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## GOVERNOR COULD BE A GOALIE



Photo by Seth Daniel

Gov. Charlie Baker received a warm reception from numerous Charlestown residents on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Charlestown Gym Hockey League in the Boys & Girls Club, then down the Warren Tavern for a pint. The governor drew a crowd and solidified his continued popularity in the Town.

## Encore wrapping up Sullivan Sq. area, traffic lights ironed out

By Seth Daniel

The Encore Boston Harbor team has been working diligently in the Sullivan Square area for months, and this week they said they should be done with the MBTA station by November.

The changes are part of the casino's commitments to off-site, short-term transportation improvements that are to be completed by the

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## CNC COMMUNITY CORNER

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

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## Lost Village finds voice against marijuana store proposal here

By Seth Daniel

The Lost Village has been found. Scores of residents from the Charlestown neighborhood on the other side of I-93, often called the Lost Village, showed up on Tuesday night to speak strongly against a proposal to locate a marijuana dispensary on Cambridge Street.

The Bloominus team, led locally by former Councilor Sal LaMatta, presented their plan to demolish an existing building on Cambridge Street and put \$1 million into renovating the second building behind it.

The idea would be to apply for a co-located medical and recreational marijuana store, said CEO Mark DeAngelis – who now lives in the suburbs, but had done business in Charlestown some years ago.

"I know we will take an interest in Charlestown and will do

## Home Base will be a national model for veterans to heal from wounds of war

By Seth Daniel

When soldiers come home from war, for generations many have been lauded and appreciated for their service, but the injuries of war continue on inside for many of those soldiers.

For many, the "invisible wounds of war" can drive them to hopelessness, or even suicide.

It's an epidemic, officials said on Friday during a ribbon cutting in the Navy Yard, where 100,000 combat veterans have committed suicide since 9/11 – yet medicine has never fully gotten a handle on it.

That is all changing with an innovative program in Charlestown launched by Mass. General Hospital and the Boston Red Sox – a program called Home

the right thing in Charlestown by giving back to the neighborhood," he said. "We have a chance to do recreational marijuana right...We want to be good neighbors and we want to be friends."

None of it mattered, however, as many Charlestown residents – and even more Lost Village residents – came out to protest the siting of the store in their neighborhood. While many don't even recognize the Lost Village is part of Charlestown (and many times that also includes the City of Boston), those in the neighborhood said their area of the Town is not only

lost, but also increasingly dangerous.

They said they routinely find drug dealing, they fight a troubled Dunkin' Donuts location, they find people shooting up on their property, and they find the short walk to Sullivan Station dangerous.

In short, neighbors nearly unanimously opposed the site.

Paul Townes of Perkins Street said it is a big step back for a neighborhood that struggles to not be the dumping ground.

"People don't want to go to

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## DOGS HALLOWEEN PARADE



Photo by Emily Harney

*Bea the dog gives her best (and seemingly improbable) super hero pose for the camera during Sunday's Charlestown Dogs Halloween Parade at Paul Revere. More than 50 dogs and their happy humans enjoyed the morning pre-Halloween. See more photos on Page 8.*

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# EDITORIAL

## NO EXCUSES -- BE SURE TO VOTE, EITHER EARLY OR ON ELECTION DAY

This Tuesday, Nov. 6, is Election Day. Americans across the country will have the opportunity to choose a new House of Representatives in Washington and one-third of the members of the U.S. Senate in what commonly is referred-to as a mid-term election.

While every election matters, some are more important than others.

Based on our experience -- we can feel safe in asserting that this is the most important mid-term election of our lifetime.

The question before the voters in the mid-term election is quite simple: Do you approve of Trump and want more of the same from the Republicans, or do you want to change with the Democrats?

However, regardless of your answer to that question, it is irrelevant if you do not get out to vote, an act that represents the purest expression of our approval or disapproval of our elected officials.

Early voting -- which began last week -- is available in every city and town across Massachusetts up to and including this Friday, Nov. 2. Simply go to your city or town hall and vote at your convenience any weekday this week-- there is no need to stand in lines and get caught up in the maelstrom at the polling places on Election Day.

On the other hand, if you enjoy the adrenaline rush that comes with going to the polls, then do so this Tuesday, Nov. 6.

But either way -- be sure to vote -- it never has been more important to the future of every American.

## ON THE PITTSBURG SHOOTINGS

In the aftermath of the terrible shooting in a synagogue in Pittsburgh this past Saturday, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf said, "These senseless acts of violence are not who we are as Americans."

We agree with Gov. Tom Wolf.

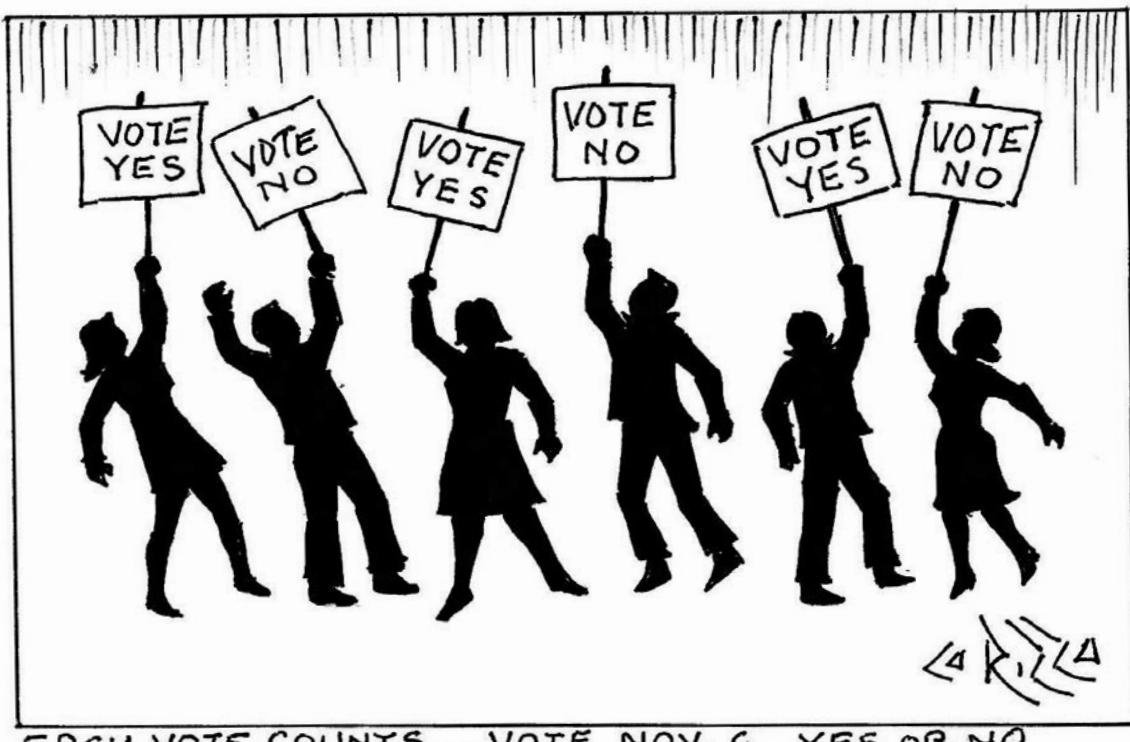
While a majority of Americans still find these senseless acts abhorrent, the fact remains that there are more mass shootings in this country than in all of the rest of the world combined. Yes, there should be sensible gun control legislation to limit the number of guns, the sales of high-powered weaponry, and the easy availability of guns to those with criminal records and a history of mental illness, along with other laws that would not impinge on the Second Amendment.

