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A strong turnout of Easter Egg fans take to the field around the Bunker Hill Monument, during the Charlestown Mothers Association's Easter Egg Hunt at the Charlestown Monument. See pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

## EASTER EGG HUNT AT THE MONUMENT



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Drew Murray gets some help from his parents Frank and Brenna.



William Fisher shows off a full basket of Easter Eggs.

## Coletta appears at Charlestown Neighborhood Council meeting

By Cary Shuman

Boston District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta was a guest speaker at the Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) meeting Tuesday, providing a year in review of her many accomplishments in 2023 and an in-depth look at her legislative initiatives and goals for 2024.

Considered a rising star on the Boston City Council and an overseer of a Council office known for its efficient constituent services, Coletta distributed a colorful, well-designed pamphlet to CNC members and residents focusing on her office's constituent services, her work in the community, her budget priorities for Fiscal Year '25 (that begins July 1), and her



Boston District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta speaks at the CNC meeting Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus.

upcoming policy initiatives.

Coletta is chair of the Council's Committee on Government Operations, which according to infor-

(CNC Pg. 9)

## Bunker Hill Monument Association announces children's booklet

Special to Patriot-Bridge

A local nonprofit whose mission it is to promote the history and significance of the Bunker Hill Monument has announced they have contracted with a popular New England author and illustrator to write a booklet about the Bunker Hill Monument and the Battle of Bunker Hill.

The Bunker Hill Monument Association is the Nation's oldest monument association, celebrating its Bicentennial in 2023. The Association's Board were discussing ideas to promote and celebrate the upcoming 200th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the monument and the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, both will take place in 2025.

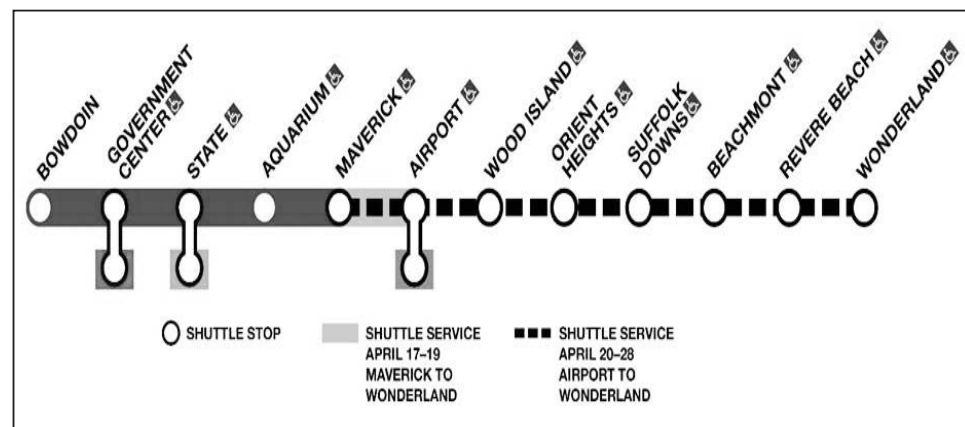
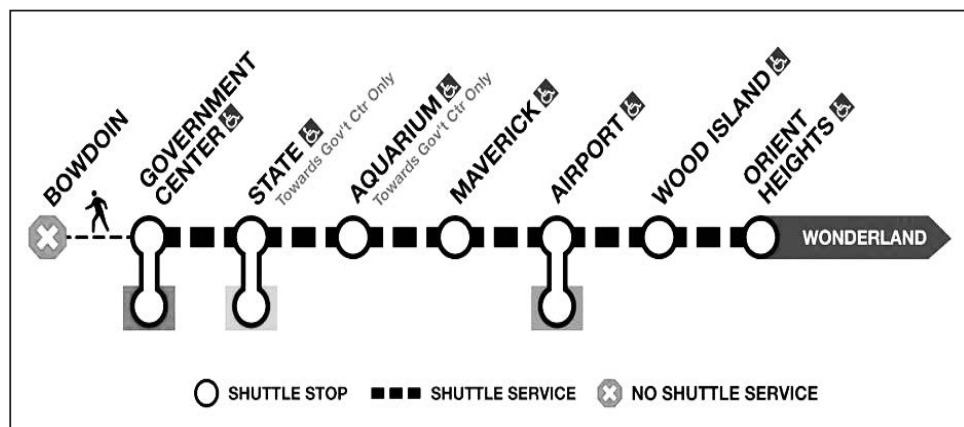
Director Kevin Burke, who grew up in Charlestown, remembered as a young boy he would recite facts about the monument to

tourists. The idea to have a book for children about the Bunker Hill Monument's history followed.

In researching the idea for a children's booklet the Association discovered a children's booklet about the history of Portsmouth, N.H., titled, 'The Portsmouth Time Machine.' The format and style were exactly what they were looking for. The children's booklet, 'The Bunker Hill Time Machine,' will be ready for distribution before the celebrations of 2025..

The Bunker Hill Monument Association is asking for donations and sponsors to help fund the cost of design, printing, and distribution. Please consider making a donation by contacting Kevin Burke,

Director of the Bunker Hill monument Association, at :(617)-947-8162 or via email at kevinburke206@gmail.com.



Evening service will be suspended between Government Center and Orient Heights April 9-11

Shuttle Service will be replacing the Blue Line from Maverick to Wonderland the latter half of this month.

# Shuttle Buses to replace Blue Line for critical track work latter half of April

## Evening Blue Line service also suspended between Bowdoin and Orient Heights each day from April 9-11

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Following up on the previous announcement on March 15, the MBTA is today reminding riders that 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. Evening Blue Line service will also be suspended between Bowdoin and Orient Heights each day from April 9-11.

As previously announced, this service change is in place to allow crews to perform critical work to upgrade infrastructure as part of the Track Improvement Program, which will improve reliability and provide a safer ride. Work crews

will also maximize this service change by upgrading the overhead catenary wire system between Orient Heights and Wood Island stations.

As previously announced, 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-min-

ute walk). State and Aquarium stations will only be serviced by inbound shuttles to Government Center. Accessible vans will also be available to riders.

