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WINTER CONCERT



Photo by Keiko Hiromi

Third-grade student Roxanne Webbe plays the xylophone while her classmates sing holiday favorites behind her during the Warren-Prescott School's Winter Concert on Thursday, Dec. 20. Families and friends packed the W-P auditorium to catch the best sounds of the season. See Pages 4 and 5 for more photos.

BPDA encouraging comment on Navy Yard proposals

By Seth Daniel

Residents are encouraged to submit written comments this week on the six activation proposals for the Navy Yard before the Dec. 31 deadline, officials said this week.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) said this week that they have received several comments on the Navy Yard activation proposals, but they are hoping that residents will submit more before the Dec. 31 deadline.

"We are taking people's comments very seriously," said Devin Quirk, a BPDA planner and Charlestown resident. "We want to make sure people know that now is the time to let us know what they think about the proposals...The emphasis right now is getting feedback and seeing what the comments are and using them as we make decisions."

The BPDA held a meeting earlier this month to analyze the six proposals submitted from the Request For Proposals (RFP) process that took place last fall. Each proponent was allowed to give

10-minute presentations about their plan, and to answer questions from the public. In the follow up to that meeting, the comment period on the various proposals has been stressed by the BPDA.

Quirk said they would likely be making some decisions in January.

"People should be expecting us to make some announcements of the next steps in January," he said. "Certainly some of the low-impact proposals could move forward rather quickly, but maybe the high-impact proposals might have to go through a process... We are confident something will happen this summer out of these proposals."

Residents can submit comments online at the BPDA website under the Navy Yard Activation project page. Also, they can mail written comments to the BPDA as well, as long as they are postmarked by Dec. 31.

The six proposals come from:

- Anthem Group.
- Balance Architects.
- DC Beane.
- Sea Boston Kayak.
- Upton + Partners.
- USS Constitution Museum.

Robotics company to expand footprint, assemble products in Charlestown

By Seth Daniel

Charlestown's Piaggio Fast Forward (PFF) – a subsidiary of Piaggio Group and the creator of the revolutionary mobile-carrying device gitas – announced that the company will be expanding its

footprint in Charlestown so that all future gitas will be designed and assembled on Cambridge Street near its current headquarters.

In addition to its Charlestown headquarters, PFF's new facility will be located at ACME Row 90 Cambridge St. in Charlestown

and feature a 10,000 sq. ft. assembly and production space. The opening of this second production site will result in the creation of 100 more jobs and will mean that gitas roll off the assembly line with

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Edwards will seek re-election for District 1 seat

By Seth Daniel

City Councilor Lydia Edwards said last week that after an incredible first year as the District 1 councilor, she will pass up running in the crowded at-large Council race and pursue re-election to District 1.

"I'm running for re-election and

I want this job," she said. "I'm not interested in at-large. I'm interested in this job and am lucky to have it. I am only interested in being District 1 city councilor."

Edwards made the declaration this week after releasing her one-year report that analyzed what she had done over her first year in office throughout each community

in the district.

"It's been an exciting first year in Charlestown," she said. "I feel lucky to be supported by the people in Charlestown to push and continue to push for more for us...I feel I tried my best to deliver on the campaign promise to bring

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ONLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME



Photo by Marianne Salza

Priscilla Geha, Rebecca Bahnam, Sylvanna Geha, and Vanessa Bahnam put their worst fashion foot forward last Thursday, Dec. 20, for a good cause at the Monument Restaurant's Ugly Sweater Party. The restaurant invited the neighborhood in for some holiday merriment and to raise money for the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. See Page 8 for more photos.

We're happy to ring in the New Year with You, our friends in Charlestown

2019

Looking forward to everything you will share in the New Year

EDITORIAL

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE -- AND MINDFUL -- NEW YEAR

The arrival of a new year marks a time for reflection, as to both the year that has passed and the year that lies ahead.

In the words of the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson:

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

But to put it another way, we might ask ourselves, "Where have we been -- and where are we going?"

The latter question asks us to foresee the future, which by definition is an impossible task. Though we may make our best guess to predict what may lie ahead -- and to plan accordingly -- none of us has a crystal ball. The vicissitudes of life more often than not throw us curve balls that lay to waste even the best-laid of our plans for the year to come.

However, the former question is equally as tricky. Answering it requires both introspection and understanding, two qualities that are in short supply in our hurried world. We have barely enough time to do all the things we need to do every day, let alone try to figure out the, "Why?" of what we have done.

