



THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024



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CHARLESTOWN BLOCK PARTY



DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTO

All Roads Leads To Charlestown held its annual Block Party at the Training Field following the a Edna Kelly Doll Carriage Parade. An inflame world of mayhem was a welcome place for the kids of Charlestown to visit. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

APPRECIATION

Rev. Daniel J. Mahoney, Former Pastor of St. Francis De Sales Church, passes at 94

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The Rev. Daniel J. Mahoney, 94, of Charlestown, long time pastor of St. Francis De Sales Church in Charlestown and former Chaplain of the Boston Fire Department passed away on June 19, at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Cardinal O'Malley will preside at his Funeral Mass on Thursday, June 27, at St. Francis de Sales Church and The Rev. John J. Unni BFD chaplain and pastor of St. Cecilia Parish in Boston will deliver the eulogy. Father Mahoney will be laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.



The Rev. Daniel J. Mahoney.

Father Mahoney grew up in Haverhill, the son of Daniel and Mary G. (Tannian) Mahoney. Born on February 19, 1930, he came from a family of two, hav-

ing a sister Mary. He attended St. James School in Haverhill and was ordained on February 2, 1956

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DiDomenico nominates Charlestown leader who is named "Commonwealth Heroine"

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Each year the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) partners with state legislators to identify women who make outstanding contributions to their organizations and in their communities. Senator Sal DiDomenico nominated Charlestown native Crystal Galvin, who is the current Director of Community Services at the John F. Kennedy Family Service Center in Charlestown and has worked tirelessly in this role since 2014.

As the Charlestown representative for the Boston Family Engagement Network, Crystal has developed a tremendous team of parent partners who offer tod-

day skill-building playgroups, "Raising a Reader" workshops, and a New Mom support group. Crystal oversees a range of programs to promote social connections and physical/mental health among older adults. Throughout her work, Crystal has kept food at the heart of community programs led by the Kennedy Center whether that means grocery delivery to seniors, bringing fresh produce to the Farmers' Market and the food pantry, or stocking bags of kid-friendly food to send home with children for school vacation weeks. Through early education, eldercare, and community services, Crystal helps uplift and support women across the Commonwealth.

Elected officials are encouraged to submit one woman from their constituency as a means of recognizing their invaluable efforts and extraordinary acts of service, who are making a big difference in their communities but not necessarily making the news. This year, the Class of 2024 Commonwealth Heroines comprises more than 124 women from across the state, leaders in industry, business, non-profit, advocacy, and more.

"It was an honor and privilege to nominate Crystal Galvin as a 2024 Commonwealth Heroine," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "Crystal has been a key member of the Kennedy Center team and

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Senator Sal DiDomenico alongside Crystal Galvin with her family and coworkers.

EDITORIAL

THREE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK, RACIAL HATRED CAME TO OUR AREA

It was three years ago this week when an unspeakable act of violence, motivated by racial hatred, befell the peaceful seaside community of Winthrop.

The tranquility of a typical, early-summer Saturday afternoon was shattered when a 28 year-old white man, a native of Wareham who had been living in Winthrop for a short time with his wife, shot two Black persons, 60 year-old Ramona Cooper, a retired Air Force veteran who only recently had moved to Winthrop, and 68 year-old David Green, a Winthrop native and retired State Trooper who was beloved in the Winthrop community, in cold blood when their paths crossed on Shirley St. near Cross St.

Thanks to the quick response of Winthrop police and the heroism of Sgt. Nicholas Bettano, the suspect was shot in the street when he refused to put down his weapons (he was armed with two handguns). It is believed that the shooter, whose belongings later were found to contain white supremacist and anti-Semitic literature, was en route to the nearby local temple and synagogue with the intent of perpetrating a mass shooting incident before he was stopped by Sgt. Bettano.

To be sure, both Ramona Cooper and David Green happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. However, given that the shooter did not fire his weapon at white passers-by, his intent to shoot Cooper and Green solely because they were Black is undeniable.