However, even the most-stringent gun control laws will only go so far in reducing incidents of mass shootings in America. That's because the bigotry and hatred that exists among some of our fellow citizens is so ingrained -- and has been for a long time -- that the call for stricter gun control laws represents a simplistic solution to a complex problem.

The guy in Florida who sent the pipe bombs to Democratic office holders and other citizens exhibits a degree of mental illness and hatred that -- we are sorry to say -- is endemic among a growing segment of our citizenry.

We'll leave it to the sociologists and others to explain why there have been more and more of incidents similar to this in recent years. The economic dislocation of our middle class no doubt has fueled the rise of the hatred in the hearts of some Americans.

For those of us who came of age during the civil rights movement, the expansion of reproductive and other rights for women, and equality for LGBTQ persons, these past few years have been among the saddest time in our lives. We always had believed that America would become a better place for all of our citizens. Instead, we seem to be circling the proverbial drain in a downward spiral of hatred and prejudice.



EACH VOTE COUNTS ... VOTE NOV. 6. YES OR NO

## GUEST OP-ED

### How we are addressing climate change in Boston

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

This year is shaping up to be one of the strongest years in Boston's history. We've continued to add 20,000 new jobs each year, and we've brought unemployment down below 4 percent. And perhaps most importantly, we've made a plan to ensure that the benefits of Boston's booming economy are enjoyed by everyone who calls this city home. We're making record investments in affordable housing, sidewalks and bike lanes, community policing, libraries, and schools. Through our BuildBPS plan, we are making bold investments in our educational infrastructure, so that every school has the resources to provide a comprehensive, 21st century education for Boston's young people.

I am proud of the progress that Boston has made this year in so many areas, but there is one area of concern which impacts our future more than any other: climate change. It's an urgent priority, and one which Boston must take aggressive steps to address if we hope to continue down this path towards a more prosperous, equitable, and resilient society.

The science is clear: climate change has given us hotter and more volatile weather; it has amplified the frequency and impact of severe storms; and it has increased the rate of sea level rise. Just look at what other cities have faced. In 2012, Hurricane Sandy inflicted \$70 billion worth of damage and

caused the deaths of 71 people. It brought Lower Manhattan's financial sector to a standstill. Last year, Hurricane Harvey caused \$125 billion of damage and 68 deaths in Houston and Southeast Texas. Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico and caused over 3,000 people to lose their lives. These disasters, which uprooted so many lives, stand as dire warnings of what could follow a failure to act. But I have faith that with a plan, and the partnership of our Boston community, it is a challenge we are capable of overcoming.

That's what we've set in motion with our "Resilient Boston Harbor" vision. It's a roadmap for how we'll protect the City's residents, homes, jobs, and infrastructure against the impacts of rising sea level and climate change. It lays out strategies

along Boston's 47-mile shoreline that will increase access and open space along the waterfront while better protecting the city during a major flooding event.

Resilient Boston Harbor builds on Imagine Boston 2030 and uses the City's Climate Ready Boston 2070 flood maps and coastal resilience neighborhood studies to focus on Boston's most vulnerable flood pathways. The strategies laid out in the plan include elevated landscapes, enhanced waterfront parks, flood resilient buildings, and revitalized and increased connections and access to the waterfront. The strategies will require collaboration and funding between federal, state, private, philanthropic and nonprofit partners.

We must anticipate conse-

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## GUEST OP-ED

### Passage of Question 1 could slash number of nursing students

By Paula Milone-Nuzzo and Inez Tuck

Massachusetts already faces a nursing shortage that's been going on for more than a decade. An unintended consequence if Question 1 passes may force the state's 25 bachelor's- and master's-degree nursing programs to slash the number of students it admits.

A critical element to educating nursing students properly is clinical placements. It's in the hospitals, neighborhood health clinics, and other care facilities where they implement their classroom knowledge at the bedside and gain hands-on patient care experience.

Those placements would be jeopardized if hospitals are forced close units or limit the number of patients admitted to avoid daily fines of \$25,000 per violation for failing to meet the

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quences generations down the road, and work proactively to counteract them. With the help of experts and our communities, we have tailored plans specific to the unique condition in each of Boston's neighborhoods, and at each point along our city's coastline.

The solution comes not in the form of flood walls and barricades, but a system of beaches, parks, trails, and open spaces. The system will bring 67 new acres of open space to our city, and adapt 122 acres of idle space along Boston Harbor, connecting the existing Emerald Necklace with a revitalized waterfront, and bringing our city closer together. By prioritizing green space over concrete barriers, we are ensuring that our investment in a more resilient city doubles as an investment in public health, access to green space, and the ecological preservation of our city and Boston Harbor. By investing proactively, we will preserve and strengthen the character of our coastline, something that has contributed so much to our success as a city.

The impact of these improvements will touch every part of our city, through the creation of new green spaces, and the resilient renovation of existing ones. Moving forward, the City of Boston will dedicate 10 per-

new staffing mandate. That, in turn, would force nursing schools in Massachusetts to reduce the 2,000 nursing students admitted each year because unlike non-health degrees that don't have clinical requirements, nursing students cannot be prepared properly without clinical experiences.

It is estimated that Massachusetts would need about 3,000 additional nurses to meet the law's minimum staffing ratio when the law is enacted – less than two months after election day on November 6 – with another 1,500 nurses needed shortly thereafter due to retirements. A quick look at the numbers show it would take years to meet the workforce demands that these ratios would require. And while enrollments in entry-level baccalaureate programs increase approximately 4.3 percent annually, that number falls far short of

cent of all new capital spending to resilience projects. We will harness the power of public-private coalitions, philanthropy, and partnerships with neighboring communities, because meeting such ambitious goals requires us all to contribute.

Our city can't counter the impact of climate change on our own, and this plan represents the first steps towards addressing a problem that will not disappear anytime soon. But the Boston we know is built on a legacy of bold leadership. The Boston we know is built on promises of a better future. Getting there has not always been easy, and it won't be easy now. But our city sparked the uprising which became the American Revolution. We built the first public schools in this nation. Our hospitals revolutionized health care. We filled the Back Bay. We built the Emerald Necklace. We cleaned up our harbor.

History shows that when Boston speaks up and steps up, the nation listens. When we harness the power of our communities to come together for a greater cause, the nation follows.

I know we can do it again.

For more information on Resilient Boston Harbor, please visit: [boston.gov/climateready](http://boston.gov/climateready).

*Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.*

meeting the immediate demands of the new law.

In 2011, "The Future of Nursing" report by the Institutes of Medicine called to increase the number of bachelor's-prepared nurses to 80 percent by 2020. Hospitals, looking to meet those standards, could then be compelled to hire them away from nursing homes and assisted living facilities, thus reducing patient care to this already vulnerable population.

While studies report a link between nurse staff ratios and quality and patient safety metrics, a one-size-fits-all model with rigid requirements does not take into consideration factors such as the level of care a patient needs, the education and experience of each nurse, the number of nurses needed for day, evening, and overnight shifts, or the size and type of hospital. For example, the proposed staffing ratio for a medical surgical unit is one nurse to four patients, yet we know caring for patients in a community hospital in central Massachusetts is far different than at a teaching hospital in Boston.

Nurse directors are responsible for assessing their unit's clinical situation to determine the right number of nurses required to meet patient needs. Mandated staffing ratios would prevent them using their professional judgment.

In addition, by focusing solely on nursing staffing, Question 1 fails to recognize that care increasingly is being provided by interprofessional teams of health professionals that also include occupational, physical, and speech therapists. Studies have shown this approach produces better patient outcomes.