"Mindfulness" became the watchword of 2108. We are advised to step out of our busy lives for a few minutes each day to allow ourselves to practice "mindfulness" in the quest to bring ourselves inner peace and calm.

In a previous era, prayer served essentially the same purpose. Reciting the Rosary or a few Our Fathers, or going to a church to say a novena, was the preferred form of practicing mindfulness (though that was not the term for it in those days).

But with belief in god and attendance at church in steep decline in America in 2018, meditation and mindfulness have become the secular version of religious practice, a drug-free prescription to bring relief from the anxiety-inducing life we face every day we wake up.

However, one thing we can advise all of our readers is that celebrating the New Year -- especially over what for many of us will be an extra-long weekend -- requires all of us to make sure that we do so safely and that we are vigilant regarding the safety of others.

Although most of us these days take precautions to ensure that we do not operate a motor vehicle while under the influence on New Year's night -- whether by means of having a designated driver, or using Uber, or staying overnight in a hotel -- there still are too many among us who will get behind the wheel of a car after having had too much to drink.

The most important thing we can do at an individual level is to prevent our friends and loved ones from becoming another tragic story by taking their keys or offering them a ride home if they appear incapable of driving soberly and safely.

We wish all of our readers a happy, healthy, safe -- and mindful -- New Year.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you Bunker Hill Associates

Dear Editor,

The swimmers, families, staff and Board of the Charlestown Community Center want to extend a very heartfelt thank

you to all of the members of the Bunker Hill Associates for their incredibly generous donation to our swim team program. Your thoughtfulness and support will help to make this season truly special and we honestly cannot thank you enough. We would

love it if the Associates could come to the Community Center to watch one of our home swim meets this season.

Robert McGann
Charlestown
Community Center

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in community-led development. I really tried to do that and make sure the community has a voice in what's being done."

Some of the things she listed as accomplishing were pushing back on the Zoning Commission on building heights, having the open hearings on One Charlestown and looking into the lease at the Little Mystic.

However, beyond the professional, Edwards said she feels at home in Charlestown and has been humbled by the numbers of people who have requested her presence at solemn moments, such as funerals. She said she has learned just being present and being there for people is as important a role as being an advocate and legislator.

"One thing I've learned is that a very important part of this job is being present," she said, noting that she has been humbled by being asked to be at funerals, wakes, and even weddings. "I did not expect that to be an impactful part of this job. I tend to think my degrees or my ability to argue a point would be the most important thing. However, being

there for people at these moments has been extremely important. I get a sense of coming home when I go to Charlestown. It's becoming second nature."

The highlight moment for her this year, she said, was the fact that the community has never tried to exclude others. She said this was evidenced at a One Charlestown meeting when a long-time Townie stood up and spoke to the Turn It Around youth group, many of whom lived in the Bunker Hill Development, and said they were all one.

"He stood up at that hearing and turned around the kids and said, 'You are Townies too,'" she said. "That was a beautiful moment I thought."

At City Hall, Edwards reported that she has found success in working with other councilors and getting legislation passed and/or in the spotlight.

One piece of legislation, the tax relief ordinance for the elderly, has been in conjunction with new District 2 Councilor Ed Flynn, the son of former Mayor Ray Flynn. Edwards said she

knew several of the female councilors like Michelle Wu, Andrea Campbell and Ayanna Pressley, and figured she would work well with them, but never expected to strike up such a bond with Flynn -- who represents South Boston, Bay Village, South End and Chinatown.

"I hate to be so assuming, but I did assume I would bond with and get to know some of the women on the Council that I knew and had worked with," she said. "Eddie was a shocker for me. He is amazing to work with...Talk about two different Bostons becoming very good friends. I look forward to working with all the councilors, but Ed and I have forged a bond."

In the coming year, Edwards said she will continue working on development and some of the other issues that were started in her first year.

"There are never enough hours in the day to get everything done," she said. "However, a big lesson I'll carry forward is that it's important being present and returning phone calls."



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Income tax rate to drop to 5.05 percent with the new year

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue confirmed last week that the required revenue metrics have been met to ensure the state's Part B income tax rate will drop on January 1, 2019 from the current 5.10 percent to 5.05 percent.