Those of us who live in the Boston area like to think that we are immune from the sort of bigotry-inspired acts of violence that make the headlines in other states where gun laws are non-existent. However, the Anti-Defamation League recently reported that acts of anti-Semitism have spiked in Massachusetts in the past three years, more than doubling from 2020 to 2022 and then increasing a whopping 189 percent in 2023 from 2022. The sad fact is that no place in America today is immune from the virus of prejudice.

For those of us who have called this area our home for many years, we still shudder whenever we visit Winthrop and drive down Shirley St. toward Cross St. -- the events of June 26, 2021, are just too terrible to contemplate.

However, the best way that we can honor the memories of Ramona Cooper and David Green is never to forget that tragic and horrible day and resolve to do whatever we can to end the evils of racism and all other forms of prejudice that are far too prevalent throughout our society.

NO END IN SIGHT FOR HOUSING CRISIS

Everyone on all sides of the political and economic spectrums are in agreement that there is a drastic shortage of housing in this country. But similar to the adage about the weather, though everyone is talking about it, no one is doing anything about it.

The spike in interest rates to tame inflation over the past few years has been seen as one of the chief causes of the housing shortfall. Higher interest rates lessen the demand for some goods (such as automobiles) and services, but they also serve to put a lid on the supply of both new homes (because high interest rates impact home builders) and older homes (because existing owners cannot afford to give up the low rates on their current homes).

With fewer homes on the market at a time of surging demand because of the coming of age of Millennials and the influx of immigrants, the prices for new homes and rents are continuing to increase even in the face of higher interest rates. Zillow reports that the median home price in Massachusetts is \$629,000, an increase of 8.8% in the past year -- with the median price of a home in the Boston area now almost \$1 million, an increase of 10.9% in the past year.

It is estimated that given our larger population, the U.S. has failed to meet the demand for housing of all types, both single-family homes and multi-family rentals, by more than two million units per year ever since the Great Recession, thus creating the housing crisis we have today. But with interest rates still at their highest levels in decades, new home construction will continue to fall far short of demand for the foreseeable future. Higher interest rates also will continue to have the ripple effect of keeping Baby Boomers and Gen Xers in their current homes (where they have low interest rates), thereby further decreasing the inventory of homes on the market for younger home-buyers.

In addition to high interest rates, a host of other factors -- restrictive zoning laws, supply chain issues, a shortage of construction and trade workers, and the conversion of single-family homes to short-term rentals such as Airbnb -- also are contributing to our housing shortage.

The lack of housing has two other significant impacts: The first is that it affects our economy because it reduces the mobility of the nation's workforce. Individuals no longer can just pull up stakes and leave for greener pastures (and new job opportunities) when home prices are out of reach everywhere.

The housing shortage also affects our national mood. Ever since our founding, America has been a land of opportunity. But with the American Dream now out of reach for most American families, pessimism about the future has replaced the optimism that prevailed for every previous younger generation in our society.

In short, what it comes down to is this: Our society is failing to meet the demand for shelter -- which is among the most basic of all human needs -- and no one has a solution to this ever-worsening problem.

MAHONEY (from pg. 1)

at Holy Cross Cathedral by Richard Cardinal Cushing. He offered his first Mass on February 5, 1956 at Sacred Heart Church in the Bradford section of Haverhill.

His assignments included: St. Mary of the Assumption, Revere, St. Joseph, East Boston, St. Zepherin, Wayland and St. Francis De Sales, Charlestown.

On June 1, 1978, he was appointed the eighth pastor of St. Francis De Sales Parish in Charlestown and in December of 1978, the restoration of the steeple was completed and dedicated in memory of Father Cutress.

In preparation for the 125th year of the parish, a major restoration and painting of the upper church got underway in the summer of 1983 and 1984 marked the 125th year of the parish. Archbishop Bernard F. Law, the new Archbishop of Boston, presided at a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, September 30, 1984. A jubilee dinner/dance followed on Friday, October 12, 1984 at Caruso's in Saugus.

