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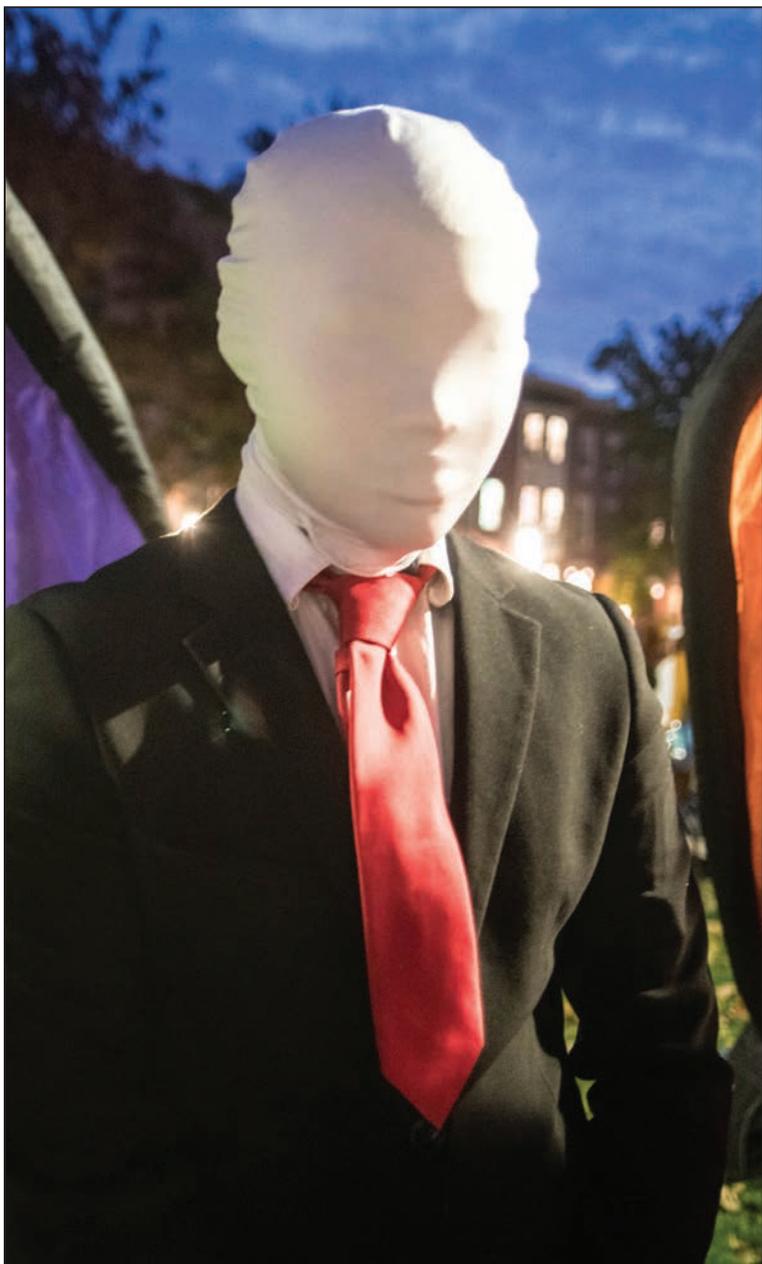


Photo by Derek Kouyoumjian

This invisible person chose to remain anonymous...Who could it be? And can we even see him? Plenty of wild antics and spooky behavior took place at the 33rd annual Halloween celebration this year around Monument Square and the Training Field. Thousands came out to enjoy a magical night in the Town, with plenty of candy for everyone. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.

Gov. Baker, DA-Elect Rollins and 'No on 1' big winners in Charlestown

By Seth Daniel

Charlestown followed the trend of the state, but bucked the Citywide trend in going all out for Gov. Charlie Baker in Tuesday's General Election – voting for Baker in a 2-to-1 margin.

Gov. Baker has been popular in Charlestown and has made several visits to the Town, including a fun trip to Charlestown Gym Hockey and the Warren Tavern last week.

While citywide Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito came up short, with candidate Jay Gonzalez getting 50.55 percent of the Boston vote to Baker's 49.1 percent, that trend didn't play out in Charlestown.



Photo by Keiko Hironi

Gov. Charlie Baker and his wife, Lauren, celebrate a big win Tuesday night at the Hynes Convention Center alongside Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and her husband, Stephan Rodolakis.

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The Bunker Hill: A veteran's promise and a mystery solved

By Seth Daniel and Eddy Loan

In a little apartment at 26 Austin St. – an address that no longer exists, but stood where the 99 Restaurant is today – the Tiernan family gathered around the radio on Dec. 7, 1941.

President Franklin Roosevelt was speaking in dire terms, telling all of America – and that little corner of Charlestown – that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor.

America was now at war, he said, and it would be another World War to follow what had been a horrible, debilitating World War I just a few decades before.

The Tiernan family had paid a high price during World War I, as their father, William Tiernan, had been subject to mustard gas in the trenches. When he came back to Charlestown, he was never the same and died long before his time and long before that night in front of the radio.

And so as the family sat around that radio, another younger William Tiernan – the son of the late William Tiernan – prepared to leave Charlestown to fight in another World War just as his father had done.

"I'll never forget sitting around that radio and listening to the president in our little apartment," Margaret Tiernan Klessens, who

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BPS likely to phase out Edwards Middle School

By Seth Daniel

The Edwards Middle School will likely be phased out in the coming years, according to Boston Public Schools (BPS) officials, as the district looks to simplify its school pathways, eliminate free-standing middle schools, and help solve the shortage of elementary seats in Charlestown and East Boston.

The announcement came during the community's BuildBPS meeting on Friday, Nov. 2, and it featured a rather crowded room for a late evening meeting on a Friday. Interim Supt. Laura Perille and her staff were there to introduce BuildBPS to the community and talk about some of the reorganizations that will likely occur in Charlestown – which many learned were inexorably tied to much larger changes happening in East Boston.

School officials said the major change in Charlestown will be likely to phase out the Edwards Middle, which services mostly students from other neighborhoods, and possibly use it as extra space to support the elementary schools.

"The plan will be on converting our underutilized middle school buildings to help our elementary schools and to enhance 7-12 pathways for our families," said Nate Kudor, CFO of the BPS. "Any conversation about the Edwards in Charlestown has to include the East Boston community. The path forward is having new construction in East Boston. We want to put a new elementary school in East Boston to reduce some of the students coming to the Edwards. We

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CNC COMMUNITY CORNER

Due to Election Day, the monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will be held tonight, Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford St. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council wishes to announce that it will be holding an election for its 7 at-Large Council seats on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, for a two year term beginning in January 2019. Candidates are required to collect 25 signatures from Charlestown residents to secure a spot on the ballot. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older and reside in Charlestown. Completed nomination papers were due Oct. 26

EDITORIAL

BE SURE TO THANK OUR VETERANS

Its was 100 years ago this Sunday, on Nov. 11, 1918, that World War I formally came to a conclusion on what is famously referred to as the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month.

Americans observed the first anniversary of the end of the war the following year when the holiday we now know as Veteran's Day originated as Armistice Day in 1919.

The first world war was referred to at the time as "the war to end all wars." It was thought that never again would mankind engage in the sort of madness that resulted in the near-total destruction of Western Civilization and the loss of millions of lives for reasons that never have been entirely clear to anybody either before, during, or since.