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. Accessible vans will also be available to riders.

Information is available at [mbta.com/alerts](http://mbta.com/alerts). Riders can also learn more at [mbta.com/TrackProgram](http://mbta.com/TrackProgram).

The important work accom-

plished during this Blue Line service suspension means riders will experience a more reliable trip with fewer unplanned service disruptions related to older tracks, older infrastructure, signal issues, or power problems. Riders will also be provided with a safer ride as a result of this state of good repair work.

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.

More information is also available through in-station signage and public announcements. 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 for up-to-date service information.

For more information, please visit [mbta.com/TrackProgram](http://mbta.com/TrackProgram) 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.

# Cartwright announces candidacy for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court in Suffolk County

Suffolk County Attorney Allison S. Cartwright announced she is running for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court in Suffolk County. Cartwright is looking to build on her thirty-plus years of legal representation and management in the Clerk position, which oversees critical functions within the court system including managing the court's single justice caseload concerning bail reviews, appeals from state registration boards and agencies, and appeals from lower courts. Additionally, the Clerk handles all matters concerning the admission of attorneys to the Massachusetts bar, and attorney discipline.

"Fundamentally this job is about navigating justice and access to our state's highest court," said Allison Cartwright. "Ensuring the working class and poor people have access to justice and be able to navigate the court system has been my life's work. I have represented everyone from children to adults, immigrants, citizens, people in recovery – essentially every-



Allison S. Cartwright.

one who has ever needed a second chance. Key to that second chance is a system that is fair, open, and equitable."

Cartwright currently serves in the Committee for Public Counsel Services's Public Defenders Division, where she oversees seventy-five public defenders, social workers, and investigators for Suffolk and Norfolk counties. She works daily to ensure that staff have the tools necessary to provide top notch defense, necessary services, and are able to protect fundamental constitutional and

human rights.

In recognition of her zealous advocacy, commitment to justice, and formidable career, Attorney Cartwright has been appointed to a number of advisory boards, including Boston's Police Reform Task Force, the Massachusetts Advisory Board on Probation, and the Governor's Restorative Justice Advisory Committee. Through her service on these boards, she has shaped criminal justice policies at the city and state level.

Cartwright today also announced that Maggie Van Scoy will spearhead her campaign as campaign manager. Van Scoy brings public service experience, having most recently served as Mayor Michelle Wu's Office of Neighborhood Services liaison to Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway-Kenmore, and Mission Hill, where she served as the administration's primary point of contact for area residents and helped facilitate the delivery of core city services across the those neighborhoods.

"I am thrilled to join the Cartwright campaign and have the opportunity to elect someone with such an impressive background in law and public service to this critical position in our judicial system," said Van Scoy. "To know Allison is to be in awe of her dedication to justice, fairness, and society's most vulnerable."

Rounding out the initial campaign team are Attorney Cartwright's two campaign committee co-chairs: Attorney Keren Goldenberg and Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards.

"I am so excited that Allison Cartwright is running for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. As a courtroom lawyer, I know that the best clerks have litigation and management experience, and Allison has both," said Attorney Goldenberg. "As Allison's colleague and friend, I know that she is organized, respectful of others, and thoughtful. Lawyers, judges, litigants, court staff, and the public will benefit from having

her in this position."

"I can't think of anyone more qualified or prepared for this job. I have met plenty of lawyers in my life, and am one myself, but Cartwright's experience and resume is beyond impressive. Not only does she manage attorneys she is educating the next generation of lawyers at Harvard Law School," said Senator Edwards. "There is something about this position that calls not just for legal experience but for an impartial, apolitical record of dedication to helping people. That's what Allison has. She has advocated in the courts, provided access to the courts, and now it's time to let her to work for the courts."

Additionally, Attorney Cartwright is honored to have former Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Geraldine Hines and civil rights attorney Rashaan Hall serving as members of her growing campaign committee.

The primary election is September 3, 2024.

# Wu marks creation of new city planning department with signing ceremony

By Patriot-Bridge staff

Standing behind the Last Tenement at 42 Lomasney Way – the only historic building from the old West End to survive urban renewal in that neighborhood – Mayor Michelle Wu signed an ordinance on Tuesday, April 2, which will allow for the creation new planning department in the City of Boston for the first time in 70 years.

The ordinance restores planning as a core function of Boston city government, ensuring its inclusion in the city's budget and allowing for the transfer of current staff from the Boston Planning & Development Agency to the new planning department.

"Today we mark a long-overdue new chapter in Boston's growth—grounded in affordability, resiliency, and equity," said Mayor Wu. "This ordinance is the biggest step Boston has taken in 70 years to finally begin untangling a system of development rooted

in an outdated ideology that left scars in our communities. I look forward to the work ahead with all of our residents to engage with this new Planning Department and shape Boston's future."

Similarly, Arthur Jemison, the city's chief of planning, said, "Today marks an important step in our work to truly transform planning and development in Boston and ensure we are speaking to residents with one voice as the City of Boston. Under Mayor Wu's leadership, I'm looking forward to establishing a Planning Department that can tackle Boston's greatest challenges and plan for a City that is more resilient, affordable, and equitable."

Besides creating the new department, as well as a pathway for the transfer of staff, the ordinance codifies the purpose of the department as "creating comprehensive plans for Boston's built environment, a predictable zoning code and development process, urban design standards, and planning



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON.

Mayor Michelle Wu joined residents and community leaders in the West End on April 2 for a signing of a new ordinance creating a City Planning Department.

for the best use of publicly owned land," according to a press release from the city.

The ordinance also formalizes

the financial transfer between the City and BPDA so that the move will be cost-neutral to the city's taxpayers. The ordinance, which

was filed by Mayor Wu in January, was formally approved by the City Council on Wednesday, March 27.

## Coletta oversees Planning Department ordinance review process, earns passage with amendments

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

As chair of the Committee on Government Operations, Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta submitted a committee report regarding an ordinance creating a Planning Department in the City of Boston sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu. She recommended that the matter ought to pass in a new draft and it ultimately passed with a majority of her colleagues voting in the affirmative.