In 1993, St. Francis de Sales Grammar School closed. A new school for the entire community, known as Charlestown Catholic Community School, began in the fall at the St. Catherine Grammar School site on Tufts Street.

In April of 2006, Father Mahoney celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of his golden jubilee. The year 2009 marked the 150th year of the parish. Amid a year long celebration, Sean

Cardinal O'Malley presided at a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, April 26, 2009.

For many years, Father Mahoney served as chaplain to the Boston Fire Department. He was appointed assistant chaplain on October 1, 1964; senior assistant chaplain on July 1, 1972; chief chaplain on October 1, 1991.

His pastorate ended on June 1, 2022 and he was granted senior priest/retirement status. Thereafter, he continued to live in Charlestown.

He was the beloved son of the late Mary G. (Tannian) Mahoney and Daniel J Mahoney and brother of the late Mary Mahoney.

The Boston Fire Dept. will escort Fr. Dan from The Carr Funeral Home to St. Francis De Sales Church, on Wednesday, June 26, beginning at 3 p.m. Fr. Dan will lie in state, at St. Francis De Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St., Charlestown, on Wednesday, from 4 to 7 p.m, followed by a Vigil Mass, at 7 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Fr. Dan's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, June 27, at 11 a.m., in St. Francis De Sales Church. His Burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Please omit flowers and kindly make a memorial donation, in Fr. Dan's name, to either The Boston Firefighters Relief Fund, 115 Southamptn St., Boston, MA 02118-2713 or The Boston Firefighters Death & Welfare Fund, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester, MA 02122.

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DiDomenico supports bill to boost benefits, services, and promote inclusivity for veterans

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Senator DiDomenico recently joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to unanimously pass legislation that will boost support for hundreds of thousands of individuals across the state who have served in the United States military, including nearly 30,000 women veterans and thousands of LGBTQ+ veterans.

The comprehensive legislative package, H.4671, An Act Honoring, Empowering and Recognizing Our Servicemembers and Veterans (HERO Act), would increase benefits for disabled veterans, bolster support for businesses that hire veterans, update the definition of a veteran, expand the scope of the Veterans Equality Review Board, and codify medical and dental benefits.

“I am proud to support this significant investment into benefits and services that will improve lives for Veterans in my district and our state who have sacrificed so much for our country,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “The HERO Act demonstrates our support for Veterans from all backgrounds by expanding our health care benefits and support services for service members and their families as well encouraging businesses to hire veterans across the state. I am grateful for Senate President Spilka, and Senator John Velis for bringing this essential package to the floor and moving it swiftly through the legislative process.”

The Senate’s legislation builds on the historic legislative package filed by the Healey-Driscoll Administration by including additional provisions which would:

Require a public school district

to provide support services to a military-connected student when a parent or guardian is called to active duty.

Create a military spouse liaison to help military spouses with obtaining employment and child care, and deal with other issues facing military spouses.

Allow Gold Star Family spouses to remarry without the penalty of losing their annuity benefit.

Highlights of the Senate Bill Include:

Benefit Expansion

Expands access to Behavioral Health Treatment: Allows veterans to be reimbursed for visits to outpatient behavioral health providers.

Increases the Disabled Veteran Annuity: Increases the annual annuity for veterans with a 100% service-connected disability, surviving spouses, or Gold Star Parents from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

Increases the Vet-Hire Tax Credit: Increases to \$2,500 a tax credit for small businesses hiring chronically unemployed or low-income veterans. Eligible veterans include those receiving SNAP benefits, chronically unemployed veterans, and unemployed service-connected disabled veterans.

Increases access to the Active-Duty Buyback program: Lengthens the timeframe for veterans in public service to participate in the Active-Duty Service Buyback program and allows retroactive participation for veterans who missed the buyback opportunity. This program will enable veterans to purchase up to four years of active-duty service time toward their state retirement.

Prevents the “COLA Cliff”: Ensuring that a cost-of-living

adjustment in Social Security benefits will not affect veterans’ eligibility for Chapter 115 benefits in the middle of the state fiscal year.