Needless to say, history has shown us that such thinking was idealistically foolhardy. Just 21 years later, the world again became enmeshed in a global conflagration that made the first time around seem like a mere practice run for the mass annihilation that took place from 1939-45.

Even after that epic second world war, America has been involved in countless bloody conflicts in the 73 years since General Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender on the Battleship Missouri. Today, we still have troops fighting -- and dying -- on frontlines around the world.

Peace at hand has been nothing but a meaningless slogan for most of the past century.

Armistice Day officially became known as Veteran's Day in 1954 so as to include those who served in WWII and the Korean War. All of our many veterans since then also have become part of the annual observance to express our nation's appreciation to the men and women who bravely have answered the call of duty to ensure that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been preserved against the many challenges we have overcome.

Although Veteran's Day, as with all of our other national holidays, unfortunately has become commercialized, we urge our readers to take a moment, even if just quietly by ourselves, to contemplate what we owe the veterans of all of our wars and to be grateful to them for allowing us to live freely in the greatest nation on earth.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn't free and that every American owes a debt of immeasurable gratitude and thanks to those who have put their lives on the line to preserve our ideals and our way of life.



HONOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN... VETERANS' DAY NOV. 11.

GUEST OP-ED

Thanking veterans today, and every day

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Every year on Nov. 11, we remember the armistice, signed on November 11th, 1918, that ended the First World War. One hundred years later, it can be easy to forget why we celebrate this day of all days, as the living memory of that war fades. The fact is, thousands of young men from Boston's neighborhoods, and from all across our country, put their lives on the line to defend our allies in the Great War. Today, the legacy of that courage and sacrifice is alive all around us -- in the men and women in our neighborhoods who continue to serve our country; the families who continue to sacrifice; and veterans who continue to make Boston the great city that it is. It is essential, this year and every year, that we acknowledge and thank these honored members of our community.

More than 22,000 veterans call Boston home. They embody a commitment to service that doesn't disappear when they hang up their uniforms. When they come home, veterans continue to serve their community as leaders, parents, teachers, mentors, first responders, and more. Their valuable contributions make Boston a better place, and we should be thanking them each and every day for that.

It's also important for us to remember that veterans and

their families often face unique challenges. Many deal with deep wounds, both visible and invisible. Since I was elected Mayor, I have worked hard to make Boston a city where veterans truly thrive, personally and professionally, throughout their lives. I believe that we need to show our veterans that we are grateful every single day. And one of the most important ways we do this is by showing vets that they can ask for help, and that they will receive it. It's what we owe them in return for all they have given us.

These are the values behind some of our most ambitious work in the City of Boston: from ending chronic veterans homelessness to improving access to supportive housing, healthcare, recovery services, employment programs for vets with and without PTSD, and much more. A question I hear all the time from residents is, "How can I help?" One of the simplest, and most powerful ways that every member of the Boston community can help support our veterans is simply saying "thank you." And that's exactly what we do through Operation Thank a Vet.

Over the last few months, our goal has been to personally reach out to all 22,000 veterans in our city. We wanted to make sure each of them knows about all the resources that our city has made available to them. We've connected with thousands of vets so far,

but we have thousands more to go. That's where you come in. On Saturday, Nov. 10, we will go door to door delivering thank you packages and information about opportunities available to veterans. By joining us as a volunteer, you can help us reach our goal. And most importantly, you will make a meaningful difference in people's lives--- connecting those who have served their country with a community who is ready to serve them and their families.

A century ago, the events of Nov. 11, gave people hope for a more peaceful and prosperous future. This week, we'll recognize those among us who have continued that mission and put their lives on the line in the name of those same values. In Boston, we never forget the sacrifices people made for the good of our community. We know that our strength comes from our willingness to lift our neighbors up in good times and hard times. And we will always be grateful to our veterans, not just on November 11th, but every day.

If you are a veteran who would like to be connected to services in Boston, please reach out to Boston's Veterans Services, <https://www.boston.gov/departments/veterans-services>, email veterans@boston.gov, or call 617-241-VETS (8387).

Martin J. Walsh is Mayor of Boston.

Myles' Musings

By Myles Striar

We Voted

We voted once again today.
I hope your choice held sway.
Or were you too busy to vote today?
And what were the issues, anyway?

If so, I'd view your thoughts on government
With contempt and not much mirth.
It becomes somewhat less self-evident
That we're the greatest country on earth.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU

Dear Editor:

The Friends of the Training Field would like to thank the people who made Halloween at the Training Field a great success. The MacDonalds, who always go out of their way for the community: Doug, Jason, Kim, Nora, Jessie and Judy. Thanks to Tom Coots, Janet Sullivan - for great hot chocolate, and Army National Guard Members - Katrina Habib, Richard Watson, and Jamie Chambers.

We also want to thank the members of the Charlestown High School Band: Tahari Barbosa, Jinye Yi, Yamilet Santana, Jayden Aguilar, Jared Parks, Stephanie Pereyra, Randy Lara, Kevin Le, Jamani Osario, and Emmanuel Ademodi. It was really a treat to be able to include them.

Thanks to BPD A1 Community Service Officer Kerri Guerin and also to the Charlestown Mothers Association.

Our sincere thanks to everyone for making it a great time!

Bill Kelly
President, Friends of the
Training Field

It Takes A Village...To Save a Village

Dear Editor:

Since 2014, when the Wynn Casino Development Project was made public, it became apparent that the impact on the surrounding communities would be significant. By studying, learning and researching the various issues such as increased traffic in our environment, I am now aware that we are facing negative consequences regarding our health.

This concerns me a great deal. As a nurse, I pay attention to the health of the Boston community, and especially, that of my family, neighbors and myself.

It would be negligent of me to ignore and disregard the new data that supports the overwhelming evidence that we are experiencing a higher mortality risk from particulate matter in the air from vehicle exhaust.

Before us now, the Hood Park Project/Proposal is on the verge of requesting the present zoning of 75 feet and 115 feet to accommodate a cluster of buildings as high as 275 feet.

Why should you be concerned?

The population of Charlestown is increasing with the many new projects. Traffic is increasing as we contend with daily gridlock. And lastly, the environment's poor air quality contributes to an increase in documented health-re-

lated illnesses.

Just the facts: More population, more cars, more poor health
Population Explosion:

How is our population increasing? Charlestown currently exceeds the average density per square mile in Boston, which is about 14,000 residents. The 2016 census showed Charlestown having 17,000 residents in one square mile. Charlestown residents occupy one-third of our one square mile, while the other two thirds are comprised of commercial and industrial uses. According to Boston statistics, for every unit built 2.3 people will be added to the census. A cursory tabulation of recent, current development and future development projects could potentially swell the population to 25-35 percent larger, with no solutions for the critical safety, health and transportation issues.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency has as many as seven additional parcels located around Sullivan Square that could eventually be sold to developers. Another area to be considered is the land that the Bunker Hill Community College parking lot is located, which is developable. A spine of large buildings from North Station to Sullivan Square will block off Charlestown and strangle us.

Precedence: Allowing a building/tower at Hood Park at 275 feet sets a precedent for future towers in our community.

More vehicle trips: Why is traffic increasing? Currently 100,000 vehicle trips are made through Sullivan Square daily. When the casino opens in 2019, another 1,000 vehicle trips per hour are expected to drive through our area entering and exiting the casino grounds. All the new buildings surrounding the Charlestown community, such as Somerville, Cambridge and Boston results in added traffic congestion.

