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THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE

Santa is back, and he teamed up with Uncle Sam to present a spectacle none will soon forget.

Friend of the Year

Retired librarian Maureen Marx honored by The Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library

By Lynne Byall Benson

Recently retired and longtime head librarian of the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library, Maureen Marx, will be honored by the Friends of the Charlestown Library as this year's Friend of the Year on June 27.

Maureen was born and raised in Watertown MA, the oldest of nine children. At sixteen years of age, Maureen got a job as a "shelver" at the Watertown Library, shelving books. This first position ignited a lifelong love of libraries and



(MARX Pg. 6) Maureen Marx.

THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL PARADE PHOTOS ARE ON PAGES 8-13



The Charlestown Girls Softball League is ready to hit the field and play ball this season.



Mayor Of Charlestown, Colby Cahill, proudly holds her medalion that declares her the recently acquired title. See Page 7 for more photos.

BPDA hosts Austin Street lots development meeting

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

On Tuesday, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) held a meeting regarding the Austin Street parking lots, during which Trinity Financial reviewed its plans to redevelop the site.

In November 2023, the BPDA's Board tentatively designated Trin-

ity Financial to redevelop the Austin Street parking lots, which Bunker Hill Community College students have predominantly used.

Since April of 2023 — around the time the BPDA released a request for proposals (RFP) for the site's redevelopment, Trinity Financial has been working with

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EDITORIAL

IT'S HEATING UP

A heat wave officially comprises three straight days of 90+ temperatures and forecasters are telling us that we could have four 90+ days with little relief at night. Our readers may be surprised to learn that more than 1200 Americans die every year from extreme heat, making heat the deadliest kind of extreme weather. By contrast, flooding, though more sensational when viewed on our TV screens, kills fewer than 100 Americans each year. In addition, it is widely believed that those 1200 deaths are a significant undercount because persons with health issues who succumb to heat may not have been deemed to have died from heat.

Although senior citizens and those with underlying health conditions are the most susceptible to the dangers of excessive heat, even young and healthy individuals can succumb to heat stroke if they do not take it easy. With our region plunging from typically cool, spring weather right into the heat, those who work outside (or who work out on a daily basis) have not had time to adjust, both mentally and physically, to the onset of the extreme heat.

However, we are not the only ones facing extreme heat these days. Extreme heat is a world-wide phenomenon thanks to the effects of climate change. Heat records have been set in recent days across the globe, from Greece to India to the Philippines. Every month for the past 12 months has set a world record for that month (in other words, May was the hottest-ever May, April the hottest-ever April, etc.) and June is on track to make it 13 months in a row (which means that this June will break last June's record for the hottest-ever June).

The National Weather Service is providing a new way to gauge the risk from extreme heat. In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it has launched a tool called HeatRisk which allows users to search a map of the United States to figure out their level of threat, ranging between one (little to no risk) and four (extreme risk).

For those of us lucky enough to live near the coastline, a dip in the ocean will offer a respite from the heat wave. But those of us who have sampled the ocean in the past few weeks have noticed another ominous sign of climate change -- the water temperature already has been far above normal. Instead of the extremity-chilling temps that are typical for May and early June, the water temp at the beaches around Boston Harbor actually has been pleasant. So the good news is that it's been warm enough to go for a swim -- but the bad news is that the record high ocean temps are a threat to all marine life and a major contributor to rising sea levels.

Finally, the combination of the hot atmosphere and the hot ocean increases the chances of extreme weather events such as hurricanes and inundating rainfall, which is occurring in southern Florida right now.

We urge all of our readers not to underestimate the effects of extreme heat and to take it easy over the next few days.

BANNER NO. 18!

The Celtics' convincing victory in Game 5 on Monday that clinched the Celtics' 18th NBA championship was great fun for fans old and young alike.

For those of us who cherish our "Havlicek Stole the Ball" album and who recall watching the Bill Russell-led Celts clinch their 1969 NBA title in Game 7 at Los Angeles in dramatic fashion (we had to stay up late on a school night because the game was played on the West Coast), the chance to surpass the hated-Lakers for the most NBA titles was one of the most-satisfying aspects of the 2024 title.

In addition, this edition of the Celtics laid to rest whether they had that special quality that separates champions from the rest of the pack. After the disappointment of being knocked out in the first round last year, and the collapse against Golden State in the finals two years ago, even the most-ardent Celtic fans had to wonder whether JT, JB, & Co. had what it takes to be the best -- and they answered that question in commanding fashion.