Creating a health care delivery system bound by new regulations and mandated staffing ratios will add another layer of external regulation, strain the ability of nursing schools to produce bachelor-prepared nurses, and jeopardize care at non-acute facilities. It's just not the right way to treat patients.

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## GUEST OP-ED

### Vote no on Question 1

By Debbie Burke

ing of nurses with a government requirement.

Second, there's a hidden domino effect: Patients would have trouble accessing the care they need when they need it. There are not enough qualified nurses within Massachusetts to meet these arbitrary staffing ratios. Without enough nurses to meet these mandated ratios—by law—care units could not accept more patients. Beds would have to lie empty. Patients in the ER would have long waits until a bed opened up. Outside the ER, EMTs would have to wait with their patients until space inside became available. The national shortage of behavioral health and ER nurses makes this all worse. While we grapple with the current opioid crisis, an estimated 1,000 behavioral health beds would close; these hospitals currently have waiting lists.

Question 1 is confusing. There are bedside nurses for and bedside nurses against. Everyone on both sides wants quality care and safe staffing. The difference lies in how we make that happen. Question 1 proposes fixed nurse-to-patient staffing ratios for every type of patient care unit (e.g., General Medical, Emergency). These exact same ratios would be required by law throughout every hospital in Massachusetts, at all times and under all circumstances. If the prescribed ratios aren't met, a fine of up to \$25,000 would be assessed per incident, per day.

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It sounds simple. A closer look reveals many unintended consequences.

First, nurses should make decisions about patient care, not the government. On the same care unit, a patient just out of surgery has very different needs than a patient who is stable and sitting up waiting for a ride home. Yet ratios prescribe the same level of care. It doesn't make sense. Nurses at the bedside are uniquely-skilled and highly trained to manage each patient's individual needs, allocate resources, make judgment calls, and triage as needed. They need the flexibility to adjust the plan of care in the moment, based on the changing needs of the patient. Caregiving-by-ratio would replace the judgment and decision-mak-

Black

There is more that concerns me about Question 1, much more. If passed, it has the potential to dismantle our healthcare system as we know it. Why would we ever experiment with something that puts us all at risk? Please join me in voting "No" on Question 1.

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## CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

### Weekly Standings - October 27, 2018

	W	L	T
Bryan's Pals	3	0	2
MPTA	3	1	1
A-1 Zume's	1	3	1
Duce 2	1	4	0

### Players of the week for 10/27/18

A-1 Zume's - Kiran Savage, Charlie Savage

Bryan's Pals - Zack Rhouate, London Ortega

Duce 2 - Jayden Williams, Sadie Stearns

MPTA, Declan Tucker, Kaelyn Theriault

### Players of the week for 10/20/18

A-1 Zume's - Timmy Donahue, Noah Martinez

Bryan's Pals - Owen Mangrum, Frankie McLaughlin

Duce 2 - Finn Cooper, Tanyon Forish

MPTA - Skyla Falzone, Liam Donohue

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**A BIG THANK YOU FOR HALLOWEEN**

Dear Editor:

Charlestown is a remarkable community, where caring people collaborate to make our Halloween a safe, fun, memorable, inclusive and wonderful Halloween. We are grateful to all who helped us celebrate our 33rd Annual Halloween Parade on Wednesday night, Oct. 31:

The National Park Service, Superintendent Michael Creasey, NPS Ranger Julia Mize and the NPS rangers;

The City of Boston Mayor Martin J Walsh; The Boston Parks & Recreation, Boston Special Events, Boston Transportation, Boston Office of Economic Development, Boston Police Department; State Senator Sal DiDomenico; Councilor Lydia Edwards; Councilor Annissa Essaibi George, and Councilor Ayanna Pressley.

Thank you to the residents of The Monument Square area and The Training Field streets, and all who generously support our special holiday:

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Charlestown Mothers Assoc.

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Karen Colombosian

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The Cooperative Bank, Tom Coots, TCB Team  
Diversified Automotive  
Domenick Doyle, with Pirates Cary Lynch, Deanne Horn, Kristen Laverty, Matt & Kelly Mason, Brett Samboy, and Kim Molino.  
Wizard Jim Duane and Michelle Duane  
Dunkin Donuts  
Lynne "Glinda" and Wizard of Oz Rick Enos  
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Jay Farraher and Lila Barbuto First Church  
Retired NPS Bill Foley, for the 33rd year  
Tom Fortier and Duncan Donahue  
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Suzanne Smore  
Sorelle  
Suzy's Red Wagon's  
Betty Stump  
Teal Pumpkin, Emilie Baker  
Thompson Square Associates  
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Marjorie Wallens  
Whole Foods/ UNREAL Candy  
Olga Zagarova,  
Amanda Zettel,  
US Navy and Color Guard volunteers.  
Diane Valle, Halloween Chair

**HEALTH CENTERS OPPOSE QUESTION 1**

Dear Editor,

As the leader of a community health center already challenged by a statewide nursing shortage, we are joining the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers in opposing Question 1. The proposed mandated nurse staffing levels at hospitals would drain nurses from community-based primary care settings. It is at these community-based settings that critical preventive and chronic care take place. Nurses are the backbone of our community health center workforce. Not only are they fundamental to providing patients with the highest level of care, they hold the front line against the opioid epidemic and other public health crises in our communities.

What's more, the threat of service cuts and increased wait times at community hospitals because of the mandated staffing ratios will disproportionately affect our patients. In most cases, community hospitals serve as the single entry point for lower-income residents to receive specialty and inpatient care when they need it. Many of our patients struggle with chronic disease, including diabetes, heart disease and depression -- conditions that require attention from all levels of our healthcare system.

While health centers support all nurses in their goals to provide high quality care and ensure safe working conditions, we do not believe that Question 1 is the best way to achieve these aims. The unintended consequences are too far-reaching, placing the health of the state's most vulnerable communities at risk.

Jim Luisi, CEO

By SAL GIARRATANI

**REMEMBER ALL VETERANS ON VETERANS' DAY**

By the time you are reading this, I will have been down in Austin, Texas, visiting the Giarratani Family.

I have been going down there every year since Christmas 2007. Austin is a very large and new city. It is in continuous growth. High-rises go up one after the other. Beautiful residents are sprouting on both sides of Lady Bird Lake. The temperature at the moment is about 40 in the morning and about 70 every afternoon. I am probably wearing shorts as you are reading this. You don't get suntans, but you sure get outdoors a lot.

Beautiful city, laid back folk, plenty of great food and music. Austin is my favorite spot in America to visit. Always have a good time. Almost impossible to have a bad day.

In the past years, I have already made many new friends all on my own. Last year I also went down around Veterans' Day and marched in Austin's Veterans' Day Parade, which runs the length of Congress Avenue up to the gates of the State Capitol.

There's only one Dunkin' down there, but a million or so Starbucks, which come with cushy living room chairs to relax right into. I had never celebrated Veterans Day down in Austin before and last year I ended up joining in the line of march. I was probably the only veteran who belonged to a G.A.R. Post that ever marched in it.

Back in the Civil War, the color of the day was grey not blue.

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## GUEST OP-ED

### Vote yes Question 1

Donna Kelly-Williams, RN

Every day in Massachusetts, patients in our hospitals push a call button and wait...and wait... for a registered nurse to come to their aid. You could be one of those patients. You might be in severe pain, or frightened or disoriented. You need help, but you wait, sometimes for hours, to receive the care you need. Thankfully, in some cases the wait causes no serious harm. But with some frequency, the lack of a quick response from a nurse can trigger a downturn in a patient's condition; or lead to a serious and costly complication. And a two-day hospital stay turns into a six-day stay.