Trapped: We in Charlestown have only three ways to enter and exit. We are trapped in our own community.

And, We are choked now.

Poor Air Quality: What is the impact of increased traffic on our health? The environment is suffering with poor air quality and is affecting our health in ways that never before have been documented. We are all aware that poor air quality causes increased cancer, asthma, autoimmune and other illnesses such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease. The very latest research data has added strokes and heart attacks as being directly caused by particulate

matter from car exhausts.

Our children are highly sensitive to the adverse effects of air pollution because their lungs and immune systems are not fully developed. Also, more recent studies confirm the correlation between air pollution and maternal exposure during pregnancy is associated with adverse birth outcomes.

This, to me is alarming. No doubt, we all do what is necessary to stay healthy. Unfortunately, the polluted air we breathe is inescapable. The healthcare costs are mounting. The lost days at school and work are real losses in productivity.

What are we to do? We all need to pay attention to what is happening around us before we get swallowed up in a mass of buildings.

We need to think about our "quality of life" as defined by Collier's English Dictionary, "a general well-being of a person or society, defined in terms of health rather than wealth."

To promote better health is a gift we give ourselves as well as others, now, and for future generations. It is cost-effective for the future of our City, our town and generations of residents.

If we looked around at our environment and took stock of what is happening, and by working together, we could have a huge impact on where we are headed in terms of enjoying a happy and healthy existence and leave our village, our town of Charlestown, in better shape for the next generation.

Ann Kelleher

DEVELOPMENT AT WHAT COST?

Dear Editor:

There is a vision for a 2030 Charlestown clearly outlined by the Mayor, the Department of Planning and Development, and the project managers of Hood Business Park, One Charlestown and Encore Casino. Emphasis is placed on increased usage of public transportation, Zipcar/bicycle stations, and pedestrian-friendly walkways with the goal of decreasing vehicular volume. Our major thoroughfares will become "urban boulevards," and the plethora of newly installed traffic signals will enhance traffic flow and decrease idling time and auto emissions. Construction of these projects will feature smaller buildings (three-four stories) along the main roads (Rutherford Avenue, Bunker Hill Street and Medford Street) with larger structures (10-

12 stories) situated in the middle of the developments to minimally affect the skyline within the community. I have seen enough of these "snake oil" presentations. We are talking about a nearly 25 percent increase in population with no coherent infrastructure to accommodate this density. One Charlestown is providing 0.6 of a parking space per unit, and the Hood Park project managers are already considering decreasing the amount of available parking at their site. The traffic signals are multiplying like rabbits and exacerbating an already unbearable commute in any direction. The day-long logjam of vehicles is getting pushed further down Medford and Main Streets and up Bunker Hill Street while engineers and designers give too much credence to traffic formula software. Extenuating circumstances (e.g. the re-repairing of the Alford Street Bridge; tractor trailers overturning on the Sullivan Square rotary; severe rainstorms flooding and damaging the roadways) are given minimal consideration. Maybe by 2030 we can strap on our drone-packs and soar to our destinations with little fanfare.

I understand the need for increased city revenues, but at what cost. Charlestown used to be a working-class community where fire fighters, postal workers, union tradesmen, city/state employees and teachers could raise families in faith-filled homes; and obtaining a college degree and purchasing

a home was a realistic "dream." This Charlestown no longer exists as the ever-shrinking middle-class struggles to make ends meet. Our children bear the burden of the housing costs associated with the "Charlestown 2030" vision and college graduates often carry tuition debt that render home ownership here a "pipe" dream. As the "have and have-nots" gap widens, what of our senior citizens, handicapped and special-needs neighbors. They are an afterthought when new development proposals are brought forward and things that are taken for granted (such as postal services or affordable groceries) continue to fall by the wayside.

Although I can't help feeling like a bug that's about to be squashed with the advent of the new construction, I still love Charlestown. A multitude of "Townie" benevolent organizations continue to be the lifeblood for so many of our citizenry and annual events such as Halloween at the Monument and the Bunker Hill Day parade are a source of great pride. Also, watching kids participate in the many youth athletic programs, being active in churches and ministries, and getting to know neighbors are part of the wonderful experiences my wife and seven children continue to relish. There truly is no place like Charlestown because it's the people, not the buildings, that make it special.

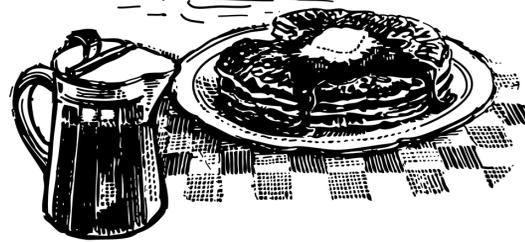
Kevin Kelly



CHARLESTOWN LION CLUB

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Harvest on Vine's Tom MacDonald releases new Dermot Sparhawk novel

By Lauren Bennett

Many in Charlestown know Tom MacDonald as the director of Harvest on Vine food pantry, but when he's not handing out food to the community, he's writing crime novels.

Growing up, MacDonald was not an aspiring writer. While in an MBA program at Boston College (after 15 years as a computer programmer), MacDonald discovered that he had a talent for writing.

So he enrolled in an MFA creative writing program at the University of Southern Maine, where he ventured into crime writing. He started experimenting with different kinds of crime stories, and the Dermot Sparhawk series was born.

It all started with 'The Charlestown Connection,' the first in the series about a half Irish, half Native American young man who takes it upon himself to solve crimes while recovering from alcoholism.

He did not intend for this to become a popular series, however. "I just wrote a novel with a protagonist—people liked it and I just kept going," MacDonald said. He said people are drawn to the character of Dermot Sparhawk and

he ended up turning into a serial character.

Sparhawk's adventures continue in 'Beyond the Bridge,' 'The Revenge of Liam McGrew,' and the most recent release, 'Murder in the Charlestown Bricks,' which became available Oct. 1.

This newest tale tells the story of Sparhawk's quest to find out who murdered a woman who was like a second mother to him. She was killed in the Charlestown projects, and MacDonald said that Sparhawk is "not quite as emotionally balanced in approaching this one since he was so close to the woman."

"He makes irrational decisions, does things that could land him in jail, and commits a few crimes on his own," MacDonald added. "He really goes off on the edge and doesn't exercise any time of rational logic."

MacDonald said this novel took a couple of years to write—usually he can finish one in six or seven months, but he said he's been so busy with work that this one took a little bit longer.

Aside from his work at St. Mary-St. Catherine, MacDonald teaches writing at Boston College. In the fall, he teaches a writing composition class focused on cre-

ative wiring prompts, and in the spring, he teaches a class where the students develop their own blogs and write blog entries.

MacDonald said he's inspired by authors like Raymond Chandler, who he said was the "pioneer of the hard-boiled detective series," as well as local writers like Robert Parker and George V. Higgins.

He also brings his experience at Harvest on Vine into the fictional stories, as Dermot Sparhawk works at the local Charlestown food pantry. "I didn't think of [working at the food pantry] as part of a crime story," he said, "but it's a good part of the story." He also consults his friend Dick Murphy, a lifelong Townie, about the authenticity of some of the events and ways the Charlestown characters behave in the novels.

His Number One consultant, though, is his wife Maribeth McKenzie, who gets to read all of his drafts and "weed a lot of stuff out," MacDonald said.