Increases Local Flexibility for Veterans Property Tax Exemptions: Creates two separate local options. The first allows municipalities to double the veteran property tax exemption without doubling all other exemption clauses. The second ties the annual property tax abatement amount to inflation, allowing exempted property tax amounts to increase with inflation.

Eliminates the Fee for Specialty License Plates for Veterans: Waives specialty license plate fees on specialty veteran license plates and creates a new woman veteran license plate decal.

Allows municipalities to increase the property tax obligation of a veteran in exchange for volunteer services.

Commitment to Inclusivity and Greater Representation

Broadens the Chapter 115 Definition of Veteran: Aligns the state Chapter 115 program definition of a veteran with the United States Department of Veteran Affairs definition. This change allows more veterans to be eligible for annuity, Chapter 115 benefits, access to the Massachusetts Veterans Homes, and other state-provided benefits. This only applies to EOVS programs and does not affect any other agency or entity.

Expands the Scope of the Veterans Equality Review Board (VERB): Expands the scope of the Board beyond ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ discharges to include discharges related to Military Sexual Trauma, Post-Traumatic Stress

Disorder, Traumatic Brain Injury, mental health conditions, or HIV discharges.

Expands the definition of a veteran dependent: Expanding the Chapter 115 definition of “dependent” to support more dependents based on the Family Court definition.

Updates Dependent Residency Requirements to Align with Current Practices: Updating dependent residency requirements to align with current practices.

Modernization of Veterans Services

Codifies Dental Assistance Benefits: Ensuring veterans receive essential dental care by codifying dental benefits for Chapter 115 recipients.

Codifies Medical Assistance Benefits: Providing consistent care to veterans by codifying medical assistance benefits.

Codifies Authority for Veterans Cemeteries: Ensuring proper management and care of veteran’s cemeteries by codifying the

authority for EOVS to continue administering and maintaining the state’s two Memorial Veterans Cemeteries.

Modernizes statute language for inclusivity and standardization: Revise Chapters 115 and 115A to ensure gender-neutral and inclusive language while removing antiquated references.

Allows municipalities to deliver chapter 115 benefits by direct deposit.

Initiates a Study on the Use of Alternative Therapies for Veteran Mental Health Disorders: Establishing a working group to study the potential benefits of alternative therapies, such as psilocybin, in treating veterans suffering from mental health disorders.

Separate versions of the bill having been passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives; the chambers will now move to reconcile the differences before sending the bill to the Governor’s desk.

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Charlestown community for a decade. Her invaluable work and passion has helped countless families in need access early education and child care, elder care, nutritious foods, and essential antipoverty community services. We are lucky to have such a passionate and caring person working for people in our Charlestown community and I am proud to help give Crystal the recognition she does not ask for but fully deserves.”

“The Commonwealth Heroines are women who don’t make the news, but make all the difference in

their communities,” said MCSW Chairwoman Dr. Sarah Glenn-Smith. “Thousands of women in every community across the Commonwealth perform unheralded acts on a daily basis that make our homes, neighborhoods, cities, and towns better places to live. Commonwealth Heroines use their time, talent, spirit, and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others in their community. They are mentors, volunteers, and innovators - they are the glue that keeps a community together.”

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We appreciate all of your support!

AMERICAN LEGION POST 26 HOSTS CHIEF MARSHALL BANQUET

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The JW Conway Bunker Hill American Legion Post 26 hosted a banquet for Chief Marshall Stephen Fabiano being officiated into his role in the Parade and receiving the Paul Revere Cup.



Parade Grand Marshall Stephen Fabiano, Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards, and Moe Gillen.



Hank Locke and Grace McLaughlin.



Richard, Martha, and Abigail Forrester.



Jean Tochterman with her former boss Jocelyn Yokow.



Bunker Hill Day Parade General Chairman Arthur Hurley and Danny Sheehan.