Still, when we consider that this was the Celtics' first title in 16 years and only the second in almost 40 years, it makes us realize how special these championship moments are in the world of sports today. By contrast, the Celtics won 16 NBA titles over a 30-year span from 1957 to 1986. That's more than half of the NBA crowns spanning two generations of Boston sports fans.

But those days when Bill, Dave, and Larry ruled the NBA are long gone. The NBA is big business now -- the extended playoffs literally are a second season -- and attracts the best players from all over the world. The post-game commentators noted that there are more excellent teams who will be shooting to knock off the Celtics than at any time in the history of the NBA. As good as this talented young group may be, we cannot expect that they can create the sort of dynasties that marked the Celtics' teams of the '50s, '60s, '70s, and '80s.

So let's savor the moment -- and get ready for a joyous victory parade!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REFLECTIONS ON A RECENT LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor,

Last month, a letter to the Editor in the Charlestown Patriot Bridge caught my attention and gave me pause to reflect how the writer, so eloquently, made the case for more community involvement and public participation.

"Awaken The Sleeping Giant," focused on the status of the Charlestown community while providing solid statistics and a well thought out blueprint regarding the future of this community. The issue is of why families are moving out of Charlestown and what can we do about it?

It is true, families that are leaving have many different and valid reasons and we must respect their choice. We must also look around and wonder how we all can work to keep families here.

Sometimes as I drive around surrounding communities, I am in awe of the tree canopies, the greenery, the parks, open spaces, places where people can just sit and admire nature.

Heading back into Charlestown, one is confronted, by the vacant lots, not for a vision of more trees and open green space, but the future of more high-rise buildings, more

heat islands, more congestion and traffic. The vision to add 20,000 people to this community of 20,000 residents in one square mile is mind boggling. It's no wonder people opt to leave for a better environment to raise their families.

As we learn more and more about trees, open and green spaces, water views and the positive effects this adds to our mental and physical health, you ask, what is the Mayor and the Boston Planning and Development Agency thinking? Do they not understand this connection to our well-being? Do they not follow the research and connect the dots? Are they not concerned that our health care system is in such a fragile state that being sick and needing care can be elusive? Focus on what can be done to make sure we are healthy and less on making the community more toxic and unhealthy.

This week alone, at a City Square concert and at the Bunker Hill Day celebration concert families crowded the spaces, grateful to be outside, relaxing and enjoying our community and each other. There is no room to expand at City Square Park or the Bunker Hill Monument site. Charlestown needs an urban wild and recreational fields, play space, and green convening spaces, not more heat islands.

Can you imagine turning

Pier 5, a vacant two-acre pier located at the Head of the Harbor into a waterfront park for everyone to escape with the ever-increasing hot days? PLEASE as a community come together and advocate for this once in a lifetime opportunity. Your physical, spiritual and mental health will reap the benefits and add to your peace and joy as we navigate in uncertain times.


As I quote the letter writer of May 23, "In closing, the future of Charlestown can be brighter, if the next generations accept the responsibility of stewardship. It is the right thing to do, and the world needs more people doing the right thing."

Yes, it is the right thing to do. Read the plans for the future of Charlestown, do something. If one doesn't get involved, we are all to be blamed for the gutting of this beloved community by those who put money and greed before the health of the community. Get involved and stand up for creating a livable, healthier and greener place to raise our families.

To the BPDA, STOP following the money and FOCUS on the health and well-being of the Charlestown community. Now, that would be a greater investment in our future as "health is wealth."

Ann Kelleher

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BPDA (from pg. 1)

stakeholders in the community to develop its plan.

“One of the hallmarks of our company and our approach to development is really to engage the community,” said Abby Goldenfarb, Trinity Financial’s Vice President of Development.

Before the project team reviewed the plans, Goldenfarb provided some updates since the last community meeting.

These updates include that Trinity Financial has engaged with Tech Environmental to complete an air quality study with results coming this summer. It is also working with Fougere Planning & Development to conduct a school children study assessing things like capacity and is in talks with Boston Sand & Gravel about its access needs and more.

After the abovementioned updates, Kenan Bigby, Trinity Financial’s Managing Director, outlined the plans for the site.

Trinity Financial is proposing up to 700 new residences in four new buildings. Building one has plans for up to 189 apartments, a mix of affordable, market, and artist live/work units.

Building two is slated for up to 216 apartments, a mix of affordable and workforce units, and building three is projected to have up to 149 condominiums, a mix of market, affordable, and workforce units.

Finally, building four would have up to 146 condominiums with a combination of affordable and workforce units.