MacDonald said he'd like to tell young writers that if they have a story to tell, "write a 'don't look back draft'—just keep pushing ahead until you finish." He said that there's a "tremendous sense of satisfaction when you finish

that draft; it's usually terrible, but now you've got the blueprint for your writing."

MacDonald held a book launching celebration at the Navy Yard Bistro on Oct. 28, where a crowd of Charlestown people,

mystery writing fans, and friends and family gathered to celebrate another book.

On Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m., MacDonald will have signed books available at the Adams Street Library in Dorchester.

STANDING WITH GAS WORKERS



Sen. Sal DiDomenico recently joined with union gas workers and his colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature at a State House rally in support of ending the National Grid lockout. This four-month lockout by National Grid has cost more than 1,200 union gas workers their jobs and has cost the state millions in lost tax revenue, as well as more than \$13 million in unemployment benefits, according to a recent analysis by the Baker administration.

At the rally, Sen. DiDomenico voiced his strong support for the gas workers and urged a quick end to the lock out. "This National Grid lockout has gone on for far too long," said DiDomenico. "It is critical that we put public safety first and it's time that we get our union workers back on the job! I'm proud to stand with them today as they fight for their livelihoods and public safety for our communities!"

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CHARLESTOWN BEAT

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POLICE RELATED INFO: Contact the District A-1 Community Service Office at 617-343-4627.

REPORT DRUG DEALING: Contact the District A-1 Confidential Drug Line at 617-343-4879.

CHARLESTOWN POLICE STATION: Contact at 617-343-4888.

RESERVE THE COMMUNITY ROOM: Contact Christine Vraibel at christine.vraibel@pd.boston.gov.

Larceny
10/16/18 – A victim on Rutherford Avenue reported unknown person(s) entered his home sometime between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., and stole money and electronics. There were no signs of forced entry, and the matter is under investigation.

Drugs
10/18/18 – As a result of a drug investigation in the area of

Chelsea Street, two individuals were placed under arrest charged with possession of Class B substance (cocaine).

Robbery – Bank
10/19/18 - Officers responded to Austin Street for a report of a bank robbery. As a result of the subsequent investigation, an individual was placed under arrest, and will be charged accordingly.

Report To The Community -

Investing in the Future of Young People in Charlestown



Massport funded summer jobs for Charlestown students at the John F. Kennedy Family Service Center among other community organizations

From summer jobs to youth programs, Massport is committed to helping young people in Charlestown secure a bright future. It's part of our dual role as an economic engine for Massachusetts and a good neighbor to communities near Logan Airport and the Port of Boston.

Last summer, 20 Charlestown students gained valuable job skills – and a paycheck thanks to Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program. Now in its 27th year, Massport funded jobs for Charlestown high school and college students at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, Charlestown Community Center, John F. Kennedy Family Service Center and the USS Constitution Museum. Charlestown students were among more than 350 students in the area to benefit from Massport's summer jobs program.

Throughout the year, Massport has found other opportunities to invest in the future of young people in Charlestown including providing funding for the John F. Kennedy Family Service Center Head Start Program, Charlestown Cooperative Nursery School, Monument Square Neighborhood Association, and Community Boat Building.

Massport is honored to support the young people of Charlestown and all our neighboring communities.



TOWNIE SPORTS

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Worcester St. All American setter Allie Nolan looks to wrap up her historic volleyball career on a high note as the top-seeded Lancers set their sights on an NCAA tourney bid. It's hard to wrap your head around what Allie has accomplished as her stats are truly staggering. She has totaled 544 digs and an unfathomable 2,773 assists.

CHARLESTOWN YOUTH BASKETBALL

Charlestown Youth Basketball registration is open for both players and coaches! You can register online at <http://charlestownyouth-basketball.com/>

The season runs from beginning of January to the end of March. Preliminary schedules are below. Age group is determined by your age on Sept. 1, 2018.

•Girls JV (age 7-9) - 4-6 weeks of skill development, 4-6 weeks of skills mixed with games/scrimmages. Program typically runs on Monday and Thursday nights

(6-7 p.m).

•Girls Varsity (ages 10-12) - practices typically on Tuesday nights with potential for group clinic/practices and games on Thursdays (6-7 p.m. or 7-8 p.m.).

•Boys JV (ages 7-9) - practices typically on Tuesday nights and games on Thursdays (6-7 p.m. or 7-8 p.m).

•Boys Varsity (ages 10-12) - practices typically on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday with games on Thursdays (7-8 p.m. or 8-9 p.m.).

THAT'S MY BOY!!!

So proud of my son, Conor Kelly, a National Honor Society student and two-year captain of the Pope John XXIII soccer team. The Tigers were eliminated in double-overtime in the MIAA tourney for the second year in-a-row, this time a grueling 4-3 setback to Austin Prep. Next up, the "hoop" season and helping Coach Leo Boucher defend the Division 4 State Title.



On a warm and beautiful Sunday Morning, Nov. 4, at the Charlestown High School Field, the first ever Charlestown men's soccer team made history once again and were promoted to Division 5 in the Over The Hill Soccer League Over 40 age group. The team is made up of 95 percent Charlestown residents that coach many youth sports in town.

Charlestown FC beat the Canary Square Veterans of West Roxbury in a hard fought game with promotion on the line for both teams. Hats off to the CSV squad for a well-fought game until the last whistle. They were a worthy opponent.

With Division 5 already clinched, there are two more weeks of soccer for CFC. The playoffs are starting to become no less than the Division 6 overall Champion. First game is this coming Sunday, Nov. 11, at Charlestown High School.

Charlestown Football Club would like to thank all the fans, the OTHSL League, and Monument Tavern, the team sponsor for a great season.

Alford Street Bridge 'change order' costs state, Boston millions

By Seth Daniel

The state Department of Transportation (MassDOT) and the City of Boston have revealed this week that the unexpected, extended construction on the Alford Street Bridge this fall was the result of an approval in 2012 that allowed a less-stable bridge decking to be installed in place of more stable materials – materials that were called for in the original contract.

The story on the faulty decking was first reported by Channel 4's I-Team last week, but the Patriot-Bridge has been pursuing the story since last summer.

The issue percolated over the summer when the Independent learned that the Alford Street Drawbridge – on the Charlestown/Everett line – was going to have to go under construction again. That came just a few years after a major construction re-build that lasted nearly four years. Very little was disclosed by state officials as to why the new bridge already needed major repairs, but sources had indicated last summer that the iron decking was already breaking down.

On Oct. 1, the state and City of Boston – who co-own the Bridge – began a lengthy, \$15 million rebuild of the decking – a price tag on top of the already \$50 million spent previously.

The project is supposed to last through April or May, 2019.

Already, though, it has drivers and residents bemoaning a situation that they believe should not be happening.

Daily gridlock due to permanent lane closures routinely have traffic backed up through Sullivan Square, Rutherford Avenue, Lower Broadway Everett and into Sweetser Circle – compromising response times by both City's public safety agencies.

State Rep. Dan Ryan said he wants to focus on getting the roads and bridges on the corridor fixed after generations of neglect. While he doesn't like to see the waste, he said he is not surprised.

"The important thing to focus on right now is getting these repairs done immediately and efficiently," he said. "We'll have plenty of time to sort out why certain decisions were made, but it shouldn't come as a surprise. This stretch of roadway has been shortchanged and ignored for generations. I've spent nearly 20 years just trying to get the powers that be to pay attention to us. These roads, bridges, and underpasses were only getting fixed because decades of neglect made them unusable. I hate to see wasted millions, but it does not surprise me. This is an unfortunate set-back, but at least we have people finally paying attention to this area. Let's use this opportunity to

fix historic wrongs for the whole corridor."