Lisa Collins, Kelly Mahoney, Carolyn Shannon.



General Superintendent of the National Park Service in Boston Michael Creasey (center) with Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan and State Senator Sal DiDomenico.



Daniel "Doc" Sheehan served as moderator of the Banquet.



Boston City Hall Liason to Charlestown Sean Breen, Parade Grand Marshall Stephen Fabiano, and Elaine Donovan



Cathy McLaughlin, Tricia Butler, Mary Dewey, Carol Coleman, Barbara Swales, and Ann Griffin.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata, City Hall Liason Sean Breen, Parade Grand Marshall Stephen Fabiano holding the Paul Revere Bowl, Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan, and State Senator Sal DiDomenico.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 26 HOSTS CHIEF MARSHALL BANQUET

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Members of the Bunker Hill Associates.



The Bunker Hill Day Parade Planning Committee.



The Honor Guard: Seaman Alec Morris, Airman Riley Belden, Fireman Rylie Schneider, Seaman Chloe Whaley.



Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan and State Senators Lydia Edwards and Sal DiDomenico (right), General Superintendent of the National Park Service in Boston Michael Creasey, USS Constitution Commander Billie Farrell and Jerry Commander Crystal L Schaefer who will be taking command of the historic vessel on June 21st.



The Bunker Hill Pipe Band.

ALL ROADS LEADS TO CHARLESTOWN HOLDS ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

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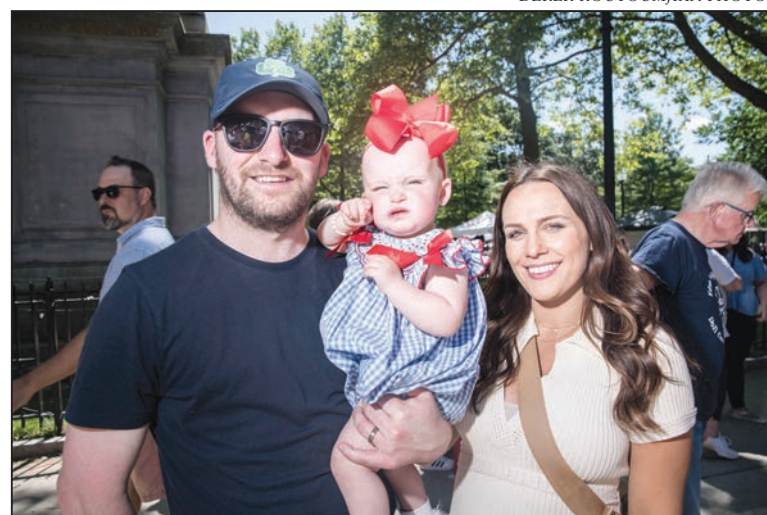
All Roads Leads To Charlestown held its annual Block Party at the Training Field following the a Edna Kelly Doll Carriage Parade. Activities, food, fun, pony rides, and local merchants made the Saturday before the Bunker Hill Day Parade the place to be.



Charlestown author Ronnie Doe with his son Zack and his book *A Townie Treasure*.



Sadie Riley Wright with her grandfather Tim "The Machine Gun" Gilgunn.



Georgie Collier is looking tough with her "peeps" Brendan and Lexi.



Dennis Taylor provided quality crooning for the crowd.



Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico with Mike Dantone and Jan Nardone.



Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico with Boston City Councilor Erin Murphy.



Mr Gourmet was passing out hot dog bits to the kids.

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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.



TONIGHT

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

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Tina, Chris, and Ryan Roche.



Child physiatrist Dr Linda Forsythe and Katherine Guthrie from the MGH Cate Center were bringing awareness to trauma healing.



Shaelyn Devlin with her nephew Callen Chambers riding on TJ from Hunters Haven Farm in Groveland.



Celebrating the end of her term as Mayor of Charlestown Meghan Collins (center) with her sister Courtney and their friends Olivia Lundin.



Zohan and Mehran Ahmed with Stacey and Odin Landis.