"A strong economy and careful management of the Commonwealth's finances have created the conditions for Massachusetts taxpayers to get a much-deserved break," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "We are pleased that next year we will see taxpayers be able to keep more of their

hard-earned money."

A state law enacted in 2002 provides the statutory mechanism to lower the Part B individual income tax rate, based on certain revenue milestones. The legislation replaced a tax rate reduction schedule that had passed by ballot initiative in November 2000.

"I was pleased to receive confirmation from the Department of Revenue that the revenue trigger had been met. This reflects steady revenue growth and a nice break for taxpayers," said Administration and Finance Secretary Michael J. Heffernan.

The law provides that for each

tax year in which certain inflation-adjusted baseline revenue growth requirements are met, the income tax rate will be reduced by increments of 0.05 percentage points until the rate reaches 5 percent.

Part B income includes wages, salary, and many other forms of income, including self-employment income; business, professional and farm income; S corporation distributions; and rental income from personal property. The rate associated with Part B income is also applied to several other income categories, including interest and dividends and most

long-term capital gains.

There are five revenue tests that determine whether a rate reduction is required, beginning with growth in revenue over the previous fiscal year, and including a series of four additional growth measures. If any one of the incremental tests is not met, the rate reduction does not proceed. With DOR's certification of the most recent revenue measure, all five tests in 2018 have now been met.

The rate reduction was last triggered on Jan. 1, 2016, when it dropped from 5.15-percent to 5.10%. Previous reductions included:

- Jan. 1, 2012 (rate reduced from 5.3-percent to 5.25-percent)

- Jan. 1, 2014 (rate reduced from 5.25-percent to 5.2-percent)

- Jan. 1, 2015 (rate reduced from 5.2-percent to 5.15-percent)

The state budget for Fiscal 2019 accounted for the income tax rate change, which is projected to reduce tax revenue by approximately \$84 million in Fiscal Year 2019 and approximately \$175 million in Fiscal Year 2020.

If revenues in 2019 are sufficient to trigger a further rate reduction, the Part B income tax rate will drop to 5-percent for the 2020 tax year.

NEMPAC and Boston Landmarks Orchestra delivers standing room only Messiah concert

With an audience of more than 300 people, the North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) and Boston Landmarks Orchestra together presented the fourth annual Handel's Messiah, Part I, Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the recently renovated St. Leonard's Church in the North End.

This concert was free and the venue was packed, standing room only.

To welcome the Holiday Season, the program featured the beautifully precise Boston Landmarks Orchestra directed by Christopher Wilkins; the energetic One City Choir directed by Daniel Mahoney, the angelic voices of NEMPAC Youth Choir directed by Alexandra Dietrich; and the superb professional soloists Teresa Wakim (soprano), Emily Marvosh (contralto), Ethan DePuy (tenor), and Junhan Choi (bass).

The combination of quality performances, historical backdrop, and anticipation from a multi-generational audience makes this performance unlike any you will see in the City of Boston.



Photo by Matt Conti

The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) and Boston Landmarks Orchestra together presented the fourth annual Handel's "Messiah, Part I," concert on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the recently renovated St. Leonard's Church in the North End. The free concert was standing-room only.

The crowd pleasing Hallelujah chorus concluded this beloved performance, including an encore where attendees sang along with the choir and orchestra. You can see more clips from Ethan DePuy and the Youth Choir's rendition of "Silent Night."

The "Messiah" performance has become a tradition, a gift for Bostonians and music-lovers who want to visit Boston's Little

Italy during the holiday season. Attendees get to experience art and culture through a production that brings together both professional and amateur singers and musicians to create a meaningful, unforgettable experience for all.

This concert was generously sponsored by Lucia Ristorante and the Frattaroli Family in Loving Memory of Mark F. Frattaroli.

Traffic configuration to change on Alford Street Bridge

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced that over the next two weeks, crews will be shifting traffic on the Alford Street Bridge in Charlestown so that all motor vehicles will be traveling on the west span of the bridge.

Motor vehicles will continue to have access to one lane of travel in each direction, and this

configuration will remain in place around the clock through April 30, 2019. These travel impacts are necessary to allow crews to safely and effectively conduct bridge deck replacement operations.

The Alford Street Bridge is a City of Boston owned structure that carries traffic on Route 99 over the Mystic River. Bridge deck replacement operations began on Oct. 1, and are continuing through April 30, 2019.

This time frame was selected with input from key stakeholders, including the United States Coast Guard. The Mystic River channel must be closed to marine traffic during construction operations, and marine traffic volumes are lowest during this period.