The City of Boston had no comment on the matter after reviewing the situation.

In Everett, Fire Chief Tony Carli said the Department has to maintain quick response times to Lower Broadway due to the heavy industry that is there – such as Schnitzer Steel, DistriGas, Exxon and the Power Plant, as well as the residential neighborhood. In the days after the Oct. 1 beginning of the Bridge, he said it quickly became apparent something needed to change.

"We started to see an increase in response times because of the traffic down to one lane," he said. "We already knew that there would be things going on with the SPS and casino work, but the Alford Street Bridge made that the perfect storm, especially in the morning commutes."

The Everett Fire Department has put an apparatus on Lower Broadway in a Fire Command Station over the last two weeks daily from 5:30 to 9 a.m. Carli said they have been very busy and have responded to several incidents with good response times.

MassDOT, however, has refused to pay for the cost of that engine deployment. Instead, Encore Boston Harbor has agreed to pay for it, with Carli saying the casino is aware they are a cause for

the traffic problems now too.

MassDOT told the Patriot Bridge that in 2012, MassDOT, the City of Boston and the Federal Highway Administration approved the contractor to use a riveted grid decking system. That was an alternate material, and not the material originally called for in the contract documents. The riveted system was, at the time, determined to be the most appropriate product available for the project. That riveted decking system was chosen over what many say is the more appropriate product, a welded grid deck.

MassDOT stated that alternative materials are often approved for many reasons.

"Alternative products are commonly approved for construction projects based upon the latest models and versions of products and what is currently available in the market," read their statement.

The riveted decking was installed in 2014, but began failing in less than a year.

According to materials from MassDOT, after the bridge was turned over to the City of Boston, it began to break down in the inbound lane. Sources said that, likely, the team didn't anticipate the speed and frequency of trucks from the Produce Center going over the Bridge to get to the highway.

Last year, it was observed

that a temporary fix was put in place when iron panels were welded over the riveted decking. However, that made the decking too heavy for the motors that operate the drawbridge – coming close to burning them out frequently.

After back and forth between the state, City of Boston and the contractor, SPS New England, it was determined that all three parties would share some portion of the additional \$15-million cost to put on the more-stable decking.

"In an effort to settle the issue and provide a deficiency free grid deck, MassDOT directed SPS New England replace the riveted alternate with the contract specified welded grid deck," read materials from MassDOT. "After evaluating the current market and the product options, the decision was made to install a welded grid decking system on the Alford Street Bridge through the ongoing repair work."

SPS New England has been ordered to do the "extra work" on the Bridge through and Extra Work Order. The price tag is estimated at \$15 million, but that could change. Right now, the City of Boston, MassDOT and SPS will split the costs, but negotiations are still ongoing as to whom will pay what.

MassDOT indicated the bridge is safe for travel.

A GALA EVENT



Emile Baker, Jessica DeRoeve, Becky Adamonis, Debbie O'Shea, and Rebecca Eudy socialized at the CMA again.



The board of directors: Erin Davies, Shannon Fitzgerald, and Marcie Miller enjoyed their evening with the CMA.

The Charlestown Mothers Association (CMA) held its 20th annual gala on Saturday evening, Nov. 3, in Cambridge. The organization began in 1998 as a way for new mothers to connect, and has grown into a social organization with the goal of helping the community in Charlestown. More than 1,500 families are part of the organization.

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Ylan and Tim Pitta looked over the bids during the CMA Gala.



Marcie and James Carmody.



Steve Joseph and David Parkinson attended the CMA Gala.



Gabriela Coletta and City Councilor Lydia Edwards.



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CHARLESTOWN HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION: 33-YEAR TRADITION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

ALL DRESSED UP



The section of Charlestown around the Bunker Hill Monument and the Training Field were blocked to motor traffic to accommodate the 33rd annual Charlestown Halloween Celebration. Music, spectacle, and fun abounded as neighbors transformed their homes into Halloween stops to delight trick-or-treaters leaving memories, as well as candy.

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

Layla Swanson (left) isn't sure if she likes being among the ghosts ... whereas James Lister (above) ain't afraid of no ghosts!



Neighborhood character Elaine McCarthy makes her rounds.



Houses were decorated with the Halloween spirit, including with "Alice in Wonderland" themed residence.



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Peter Taylor as a non-descript mad grandpa scientist.

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The Charlestown High School rock band provided music for the Halloween crowd.



Rylan and Ali Swanson.



Jim and John Apostolides.



Halloween Chair Diane Valle surveys her Halloween vision with style.



Bobbie Lucchino and her grandson, Jackson.



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Misty has her hands full trying to keep track of all these Pokemon characters.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY

The Harvest on Vine Food Pantry is requesting boxes of cereal and small bags of white rice this week, but any donation on non-perishable foods that you could make would be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry at 49 Vine St. (Hayes Square), The Cooperative Bank at 201 Main St. and at the Parish Center on 46 Winthrop St. (across from the Training Field). Financial donations can be sent to: Harvest on Vine, Parish Center, 46 Winthrop St., Charlestown, MA 02129. For more information, call Tom MacDonald, director, at 617-990-7314.

CHARLESTOWN LIONS CLUB COLLECTING FOR DISASTER RELIEF

The Charlestown Lions Club is collecting donations to go to disaster relief. The donations will be used to benefit those affected by the local gas explosions and recent hurricanes in the South.

ALL proceeds will be donated - there are no administrative costs.

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If you have any questions, please email Moe Gillen Towniemoe@aol.com.

MICRO HOCKEY IS BACK!

Charlestown Youth Hockey has opened registration for Micro Hockey, which is a Learn-to-Play Hockey program for boys and girls, 5 to 8 years of age, who have not yet played organized team hockey. Only basic skating skills are necessary. Younger players may qualify after a coach evaluation. The program will run on Saturdays from 10 to 11:45 a.m. The first session will begin on November 10th and run until March 9. Space is limited. To register or obtain the required equipment list, go to WWW.CYHA.COM and click on the MICRO HOCKEY tab. Email questions to MICROHOCKEY@CYHA.COM.

FAMILY SUPPORT MEETINGS

New family support group for people suffering from alcohol or other addictions is meeting Mondays at 7 p.m. at the First Church in Charlestown. For more information call Shawn 781-733-1327.

LEARN TO SKATE!

Charlestown's Learn-to-Skate program begins Nov. 10 and runs to mid-March. The program is on Saturdays from noon to 12:50 p.m. It is open for children ages 3 and up. The Charlestown Mothers Association is sponsoring two FREE trial introductions on Nov. 10 and the 17. On ice instruction

will be staffed by Charlestown Youth Hockey volunteers. For more information and to sign-up, visit the Charlestown Youth Hockey website at WWW.CYHA.COM and click on the Learn-to-Skate tab.

CHARLESTOWN GIRL SCOUTING AT WARREN-PRESCOTT SCHOOL

The fourth-grade Junior Girls Scouts at the Warren-Prescott school only have five girls in their troop and are looking for more girls to join. This troop only allows fourth-graders from Warren Prescott. The Troop meets at the Warren-Prescott School every other Thursday from 5-6pm starting September 13.