Ranger Rick Lawson with history reenactors Will Hutchinson and David Nunes were talking about logistics for Sunday's Parade.



Dani and Olivia Gautreau.



A train ride was available for riders young and old.



Leyre Ruiz with her Bug Designs, stuffed animals that she created.

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ANNUAL BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE BREAKFAST

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Before the Bunker Hill Day Parade was to begin, the 39th Annual Parade Day Breakfast was to be held. It was an event to honor members of the Charlestown community who have helped enrich it and the people that call it home. Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Massachusetts State rep Dan Ryan, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, City Councilor Gabriela

“Gig” Coletta Zapata, Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, Lt Lydia Edwards National Guard and State Senator, USS Constitution Commander Billie Farrell and incoming Commander Crystal L Schaefer, MGH VP Debra Swales Burke, and others came to celebrate Charlestown on its day of strongest Pride.



Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico, State Rep Dan Ryan (2nd from right), and Lt Lydia Edwards National Guard and State Senator, with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, City Councilor Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta Zapata, and City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune.



Tom Cunha receiving the Bunker Hill Associates Presidential Award from President John Driscoll



Bunker Hills Associates Scholarship recipient Micah Marshall with Bunker Hill Associates Secretary Kim Mahoney.



David Whelan Scholarship recipient Elizabeth Donahue with David’s wife Maryhelen Whelen and Scholarship administrator Kim Mahoney.



David Whelan Scholarship recipient Madeline McGonagle with David’s wife Maryhelen Whelen and Scholarship administrator Kim Mahoney.



David Whelan Scholarship recipient John Burgess with David’s wife Maryhelen Whelen and Scholarship administrator Kim Mahoney.



Bunker Hill Associates Treasurer Ronan Fitzpatrick with his family: his brother Brendan and nephews James, Brian, and Timothy.



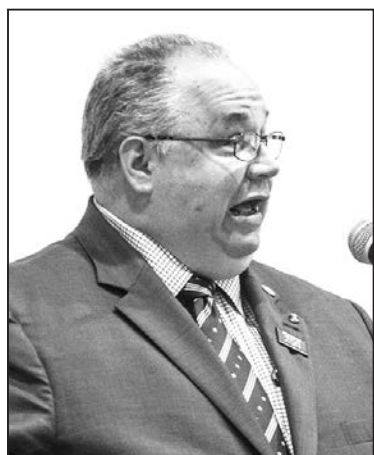
Boston Mayor Michelle Wu addresses the Breakfast.

ANNUAL BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE BREAKFAST

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Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico offers remarks.



Executive Director of Revolution 250 speaks about next year's milestone anniversary of the Battle Of Bunker Hill.



Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan offers remarks.



Comedian Tony V. keeps the laughs coming.



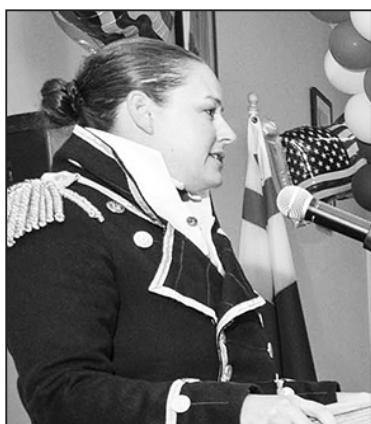
Dennis Taylor sings for the audience.



Keynote Speaker of the Parade Day Breakfast was Debra Swales Burke, MGH Senior VP for Patients Care & Chief of Nursing.



Bunker Hill Associates member James Lister introduces USS Constitution Commander Billie Farrell to the podium.



USS Constitution Commander Billie Farrell addresses the Breakfast. She will be leaving command of the historic vessel on Friday June 21 and was warmly thanked for her contributions to the community and assured she will always be welcome in Charlestown.



Mae Driscoll leads in the Pledge Of Allegiance.



Comedian Steve Sweeney gets the room laughing with his many insights.



