system from the west side of D Street to the end of Silver Line Way. Silver Line buses operate on battery power in this area, making the overhead wires no longer necessary.



ON THE KINGSTON, MIDDLEBOROUGH, AND GREENBUSH COMMUTER RAIL LINES

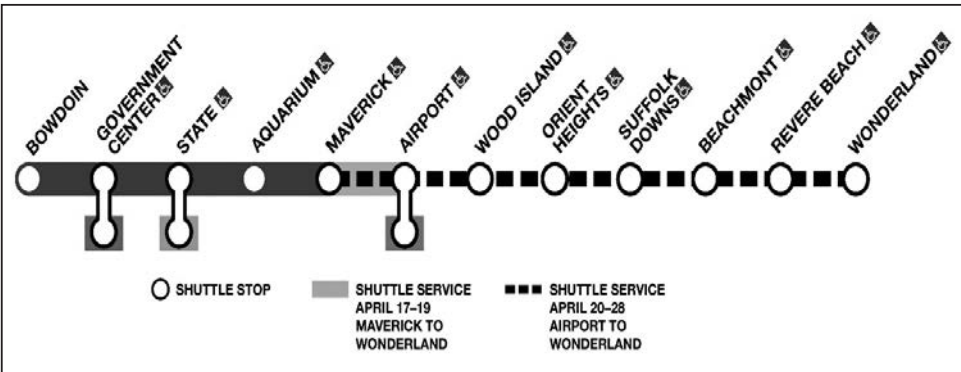
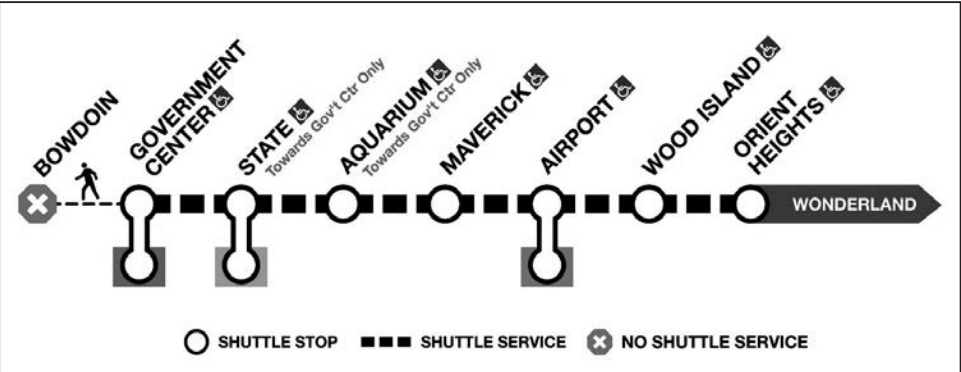
- Kingston, Middleborough, and Greenbush Commuter Rail line service will be suspended between South Station and Braintree Station during the following days and times:
- As previously announced, beginning at approximately 7:30 PM through the end of service on Friday, March 29, and continuing all day from start to end of service during the weekend of April 6-7.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will replace trains between South Station and Braintree. Express shuttle buses will operate directly between South Station and Braintree. The diversion schedule will be available online soon at [mbta.com/CommuterRail](https://www.mbta.com/CommuterRail).
- Passengers should note that bicycles are not allowed on shuttle buses, and regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected between Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, and Braintree stations.
- Keolis Customer Service Agents, MBTA staff, and Transit Ambassadors will be on site at impacted stations to support riders.
- This service change is in place because these Commuter Rail lines run adjacent to the Red Line where Dorchester Avenue Bridge Replacement Project work is taking place.

ON THE BLUE LINE

- Blue Line service will be suspended between Bowdoin and Orient Heights stations beginning at approximately 8 PM through the end of service each day from April 9-11.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops between Government Center and Orient Heights.
- Riders should note that shuttle buses will not stop at Bowdoin station. Riders can instead utilize shuttle buses at Government Center, which is about a quarter mile away (or about a four-minute walk).
- This service change is in place as part of the MBTA's Track Improvement Program.