Today, you are only admitted to a hospital if your medical condition is severe enough that you require around-the-clock monitoring and care from a registered nurse. However, hospital executives assign nurses too many patients to safely care for at once, a dangerous practice that leads to more patient infections, bedsores, medication errors, and worse.

Currently, there is no limit on the number of patients hospital executives can assign to a nurse at one time, except in intensive care units. Question 1 would set maximum patient limits for nurses that varies based on the type of unit and severity of patient needs. It would mean better care for hospital patients.

Today, decisions about patient assignments are made by a hospital executive whose focus is on the bottom line and increasing profits. Question 1 will put patients ahead of profits – where they belong.

Dozens of independent scientific studies, including those published in the New England Journal of Medicine and the Journal of the American Medical Association, have consistently found that the quality of care decreases dramatically when nurses are forced to care for too many patients at once. According to Mathew McHugh, a leading researcher on nursing and patient safety from the University of Pennsylvania, "The evidence on the relationship between nurse staffing and patient outcomes is one of the most robust in the health services literature."

More than 14 years ago, California established maximum limits on the number of patients assigned to a nurse at one time and the results have been universally positive. Studies show that patients in Massachusetts receive

less time with their nurses, resulting in higher rates of complications and average emergency department wait times that are 11 minutes longer in Massachusetts than in California. Not only is care better, but spending on health care in California is significantly lower, they have lower health insurance premiums than here in Massachusetts and no hospital or service has closed as a result of the law.

Hospital executives have had two decades to address this issue. It's 2018, and instead of fixing it, hospital executives are spending tens of millions of dollars on misleading television advertisements opposing Question 1 to continue the dangerous status quo.

Massachusetts' hospitals can afford to invest in better patient care. This is a \$28 billion industry that has tallied up \$7.6 billion in profits in the past five years. These are large wealthy corporate healthcare networks. Additionally, Massachusetts has more RNs per capita than nearly every state in the country. We are one of two states without a nursing shortage and we graduate 3,500 new nurses from our nursing programs each year.

Question 1 is not a government mandate. Nurses put it on the ballot because the legislature has refused to take action for 20 years, while hospital executives continue to assign nurses too many patients to safely care for and then tell nurses to deal with it when they ask for help.

Now hospital executives are using those same bullying tactics on Question 1, threatening to close units and fire staff if it passes,—even claiming that having more nurses in hospitals would somehow lead to worse care and longer work times. The opposition arguments just don't add up, unless you are a hospital executive protecting corporate profits.

When you look behind the false claims and fearmongering about this measure, the important truth about Question 1 is that it gives patients more time with their nurse – so when your loved one hits the call button they can be sure their nurse is there when they need them most.

*Donna Kelly-Williams, RN, 40-year maternity nurse at Cambridge Health Alliance and Co-chair of the Committee to Ensure Safe Patient Care. 110 Mary St., Arlington MA 02174 781-363-2745*



Sen. Sal DiDomenico was recently joined by over 100 volunteers for his campaign visibility this past weekend.

DiDomenico is running for re-election to the State Senate and he will be on the ballot this November 6.

"I want to thank our many friends and supporters from throughout my district and labor unions for joining us this weekend," said DiDomenico. "It is an honor and privilege to represent the residents of the Middlesex and Suffolk district and I once again ask for your support on Election Day."

## BOSTON'S KING OF COMEDY

### Comedy legend Steve Sweeney to host movie showing on Nov. 7

By Cary Shuman

Steve Sweeney is a certified, top-shelf legend on the Boston comedy scene, who has been entertaining audiences for decades. Whether it's his joke-telling, dead-on impersonations, or his side-splitting exaggeration of the famed Boston accent, Sweeney will leave you rolling in the aisles at one of his comedy shows.

The towering, 6-foot-4-inch actor and comedian has also appeared in 25-30 films, including such prominent movies as "There's Something About Mary" with Ben Stiller and Cameron Diaz and "The Equalizer" with Denzel Washington.

Sweeney's latest project is "Sweeney Killing Sweeney," a film which he produced and starred in the lead role.

The Charlestown native will host a special screening of the film on Nov. 7 at the Showcase Cinema de Lux in Revere.

The film has drawn large audiences at showings in Somerville and Beverly.

"The reaction has been fantastic," said Sweeney. "People have been really laughing. It's a really different kind of film, an independent film. It's quirky and people have been loving it."

The plot of the movie is simple, according to Sweeney.

"HBO comes to town and they want me, but I have to get rid of the characters and the characters



Photo by David Elmes.

Comedian Steve Sweeney, dressed as Mary Ellen McCarthy, gets a laugh from actor/comedian Frank Santorelli and Director Lisa Aimola on set last August during filming of "Sweeney Killing Sweeney."

try to kill me and I play all the characters," he explained.

Sweeney said he is proud that he was able to get some of the country's best comedians to appear in the film, including Steven Wright, Jonathan Katz, Bobby Slaton, and Nick DiPaolo.

Sweeney has fond memories of his days growing up in Charlestown.

"I still live in Charlestown in my heart," said Sweeney. "I grew up there at 82 Bunker Hill St. and lived there for the first 20 years of my life. I went to St. Catherine's and then Charlestown High. I still visit Charlestown at least once a week."

Though he is known as the King of Boston Comedy, Sweeney describes himself as "a guy working."

"I fell into stand-up comedy by doing a one-man show at the

Charles," he said. "I fell into it. They kept paying me to do it, so I kept doing it."

In addition to Steve Sweeney, the film's director, Lisa Aimola, and Boston comics, Tony V. and Frank Santorelli, will be attendance on Nov. 7 to discuss details about the film and answer any question attendees may have.

"I'm very excited about the movie," said Sweeney. "It's been an amazing experience. It's been a lot of work, getting the money to do it and then doing the movie and getting it out there. I was very excited about working with these very talented people, including Lisa Aimola, a wonderful director."

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## GOV. CHARLIE BAKER VISITS CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY LEAGUE AND THE WARREN TAVERN



Charlestown Resident Alliance (CRA) President Tiara Murphy and her son, Alijah, with Gov. Charlie Baker and new CRA Board member Monique Nolberto.

Gov. Charlie Baker received a warm reception from numerous Charlestown residents on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Charlestown Gym Hockey League in the Boys & Girls Club, then down the Warren Tavern for a pint. The governor drew a crowd and solidified his continued popularity in the Town.



Charlestown Gym Hockey coordinator Jimbo Tucker introduces Gov. Charlie Baker to the kids.



Joe Wrenn talks with Gov. Baker and Dougie MacDonald.



Elaine Donovan and Gov. Charlie Baker discuss next week's election.



Marnie Ryan, Lynda Stillman, Gov. Charlie Baker, Paul Mahoney, Suzanne Delaney, and Cathleen Daley.

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Dougie MacDonald, Abby Belge, Jennifer Rossi and Gov. Charlie Baker.



Members of the Charlestown Gym Hockey sneak a picture with Gov. Baker, who proudly displays his 'Townies' sweatshirt.



Gov. Charlie Baker enjoys a pint while talking with Maureen Collier and Mary Ellen Egan.



At the Warren Tavern, Kim Mahoney, Gov. Charlie Baker, Dan Gibbons and Dennis Callahan.

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The days of public spraying of trees with insecticides and pesticides are a thing of the past. Contact a certified arborist to diagnose and manage insect and disease problems.

### FOR THE RECORD

#### •BuildBPS Information Session and Community Conversation

Join BuildBPS to learn more about the BuildBPS Plan, which addresses school facilities, grade configurations, and the educational vision of Boston. For more information, visit <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/buildbps>.

When: Friday, Nov. 2, 4-6 p.m.