In addition to the residences, plans are also for several other amenities, such as arts and culture, neighborhood retail and commercial, early childhood education, and indoor recreational space.

Moreover, the development is slated to contain around 3.1 acres of open space, new landscaping, trees, and more. Plans also include 233 parking spaces, which would be situated under the buildings and at surface level.

“Those elements all come together to create some community benefits beyond the provision of affordable and workforce housing,” said Bigby.

Some specific benefits to note include art gallery space, four 90-by-90 playing fields, indoor recreational space with a gym and fitness areas, and much more.

It should also be noted that up to about 60% of the project site will be affordable housing, with

affordability ranging from 30% to 80% AMI (area median income) for rentals and 80% to 100% AMI for homeownership units. There are also plans for 100 project-based vouchers.

After Bigby outlined the plans, Nancy Ludwig of Icon Architecture spoke about the design approach and much more.

She specifically discussed locating the playing fields closer to Rutherford Avenue, creating a geothermal well system for the buildings’ heating and cooling, improving site circulation through the creation of neighborhood streets, and more.

Ludwig spoke about the site massing and the idea of having taller massing at the back of the site to shield the highway noise, having the tallest portions near Cambridge crossing, and dropping near the Charlestown community.

She also detailed general design approaches, such as having the buildings relate to the neighborhood through materials and step-downs.

Ludwig later described the site’s features and how the buildings are distinguished on the ground floor. For example, Building One will focus on arts and culture, with gallery space and more.

In terms of sustainability, the plan is for the buildings to be passive house certified and all-electric. The buildings are also targeted to meet LEED Gold standards.

As the presentation progressed, Ludwig touched on several topics, such as resiliency and transportation, which can be viewed in detail in the project presentation located on the project’s webpage on the BPDA website.

Regarding the project timeline, the team projects completing Arti-

cle 80 permitting and its MEPA (Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act Office) process by the end of 2024.

The team predicts that in the first quarter of 2025, it will begin design development and Chapter 91 permitting. It hopes to obtain the Chapter 91 permit in quarter four of 2025 and begin construction, which is predicted to be complete in quarter four of 2031.

Following the presentation, those in attendance were allowed to comment and ask questions.

One attendee asked about the placement of the project-based voucher units. Bigby indicated that they would be located in buildings one and two.

Another attendee had asked who would be eligible to use the proposed parking spots. In the meeting chat, Bigby wrote, “The parking located below the buildings will be for occupants of those buildings. The parking created as part of the street improvements would be treated as public parking spaces.”

The same attendee also wondered if a gated dog park had been considered for the development, to which Bigby indicated that it had not to this point but that they would consider it.

As the discussion progressed, a few residents raised concerns about parking. Specifically, one resident questioned where the focus was for families and those not using other means of transportation.

“We’re getting a few questions about the amount of parking and how that will work, so we’ll continue to study that, and we can sort of expand our discussions around how parking will be allocated and utilized throughout the site,” said

Bigby.

Questions were also raised about noise from the highway and how that might be mitigated. In response, Goldenfarb said, “We’ve developed at least two buildings on top of the MBTA and on top of the highway and are very familiar with noise, especially noise combined with vibration.”

Moreover, Ludwig indicated that the passive house envelope is “a thick, highly insulated envelope” and that the windows used are typically triple-glazed.

The height of the proposed buildings was also questioned. Building one is slated to be up to 13 stories, building two up to 12 stories, building three up to eight or nine stories, and building four up to nine stories. Moreover, Ludwig indicated that the buildings

are planned to range from 70 to 150 feet tall.

Ultimately, the question-and-answer portion of the meeting covered several topics before it concluded.

To learn more about the project in detail, view a recording of the meeting and its presentation—when posted—and leave comments, visit the project webpage at <https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/austin-street-lots-redevelopment>.

The current comment period for the project is open until July 2nd.

“We are open to your feedback, your comments... it’s been a really great process so far, and we look forward to getting back to you with the answers to those questions that we’re still exploring,” said Goldenfarb.



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Public Notice
Smart Choices Funding Available

Massachusetts General Hospital announces availability of funding for “Smart Choices for Charlestown” for 2024. The program is designed to help Charlestown organizations meet the health and human service needs of the community. Funding will be awarded to organizations serving the Charlestown community.

Information on how to apply on-line will be posted on <https://mgb.smapply.us/prog>. You will need to register on Survey Monkey to begin application.