CHARLESTOWN & BEYOND FEATURING HOUR LONG TRIBUTE TO CHARLESTOWN VETERANS

The next Charlestown & Beyond TV program on the Boston Neighborhood Network (BNN-TV) will appear on Thursday, Nov. 1, at 6 p.m. with guest Charlestown historian Eddie Loan who will present a glimpse of military life during WWII through the eyes of a Charlestown enlisted man. The program will certainly captivate the viewers with Eddie's intensive research and use of photos and objects to tell this true life story.

The show can be seen on BNN-TV channel 9, RCN channel 15 and Verizon channel 1961 and is repeated on Thursday at 11:30 p.m., Saturday at 9 am and Sunday at 5 p.m. It can also be seen on Youtube at Charlestown and Beyond and Facebook at Charlestown & Beyond.

You can reach host Kathy "Cookie" Giordano at kathy.gio46@gmail.com or 617-447-1406 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

HARVEST FAIR AT ST. JOHN'S

On Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John's Episcopal church will be holding it's 179th annual Harvest Fair. Well known for its delicious turkey dinner and homemade apple pies, the fair will have something for everyone! Get the kids out of the house to enjoy the face painting, crafts, games, and toys!! Start your holiday shopping early!! There will be many gift baskets and silent auction items, including Bruins and

Red Sox tickets, a craft beer basket and our designer clothing boutique!! As always, there will be delicious baked goods that you don't want to miss!!

Come to the fair at St. John's Episcopal Church, 27 Devens St., Charlestown.

LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST TO BE HELD ON NOV. 11

The Charlestown Lions Club will again sponsor the Veterans' breakfast on Nov. 11 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlestown. The breakfast will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$6 per person. Children under age 6 will be able to attend free of charge. No reservations are necessary and tickets will be sold at the door. Raffle tickets will also be sold for some interesting prizes.

For the Record

- The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford St.
- Boston City Council, Councilor Lydia Edwards will chair a meeting on an issue she brought to a hearing regarding speculation in the Boston housing market. The meeting is at 3 p.m., Nov. 8, in the Curley Room, City Hall.

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MYSTERY (from pg. 1)

is Williams' sister, recently told Charlestown Historical Society member Eddy Loan – who researched the story of William Tiernan. “We heard the president say we were at war. Things were different after I heard the president. Everyone signed up.”

That included William Tiernan, the second generation in his Charlestown family to head off to fight a World War in Europe. He was among the approximately 5,100 men and women from Charlestown who went to war and are remembered on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Of the men that served, 125 would never return and two women did not return.

A MYSTERY PHOTO

In 1984, two Charlestown men stood on Main Street chatting up one another as usual.

One of them was William Tiernan, the World War II veteran who had returned to Charlestown after the war and lived a quiet life driving a truck for the Revere Sugar plant off of Medford Street.

That morning he held a photo that was very important to him. It was a picture of he and his army buddies during World War II standing in front of a glider-type aircraft that was called the ‘Bunker Hill’ and had a Monument drawn next to those words.

Tiernan gave the photo over to his friend Danny Lane on that day and asked him to take care of it and maybe try to fix some of its worn edges and creases. However, soon after, William Tiernan passed away.

Danny Lane kept the photo tucked away, and recently came across the 74-year-old snapshot and handed it over to Paul Lane and Eddy Loan of the Historical Society.

“He was keeping a promise to an old friend to take care of the photo, and he felt like the best way was to give it to the Historical Society for the museum,” said Loan. “As Paul and I looked at the photo, what was instantly remarkable was that the three men in the photo stood in front of an aircraft named the ‘Bunker Hill.’ There was even a small painted rendition of it on the side of the craft. Danny Lane knew very little about the old photo.”

The only clue were three names, including William Tiernan's, and the date and place, ‘England – Thanksgiving 1944.’

Loan set to work restoring the tattered photo, but a greater

mystery began to form around the ‘Bunker Hill’ and the service of William Tiernan – a man and a family that few seemed to know in today's Charlestown.

FINDING A CONNCTION

Loan said that as he looked at the photo over and over, he was drawn to find out the story behind it.

“I became more and more intrigued as to who William Tiernan was,” he said. “What was his story? Where had he been? What did he see in the war? I felt a bond and was convinced that I had to find the story behind the old photo. I felt like I had a puzzle board with only a few pieces.”

Loan had never heard of the Tiernan family, but he set to surveying the Townie networks to see if anyone else knew of them. After finding an obituary for William's sister, Anne, from 2014, he was able to ask around about Sally Klessens, who would have been William's niece.

As luck would have it, Klessens had been a past president of the Charlestown Schoolgirls' Association. And as even more luck would have it, her mother, Margaret, 94, was still alive and knew quite a bit about her brother, William.

After visiting with Margaret, and securing the help of history expert Billy Durette, Loan had begun to put together a lot about the mystery man.

William Tiernan had been a corporal in the U.S. Army Air Force on the 34th Troop Carrier Squadron, which included a rare glider unit. Research showed that the aircraft in the photo was a Waco-CG-4A glider plane, one of the first military stealth planes used in war. The planes were silent and very light, made of canvas and meant to glide behind enemy lines and crash land so that those inside could do reconnaissance. It was a dangerous job, naturally, and those inside had “no motor, no parachute and no second chance,” said Loan.

William had been a glider mechanic who arrived at the Royal Air Force Base ‘Spanhoe’ in England on July 12, 1944, and he took part in to major glider operations – including Operation Market Garden in Sept. 1944 that targeted German forces in the Netherlands. William's unit helped get 900 gliders in the air, move operations to France and then soon across the Rhine River in Germany, capturing the town of Wesel.

AUSTIN STREET TO ENGLAND

Upon meeting Margaret, Loan

said he was blown away by the information she remembered and holes in the story that she filled in – from William's experience at an industrial canvas shop on Rutherford Avenue before the war to the fact that he might have actually flown the gliders while also fixing them.

“William's sister, Margaret, was an amazing woman,” said Loan. “She was actually also a veteran of World War II, serving in the Women's Army Corps. She was able to walk us back through the past as if she could see it, from the day in their living room on Austin Street to the days before and after the war.”

Margaret shared that behind their home on Austin Street was the old State Prison, and beyond that was a lot of industry on Rutherford Avenue. In the area where Mishawum is today, William befriended a man who operated Breen's Canvas Company and he started to work at the shop. It was likely there, they surmised, that William Tiernan learned the skills that he put to use on the canvas gliders in Europe during World War II.

“It was another magic moment in this story,” said Loan. “When war broke out, he had the trade of working with canvas from the shop in Charlestown. It's quite likely that he ended up in the glider unit because of that skill. He knew how to sew canvas, how to work with it and how to stretch it to fit over metal truck frames.”

Margaret said her brother returned to Charlestown in October 1945 after the war, and like many others, didn't speak much about what he did.

“He just didn't talk much about it,” she said. “I don't really know, but I wouldn't be surprised if he did fly those gliders too.”

A PHOTO EXPLAINED, A PROMISE KEPT

The only thing left to clue the present into William Tiernan's sacrificial service in the past to his country is that one small photo.

Now repaired fully by Loan and ready to be presented to the museum, the photo has been explained to a great extent.

It's a story that has parallels all over the Town, as so many men and women from here have served their country in wars like World War II. Many families lost multiple members of their families. Four Charlestown families had seven sons serving in the war at the same time.