Where: Charlestown High School, 240 Medford St.

#### •Eden Street Park Meeting #2

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#### •Abutter's Meeting for 94 Bunker Hill Street (WILL BE RESCHEDULED)

A meeting to discuss a proposal to build a new addition on back of the building as plans remodel existing 3 family house with 3 new kitchens, new bathroom, update electric

and plumbing per code, install new sprinkler and new fire alarm.

When: Thursday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m.

Where: Charlestown Elderly Apartments, 100 Ferrin St.

#### •Abutter's Meeting for 13 Mystic Street

A meeting to discuss a proposal to Confirm Occupancy as a Two Family dwelling; full gut Rehab in accordance with plans. New addition, expand living space in basement to include new exterior decks.

When: Friday, November 2nd 2018, 6:00pm  
Where: 13 Mystic St.

#### •Boston Zoning Commission, Text Amendment on Height

Nov. 7, 9:15 a.m. in Boston City Hall.

The Text Amendment that would amend and increase height limits to several properties on the west side of Rutherford Avenue, including Hood Park. Heights are set at 275 feet maximum in some areas, up from 115 feet.

•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.

## CHARLESTOWN DOGS HOLDS ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE

Charlestown Dogs held its annual Halloween Parade and costume contest at Paul Revere Park on Sunday, Oct. 28. More than 50 dogs and their families came to the Park to enjoy friends and canine companions.



Owen Bernard and his dog, Olive.



Macaroni stands with his owner's, Charolette and Whitney Hyland, during Sunday's Halloween Parade. The characters from the movie UP joined more than 50 dogs during the parade.



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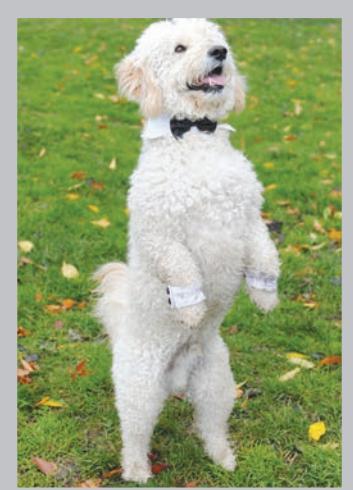
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Astronaut Theo and his dad, Chris, stand with their "Rocket Dog" Simon.



Labradoodle Chloe and her owner Heidi Solomon. More than 50 dogs and their happy humans embarked on a costume party and parade for Halloween at Paul Revere Park.



Bruschi "The Chippendale" dances for the camera during Sunday's Halloween Parade.



Dogs and humans of all sizes and ages took part in Sunday's Halloween Parade in Paul Revere Park.



Bodhi, A.K.A. 'Where's Waldo' poses for the camera during Sunday's Halloween Parade.

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## SULLIVAN SQUARE COMMUNITY HOLDS HALLOWEEN PARTY



Gray and Kellan Eudy are pumpkin brothers.



Henry Wilks discovers the legendary "Donut Tree."



Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Sullivan Square Community Garden held its annual Halloween In The Gardens event open for all on Sunday, Oct. 28. Kids and their parents were invited to tour the community garden, partake in arts and crafts, show off their costume creations, ride a pony, and more.

Did I say ride a pony? Of course I did!



Emma Sullivan is enjoying her pony ride with new found friend, Comet



Thomas Fink has a blast riding Moonpie while his mom, Jody, watches the fun.



Emery, Brielle, Rafael, and Charlotte Deferiere are hard at work spending family time at the arts-and-crafts table.



Lauren and Charlotte Kearns.



Speaking of 'Star Wars,' Charlotte Chute has discovered a Padawan in her dad, Rich.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

## 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.

Checks may be made out to Charlestown Lions Club - LCIF and sent to:

P.O. Box 290474, Charlestown, MA 02129

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.

## 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

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You can reach host Kathy "Cookie" Giordano at [kathy.gio46@gmail.com](mailto: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 its 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.

## GET SPARTAN AT FENWAY FOR 'E' INC!

The Nov. 10 SPARTAN FENWAY PARK SPRINT race is sold out.

BUT due to a generous donation from the Spartan Foundation, "e" inc.'s got tickets for people who would compete on their team! The 'e' Inc ticket package includes a Team "e" inc. Race T-shirt, access to the "e" inc. Team staging area inside Fenway Park, "e" Inc. swag, fabulous food, plus your own Spartan gear! For tickets & further information, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spartan-fenway-park-stadium-sprint-e-inc-race-team-tickets-50984547153>.

## 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.

## HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY

The Harvest on Vine Food Pantry is requesting boxes of cereal and mac and cheese, two items that empty the shelves fast. Any donation on non-perishable foods that you could make would also 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.

## EDEN STREET PARK MEETING #2

Please join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department for the second in a series of community meetings about Eden Street Park on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m.. They will be sharing three design concepts and hearing what residents have to say about them.

The meeting will take place in the Edwards Middle School, 28 Walker St., Charlestown.

For more information, please call Allison Perlman at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department (617) 961-3035 or email [Allison.Perlman@boston.gov](mailto:Allison.Perlman@boston.gov)

## ANNUAL VETERANS DINNER & SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

The Abraham Lincoln Post 11 will be holding their annual Veterans Dinner on Nov. 7, at the Knights of Columbus in Charlestown. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and dinner starts at 7:30. We will also be awarding six \$500 scholarships to eligible students. The dinner is free to all veterans and their guests. Please call Billy Boyle at 617 645 3279 for scholarship details.

## 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.



Shawn Black Photograph

## Ryan holds rally for 'Yes on 1' with nurses

By Seth Daniel

State Rep. Dan Ryan and the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA) held a rally and luncheon at the Ferris Street apartments on Tuesday afternoon ahead of the early voting day in the Harvard-Kent.

Ryan said he is firmly behind the 'Yes' vote to mandate staffing levels in hospitals and medical care facilities across the Commonwealth.

"I am solidly Yes on 1," he said on Tuesday. "I know there is a lot of confusion surrounding this ballot question. I don't pre-

tend to understand the intricacies of health care finance and hospital staffing. However, strip all the industry jargon away. The very core of this issue is advocacy for front line workers who are looking for a voice when negotiating with management. Bedside nurses deserve that voice."

Nurse Ellen MacInnis, who works in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton, spoke to the seniors at Ferris Street to tell them about her frustrations from working on the front lines.

"I am voting 'yes' on 1 because I think it's what is best for patients," she said. "We know the fewer patients a nurse has to care for, the better care patients will receive. There is plenty of research that shows the longer the time spent in the ER, the longer the inpatient stay will be. There is a \$1.1 billion surplus in health care dollars in Massachusetts right now. It think they should be allocated to safe patient care."

"CEOs and hospital presidents in Massachusetts received double digit wage increases," she continued. "I think that money would go to safe patient care and hospi-

## TOWNIE SPORTS

### CHARLESTOWN YOUTH BASKETBALL

Charlestown Youth Basketball registration is open for both players and coaches! You can register online at <http://charlestonyouthbasketball.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 (6-7p.m.).

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

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

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

### WAY TO GO NICOLE!

Hats off to "Townie" Nicole Goncalves who wrapped up her soccer career at Newbury College. The senior whirling dervish defender, and Latin Academy grad, was a two-year starter and back-line mainstay for the Nighthawks.