The deadline for submission is 12:00 Noon on Friday, July 19, 2024. Incomplete applications or applications received after this deadline will not be eligible for funding. Awardees will be notified of decisions in early September.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Maria Doherty at mdoherty0@mgb.org or Amy O’Malley at aomalley4@mgb.org

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THE EDNA KELLY'S DOLL CARRIAGE PARADE

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

The Edna Kelly Doll Carriage Parade was a precursor to the Bunker Hill Day Parade. Children throughout Charlestown designed and made their own carriages, complete with characters and stories behind each one. Shortly after the Doll Carriage Parade made its way around the Training Field, the Bunker Hill Block Party began.



Steve, Kennedy, and Nicole are from D.C. visiting family.



Patrick Callahan, is a cousin meeting family for the first time.

More Bunker Hill Parade Week coverage in next week's issue.



Avena Lafell's carriage pays homage to her favorite YouTube programming: Cocomellon.



Quinn and Rory Getchell are traveling to Hogwarts in style, as Harry Potter and Hedwig the Owl.



Kathy Dots.



The Edna Kelly Doll Carriage Parade Committee celebrates another year of a job well done.

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CARRIAGE
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THE EDNA KELLY'S DOLL CARRIAGE PARADE

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



The Cycling Murrays have a fan with this family



Lainey and Lochlan don't need a bigger boat just the friendship they share.



Avena Lafell with her aunt and uncle Jessica and Michael.



Carter and Cole Buonfiglio, Lucas Abaskharoun, and Ben Sullivan pay homage to one of the most iconic video game character collections ever.

JUNETEENTH TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Delayed pick-up service begins on Wednesday 6/19.

Neighborhoods on a Regular Pick-Up Schedule:

- Back Bay
- Bay Village
- Beacon Hill
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- South End
- West End

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- Allston
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2024 Boston Harborfest returns for its 42nd edition runs July 1-4

Special to the Regional Review

The 2024 edition of Boston Harborfest – the country's largest and Boston's most expansive July Fourth celebration – runs July 1 through 4 with events stretching from Downtown Crossing to the North End and from the Boston Common to Boston Harbor. The Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (Downtown Boston BID) is a co-sponsor of Harborfest, with the City of Boston, Meet Boston and others listed here. A full press release is available here.

Harborfest kicks off in Downtown Crossing July 1 with a noon opening ceremony featuring local and international public officials, hospitality leaders and military representatives; Downtown Boston BID President Michael J. Nichols hosts.

"The rich history and culture of Boston comes alive for Harborfest," Nichols says. "Downtown is the perfect backdrop for recalling the American Revolution, honoring our country's move to freedom, and celebrating the dynamic city and country that has emerged ever since. Residents and 4th of July visitors will love the events, the music, the art and the people-watching here and on the waterfront during Harborfest week."

This year, Harborfest deepens its ties to Boston's rich maritime history with a Navy Week collaboration including special events, demonstrations and performances. This year will mark the first Navy Week in Boston since 2012.

Harborfest coverage highlights in Downtown Crossing:

DAILY: Daily events July 1-4 comprise live entertainment from local performers and musicians

from two stages in Downtown Crossing, as well as roaming musicians, historical re-enactors, and costumed characters. A beer garden pops up on the Summer Street Plaza (Summer St. @ Washington St.) from July 1-3, 12 noon to 5 pm, in partnership with Democracy Brewing and Distraction Brewing.

JULY 1: 12 noon to 1 pm - Opening Ceremony. A ceremonial cake-cutting with public officials and other city leaders kicks off Boston Harborfest festivities. Roving re-enactors and staff from the USS Constitution engage with visitors, and the fife-and-drum group Liberty performs. Includes cutting and serving of the ceremonial cake. To honor Boston's Navy Week, the Navy Band performs prior to the ceremony. FREE. (Summer Street Plaza)

JULY 2: In addition to the evening's Boston Harborfest Fireworks, viewable at Long Wharf at 9:15 pm, and the Pre-Fireworks Concert at Christopher Columbus

Park at 6 pm, today's Downtown Boston highlights include daylong free entertainment and:

2 to 4 pm – Chowderfest Chowder Tasting. Restaurants from around the Boston area offer up tasty samples of the celebrated New England summer staple for visitors to enjoy and pick their favorite. DJ Whysham spins tunes while visitors chow(der) down. FREE. (Washington Street at the Downtown Crossing Steps)

JULY 3: 2 to 3 pm – Macy's All American Fashion Show. Macy's Independence Day-themed fashion show highlights streetwear looks on citizen models from the neighborhood, including the best of new summer trends. FREE (Downtown Crossing Steps)

4 to 8 PM – Salute To Service Block Party. Boston Navy Week and Harborfest merge at this festive "shore leave" block party, taking over Summer Street with live musical entertainment, a DJ, and giveaways that honor sailors and the military community. FREE and

open to 21+. (Summer Street Plaza)

JULY 4: City of Boston's 248th Independence Day Celebration.