Debbie Hughes is applauded after being awarded for her Outstanding Work In The Community and Being A Doer. Bunker Hill Associates Secretary Kim Mahoney and Debbie's sister Bobbie Poole applauds.



Carolyn Shannon, John Taglilatela, and Lisa Collins.



Clerk Of Courts John Powers with Lupita Donovan.



Bunker Hill Associates President John Driscoll addresses the Breakfast.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with Margaret (sitting) and Sally Klessens (right) and Carolyn Shannon (left).



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu poses with Moe Gillen, his family, and members of the Boston Lyons Club in front of the Charlestown Flag.

NEWS BRIEFS

DIDOMENICO INVITED TO SPEAK AT SPECIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Senator Sal DiDomenico and his Chief of Staff, Christie Getto Young, recently spoke at the 2024 Statewide Special Education Conference at Holy Cross College in Worcester. Senator DiDomenico spoke to hundreds of educators about how they can best advocate for more special education support in the State House.

DiDomenico's speech featured

past achievements like his successful advocacy for historic education and special education funding in the Student Opportunity Act, as well as permanent funding for Universal School Meals. He also covered effective strategies for supporting specific bills or programs with legislators and why educators are uniquely positioned to be strong advocates.

"My wife is a special education teacher and having met with many children benefiting from special education in my district, I know how crucial these educators are for our students," said Senator DiDo-

menico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "It was an honor and a privilege to speak with special educators about how they can support legislative efforts to increase funding for special education programs. I want to thank all of the teachers and organizers for inviting me and planning this fantastic event."

The Special Education conference was hosted by the Massachusetts Administrators for Special Education. This professional organization represents all administrators of special education throughout the Commonwealth.

IRON MAN



Beacon Hill Athletic Club manager Mike Farina put his fitness expertise to the test, competing in a half Iron Man triathlon in East Freetown, Mass on June 15. The race included a 1.2 mile swim, 54 mile bike ride, and a 13 mile run. Mike did the bulk of his training at the BHAC gym at 3 Hancock street. He finished the race in less than six hours!

FREE CITY OF BOSTON INFORMATION SESSION ON KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE

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Date of Death
03/17/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited
Formal Testacy and/or Appoint-
ment has been filed by Grace
E. McNulty 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: Grace
E. McNulty of Charlestown, MA be
appointed as Personal Representa-
tive(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 07/09/2024.
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 UNI-
FORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**
A Personal Representative ap-
pointed 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: May 28, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate

6/27/24
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Justice of this Court.
Date: June 18, 2024
Stephanie Everett, Register of
Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR
INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT

TO G.L. c. 190B,
Section 5-304
Docket No.
SU24P1253GD
Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate
and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
In the matter of: Sylvester Blue of:
Charlestown, MA
RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated
Person

To the named Respondent and all
other interested persons, a petition
has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of
Mental Health of Westborough,
MA in the above captioned matter
alleging that Sylvester Blue is in
need of a Guardian and requesting
that (or some other suitable per-
son) be appointed as Guardian to
serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the court to
determine that the Respondent is
incapacitated, that the appoint-
ment of a Guardian is necessary,
and that the proposed Guardian is
appropriate. The petition is on file
with this court and may contain
a request for certain specific
authority.

You have the right to object to this
proceeding. If you wish to do so,
you or your attorney must file a
written appearance at this court on
or before 10:00 AM on the return
date of 7/16/2024. This day is
NOT a hearing date, but a deadline
date by which you have to file the
written appearance if you object to
the petition. If you fail to file the
written appearance by the return
date, action may be taken in this
matter without further notice
to you. In addition to filing the
written appearance, you or your
attorney must file a written affi-
davit stating the specific facts and
grounds of your objection within
30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding
may limit or completely take away
the above-named person's right
to make decisions about personal
affairs or financial affairs or both.
The above-named person has the
right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone
may make this request on behalf
of the above-named person. If the
above-named person cannot afford
a lawyer, one may be appointed at
State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First

6/27/24
CT

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR
REMOVAL OF A
GUARDIAN OF AN
INCAPACITATED
PERSON
Docket No.
SU21P2135GD

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate
and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
In the interests of: Sylvester Blue
Of: Charlestown, MA
RESPONDENT Incapacitated Per-
son/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all
other interested persons, a petition
has been filed by
Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of
Westborough, MA in the above
captioned matter requesting that
the court: Remove the Guardian of
the respondent.