"As Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, I am proud to have led a thorough, transparent, and collaborative review process of this docket. It was important for the Council to make amendments that prioritize financial transparency, council and regulatory oversight, additional reporting requirements, and accountability mechanisms that will ultimately serve the residents of Boston well," said Coletta. "I commend my colleagues for utilizing their legislative powers to push the administration and craft a historic ordinance to bring planning in as a core function of city government."

The amended ordinance includes:

- Fiscal Transparency and Oversight;

- Mandates a full financial audit of the BPDA, including all expenses and uses, revenue, and income while the BPDA transitions a majority of their land, money, and



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City Councilor Gabriela Coletta.

people to the City of Boston;

- Requires a submitted list of assets and ground leases, capital expenses, and accounting of developer mitigation funds;

- Makes explicit City Council Oversight safeguards within the City Charter;

- Mandated Annual Reporting and Council Hearing;

- Creates a new section that requires the Planning Department to assess their progress and shortcomings; and

- Provides oversight of performance to track goals of affordability, resilience, and equity;

- Independent Assessment and Community Voice

- Empowers the council to partner with a research entity to conduct independent assessment to hold BPDA and new planning department accountable;

- Directs the City Council to hold an Annual Meeting to discuss findings from the department and

the independent assessment; and

- Allows additional checkpoints for community voice.

Coletta held a hearing and three working sessions to discuss the new budgetary oversight the Council would get over the Planning Department, council oversight over the financial and property transfers from the BPDA to the department, as well as the future of current BPDA staff and city workers and opportunities for this department to offer more impactful community engagement practices.

Public testimony was offered by various residents who shared testimonies calling for transparency and a robust community engagement planning process within the department. During the working sessions the Chairwoman led her Council colleagues through review of the ordinance line by line and discussed amendments to the language.

The Massachusetts State House is currently reviewing a Home Rule Petition "An Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Development in the City of Boston", which seeks state approval to consolidate the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and the Economic Development Industrial Corporation (EDIC) into a successor entity formally to be called the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

Last year, the BPDA began undergoing a revamp of Article 80

that seeks to reform the regulations within Boston's Zoning Code that dictate Development Review. The modernization process will study and recommend improvements for community engagement as well as development review operations.

Subsequently, Coletta ordered a hearing regarding the ongoing modernization of Article 80 in an

effort to expand City Council and community oversight on this process. The hearing will take place at a later date.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta by phone at (617) 635-3200 or by email at [gabriela.ramirez@boston.gov](mailto:gabriela.ramirez@boston.gov).

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# EDITORIAL

## WATCH THE ECLIPSE SAFELY

With our area in the path of the solar eclipse this coming Monday (and with clear skies forecast), we urge any of our readers who are intent on watching the event to be sure to wear proper eyewear and to ensure that their children do as well.

A person can cause permanent damage to their eyes -- and even go blind (a condition known as solar retinopathy) -- if they do not use proper eye protection, such as eclipse glasses or a special solar filter. Regular sunglasses don't offer any protection and viewing the eclipse through your I-phone camera offers no protection for you and will damage your phone. (Photography experts say just pointing your smartphone camera at the eclipse could cause catastrophic damage to the phone if you don't have proper equipment.)

Individuals also have to be certain that the eyewear they are using is certified. There are reports that knock-offs that are being sold on-line are not legitimate.

One eye doctor, who was quoted in the New York Times, offered this advice: Don't look at the eclipse at all, even with proper eyewear.

But for those who are intent on watching this event, please do so safely.

## RUSSIA IS OUR REAL ENEMY

Sunday's special report on the CBS news show 60 Minutes revealed that Russia has been the culprit in the hundreds of cases of debilitating neurological injuries that have struck American intelligence and law enforcement operatives around the world in the past few years.

The phenomenon has been dubbed "Havana Syndrome" because the problems first became apparent among a cluster of employees at the U.S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba. However, as the 60 Minutes report showed, these attacks on U.S. personnel (and their families), all of whom have worked with the CIA, the FBI, the military, the State Department, and the White House -- almost all of whom were working on areas of national security related to Russia -- have been occurring all over the world and even in our own country.

The "weapon" being used by the Russians is thought to be directed energy or microwaves fired from hidden devices that inflict serious and permanent injury on those who are targeted.

The 60 Minutes report makes it clear that Vladimir Putin is a monster who is using any means necessary to undermine our national interests. Our political leaders, especially the Republicans in Congress, must recognize the threat he poses and do whatever it takes to thwart him.

## BIRD FLU IS NOT JUST FOR THE BIRDS

The second confirmed case of the bird flu infecting a human in this country (a Texas dairy farm worker who worked among infected cows) raises a red flag about the possibility of another pandemic ripping across the world.

The current bird flu outbreak not only has killed millions of wild and domesticated birds world-wide, but it also has killed many mammals across the globe, including the well-publicized devastation of an elephant seal population in Argentina.

Although the bird flu is not as fatal in cows as seals, it has sickened cows in states across the country, an indication that cows are infecting each other as they move around farms from state-to-state. The virus has been detected in the unpasteurized milk of these cows. More ominously, the detection of the virus in the dairy worker suggests that the bird flu can jump from one mammal species to others -- including ourselves.

The bird flu -- also known as H5N1 -- wreaked havoc in many parts of the world, especially in Asia, in 2006. The U.S. largely was spared the ill-effects of the outbreak thanks to efforts by our national health authorities who worked in these foreign countries to contain its spread.

However, this new variant of H5N1 is being brought to this country by wild bird populations, which obviously is something we cannot control. If cows have been infected, it stands to reason that other animals, including our house pets, could become infected and spread the virus.

COVID-19 killed more than one million Americans. But as bad as the pandemic had been at its height, it was only killing about one percent of those who were infected, with substantially higher death rates among the elderly and those with prior-existing health conditions, including obesity.