### BOYS SOCCER MIAA TOURNEY OUTLOOK

St. Joseph Prep (8-2-5) and sophomore midfielder Scott Sigmund have already clinched a tourney spot and look to secure a high seeding and home field for the first round. The Phoenix have far surpassed expectations in becoming a force in the Catholic Central League...CCL rival Pope John XXIII (5-3-5) and senior captain Conor Kelly need one point in their remaining three games to lock down a tourney bid for the second year in-a-row...Charlestown

(7-4-2) returns to the tourney with another solid season as the Townies prepare to make some noise in the Boston City League playoffs...With a spectacular second half, Boston Latin (6-7-4) is on the verge of sneaking in the tourney again. Sophomore goalie Owen Sullivan and freshmen Tommy Williamson, Teddy Chisholm and Luke Sullivan lead a Wolfpack youth movement.

### MIAA GOLF TOURNEY QUALIFIERS

- DIVISION 1 NORTH: Boston Latin (8-4) TOWNIE - Sophomore Noel Gallagher

- DIVISION 2 NORTH: Reading (9-2-1) TOWNIE ROOTS - Freshman Trevor Owens

### ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

Miami junior Halle Alitz helped the Hurricanes (womens 4+ team) win a Bronze Medal with a time of 15 minutes and 31 seconds at the Head of the Miami Creek Regatta held at Miami Beach, Fla., last weekend.

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State Rep. Dan Ryan said he would vote 'yes' on Question 1 regarding nurse staffing ratios. He joined nurses from the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA) on Tuesday for a rally at the Ferris Street apartments and at the early voting polls in the Harvard-Kent.

tal presidents and administrators should be earning that money."

She explained that already there are limits on patient care in ICU's per a law passed two years ago - a law she says did not break the bank. She said that should be extended to other areas of medical care too.

Ryan said television ads have been misleading, and one should not look at them for guidance.

"Contrary to some of the TV ads, a ballot question posed to the voters is not a government man-

date," he said. "In fact, if passed by the electorate it is the exact opposite of a government mandate. A 'Yes' vote puts those decisions in the voters hands rather than the hospitals and insurance companies. I also find it either interesting or even alarming, that an industry that claims to be predominantly non-profit, and reports losses, has \$20 million on hand to defeat this. That's more money than the casino industry spent on a ballot question."

## Edwards calls for action items on BLA bus fracas

By Seth Daniel

City Councilor Lydia Edwards said this week that she is calling for united action from parents in District 1 regarding the Charlestown bus that goes to Boston Latin Academy (BLA) - that in the wake of an incident recently where Boston Public Schools (BPS) staff forcibly removed high school students from the bus.

Parents around the Town who rely on the bus were riled about two weeks ago when high school students were removed from the bus and letters were sent telling parents not to put their high schoolers on the BLA bus. The bus, district officials said, was for 7th and 8th graders only.

In the past, high schoolers had ridden the bus despite its intent for only the lower grades without incident, but that suddenly changed.

Edwards said she has looked into the issue and BPS said they would not provide a second bus for the high school. She said she was told there was a capacity of 65 students on the bus and 56 eligible students.

"We responded to each of the parents that called or wrote our office," she said. "We wanted to make sure that they heard from us and that we did not get divided.

These are solvable problems and it's critical we do not disparage other members of our communities or other neighborhoods in Boston. I have reached out to BPS and impacted parents in an effort to find unified solutions. Thus far, BPS has refused to give us a date or time. I sincerely hope to partner with BPS on this in the immediate future. I have also asked about getting an MBTA bus and this idea was rejected outright."

Edwards said the unique burdens of District 1 need to be considered, and that there is an issue of fairness due to Hyde Park and West Roxbury students getting a

bus to BLA.

Edwards said she is calling for Transportation Mitigation and a Parent Task Force immediately.

"Together, we can talk about strategy and advocacy for getting additional resources for our kids," she said. "We can also discuss short term/immediate needs of carpooling and safety for our kids. We will continue to push for a meeting with BPS and with the MBTA."

Edwards also said she's working with State Rep. Dan Ryan to push for the BLA bus being a mitigation measure for all of the construction going on in Charlestown - including the North Washington Street Bridge.

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All Are Welcomed!



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## MARIJUANA (*continued from pg. 1*)

Sullivan Square because it's dangerous," he said. "We have positive construction at Assembly Square, we have positive construction at Union Square, we have positive construction on Rutherford Avenue and we have positive construction in Charlestown proper, but everything dumped on us in our neighborhood is negative. This is not a positive direction for our neighborhood. This is a good opportunity for our neighborhood not to go down that path of being the dumping ground."

David Brewster said he works at Mass General and is actually for recreational marijuana as a policy matter, but he doesn't believe this proposal will work.

"I was walking home the other day and saw paramedics looking in the back of a car, and someone had OD'd again," he said. "This is what happens day to day in our area. We've worried this is going to add another layer to what we're already experiencing. It's not the ODs we're worried about, but the additional trash behavior from people who are high. Keep in mind I support recreational marijuana."

Longtime resident Karen Burns said they have had problems with drug activity, and have also recently had a strange massage parlor pop up on Cambridge Street. With a bar, a liquor store, a troubled

Dunkin' Donuts and a lot of bad street activity, she said it was hard to see how a marijuana dispensary could improve the scene.

"No offense to anyone here, but people often give to the Charlestown non-profits on the other side and we get nothing," she said. "As you can see, no one even knows we are Charlestown."

Burns also wanted to clarify why the owners thought they could compete with the existing Revolutionary medical marijuana clinic that is about one-quarter mile away and just over the Somerville line.

"What is different about you that would make people want to come to you and not them?" she asked.

Corey Barnette, the grower for the group and an experienced marijuana entrepreneur from Washington, D.C., said his other dispensaries offer better service and a more dignified atmosphere. That, he said, would be the case if he were allowed to open here.

"Everywhere we rolled out what we do, our dispensaries tend to get preferred because of our service," he said. "That's what makes us different and why people drive past my competition in D.C. to get to my shop."

Others from the Town felt it wasn't a good fit due to the his-

toric nature of drug and alcohol problems in Charlestown.

"I understand it's a green gold rush right now – get the money while you can – but in this community we've had to deal with substance abuse issues 20, 30 and 40 years," said Shawn Burke. "I don't think this is a wise choice and I don't think it's a good understanding of the community's history."

DeAngelis, however, said he does understand the history of substance abuse and is sympathetic to it. In fact, he said, he and his company believe that marijuana availability could actually improve the opiate problem in the Town.

"One reason I wanted to get into this business is we need alternatives to opiates," he said. "There is a lot of research that says this is an exit drug and not a gateway drug. I know the history of Charlestown...We don't want to make things worse; we want to make things better."

That set many in the room off, as they felt the pain of years of loss and heartache was being marginalized in order to sell pot and make money.

"Don't come in on the back door acting like you're doing us a favor," said an emotional Elaine Donovan. "That's insulting. We don't need you. You need us. You came to us. We don't need you to

come in here and act like you're saving us when you are a business and you want to make money."

Added Mary Boucher, a member of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, "I don't think our Town is ready for this. When it comes to your mitigation and giving back, I'm not comfortable with this money going to youth sports. I know it's a hot thing now, but we're not ready."

Bloominus CFO Joe St. Martin said they do believe in the power of marijuana to heal opiate abuse.

"We happen to believe marijuana can help with opiates," he said. "We do believe that. You may not believe it. You can think of us any way you want, but this is an honest group. We are a business and we do want to make money, but we truly want to be part of this community."

The property owners, Paul Perisie and his brother of Acme Bookbinding, said Bloominus has a lease on the property. He did say that the company is trustworthy.