“I'm glad we have solved the mystery of who William Tiernan was and what he did to serve our country,” said Loan. “It's very



Cpl. William Tiernan of Charlestown (center) at Spanhoe, England with two buddies on Thanksgiving Day, 1944. Providing the backdrop is a Waco glider that Tiernan likely named for his hometown – dubbed the ‘Bunker Hill.’ Those who flew in the gliders had no motors, no parachutes and no second chance. The photo was the subject of a recent research project by Eddy Loan and members of the Charlestown Historical Society.



appropriate that we now have those answers in time for Veterans Day and I hope we can all use his story as an inspiration to honor and remember the veterans who have served this country and this community.”

Special thanks for this story goes to Bill Durette and Donna Burke for their help in piecing things together.

CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

Weekly Standings November 3, 2018

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| MPTA | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| A/1 Zume's | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Duce 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 |

Players of the week for 10/3/18

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Bryan's Pals - Noah Mangrum, August Adamonis
Duce 2 - Blake Forish, Declan Melendy
MPTA - Andrew H., Emmett P., Jack M., Owen D.

CHARLESTOWN GIRLS' SOFTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS NIGHT STARS ON THE DIAMOND



The 8 and under players.

The Charlestown Girls' Softball league had its annual awards night to recognize the efforts of the girls who've worked very hard in the Spring, Summer, and Fall leagues. Former coach Kendall Austin appeared as the keynote speaker and was honored by the League for her contributions. The softball league not only teaches sports, but also gives the girls of Charlestown a path to self-esteem, discipline, and teamwork.

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The 12 and under Spring and Summer players.



The 10 and under Spring and Summer players.



Girls who played three seasons of softball – spring, summer and fall.

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Charlestown Softball Coach alum Kendall Austin is given a plaque of appreciation by League Commissioner Jack Schievink on behalf of the League. Austin spoke to the gathered softball athletes about what it meant to be a coach in the League. She also reminisced about how playing and coaching softball brought “transformative moments that make the women who they will be.”

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ELECTION (continued from pg. 1)

Statewide, Gov. Baker got 67 percent of the vote to Gonzalez's 33 percent, and it was similar in Charlestown.

Here, Baker got 5,574 votes to Gonzalez's 2,624. Baker won all seven Charlestown precincts, and none of the precincts were even competitive. It was a Town-wide blowout.

During his victory party at the Hynes Convention Center in the Back Bay, he said his administration will continue to build bi-partisan relationships to tackle the tough issues.

"The people of Massachusetts elected us four years ago to bring fiscal discipline, a reform minded approach to governing, and a commitment to bipartisanship

to state government," he said. "We have done just that. Every single day. And today, the voters have spoken. They like what we are doing and they appreciate the way we work. So here's the good news. That collaborative, purposeful and humble approach to governing is exactly what you are going to get from us and from our team for the next four years. Non-stop. Let's rock."

•The biggest draw at the polls in Charlestown, however, was not the governor, but actually Question 1 concerning mandated nurse staffing ratios. In what had been an expensive and confusing campaign for voters, the Question was defeated easily in Charlestown, the City and state-

wide. More than 8,000 votes were cast in Charlestown on Question 1, and the 'no' vote prevailed 3-to-1 among the electorate.

The 'yes' vote garnered 2,140 votes to the 'no' vote's 6,056. Citywide, the 'no' vote got 64 percent to the 'yes' vote's 36 percent.

•For District Attorney, Rachael Rollins won big citywide and in Charlestown over Mike Maloney. Rollins had been a controversial candidate in submitting a "list" of crimes she would decline to prosecute during the campaign last summer. That "list" had gotten a lot of attention after the September primary victory, and she has spent most of the last month explaining the plan – which would essential-

ly divert resources from smaller, quality-of-life crimes to investigate larger crimes like homicide, rape and aggravate assaults.

In Charlestown, Rollins got 5,489 votes to Maloney's 1,935.

On Tuesday night, Rollins' said her election reflects a widespread demand for change in a criminal justice system that for too long has not worked fairly for everyone. Rollins has promised to bring new solutions to the office that will break down wealth and racial disparities, keep communities safe and treat all people with dignity and respect.

"I am humbled by the trust the voters have placed in me to serve as Suffolk County's next District Attorney," said Rollins. "I am beyond grateful for the hard work of our volunteers and the support of our community over the last nine months since we launched this campaign. Voters sent a very

clear signal today that our criminal justice system is not working for too many people and it's time for a change. We will start by creating an office that adequately reflects the communities it serves and that is engaged with every neighborhood within the county. Then together we'll make our criminal justice system better and work to strengthen relationships between communities and law enforcement."

• Two of Charlestown's state elected officials, State Rep. Dan Ryan and Sen. Sal DiDomenico were unopposed, but prevailed with a good vote Tuesday.

Ryan got 6,793 votes in his unopposed race (Boston only), and DiDomenico (for Boston only) got 12,549 votes. DiDomenico also represents parts of Cambridge, Allston and all of Everett and Chelsea.

Charlestown Ward and Precincts

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| Charlestown Totals | Q1 Yes | 418 | Gonzalez/Palfrey | 316 |
| Governor and Question 1 | Q1 No | 1,107 | | |
| Baker/Polito | 2-3 (Zelma Lacey House) | | Q1 Yes | 270 |
| Gonzalez/Palfrey | Baker/Polito | 728 | Q1 No | 811 |
| Q1 Yes | Gonzalez/Palfrey | 288 | 2-6 (Edwards Middle School) | |
| Q1 No | Q1 Yes | 199 | Baker/Polito | 868 |
| 2-1 – (Zelma Lacey House) | Q1 No | 821 | Gonzalez/Palfrey | 373 |
| Baker/Polito | 2-4 (Harvard-Kent School) | | Q1 Yes | 366 |
| Gonzalez/Palfrey | Baker/Polito | 568 | Q1 No | 888 |
| Q1 Yes | Gonzalez/Palfrey | 297 | 2-7 (Golden Age Center) | |
| Q1 No | Q1 Yes | 217 | Baker/Polito | 674 |
| 2-2 (Harvard-Kent School) | Q1 No | 641 | Gonzalez/Palfrey | 379 |
| Baker/Polito | 2-5 (Edwards Middle School) | | Q1 Yes | 327 |
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Mystic Boat Tour highlights possibilities for the waterfront

By Seth Daniel

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) held a boat tour of the Mystic River waterfront recently to highlight the vulnerability of many of the properties, but also to get a view of what kinds of opportunities exist for the forgotten shorelines in Everett, Charlestown and Chelsea.

The boat tour took off from the Charlestown Navy Yard late last month with several residents, business leaders and even Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) representatives.

The idea was to get a view from the water of sites that are typically inaccessible – looking at how they are vulnerable to sea level rise.

“The reason we held this boat tour was because we wanted to highlight the vulnerabili-

ty to sea level rise – the impact it would have on commerce and also vulnerable populations,” said MyRWA Director Pat Herron. “At the same time, we wanted to highlight the great opportunities that are already there like the Mary O’Malley Park in Chelsea. We’d really like to see more development along the River in capacity, and green space activation. The River also presents a great opportunity for transit as well, which we also wanted to highlight.”

The MyRWA has been active in Everett and Chelsea for some time, but last summer launched a momentum-grabbing campaign in Charlestown to highlight opportunities for the Mystic River waterfront.

For all three, Amber Christoffersen said there is a great opportunity on the Mystic to

combine coastal resiliency with open space and public access. That idea is something MyRWA and Greenovate Boston have been tag-teaming on, and something that was just part of an award from the Bloomberg Foundation.