9 AM – A short parade steps off from City Hall Plaza and passes the Granary Burial Ground, where wreaths will be laid on the graves of patriots. FREE. Parade viewing all along the route.

10 AM – Parade continues to the Old State House where the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company continues its tradition of reading the Declaration of Independence from the State House balcony. FREE.

1:30 PM – "A Day of Unity: Reading Frederick Douglass." A community-led reading of Frederick Douglass's abolitionist speech, "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?" Embracing stirring historical and joyful contemporary elements, the event includes live music, gospel vocalists, a local DJ, and African dance performances. Event concludes with an ice cream social. FREE (Steps at Downtown Crossing)

BOSTON LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS & PLANNING REPORT (ESPR) INFORMATION SESSION

Massport will host a public information session (in-person & virtual) on the 2022 Logan Environmental Status & Planning Report (2022 Logan ESPR). This hybrid information session will be in English and Spanish.

The hybrid information session will take place:
Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room
Logan Airport Rental Car Center*
15 Transportation Way
East Boston, MA 02128

To access the meeting link and for more information, please visit:
www.massport.com/logan-airport/about-logan/environmental-reports/

Additional languages for the Public Information Session on the 2022 Logan ESPR will be available upon request. Requests for additional languages are due by Friday, June 21, 2024. For more information or to request translation services please contact community@massport.com.

Massport requested an extension of the public comment period for the 2022 Logan ESPR, which began on June 7, 2024, and will last for approximately 60 days until the close of public comments on August 6, 2024.

Written comments on the ESPR may be submitted by August 6, 2024 to the following address:

The Honorable Rebecca L. Tepper, Secretary
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
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Please note that an electronic copy of the 2022 Logan ESPR is available on Massport's website at:
www.massport.com/massport/about-massport/project-environmental-filings/logan-airport/

Hard copies of the 2022 Logan ESPR may be obtained by emailing Brad Washburn at bwashburn@massport.com during the public comment period.

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the support they provide their respective communities. According to Maureen," This opportunity opened up a whole new world for me, and my parents were very happy I found something I could be passionate about."

This was in the 1960s, a time when service to one's community was fostered in greater society. In Maureen's case, this ethos was reinforced by her parents and the Dominican nuns who educated and mentored her in Watertown.

As the first in her family to attend college, Maureen graduated from Boston State Teachers' College (now UMass Boston) in 1974. She had decided that majoring in elementary education would give her the foundation necessary to becoming a children's librarian, and she went on to Simmons College for a degree in library science, graduating in 1976. That year, Maureen and her husband bought a house in Charlestown and Maureen felt "she was home". Indeed, she found out later that her father's family had lived in Charlestown

since the 1850s.

In 1977, Maureen came to the Charlestown Branch as the children's librarian, where for five years she got to know and mentor the children in Charlestown, where she found them not unlike her large family when she was growing up. She got to know their parents, who encouraged their kids to use the library. She traveled around to the Charlestown schools and Head Start Programs, introducing new books, reading to the students, and coordinating library programs with teachers.

In the early 1980s, Maureen's career trajectory took her the North End Branch, where she continued developing community relationships and coordinating children's programs as well as the founding of a women's discussion group.

Next was one year at the Field's Corner Branch. Finally, in the mid-1980s, Maureen returned "home" to the Charlestown Branch as the head librarian. She continued the mission of strengthening ties to the

community, further developing children's services, and supporting teachers; all while building the library's book collection. In addition, she mentored the professional growth of her staff along their respective career paths.

The introduction of computers in the library brought about new and exciting challenges as information-gathering evolved from local to global. Meanwhile, Maureen and her staff successfully adapted to these technological changes.

Maureen mentioned that the Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library have greatly supported the Charlestown Branch Library's success in programming for adults, events with authors, as well as children's programs, and is grateful for the financial support of this organization.

The Friends honor the career of Maureen Marx, whose dedication to her profession and commitment to Charlestown has been superlative.

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This year's Mayor Of Charlestown Colby Cahill (center) with previous Mayor Meghan Collins (second from left), and All Roads Charlestown organizers Aileen Gorman, Erica Woods, and Sean Boyle.

All Roads Charlestown organized a yearly Mayor Of Charlestown event where candidates set off to fundraise throughout the year. Events are organized, hearts are won, and a "Mayor" is declared. The Mayor's reward, besides having fun with their community, raising money for worthy causes, and other honorific duties is to ride in their own float during the Bunker Hill Day Parade.