"The reason we decided to entertain this opportunity to bring to Charlestown is we want this location to be better than it is," he said. "We see Dunkin' Donuts. It hurts us too. I know Mark, and you all don't. He'll do everything he says they will do. They will be better than anyone else in this



*Mark DeAngelis, CEO of the Bloominus marijuana company, presented his plan in a City-organized community outreach meeting on Tuesday. By and large, the heavily attended meeting showed strong for the Lost Village, which did not want the facility in their neighborhood.*

industry. I think you should listen to them."

The application, which is accepted and process by the City, will be open for public comment for some time. That will close when they get a date at the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) – which handles all marijuana applications. At some point, Bloominus will have a date before the ZBA, which is an open meeting.

## ENCORE (*continued from pg. 1*)

Station. "We hope to be out of the MBTA station by the end of November," he said. "The plan is to button up all the work in the station by then."

Encore has developed and designed a plan with the MBTA to add new bus berths and a two-, sometimes three-lane internal bus turnaround. That new configuration allows buses to travel inside the station, stop for breaks and pick up passengers without having to enter into a City Street. It also allows the new connector road – which was a bus-only road before – to be open for traffic going northbound from Cambridge and Spice Streets.

At the same time, they have added three new traffic lights on Maffa Way and Beacham streets just north of the Station. Those lights have experienced some problems in their first go-around, but Carrier said he believes they are working well now.

"For standard practice, we put up a signal and have it blinking for a while," he said. "Then you turn it one when you figure out the configuration. One day the power went out and it caused it to blink..."

They are now operating. They are on sensors, and when cars go over the sensors, it picks up the metal in the engine and it lets the signal know cars are queuing up and it needs to override to green. They are working now. They had some kinks at first, but I've observed them working well now."

One misconception, he said, is the temporary lights put up going northbound on Alford Street are part of the Encore project.

"Those are not our lights; they are part of the Alford Street Bridge project," he said.

Another light at Spice and Cambridge Street is going up, but probably won't be functional until next spring.

That is also the case for the Spice/D Street connector that many believe will help keep traffic out of the Circle. He said they have found some obstacles underground when trying to put in the new drainage system there, so that will likely have to be buttoned up in the spring season.

Meanwhile, they will be paving the City and MBTA parking lots this year before the end of November.

"We'll do as much as we can this year, and the rest we'll handle as soon as we can in the spring because we do need to be done before we open," he said.

Another improvement won't even be seen, but for those behind the wheel or on a bike, it will be felt – and hopefully in a big way, Carrier said..

That change is the coordination of traffic signals with the Boston Transportation Monitoring Center (TMC) using a Boston Transportation Department (BTD) "interconnect." From Sweetser Circle in Everett through Sullivan Square and Rutherford Avenue and into Boston City Hall, all of the intersections will be coordinated and surveillance cameras will allow the BTD to monitor all of those intersections from their TMC.

Everett and Boston have worked together and agreed to allow Boston to be in charge of the "eyes" on the corridor as it is so closely linked. That way, if there is a major backup in Everett or Boston – a quick override of the new smart signals can help relieve the congestion manually.

"Once we get around the Mystic River, it will go all the way up to Sweetser Circle in Everett and will control all of that corridor," Carrier said. "We'll have video there and it will all funnel into the Boston TMC. That will give them eyes on the whole corridor. There are conversations with Everett and Boston are hap-

pening, and they've agreed to let the BTD have their fingers on the controls to make whatever changes are necessary to the signals on the corridor."

With interconnected lights and the eyes from Boston City Hall, it is believed that the corridor will become much more efficient in moving traffic.

## Wynn investigation unveiling pushed off until at least December

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) said on Thursday, Oct. 25, at its regular meeting that it would likely not publicly unveil its long-awaited Wynn Resorts investigation until the first two weeks of December.

Executive Director Ed Bedrosian addressed the Commission on the ongoing investigation during the Oct. 25 meeting and said that the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) is completing its report right now.

Once that is done, the MGC will have to take a few proce-

dural steps, such as having the Commissioners review the report. Once that is complete, a hearing can be scheduled for the public unveiling of the report.

Bedrosian said pre-hearing motions would some time in November and the actual hearing would be in the first two weeks of December.

Following the hearing, the MGC – now down to four commissioners – would be faced with a vote on whether or not to allow Wynn Resorts to keep its regional gaming license for Encore Boston Harbor.

# Charlestown dogs a welcome addition to Charlestown's colossal Halloween

By Seth Daniel

After 33 years of Halloween fun in Charlestown, there isn't much that can be added to what has been a highlight night in the year for decades.

One new thing that has been added over the last few years is the entry of Charlestown Dogs into the fray – an organization of responsible dog owners that has now been part of the Halloween celebration host committee for three years.

Chris Lovell of Charlestown Dogs said they began participating three years ago, showing up with their dogs in costume and handing out candy to the local kids – as well as treats to other dogs.

"This year, we were at the stairs of the Monument again for the second year," he said. "We have a 'Dogs and Dinos' feature that the kids really love and we give out dog treats and candy to the children. We tend to be a very popular little corner."

Halloween Chair Diane Valle said she really enjoys the wrinkle that Charlestown Dogs has brought to the celebration, bringing in a new feature for dog owners and families to look forward to.

"I really think Charlestown Dogs has added a lot to the celebration over the last three years," she said. "They're a great community organization and they give something for dog owners and families with dogs to look forward to as they travel around Monument Square."



*The newest entry into the stayed Halloween tradition in Charlestown's Monument Square has been the Charlestown Dogs group, which sets up on the stairs of the Monument and hands out dog treats and candy. The group has been part of the fun for the last three years.*

The first year, the dog group was stationed on the corner at the Training Field.

Last year and this year, they were at the stairs of the Monument – where they handed out legions of treats to two-legged and four-legged friends.

"The dynamic is very interesting because it's a very community-oriented thing," he said. "You have kids coming from all over

Charlestown to this one area. It's a candy collecting feast. We love it and love being a part of it. We get on the stairs and we have a really good time. It's a real amazing thing that's been going on for more than 30 years."

Charlestown Dogs was formed only about three or four years ago, but now boasts a membership of about 120 dog owners.

## Essem: Studio space for creatives opens on Terminal Street

On Oct. 22, Essem Art Studio, LLC opened in the Charlestown Commerce Center, 50 Terminal St.

In addition to an art studio, it features a collaborative co-working community for freelance creatives in Charlestown. Studiomates are kind humans who make/do cool things, who are open to collaborating with other creatives to mutually elevate and support one another.

Essem Art Studio was founded by abstract artist, freelance creative, and Charlestown resident, Sophia Moon.

"I started Essem Art Studio because I wanted to break out of my solitary 'work-from-home-mom life,'" Moon said. "With the help of my husband and family, I

designed my dream work space – a private studio where I can create, paint, and run art labs; and an intimate co-working space for like-minded freelance creatives who are also seeking connection, community, and collaboration."

Studiomates pay for a dedicated desk and enjoy 24/7 access to a beautiful and inspiring work space.

"Whatever a studiomate pays to rent a dedicated desk, the hope is that they will make that back ten-fold through increased productivity, referrals, collaborations, and elevated vision that are inevitable when a community of awesome creatives band together," she concluded.

Freelance creatives interested in joining this collaborative community of creatives should email Sophia Moon to schedule an appointment, hello@essemart-studio.com.

Sophia Moon is the current host of this growing community of 5,000-plus Boston Creatives with monthly events boasting 150-250 awesome creatives and a growing list of amazing local sponsors and partners.

"It's all about fostering authentic relationships, nurturing your personal tribe, and building a strong community," she concluded.

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The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events.