However, the bird flu in humans is far deadlier, with death rates having been estimated at 50% during the 2006 pandemic in some countries. Even if the chances of a bird flu pandemic among humans are slim, the high mortality rate should be enough to raise the alarm bells among our public health officials.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE CONSTITUTION INN

*The following was sent to the BPDA and Councilor Coletta.*

**To the Editor,**

I read the supportive letter to the Editor regarding the Constitution Inn proposal in the March 28th Patriot Bridge, written by Michael and Linda Garrity of Charlestown. We agree and disagree, and I wanted to provide additional context on the issue, explaining why 80% of those surveyed oppose this project. Like the letter writers, these are compassionate neighbors.

The letter states that "affordable housing is the single most important issue confronting Boston", and the lamentable problem that "many people...are no longer able to afford to live here". Those opposed to the change of use of the Constitution Inn agree with you! But do not conflate affordable housing with Permanent Supportive Housing. PSH is very different. Permanent Supportive Housing does not require a sobriety agreement, or drug testing. PSH units are for chronically homeless people, diagnosed with a disability--most often substance use, trauma disorder, mental health issues, or a combination. PSH residents are not required to be sober, drug free or in treatment. I have been told by the proponent's security consultant that there will not be drug testing to manage drug free behavior. Drug use-in and of itself-is not a condition for eviction. While cori and sori background checks are part of the application process, some prior offenses can be expunged. PSH seeks to keep people housed.

Karen Lafrazia, the CEO of the Saint Francis House—a proponent along with the Planning Office for Urban Affairs—stated in a recorded meeting that "50% continue to use." In a published study, Dr. Jim O'Connell pegged the

relapse rate closer to 90%. These facts surfaced after hours of meetings, extensive research, hundreds of emails to the proponents and public officials, and meetings with the Vine Street Charlestown police force. Drug use at the Constitution Inn will not enrich our neighborhood.

This March there were six fentanyl deaths in Charlestown. Last week, I comforted a friend of mine who was inconsolable. Her friend, who had been in recovery, just died of a fentanyl overdose. Charlestown has experienced 300 drug related deaths; currently many are honored in Peace Park. Even with the planned expansion of New Health Charlestown, there is no guarantee that optional treatment services will be accessed.

Affordable housing without PSH, is welcome.

We would hope that the proponents could manage any PSH component of the housing they offer. Unfortunately, public records of 911 police outreach show that is not the case. 48 Boylston Street, a Saint Francis property with both PSH and affordable housing, is so disruptive to the neighborhood that there are online postings warning dog walkers to steer clear. There are photos of needles in front of their properties. The police calls are frequent, ranging from misdemeanors to assaults, thefts, drug use, arrests, and medical emergencies. Apartment numbers are available, documenting that disruption and violence are not solely dependent on the nearby


shelter, but an indicator that the tight management needed is not present. The amount of calls is exponentially higher than the two largest residences on the Navy Yard—detailed by public records.

Drug use and security issues, combined with the lack of an effective track record from the proponents are facts, not fiction.

Charlestown is a leader in the Boston income-restricted category of housing—far exceeding the city's average. With donations and deeds, Charlestown's Navy Yard neighbors support Harvest on Vine, the Dennis McLaughlin House (which was a sober home), the Pine Street Inn, Courageous Sailing, the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club, and other non-profits that prevent homelessness or help the unhoused. And, the 80% opposed to the Constitution Inn who I know, would welcome affordable housing for young people, teachers, our first responders, etc., so they do not leave our town. This is not what is proposed at the Constitution Inn. The Project Notification form identifies 48 of the 100 apartments for PSH.

A note on the decidedly un-frivolous lawsuit, and I am not one of the plaintiffs. Charlestown was denied participation in the full Article 80 and IAG (Impact Advisory Group) process with the BPDA. It is not compassionate for formerly homeless people to use drugs, or suffer mental illness, with optional services

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# WARREN-PRESCOTT SCHOOL PRESENTS 'SHREK JR THE MUSICAL'

DEREK KOIYOUMIAN PHOTOS



The storyteller chorus lets the audience in to what's happening.

The Warren-Prescott School presented "Shrek Jr The Musical," a retelling of the classic animated tale. The characters learn to accept and embrace their unique qualities as that's who they are. The production was the culmination of much hard work by the students and support from businesses and individuals throughout Charlestown.



Shrek, played by Lucas McCabe, looks over the Oath he's taking with his new-found friend Donkey, played by Emilia Nolan and Desmond McKenna.



Pinocchio, played by Jonah Garlough, is one of the fairy tale characters banished to Shrek's swamp.



Princess Fiona shown at three stages of her life: Juliette Wright, Eve Stuppy, and Ally Das play Young Fiona. Anna Cavanagh, Lola Osborne, and Madison Ortiz Pendleton play Teen Fiona. Present day Fiona was played by Jaila Cherizard and Genevieve Dupuy.



Atticus Evans was the White Rabbit.



Lord Farquaad, played by Emilia Nolan and Desmond McKenna, looks to coax information from Gingy, played by Eve Stuppy and Tessa Ehbrenpreis, on a fairytale prophecy that will make him king.



In spite of the initial hostility, Shrek and Princess Fiona start to earn up to each other at a campfire with the Make A Move Ensemble.

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# CHARLESTOWN MOTHERS ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

The Charlestown Mothers Association held their Easter Egg Hunt at the Charlestown Monument the Saturday before the big day. Families came out to celebrate as small hands grabbed Easter Eggs filled with big dreams of fun.



Cailtin and Cailin Lacey in matching outfits.



Silvia Pegden gets a pep talk from her dad Kelsey.



Oliver Plank lets his mother Jody know how excited he is for Easter Eggs.



Easter Eggs await collection from happy children at the Bunker Hill Monument



Abigail Marshall is dressed to impress in this egg hunt.



Charlestown Mothers Association President Marcie Miller with CMA Board member in charge of the egg hunt Aileen Gorman.



Tommy, Sammy, and Sophie Lynch.

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# CHARLESTOWN MOTHERS ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Olivia Sutton.



Mackenna Taubman tabulated the Easter Egg haul.



Participants swarm the field around the Bunker Hill Monument to start hunting for those Easter Eggs.