Crews will perform track and tie replacement work with the goal of removing speed restrictions near Aquarium Station. Crews will also maximize the outage by performing signal work and station amenity upgrades, including new lighting, painting, tiling, and power washing, and more.

- As previously announced, Blue Line service will be suspended between Maverick and Wonderland for three days from April 17-19 and between Airport and Wonderland for nine days from April 20-28.
- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops at all stations.
- This service change is in place as part of the MBTA's Track Improvement Program. Crews will perform track and tie replacement work with the goal of removing speed restrictions on the Blue Line; infrastructure upgrades; station amenity upgrades like new lighting, painting, tiling, and power washing; and more



Oars in Motion

Greater Boston Veteran's inspirational Row Across the Atlantic begins in June

Special to the Regional Review

Bryan Fuller, a Greater Boston veteran and rowing record-holder will shove off from a dock in Charlestown in June, with plans to row from Boston to London as part of a team of four on an unsupported journey. He will highlight plans for the trip and answer questions at Cottage Park Yacht Club on Wednesday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

The crew will depart from a Charlestown dock near the Spaulding Rehab Hospital, heading for another dock near Big Ben in London. The unsupported journey will likely take at least fifty days.

Fuller, 54, is a seasoned adventurer from Brookline, Mass., where he operates Power Rowing, an

indoor rowing gym. He brings a wealth of experience, having previously rowed the Atlantic from the other direction, leaving the Canary Islands off of Morocco for the Caribbean. Fuller captured the record as the fastest American to make that more southerly crossing.

Fuller says he has a keen desire to “do the impossible,” and plans to raise money for the veterans rowing program at Community Rowing in Boston. He credits that program for not only teaching him to row, but also helping him survive his own PTSD.

Joining Fuller are John Lowry, 55, a childhood friend and an orthopedic rehabilitation doctor from Danvers, Mass.; Klara Anstey, 51, a marketing professional and coast-

al rower from Wales, UK; and Elizabeth Gilmore, 40, a record-holding river rower and indoor rowing world champion from Richmond, VA. Together, they aspire to set a new speed record for the crossing. Their progress will be monitored by the Ocean Rowing Society.

Their vessel is a specially designed, 28-foot ocean rowing boat. It contains two tiny sleeping quarters and will be equipped with essential supplies, including a water desalinator, freeze-dried food, emergency beacons, and advanced communication gear.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu will see the team off and present them with a gift to bring to the Mayor of London, to mark this historic moment.



COURTESY PHOTO

Bryan Fuller plans to row from Boston to London with three others to be the first to take that route across the Atlantic. The unsupported trip starting in June is expected to take 50 days.

Holy Week in the Charlestown Catholic Community

**Lenten Mission
with Frank Runyeon**
Thursday & Friday,
March 21-22 7p.m.
St. Mary's Church



Monday - March 25
6p.m. Cabrini -
AMC Theatre,
Assembly Sq.-
See Fr. John for tickets



HOLY WEEK: MARCH 23-31

PALM SUNDAY PLEASE WEAR RED

*Blessing of the Palms Sunday, March 24 at
The Training Field 10:30a.m. (weather permitting)*

AT ST FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH

Saturday, March 23, 4p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 24 - Mass - 9:30a.m.

Good Friday

3p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Francis

7p.m. Liturgy at St. Francis

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Saturday, March 23 Mass at 4p.m.

Palm Sunday, March 24 - Mass 8a.m., 11a.m. & 6p.m.

Mon - Wed

8a.m. Mass - St. Catherine's Chapel

Holy Thursday

9a.m. Prayer - St. Catherine's

7p.m. Mass - St. Mary's

Good Friday

9a.m. Prayer - St. Catherine's

Holy Saturday

9a.m. Prayer - St. Catherine's

7p.m. Easter Vigil - St. Mary's

EASTER SUNDAY

8a.m. Mass at St. Mary's

9:30a.m. Mass at St. Francis

11a.m. Mass at St. Mary's

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