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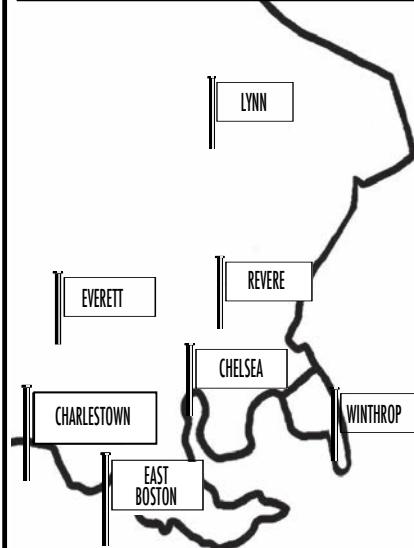


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# Superintendent search will be a familiar process for Search Committee

By Seth Daniel

A Search Committee has been chosen and the School Committee kicked-off the latest quest for a new superintendent of schools during a special meeting in Roxbury's Dudley Square Wednesday night,

Oct. 24.

Chair Michael Loconto said they will begin an expedited process to find a new superintendent after former Supt. Tommy Chang left abruptly last year. After Chang left, Interim Supt. Laura Perille took the reins, but she indicated

she would not be seeking the permanent job.

The process will be familiar to many, including the School Committee, as all members participated in choosing Chang just four years ago.

"The meeting is the kick-off

for the superintendent search process, which will follow a pretty compacted timeline in response to community input and our desire to keep the district focused on narrowing opportunity achievement gaps, maintaining operations and working on our 10-year Master Facilities Plan and BuildBPS...We're in a good position because this search is fresh in a lot of our minds. Everyone on the School Committee was on the School Committee when we hired our last superintendent. Quite frankly, we are in the process at the right time to capitalize on the best time for a superintendent search at a large urban school district. The market heats up from December to February."

Loconto said superintendents looking to make a move typically work on applications over Christmas break, and that is right about the time the schools will open up the process to applicants.

The Search Committee will be chaired by School Committeewoman Alexandra Oliver-Davila and former UMass Boston Chancellor J. Keith Motley. The Committee will be comprised of nine other members. Of the 11, nine are residents of Boston, Loconto said. Other members include:

- Pastor Samuel Acevedo, Boston Higher Education Resource Center.
- Carlos Brown, East Boston.
- Dr. Tanya Freeman-Wisdom, Hyde Park.
- Katherine Grassa, Dorchester.
- Carolyn Kain, Dorchester.
- Principal Craig Martin, Jamaica Plain and Condon Elementary principal.
- School Committeeman Michael

O'Neill, Charlestown.

• Elvis Rodriguez, student at Snowden High and East Boston resident.

• Jessica Tang, Boston Teacher's Union president and Dorchester resident.

Loconto noted that the Search Committee would be in charge of everything from "soup to nuts" in regard to finding a set of finalists to submit to the School Committee for a final decision.

The first order of business, likely to be taken care of this week, is for the Search Committee to draft an RFP for a search firm to assist them with the process.

This fall, the key business will be holding public meetings around the city in order to settle on a job description. While the description from 2014 is fairly fresh, Loconto said they would hold meetings from now until December all over the city and with several different organizations to review that job description and find out any new characteristics. Those dates are still being finalized, but will soon be set and advertised.

Once that is decided on, the process will streamline into early next year, when job interviews are expected.

"We're on track to have a job description voted on at the Dec. 5 School Committee meeting," he said. "We would publish it and then accept resumes through the end of the year."

The Search Committee would recommend candidates to the School Committee after the first of the year. The first interviews would be held in executive session to protect the finalist's confidentiality.

## MGH Institute celebrates its community partners

Celebrating the partnerships between MGH Institute of Health Professions and its neighbors in and around Charlestown was the theme of the graduate school's Celebration of Community.

Held Oct. 18 at the newly renovated One Constitution Wharf in the Charlestown Navy Yard adjacent to the MGH Institute's campus, the event drew close to 200 people who work for the more than 60 non-profits, public schools, health care facilities, and other organizations that partner and collaborate with the graduate school.

Monies raised will go towards increasing the \$5.7 million in scholarships the Institute provides to many of its 1,600 students, who accumulate a significant amount of undergraduate and graduate school debt by the time they earn their degree. Master of Science in Nursing student Sheena Wood, who is scheduled to graduate in 2021, applied to the IHP last year without knowing how she would pay for school. Not only was she admitted, but was awarded a Charles and Ann Sanders Interprofessional Scholarship to help defray the costs.

"I was overjoyed when I

received the scholarship, not only by the honor of support from the Sanders family but because I knew that I could pursue my dreams and privilege of becoming the best nurse I can be," Wood told the audience.

Several speakers talked about the partnerships the Institute has developed over the years. Josh Kraft, CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, applauded the school's students for bringing health care solutions to children. "We certainly don't have all the answers, but it's partnerships like the MGH Institute has with the community that can make things better," he said.

Turahn Dorsey, chief of education for Boston, noted how Mayor Martin Walsh is appreciative of the Institute's efforts that include students providing health care, volunteering, and assisting children in schools throughout the city.

One of those schools is Harvard-Kent Elementary School, where Charlestown native Jason Gallagher is principal in his home town. The Institute and the public school earlier this year formed an official partnership that has strengthened a decades-



*Josh Kraft, CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, spoke at the MGH Institute on Oct. 18 in Constitution Wharf.*

long collaboration. After years of speech-language pathology students helping the elementary students with reading during clinical rotations, the relationship has quickly grown to include clinics for occupational therapy and nursing students, with plans to add physical therapy in the coming months.

"This partnership with the Institute makes not only Harvard-Kent stronger and leads to better student outcomes, but improves the whole Charlestown community," Gallagher said.

## HOME BASE (continued from pg. 1)

Base that has now expanded its nation-leading work on Constitution Wharf.

Last Friday, virtually every state, federal and local official was on hand to cut the ribbon on Home Base's new National Center For Excellence. That new Center will double Home Base's capacity to continue to innovate way to help veterans with Post Traumatic Stress (PTSD), brain injuries, addiction, suicide and wellness.

"Six years ago we attempted to build a great program into a wonderful program that would have strategic impact," said Brig. Gen. (ret.) Jack Hammond, the executive director of Home Base. "Researching and treating these issues is still in the AM radio stages in the medical world. It has been under-resourced and poorly funded. We needed strategic impact with strategic partners... Now we will be able to double

the size and double the impact. We'll be able to have two rounds going simultaneously. Instead of 12 veterans, we'll have 36...We are here to try to stem the tide of the epidemic of veteran suicide. This new facility will give us the resources and space to maximize our potential."

He said they also plan to use the new space in Constitution Wharf to develop a program for families of soldiers who have died in war.

"There is no clinical program in the U.S. for families that lost loved ones in war," he said. "We're going to develop one and run it four times a year with these families and we're going to continue to build it out because it's the right thing to do."

Dr. Peter Slavin of Mass. General said they will continue to support the effort with the Red Sox, and he said it is truly an innovative care model.



*Executive Director Hammond cuts the ribbon while Jack Connors, Gov. Charlie Baker, Veterans Secretary Francisco Urena, Mayor Martin Walsh, Attorney General Maura Healey and U.S. Sen. Ed Markey look on.*

"Home Base is 10 years old and this was for my money the most important innovation in the way we help men and women coming back from the combat theatre in dealing with PTSD and all the other issues associated with these

invisible wounds," said Slavin of Mass. General.

Others in the audience who praised the efforts included Gov. Charlie Baker, Mayor Martin Walsh, U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, State Rep. Dan Ryan and Attorney

General Maura Healey.

"This is a program that understands veterans and all the things that come with what they've been through," said Markey. "This program is a home run. It is the model for the U.S. and the world."

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