Colby Cahill celebrates her victory with her family.

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Candidate Colby Cahill with her mom Sharlene and sister Carly.

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Mayor Of Charlestown victor Colby Cahill and her worthy adversary Tim McKenna .

The friends of the Charlestown Branch Library invite you to celebrate our 2024 Friend of the Year

Maureen Marx

Please join the Friends to celebrate our retired branch librarian, Maureen Marx, and her 45 years of dedicated service, friendship and advocacy for Charlestown.

Thursday June 27
6-6:45 p.m.
Doors open with music performance
6:45-7:45 p.m.
Ceremony

This tribute includes Maureen's kind of rocking music performance with Blues guitarist/singer/songwriter Ryan Lee Crosby accompanied by world music/jazz/classical percussionist Grant Smith.

Charlestown Public Library 179 Main St. Free and open to the public

THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE



American Revolutionary reenactors fire a volley from their muskets to help kick off the Parade.

Two hundred forty-nine years ago, the Battle Of Bunker Hill was fought on Breeds Hill in Charlestown at the start of the American Revolution. Charlestown remembers this momentous occasion with the Bunker Hill Day Parade celebrating the neighborhood's pride in its role in history and patchwork of community.

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu connects with constituents.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata with staff members Jack Imbergamo and Gabriella Ramirez.



Roseanne Swain of the Concord Minute Men helps fellow reenactor John Pickling prepare before the Parade.



A crowd lines up along Monument Ave awaiting the Parade to pass.



Wishing everyone a Wonderful Bunker Hill Day!

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Rene Bilezikian and her Parade-watching companion Butter.



Fireman Andrew Orozco USS Constitution drums up enthusiasm in the crowd with a "Hip Hip Huzzah."



USS Constitution Commander Bille J Farrell, moving on after 3 years of command of the historic vessel, salutes in historic uniform while incoming Commander Crystal L. Schaefer salutes to her right.



Henry and Molly Ralph.



Young Parade spectators look on as the celebration marches up Bunker Hill Street.



Shai-Ann Cain, Jojo Flores, Jordynn Cain, and Logan Scoponi.


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Members of the Combined Cadet Force.



Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico.



Maddy and Maya Blake.



Yast year's "Mayor Of Charlestown" Meghan Collins gets to watch the Parade as a civilian letting a new "Mayor" do the work while she can relax with family and friends.



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Frank Murray and Drew Katherine.



Peter Cacciola with his grandson Evan.

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Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan rides with family and friends.



Molly Breen helps out her son Jason and friend Jack Flynn with the flag of Charlestown.



Caroline Sodergren throws out some candy to parade spectators from the Boston Detective Tours bus.

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The Bunker Hill Pipe Band.

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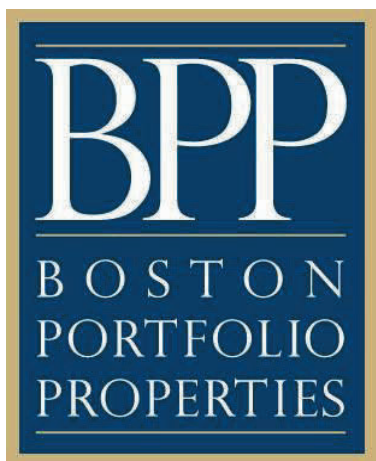
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Members of the Lincoln Minute Men fire a volley with their muskets.

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Upcoming dates through summer:
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 · August 9
 · September 13
 · Ongoing through December 31, 2024

Transportation services can be provided for those who need it. Please contact NEW Health's Public Affairs and Outreach Coordinator, Danny Coakley at 617-643-8105 to coordinate a ride.

How To Register: Reach out to Danny Coakley to confirm which date and how many people will be attending in your party

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Seniors enjoying a previous luncheon.