The petition asks the court to
make a determination that the
Guardian and/or Conservator
should be allowed to resign; or
should be removed for good cause;
or that the Guardianship and/
or Conservatorship is no longer
necessary and therefore should be
terminated. The original petition is
on file with the court.

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proceeding. If you wish to do so,
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or before 10:00 AM on the return
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First
Justice of this Court.
Date: June 18, 2024
Stephanie Everett, Register of
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LEGAL NOTICE

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 Sec-
ond 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 pray-
ing 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, Es-
quire, 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
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By land or by sea

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Ferries

As you plan your summer fun, remember that many services and transportation options are pet-friendly. Day trips, weekends away, more extended vacations, and a meal on a patio can often include your dog. There are also some options for traveling with cats.

Tours

A recent social media post brought this topic to mind. The couple visited Boston with their dog and raved about how dog-friendly the city was. They were happy they could bring the pup on a tour of the Freedom Trail. It makes sense since that popular route happens in public spaces. The tour site mentions that "Dogs are not permitted in the historic burying grounds or the historic sites' buildings."

These visitors and their dog also took a harbor tour. We know that Bay State Cruise Company is one we have enjoyed with Poppy. They say, "Yes, we love dogs and they are allowed aboard at no additional charge. They are required, however, to have a leash."

You'll find that ferry services, used by residents to reach their homes, are the most pet-friendly. These include the Provincetown Ferries, The Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard Steamship Authority, Casco Bay Lines in Portland, Maine, and the Block Island Ferry in Rhode Island.

Check the specific regulations for any boat you plan to take. Each may have particular rules. For example, The Casco Bay Line charges for dogs unless they are service dogs or in a carrier.

These services generally ask that you keep your animal on a leash



A lifejacket is essential if you bring a dog onto a dock or a boat. We also recommend a leash to help get a dog back to safety once in the water. (Photo by Ariana Kaminski)

or in a carrier. Pets are often not allowed in food service areas. In many instances, they may not sit on passenger seats or at dining tables. All ask that the animal be well-behaved and not bother other passengers or their animals.

We add two pieces of advice if you bring your dog on a dock or ferry. For safety, the animal should wear a well-fitting lifejacket and always be on a leash. The ferry services have life jackets for humans but not for animals. Sadly, we know of a dog that drowned at our yacht club because it could not get back onto the dock after diving into the water.

MBTA and Amtrak
The MBTA is a bit pet-friend-

ly. They say, "Service animals are allowed on the T at all times. Non-service dogs are not allowed on the T during peak hours: 7 AM - 10 AM and 4 PM - 7 PM on weekdays."

Amtrak says you may bring a small dog or cat (up to 20 lbs including carrier) aboard some lines for a fee of \$29 or \$39. Check the Amtrak site for specifics.

Patio Dining with Dogs

For years, we were able to dine with our dogs in Provincetown. Now, many other municipalities have set up restaurant systems to allow legal dining with dogs on patios. We hope this trend continues and widens.

As with all the exceptions to the

old rules that once said, "PETS NOT ALLOWED," it's up to those of us who advocate to spend our recreational time with our animals to give the haters no arguments to use against us.

We love it when we walk away from a "dogs allowed" patio and have other patrons say, "We didn't know you had a dog with you." We protect the gradual loosening of municipal rules with good behavior and with support for the political friends of our right to enjoy time with our pets in public spaces.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

Harvest on Vine Emergency Food Pantry

Monthly food distributions take place on the second Saturday at 10:00AM, and last Tuesday at 6:00PM.

To volunteer, please contact Tom MacDonald at 617-990-7314

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