Those traveling through the area should reduce speed and use caution. The schedule for this work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For the Record

•Charlestown Neighborhood Council

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) is the officially elected representative body of the Charlestown neighborhood of the City of Boston, MA. It was founded in 1986. The CNC is responsible for facilitating dialogue within the Charlestown community and between the residents of Charlestown and the City of Boston, State and Local agencies and businesses. The Neighborhood Council is composed of 21 community members, including seven elected precinct representatives, seven elected at-large representatives and seven appointed non-profit community organization representatives.

When: Tuesday, January 8th 2019, 7:00pm

Where: Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford St.

•Hood Park - Architecture/Urban Design Topic Focused Meeting

A third public meeting, hosted by the BPDA with developers of Hood Park, will discuss the Architecture and Urban Design features of the new Hood Park Master Plan.

When: Weds., January 9, 6-8 p.m.

Where: Mishawum Park Community Room, 95 Dunstable St., Charlestown

•Abutter's Meeting for 70 Winthrop

A second meeting to discuss a proposal for the addition of a 225 s.f. roof deck on a single family residence. The roof deck will be located on the upper portion of an existing mansard roof and will be accessed via a new set of stairs and a hatch built on a raised

plinth. This meeting will discuss revisions from the architect due to community input.

When: Monday, January 7, 6 p.m.

Where: 70 Winthrop St.

•Abutter's Meeting for 20 Polk Street

A meeting to confirm the occupancy of the parcel as one family. Add a 12' x 14' partial addition to the second and third floor, add dormer to third floor, and interior renovation of existing floors.

When: Thursday, January 10, 2019, 6 p.m.

Where: 20 Polk St.

•Charlestown NEW Health will be holding nutrition workshops in the new year with Luisa Siniscalchi at noon in the NEWHealth, 15 Tufts St., Charlestown. The meetings will take place on Jan. 24 (start your day with a healthy breakfast), and Feb. 14 (Healthy Valentine's Day). For more info call (857) 238-1176.

•USS Constitution to Commemorate Victory over HMS Java on Dec. 29

USS Constitution will host a ceremony on Sat., Dec. 29, from 11:30 to noon to commemorate the 206th anniversary of the War of 1812 battle between USS Constitution and HMS Java.

Participating in the ceremony will be USS Constitution's 75th Commanding Officer Cmdr. Nathaniel Shick, Constitution Museum's Gallery of Operations Manager Gary Foreman, and other invited guests. The program will include readings from deck log entries surrounding the battle and a gun salute from USS Constitution at noon, followed by a moment of silence.

WARREN PRESCOTT SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT

Photos by Keiko Hiromi

The annual tradition of the Warren Prescott School Winter Concert took place at school auditorium on Thursday, Dec. 20. Students from first grade to fifth grade performed with a full house of friends and family in the audience.



Fourth-grader Olivia Doherty performing on the recorder at the Winter Concert.



Parent Marne Esselman (center) enjoys the show and records it for future memories.



First-grade students performing during the Winter Concert at the Warren Prescott School on Dec. 20.



Class 18 performing holiday songs for the audience.

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Second-grade student Shugri Mohamed singing holiday favorites at the Warren-Prescott Winter Concert.



Fifth grade student Emma Reitz performing with the guitar ensemble.

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the tag: "Designed, and Assembled in Boston, USA" – further solidifying Boston as one of the leading robotics tech hubs in the world.

"This is a fundamental step toward the future of mobility for Piaggio Group. We decided to produce gita in the US, and particularly in Boston, because this is the cornerstone of robotics, and this is the city where we found the most fertile ground to grow our innovative ideas," said Michele e Colaninno, PFF's Chairman. "Our objective is to create an innovative product that is an efficient, high tech vehicle, while also delivering more functions than a simple carrying device. There is no better place than Boston to make this a reality," Colaninno added.

The company invited in state and local leaders to the headquarters earlier in the fall and gave them a look at the revolutionary gita robot, which uses technology to assist people in their daily life – such as carrying groceries or heavy items. During that tour of the facility, Piaggio leaders told State Rep. Dan Ryan and Councilor Lydia Edwards that they needed more space nearby to assemble their robots.

Now, the company has found that space, and without having to leave Charlestown.