“These are really ideas that reinforce one another with shared goals, creating a greenway that also serves to help with climate resiliency,” she said. “At Mary O’Malley in Chelsea, it serves to protect assets further up the hill.”

She said there are great examples all across the Lower Mystic, but they are in spurts and likely something that should be repeated elsewhere.

“In Charlestown, there is the Schrafft’s Center within the DPA and strong move to expand and

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A harbor seal sunbathed on a buoy alongside the shore.

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Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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Photos by Katy Rogers

Director Patrick Herron and Amber Christoffersen of the Mystic River Watershed Association boarded a water taxi in Charlestown for a view of the shoreline communities.



The Mystic River Watershed Association traveled beneath the Tobin Bridge.

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Black

Zoning Commission approves amendment to increase height at Hood

By Seth Daniel

In a resolute vote, the Zoning Commission on Wednesday morning, Nov. 7, voted to approve a controversial text amendment that would allow building heights at Hood Park to more than double.

The Commission voted 7-1 to approve the amendment, which is very limited in scope and only affects the portion of Hood Park closest to the highway. It also

affects a few other properties, including Casella Waste, part of the school bus yard and some properties, under the highway. It does not affect any properties on the other side of Rutherford Avenue.

The amendment would allow buildings in a Planned Development Area to go up by 160 feet above current limits – reaching a maximum height of 275 feet. That would only be allowed in the half of Hood Park

closest to the highway.

No habitable floor could be higher than 250 feet.

Areas closest to Rutherford Avenue and Cambridge Street do not change, and remain at a maximum height of 75 feet.

Councilor Lydia Edwards did submit testimony that said she could not support the text amendment, but that didn't seem to sway the vote.

"Unfortunately, I cannot sup-

port the amendment as filed," she wrote. "A substantial number of stakeholders contacting my office have coalesced around a height of 230 feet. This would represent a doubling of the current zoning limits on height in the area. The proposed amendment goes further and would increase the height limit by 2.4 times. I believe in increasing density and opportunity for commercial development, but I am not confident the present

amendment is fully in alignment with the community's goals."

Last spring, a group of residents with Edwards attending a Zoning Commission hearing and were able to defeat a text amendment that would allow unlimited heights in the same area. The Zoning Commission sent that request back asking for specifics.

The amendment approved Wednesday was the second form of that plan.

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We will have a conversation about the K-8 pathways, the Edwards, and the Harvard-Kent and Warrant Prescott in the spring. A potential solution is with the Edwards and the Harvard-Kent, which is the only non-K-8 school in Charlestown and the North End. We want to have conversations about K-8 and K-6 with the Harvard-Kent. In this neighborhood, we're not looking at new construction particularly, but reconfiguring purposes for buildings...In Charlestown and the North End, there are strong K-8s. We're not looking to roll that back, but create cleaner pathways."

The idea of BuildBPS is to clean up the pathways for students and families by building new buildings, repurposing other buildings like the Edwards, reconfiguring existing programs and putting in a regular maintenance schedule for existing facilities. Mayor Martin Walsh has promised \$1 billion will be made available to the schools over the next 10 years, with about three-fourths of that coming from the City and one-quarter from the state. It would be the first large investment in school facilities in

Boston over the last 50 years, and plans for spending that money are now being pounded out in meetings such as last Friday's.

Perille said the majority of the money is going to be spent on the other side of the City, in areas like Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, Hyde Park and West Roxbury. Those areas are already overloaded with students, and many cannot find seats there now. She said they have identified nine sites citywide – most in the south of the city – and plan to build five new buildings.

At least one of those buildings would be in East Boston, which will shift usage and help reduce the student population from Eastie migrating to the Edwards. Most of the Edwards students, they said, are from East Boston and other parts of the city. They come, Kudor said, because they often cannot find seats in their own neighborhood.

That parallels with the district's new vision to eliminate free-standing middle schools like the Edwards. Perille said in 2009, Boston had 16 stand-alone middle

schools, but because of the rise of the K-8 model, there are now only five. The move to K-8s, such as at the Eliot School or the Warren Prescott, have dried up enrollment in middle schools.

Also, to make things easier for parents, the idea would be to have one transition for families. To do that, the district would migrate to K-8s, such as at the Warren Prescott and the Eliot School, or to K-6s. That would allow students to transition to a 7-12 high school or a 9-12 high school.

The Edwards, many hope, would be able to serve as expansion room for the Harvard-Kent, or perhaps the Warren Prescott. Already, the Eliot School – which has more than 200 Charlestown students – is wrapping up a new construction project in the North End that will enhance availability here.

The possibilities vary greatly right now, but the general idea is now being put out to the public.

"We're going to start that conversation this spring," said Kudor. "It's not going to be seven years before we start that conversation."

However, before anything

is implemented or the Edwards Middle School is phased out, it could be several years depending on how fast things move in Eastie.

At the same time as that big announcement came, parents from the Harvard-Kent were on hand in large numbers to demand that BPS move quick on a recent request to expand the K-5 to a K-6. The Harvard-Kent applied to BPS last month for an expansion to add a sixth grade.

Parents explained that having the missing grade complicates things for them, making them have to search for a school that will allow their child to attend one year of sixth grade before moving again.

"Adding a sixth grade to the Harvard Kent is a quick move," said Becky Adamonis, who has two sons at the Harvard-Kent. "You'll help 90 kids stay in a safe environment where they excel... It helps keep parents in that there would be a cleaner transition to middle school. I urge you to up the conversation so it goes quicker. My experience with BPS is that who is the loudest gets what they want...There are 90 kids that

need to stay in that school. Saying it's two or three years away is not ok. I might not be the loudest parent, but I will be the most persistent."

Added parent Emily Wiemers, "Making them switch in fifth grade is a really big deal. Sometimes there are special circumstances when you just get to help some kids and I think this is one of them."

Kudor said he knows things need to move quicker, but he also said they have to be careful they don't make more mistakes in trying to fix one issue.

"It's not going to happen in September 2019, no," he said. "There is just no way we can move that fast. That is our ongoing challenge. It doesn't mean we can't be in dialog to talk about how things can happen quicker."

The BuildBPS effort is just now underway and scores of meetings will also take place in other parts of the city. The public is encouraged to look at the full plans on BuildBPS.org. Planning efforts will continue for the next several months.

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push the DPA out," she said. "There are three parcels that are ready for development that could incorporate berms, paths and docks. The casino is a good example of elevating its shoreline and utilizing a living shoreline and creating a six-acre park in front of its building. The Draw 7 Park in Somerville is another example of this."

Another area they highlighted was the Island End River in Everett and Chelsea.

"It already has a tremendous vulnerability to coastal storm surges and future conditions," said Herron. "It has a really important role in the distribution of food with the Produce Market and I think it falls on us to figure out how to do Island End River right. In a perfect world, I think it should be a combination of green and grey solutions that

make everyone proud."

Christofferson and Herron said they are planning on a next

stop of addressing issues at the Amelia Earhart Dam, which affects Everett, Charlestown and Chelsea.

Herron said they hope to convince the DCR to use Environmental Bond Bill money to install a new,

fourth pump at the Dam.

For Charlestown, Christofferson said they planned to have their next public meeting for their effort there in January.

She said they will follow up on their open house from last summer and focus on issues like the Little Mystic Channel, the space under the Mystic/Tobin Bridge, MassPort Development and having a linear corridor park near Medford Street.



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