Easter Egg hunting experts survey the terrain before the fun begins.



Francesca Nardella contemplates the Easter Egg she found.



Ethan and Victoria Mukherje.



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mation in the pamphlet, "makes her the last check of accountability for new legislation before it goes to the Mayor." Coletta is also chair of the Council Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.

CNC members were given the opportunity to ask questions, and Coletta provided extensive responses, showing a wide range of knowledge of the issues affecting the residents of Charlestown.

One CNC member posed an interesting question about Piers Park in East Boston, a beautiful waterfront area in that neighborhood, comparing the usage of that land to the construction of residen-

tial properties in Charlestown and their impact on climate resiliency.

"There's a lot of decisions and conversations that took place over the last 20 years, so Piers Park was mitigation for the ultra-fine particles that we breathe in every single day in East Boston," said Coletta.

"As a resident of East Boston, what would you prefer to see, that beautiful park or Flatley [properties]?" the CNC member furthered inquired of Coletta.

"I would love to see a park," Coletta answered candidly. "It gets down to the reality and the regulations. I always see the value of a park in a civic space. One could argue that affordable hous-



CNC Vice Chair Mary Boucher (seated, second from left) joins CNC members in welcoming District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta (back row, fifth from the right) to the April 2 CNC meeting at the Knights of Columbus.

ing and the civic space within that housing is maximizing that area."

Coletta was asked about Mayor

Michelle Wu's decision to move the staff and functions of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and create a planning department that would be under the administration of the mayor's office.

"We have to seek state approval to be able to take the planning authority away from the BPDA and ultimately have our planning board," said Coletta. "There are also pensions involved."

Mary Boucher, First Vice Chair of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, thanked Councilor Coletta for her informative presentation

and honoring her commitment to appear at the meeting after spending the morning and afternoon assisting residents in East Boston who were affected by Tuesday's six-alarm blaze at multi-family homes on Meridian Street.

"I think Councilor Coletta was very informative in her presentation," said Boucher, a lifelong Charlestown resident. "She's very knowledgeable about what's going on in the city. It was a very difficult day, and she came here and answered every question thoroughly. I think she really presented herself well."

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R. W. Sullivan Engineering hosted its Annual Charity Auction on Wednesday, March 13th at the Schrafft City Center, raising over \$32,000 for Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital Program. Home Base is dedicated to healing invisible wounds for Veterans, Service Members and their Families through world-class clinical care, wellness, education, and research. The event featured a silent auction, live Irish music by the band BOXTY, and a performance by The Goulding School of Irish Dance. Over the past five years, RWS has proudly contributed over \$137,000 for Home Base, supporting Veterans and their families in our community. Celebrating its 17th year of hosting this event, RWS has raised over \$382,000 for local charity organizations. R.W. Sullivan embraces a culture of giving back and looks forward to continuing its philanthropic traditions!



NEWS BRIEFS

**DEMOCRATIC 2024 REORGANIZATION MEETING APRIL 11**

The Charlestown Democratic Ward Committee will hold its 2024 reorganization meeting at the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library on Thursday, April 11, from 5:30-7:30pm, where it will greet new members and fill open committee positions. Please send any questions to Chair Missy Sikorski, [bostonward2dems@gmail.com](mailto:bostonward2dems@gmail.com).

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**UP NEXT AT THE STOVEFACTORY GALLERY**

Spring is in full swing at the Artists Group of Charlestown's Stove-Factory Gallery. Clean Slate - The Spring Show will be open April 6 & 7 and April 13 & 14 from 12

-5 p.m. each day. Shop for new decor or a gift, or just enjoy some time admiring the new works from talented area artists. On Friday April 12, join art historian Judith Curtis to discover untold stories of early 20th century women artists of the North Shore. Doors open at 5 pm, Complimentary refreshments, Tickets on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/856385882227?aff=oddtcreator>. Enjoy the current exhibition in the StoveFactory Gallery prior to and after the lecture; "Clean Slate: A Juried Exhibition Inspired by the Change of Season." This lecture is made possible by the Charlestown Community Impact Fund. "There and Back Again: an Exploration", paintings by Dianne Smith Dolan and Carol Schweigert will end the month of April with a reception Friday April 19, 5-8 p.m. Show will be open Saturday and Sunday April 20 & 21 from 11a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday April 25 and Sunday April 28 from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists Talks and closing reception: Sunday April 28 3-4 p.m. "Inspired by the Sea" - works by Deidre Tao will open with a reception on May

3 from 5-7:30 p.m. Visit [taofineart.com](http://taofineart.com) for a peek at Deidre's work.

The StoveFactory Gallery is located at 523 Medford Street, during events there is free parking in the lot at 511 Medford, in slots marked 511.

Visit [artistsgroupofcharlestown.com](http://artistsgroupofcharlestown.com) for additional information.

**TASTE OF CHARLESTOWN - SUPPORTING GOOD SHEPHERD'S STUDENT FOUNDATION**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have all your favorite local restaurant spots under one roof? On Saturday, April 27th from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Good Shepherd School will be hosting its annual fundraiser also known as 'Taste of Charlestown' at Foundation Kitchen located at 32 Cambridge Street in Charlestown. Sample delicious bites from all the Charlestown favorites - from Brewer's Fork to Prima to Warren Tavern and even, The Bacon Truck! Enjoy drinks while catch-

ing up with fellow neighbors and dance the night away with music provided by Karson Tager of Mix 104.1. There will be opportunities to bid on exciting packages from the silent auction, enter basket raffles (think: epic movie and pizza nights!), and participate in a live auction for artwork created by the school's students. Learn more at: [gsscharlestown.org/toc](http://gsscharlestown.org/toc). If you're a local business and are interested in donating to Taste of Charlestown, don't hesitate to contact Jessica at [j.briley@gsscharlestown.org](mailto:j.briley@gsscharlestown.org) or DM @gsscharlestown on Instagram!