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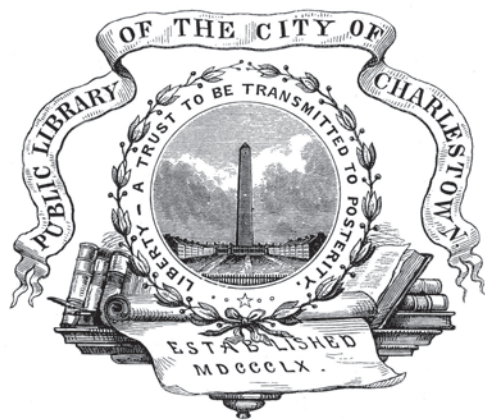
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 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 Docket No. SU24P1262EA
 Estate of: John Winfield French
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To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Linda C. Neshamkin of Charlestown, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Linda C. Neshamkin of Charlestown, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/26/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 14, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
 Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK. ss. PROBATE COURT. Case No. SU 23E0139

To: Lauren E. Ingegneri and to all other persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by Matthew C. Cioffari of Charlestown, MA, in the County of Suffolk, representing that he holds as tenant in common ? undivided part or share of certain land lying in Charlestown, in said County Suffolk, and briefly describes as follows: The Condominium Unit known as Condominium Unit No. 5 in the Condominium known as 5-9 Franklin Street Condominium, a Condominium established by Master Deed dated March 18, 2015 and recorded at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds on March 24, 2015, in Book 54216, Page 136, as amended by First Amendment to Condominium Master Deed dated July 19, 2016 and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 56467, Page 274 and 5-9

Franklin Street Condominium Second Amendment to Master Deed Phase Two Phasing Amendment, dated July 19, 2016 and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 56467, Page 276. setting forth that he desire that all the following described part - of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$1,405,328.00 dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner will be appointed to make sure partition to be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 11th day of July 2024. The return day of this Citation. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of said Court this 24th day of May 2024. Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 6/20/24, 6/27/24, 7/3/24 CT

House passes bill to prevent opioid-related overdose deaths

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a wide-ranging opioid bill which covers the licensure of recovery coaches, makes opioid overdose reversal drugs more accessible, protects harm reduction providers, and removes barriers that new mothers in recovery face at the time they give birth.

“As families across Massachusetts know all too well, the impact of opioid addiction can be utterly devastating for the individual and for their loved ones, which is why a continued focus on combating substance use is a critical responsibility that we have as elected officials,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “I want to thank Chairman Michlewitz and Chairman Madaro for their tireless work on this legislation, as well as all my colleagues in the House for recognizing the need for reforms that will help those dealing with addiction on their journey to recovery.”

“This legislation will help the Commonwealth to address the opioid epidemic by expanding treatment options and by making it easier for those in need to seek assistance,” said Representative Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means. “By making treatment options more accessible and by removing barriers for thousands of people seeking help, we can help people rebuild their lives and stay on the road to recovery. I want to thank Speaker Mariano for his commitment and dedication to this issue, as well as Chairman Madaro, and all my House colleagues for their work and dedication to addressing substance use disorder.”

“The bill passed today builds on the commitment of the House to support individuals and communities across the Commonwealth who are dealing with the effects of the opioid crisis,” said Representative Adrian C. Madaro (D-East Boston), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. “By ensuring greater access to overdose reversal drugs, protecting harm reduction workers, removing barriers to mothers in recovery, and licensing recovery coaches, we are empowering health care providers, community members, and individuals to save lives. Thank you to Speaker Mariano for your leadership and guidance on this issue, and to Chair Michlewitz for your partnership in passing this critical legislation.”

In 2023, there were 2,125 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths, according to the latest data published by the Department of Public Health (DPH). In 2023, there were 232 fewer confirmed and estimated deaths than 2022.

Recovery coaches

Recovery coaches help people with substance use needs become and stay engaged in their recovery process. The bill passed today establishes recovery coach licensing and oversight within DPH, and mandates that all health plans cover recovery coach services without cost-sharing or prior authorization. The bill also directs the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS) to study and report on barriers to certification, credentialing, and other employment and practice requirements for recovery coaches, and requires them to create a peer support program for recovery coaches consisting of mentorship, technical assistance on billing and employment practices, and resources.

“This marks a pivotal moment for our community and for those battling substance use disorders,” said Representative Jim O’Day (D-West Boylston), Fourth Division Chair and lead sponsor of the bill. “With the passage of H. 4743, we are taking significant steps to enhance treatment options, expand coverage, and, crucially, to recognize the indispensable role of recovery coaches. This legislation builds on our historical commitment to reducing stigma and providing comprehensive support for individuals in recovery. By embracing harm reduction strategies, patient education, and compassionate care, we are advancing public health and offering renewed hope to those affected by substance use disorders. Together, we are forging a path towards a healthier, more supportive future for all. Let us stand proud of this achievement and continue to champion the cause of recovery.”

Opioid overdose reversal drugs

The bill passed today mandates that all health plans cover opioid overdose reversal drugs, such as naloxone, without cost-sharing or prior authorization. It also requires substance use disorder treatment facilities to educate on and dispense at least two doses of opioid overdose reversal drugs to an individual upon discharge, as well as requires hospitals to educate on and prescribe or dispense at least two doses of opioid overdose reversal drugs to an individual with a history of opioid use

or opioid use disorder upon discharge.