**SPOTLIGHT YOUR HISTORIC HOUSE ON THE CPS HOUSE TOUR**

The Charlestown Preservation Society hosts a historic home tour in September and is inviting Charlestown homeowners to join them. The learn more about the event and showcase your home, email [info@charlestownpreservation.org](mailto:info@charlestownpreservation.org).

**MassDOT's announces second National Work Zone Awareness Week**

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the launch of its second National Work Zone Awareness Week billboard design contest, exclusively for Massachusetts college students. The contest aims to raise awareness of work zone safety and encourage drivers to exercise caution when passing through active construction and maintenance projects.

"We're calling for all great ideas for our second annual National Work Zone Awareness Week billboard contest," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "Creative designs and advertisement are a powerful way to reach residents and remind them how to keep our construction crews safe."

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual event that brings attention to work zone safety and education around preventing crashes and fatalities in these areas. The theme for NWZAW 2024 is "Work Zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever." The main takeaway is while work zones may be temporary, the choices made by drivers in these areas can have far-reaching effects. Whether it's excessive speed, distracted driv-

ing, or ignoring traffic laws, poor behaviors exhibited behind the wheel can lead to severe injuries, fatalities, and long-lasting trauma for individuals and families.

MassDOT is taking an active role in promoting work zone safety to protect the men and women working out on the roadway and would like to invite all Massachusetts college students to create a billboard design that promotes the theme and encourages drivers to be cautious when driving through work zones. Massachusetts college students interested in participating should create a billboard design that includes the theme and promotes work zone safety. Review the MassDOT Digital Billboard Design Specifications before preparing. The contest is open to all students who are currently enrolled in Massachusetts colleges. The winning designs will be selected based on creativity, impact, and relevance to the NWZAW theme. The contest ends on April 19, and the winning designs will be announced on May 1 during the 2024 MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference. The top 3 designs will be displayed on a series of digital billboards along the highways in Massachusetts throughout the 2024 construction season. The

winning designs will be awarded a scholarship generously provided by the Massachusetts Aggregate and Asphalt Pavement Association (MAAPA). As staunch advocates for roadway safety, MAAPA rec-

ognizes the crucial importance of promoting work zone safety and is dedicated to increasing awareness about driving responsibly near work zones.

1st place: \$500 and 3-month

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LETTERS (from pg. 4)

only. Nor is it reasonable to allow more drug use in our neighborhood that is fighting its own drug crisis. There are residential buildings next door—not a half mile away— that will be negatively impacted if the PSH population is housed, and with the current management. There are people of all ages and kids at the YMCA next door in a safe space now.

This is not easy. But what is even more difficult is that PSH housing is almost half of what is proposed at this property. It feels inaccurate to attach a label like a “reactionary force” or part of “a coalition that opposes affordable housing”— nothing is further from the reality. I hope that this information will provide additional facts from an alternative point of view. Perhaps if we all were able to participate in the Impact Advisory Group that other neighborhoods have enjoyed, we may have developed solutions to serve all of us. Sadly, this opportunistic process has been denied to Charlestown.

Tracy Iannelli

**MISLEADING**

To the Editor,

I want to address what I believe are some mischaracterizations in a Letter to the Editor that was published in last week’s Patriot Bridge (March 28, 2024) by Michael and Linda Garrity.

I don’t wish to be critical as I believe their comments are well intentioned based on their medical experience and come from a place of caring. But the way they portray the Constitution Inn proposal and the neighborhood opposition is misleading. It is not surprising given that the community has not been given adequate information or have had conflicting information provided to us by the proponents as well as the media.

At issue is that almost half of the units are set aside for what is called “Permanent Supportive Housing” (PSH). Please do some research as to what this includes as this type of housing is provided to residents who may have active drug addiction or untreated men-

tal illness, or both. There are no requirements for these residents to enter or be in rehab or to be in a treatment program. I would refer you to HUD’s “Housing First” checklist for more information.

Concerns have been raised at several meetings with our local police department about this project. This is among many reasons we highlight the lack of a full time police presence and appropriate medical services available to future residents. Our research has shown the number of police and medical interventions at existing PSH projects. Charlestown is already facing its own drug crisis, experiencing many overdose deaths recently, and this project will only add to a community already overburdened by addiction. Further, the lack of a neighborhood safety plan by the proponents is of concern.

The letter implies that the neighborhood is against affordable housing. This is not accurate. Please note that in the Project Notification Form (PNF) filed for this particular project, the project area in question already has 41% affordable housing. This is double the City average and well exceeds several neighborhoods that are in single digits. Within the Navy Yard itself are several affordable buildings. This doesn’t sound to me like a neighborhood against affordable housing.

On the BPDA website for this project you will see many comments by Charlestown residents indicating support for a true, dedicated affordable housing development or workforce housing. This is not an effort to block the building of affordable housing as the letter seems to indicate but reflects valid concerns about the PSH component and to hopefully have the proponents reconsider the allocation of available units to 100% affordable, not PSH.

The letter writers worry about “the reactionary forces and coalitions . . . trying to undermine affordable housing proposals”. I

believe this is a mischaracterization. I hesitate to comment on the lawsuit as I am not an attorney. The lawsuit is not about the project per se but the approach that the BPDA has taken which has deprived the community of its voice and input. It is not just in Charlestown where neighborhood voices are being squelched, but throughout the City.

What the authors of the Letter to the Editor are supporting is not the proposal presented before the community. Please look up Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Housing First for a better understanding. Hopefully, the Garritys can join us in supporting a true affordable housing proposal which does not have the potential for placing neighborhood safety at risk.

Kathy Elliott

**PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING VS AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

To the Editor,

There appears to be much confusion over the type of housing that will be provided at the Constitution Inn, proposed to be renamed The Independence. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is a specific program where “Access to programs is not contingent on sobriety, minimum income requirements, lack of a criminal record, or participation in services”. PSH has a controversial record in research. Although there may be success in short-term housing retention, there is lack of demonstrated improvement in symptoms related to drug addiction, mental illness, and general well-being, as well as reduced overall rates in homelessness.

The proponents of the project, St. Francis House, and The Planning Office of Urban Affairs, have pitched the project as affordable

housing, often omitting the PSH component. One of three eligibility requirements to PSH includes disability, with addiction most likely being the overwhelming one. Only 4 of the proposed 48 studio PSH units at this project are marked as wheelchair accessible, with 1 marked hearing/vision impaired.

PSH units are leased and maintained at enormous cost to taxpayers and prioritize permanent housing over treatment and support. It is permanent for all who choose to stay irrespective of participation in rehab or job training. It is not a recipe for better outcomes for those it proposes to serve, and research does not support the idea that it helps homeless individuals gain long-term independence. To read the research and learn more, please visit [www.charlestown-voice.com](http://www.charlestown-voice.com).

Karen DiPietro

**DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PSH**

To the Editor,

The March 28 edition of your newspaper includes a letter to the editor (copied to BPDA and Councilor Coletta) explaining the letter-writers’ “strong support” for the Constitution Inn project. I was hoping to read WHY, but instead realized quickly that once again people are confused and conflating “affordable” housing and Permanent Supportive Housing — in fact, they never even mention PSH. The letter writers state that “affordable housing is the single most important issue confronting Boston” and lament that “Many people, the young especially, are no longer able to afford to live in Boston.” The letter writers worry about “the reactionary forces and coalitions . . . trying to undermine affordable housing proposals”

The letter writers should be informed that those of us who oppose the project are not against affordable housing, which is only one-half of the Constitution Inn project. I remain amazed that people do not differentiate between affordable housing and PSH. I for one would welcome all 100 units of affordable housing at the Constitution Inn, so our young people, our teachers, our first responders, etc. can afford to live in Charlestown. But that is not the approved proposal for the Constitution Inn.

Connie Gutierrez

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# Wu announces the awardees for the 2024 Community Empowerment Grants

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Office of Black Male Advancement announced the awardees for the 2024 Community Empowerment Grants. These grants are a \$500,000 investment aimed at supporting community-based organizations that are focused on empowering and improving outcomes for Black men and boys in Boston. These grants will help organizations scale up their work and deepen their impact throughout the city's neighborhoods. The program is sustained by Black Male Advancement's operating budget.



Mayor Michelle Wu.

"We're committed to supporting community organizations that are focused on empowering and improving outcomes for Black men and boys in Boston," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "These grants will support critical organizations in scaling up their programming and deepening the impact across all of Boston's neighborhoods. I'm grateful to the Office of Black Male Advancement for their work to build a stronger network for Black men and boys in our city."

"Investing in the empowerment of Black men and boys across Boston means Mayor Wu stands firm on her commitment on building a truly inclusive and thriving community," said Mariangely Solis Cervera, Chief of Equity and Inclusion. "These Community Empowerment Grants move the needle closer to a future where every Black man and boy has access to the resources and support they need to flourish."

"The Community Empowerment grants will provide additional financial support for Boston community-based organizations to continue their invaluable efforts within our neighborhoods day in and day out," said Frank Farrow, Executive Director of the Office of

Black Male Advancement. "I'm excited to collaborate with local community based organizations and can't wait to see the continued positive impact they will be able bring to our Black men and boys across the city."

The BMA Community Empowerment Grants prioritized organizations that expand one of the following seven focus areas:

- **Mentoring and Out-of-School Time:** providing quality mentoring, literacy and out-of-school time programs when and where they are needed, offering developmentally appropriate learning environments that support social emotional and physical wellbeing.

- **Youth and Young Adult Pathways:** providing educational and career pathways for youth and young adults navigating their own course to economic prosperity.

- **Housing Mobility:** providing a continuum of housing opportunities, resources, and supports that are effectively resulting in pathways to affordable housing and homeownership.

- **Economic Inclusion and Wealth Building:** supporting individuals to experience financial

empowerment and economic mobility.

- **Workforce Training and Development:** helping unemployed and underemployed individuals attain livable wage jobs and helping businesses with training for employees to support a pipeline of skilled workers.

- **Fatherhood Engagement:** supporting fatherhood education, case management, and peer-to-peer support to strengthen positive father-child interaction, improve social and economic outcomes for fathers and their families and improve healthy relationships.

- **Mental Health and Wellness:** helping support and improve the mental health and wellbeing of men.

The grants will be awarded to the following local organizations:

- Youth & Young Adult Pathways
- Bottom Line (Jamaica Plain)
- Apprentice Learning (Jamaica Plain)
- Mbadika (West Fens/Kenmore)
- Next Leadership Development Corporation (Jamaica Plain)
- Charlestown Community Cares (Charlestown)

Mentoring and Out-of-School Time

- Voices of Liberation Inc (Jamaica Plain)
- Fatherhood Engagement
- Black Male Artists Collective/ Union of Minority Neighborhoods (Jamaica Plain)

Building on the office's work to strengthen Black male serving community organizations, Black Male Advancement is partnering with Resilia on the office's Capacity Building and Impact Institute. The Institute will provide critical capacity building support and on-demand technical assistance to equip proven or promising Black

male serving organizations with long-term capacity needs and to drive impact efforts. The Institute will also support a cohort of Community Empowerment grantees to deepen their impact and bring their work to scale.

"Funding supports Young Man with a Plan with holistic mentoring growth as we expand enrollment, staff, space, and programming, including new wellness programming," said Jaykyri Simpson, Executive Director of Young Man With A Plan. "Our entire organization appreciates the funding from the Office of Black Male

Advancement and the uplift!"

"Thank you to the Office of Black Male Advancement for gracing the Center with funds to help make a difference—generationally—in men's lives" said LaWuan Curry, Fathers Nurturing Program Specialist, Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts. "While we do the work for men directly, we also want to impact their children and their children's children."

For more information on the Office of Black Male Advancement's Community Empowerment Small Grants program, please visit this link.

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## Suffolk Downs to host annual Daffodil Dash set for April 13

Looking for a family friendly way to kick-off the Boston Marathon weekend? On Saturday, April 13, The HYM Investment Group LLC (HYM), will host the third annual Marathon Daffodil Dash from 10am-1pm at The Track at Suffolk Downs, in partnership with the Revere Parks and Recreation Department and the Marathon Daffodil Project.