It also requires pharmacies in areas with high incidence of overdose to maintain a continuous supply of opioid overdose reversal drugs and to report to DPH if they are unable to maintain compliance with this provision due to insufficient stock or supply.

Patient education

In an effort to prevent opioid misuse, the bill requires prescribers to be educated on pain treatment, including appropriate non-opioid alternatives to pain treatment. It also requires pharmacists to provide printed educational materials issued by DPH on non-opioid alternatives for the treatment of pain to patients prior to dispensing an opioid.

Harm reduction

The bill protects public health or harm reduction organizations and their agents who provide drug-checking services, such as needle exchange programs, to reduce the risk of accidental overdose from civil liability or professional disciplinary action from a board of registration, as well as from being criminally charged or prosecuted for possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of controlled substances, and conspiracy to violate the Controlled Substances Act (the CSA).

It also protects individuals who seek drug-checking services on substances intended only for personal use from being criminally charged or prosecuted for possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of controlled substances, and conspiracy to violate the CSA while on the premises of a public health or harm reduction organization providing said services.

Ensuring

non-discriminatory treatment

The bill clarifies DPH’s authority to enforce anti-discrimination protections for people with substance use disorder who are on public health insurance. It also prohibits life insurance companies from limiting or refusing coverage to individuals solely because they obtained an opioid overdose reversal drug for themselves or others. It also prohibits discrimination on the basis of lawful possession and use of a medication for the treatment of an opioid-related substance use disorder, such as methadone or buprenorphine.

Pregnant people on medications for addiction treatment

The bill passed today removes “physical dependence upon an addictive drug at birth” from the conditions necessitating a child

abuse and neglect report, thereby exempting pregnant people taking medications prescribed by their doctor from automatic investigation by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). It requires DCF, in consultation with DPH, the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA), and stakehold-

ers, to promulgate regulations on the care, treatment, and reporting of substance-exposed newborns (SENs).

Having passed the House of Representatives 153-0, the bill now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

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State Reps. host first-ever Dorchester vs. Charlestown kickball game at Fenway Park

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Plenty of baseball has been played within Fenway Park, and even international soccer and college football, but a game of schoolyard kickball – that was a first for everyone when Dorchester State Rep. Chris Worrell and Charlestown State Rep. Dan Ryan put together teams of middle schoolers from the neighborhoods and squared off on May 21 in Friendly Fenway.

With basepaths and home plate aligned in centerfield abutting the Green Monster and the Red Sox bullpen, members of the grounds crew noted they thought they had seen everything, but in fact had never seen kickball at Fenway until Dorchester and Charlestown rolled in.

Dubbed the Honor Roll Rivalry between Dorchester and Charlestown young people who made the honor roll in school, students from the Eliot School faced off against an array of Dorchester schools.

With full support of the Red Sox, students alternated between kickball competition and taking a tour of Fenway Park – while also taking a break with water in the shade on what was a very hot and sunny day.

While the competition was stiff, Charlestown put more runners on base and ended up winning the overall contest 8-2 and taking home bragging rights in the inaugural matchup.

“We all had a great day at Fenway Park,” said Rep. Ryan, whose



Charlestown State Rep. Dan Ryan started the game off with a ceremonial photo.

district now includes Fenway Park. “Kickball on those hallowed grounds was an amazing way for these students to share their last few moments of the school year and reward them for their hard work. The Red Sox really stepped up as they always do. Coach Worrell and I now have a bitter rivalry going. Wait until next year.”

Rep. Worrell said he and Rep. Ryan brainstormed the idea to reward honor roll students at the end of the school year with a fun game of kickball, and a pizza party afterward at ‘Game On!’. Worrell said students from different neighborhoods and schools were able to connect over a day of fun, which he said was a great result.

“Decked out in our ‘Worrell 5’ jerseys, kids from five middle schools in my district formed Team Worrell,” he said. “The game was intense, but more importantly, it was a chance for students to connect and have fun. I’m so excited to turn this into an annual tradition. It’s not just about kickball; it’s about building bonds and celebrating our students.”



Andy Rivera readies himself to blast the kickball into the outfield, with the Fenway grandstands in the background.



Enzo Morabito winds up his right leg to make the kick.



Jordan Eek bops a single down third-base line.



The Charlestown Honor Roll team makes its entrance into Fenway Park via the right field warning track.

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