The Marathon Daffodil Project began after the Boston Marathon bombings in 2013 with the yellow daffodil used as a symbol of strength and hope. In commemoration of the 11th anniversary of the Boston Marathon Bombings, The Track at Suffolk Downs will

be filled with the "Marathon Daffodils" that line the streets of Boston leading up to the Boston Marathon finish line.

The event will feature three 50-yard dash races for grades K-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-8.

Following the races, all participants and families are encouraged to hang out in The Paddock and enjoy snacks from local vendors, face painting, flower crowns, and music with DJ Steve Fortes.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Marathon Daffodil Project and Revere Parks and Recreation again for our third year hosting the Daffodil Dash," said Thomas N. O'Brien, Managing Partner

and Chief Executive Officer of The HYM Investment Group LLC. "At Suffolk Downs, our family-friendly neighborhood is designed for Greater Boston residents to come together and create lasting memories as part of this vibrant community."

The event is free and open to the public, but registration for the Daffodil Dash is required to participate in the race events. The races will kick off at 10:30am. The Track at Suffolk Downs is located at 525 McClellan Highway Boston, MA 02128. Parking is free and available on-site. The Track is also accessible from the MBTA's Suffolk Downs Blue Line station.

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*I still wait for you to come home from day to day*

*Putta I loved you then, and I love you still.*

*A "miracle" that will never happen is fair to say*

*So basically, Johnny, just know I always will*

**Love you for infinity**  
**Lou xoxo**

# THE AMC CHARLESTOWN BIKE GROUP LOOKING FOR MORE RIDERS

The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) is launching a new initiative to attract bicycle riders interested in exploring bicycle routes in and around Boston. The AMC Charlestown Bike Group seeks to build a community of bikers who wish to ride frequently in and around Boston, the suburbs, and throughout New England.

The AMC annual bike rally takes place June 1, 2024 and all are welcome to participate. There will be 50 mile, 30 mile and 19 mile routes followed by refreshments. Participants should be able to ride at least 12 MPH to enjoy these rides. This event always sells out so interested parties should sign up quickly at the AMC website <https://activities.outdoors.org>. (Search for June 1 Bike Rally)

In addition, a 20 mile ride will take place SUNDAY April 7 at 9:00 am. Meet at the playground

in the Paul Revere Park. All participants must wear helmets and sign a waiver. Upcoming events include a bicycle maintenance workshop and a riding skills workshop. These will be posted on the AMC site <https://activities.outdoors.org/search> (Search for Charlestown to Winchester Bike Ride)

The goal of the AMC Charlestown Bike Group is to offer regular rides leaving from Charlestown on a regular basis on a weeknight and weekends. Interested parties can contact [marjorieomalley@gmail.com](mailto:marjorieomalley@gmail.com) for more information and go to the AMC site <https://activities.outdoors.org/search> to search for upcoming rides.

Spring is here which means it is time to dust off those bicycles and embrace the thrill that comes from enjoying an exhilarating bike ride.

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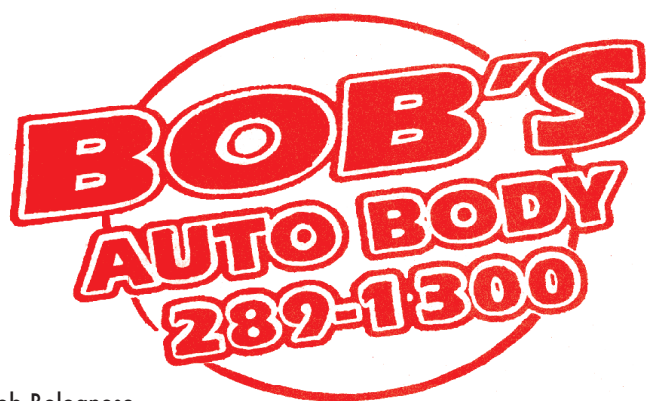
Some of the members of The AMC Charlestown Bike Group.

in 1876 to explore and preserve the White Mountains, its mission has expanded in recent years to include 11 chapters extending from Maine

to Potomac. Boston is the largest and most active chapter offering a wide array of outdoor activities and trainings. From its headquar-

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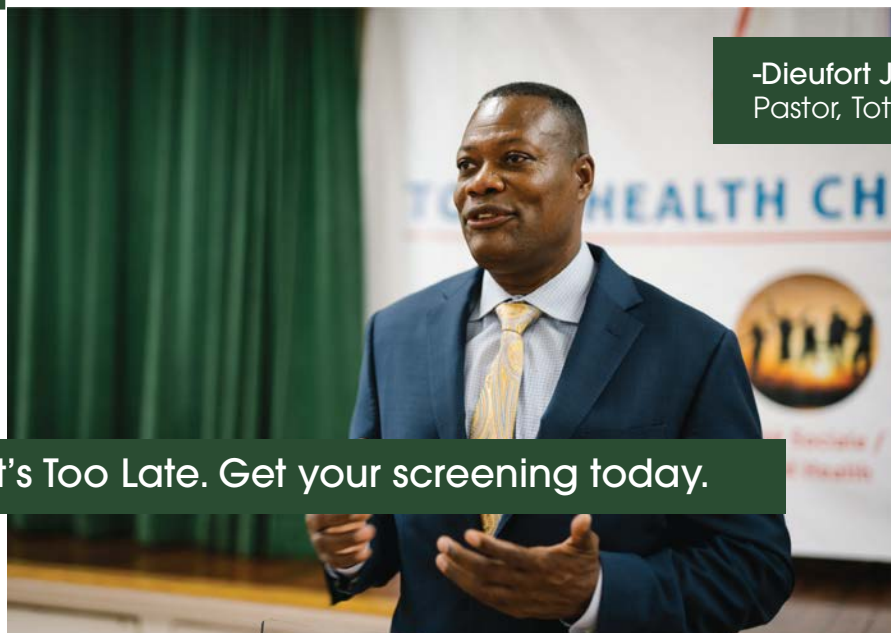
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