"We know that assembling gita here in Boston will not only give us the best possible quality product, but also that it's the right step for

PFF," said Jeffrey Schnapp, PFF's Chief Visionary Officer. "We are grateful for the support that PFF has received from local and state officials from day one, and we appreciate the encouragement and inspiration from our neighbors and friends in the Boston robotics community."

John Barros, chief of Economic Development for the City of Boston, said, "I am thrilled to see the Piaggio company's design and assembly operations for such cutting-edge technology open up in Charlestown. This expansion of an industry leader like Piaggio Fast Forward will create new jobs, expand Boston's robotics cluster, and bolster our local economy."

The first mobile carrier of its kind, gita is a "Follow Me" pedestrian carrier that transports up to 45 pounds while tracking behind its human operator both indoors and outdoors. PFF expects gita to be on sale to consumers in mid-2019.

Founded in 2015 by the Piaggio Group, Piaggio Fast Forward creates lightweight, intelligent, and sustainable mobility solutions. The company is dedicated to helping people move better, further, and faster. Carrying up to 45 pounds, PFF said gita will encourage an active lifestyle for anyone who wants to move with efficiency and ease, from millennials and parents of young children, to seniors and disabled individuals.

TOWNIE SPORTS

REGISTRATION FOR CHARLESTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE 2019 IS NOW OPEN

Players should be between 4-12 years old by Aug. 31, 2019. Register on line: <https://tshq.blue-sombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=2089459>.

Contact us at charlestownmalittleleague@gmail.com if you have trouble with registration. Winter practices for AAA and Majors will begin at Extra Innings in Middleton on Jan. 6 and run every Sunday January through March from 2-4 p.m. We will have a sign up sheet available soon. Players must be registered to play little league for the 2019 season to be eligible to participate in the extra innings practices.

Winter practices for Rookie ball and T-ball will be held at the Community Center on Medford Street. We are still working out the schedule and will post it soon.

DON'T TELL ANYONE BUT...

In her first campaign as head coach in what was supposed to be a rebuilding season, Reading girls hockey honcho Alexa Hingston saw her Lady Rockets sneak into the MIAA tourney and nearly topple one of the top Division I seeds. Now in her second season behind the bench, Alexa and assistant coaches Catherine Taglilatela and Kendall Junta (a former teammate of Alexa's at St. Anselm) have helped guide Reading to a 3-0-0 start while outscoring their opponents by a 17-4 margin.

Leading the way on offense is senior wing Abbie Collins (3 goals, 3 assists), one of the league's elite two-way players. While the hockey "poll pundits" haven't given the Lady Rockets any lovin' yet, it's only a matter of time before they get their due props. In the mean-

time, hope springs eternal for what may be a very special year.

LET THE DEFENSE BEGIN

As the number of "wannabees" line up in an attempt to dethrone Division 4 state hoop champion Pope John XXIII, Coach Leo Boucher and the Tigers served notice that they are ready and waiting for all "comers." Despite a sluggish first quarter on opening night, PJ rounded into form and vaporized a much-improved St. Joseph Prep to the tune of 85-41. Senior forward Conor Kelly helped the cause with 15 points, 7 rebounds and 4 steals.

LADY DRAGONS ON FIRE

Another high school winter squad flying under the radar is the Latin Academy girls swim team who have steam-rolled to three straight one-sided wins to open the season. As the Lady Dragons head into the Christmas break, sophomore McKenna Kyle and freshman Adriana Cepeda are fast emerging as impact swimmers.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. SU18P1344

Estate of: Christina Marie Ryan

Also Known As: Christina M. Ryan

Date of Death: November 8, 2017

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Christina M. Roache of Marshfield, MA. A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Christina M. Roache of Marshfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested

parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

CHARLESTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING SET FOR JAN. 8

The monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will be held on Tuesday Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford St. There will be a presentation by the Mystic River Watershed Association. The public is encouraged to attend.

SPRING (AND WINTER) LACROSSE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

ALL ARE WELCOME! The Charlestown Lacrosse & Learning Center has opened registration for its main Spring season and for its Winter skills seasons. The CLLC teaches the great game of lacrosse to a diverse group of boys and girls, Grades K-8. New players are always welcome regardless of skill level and scholarships are always available. We believe in the power of lacrosse, as it is the great equalizer in the sporting world. You don't need to be tall, strong, fast or big to be successful and it's a communal sport where anyone can find a niche and be a productive member of the team. As a program, we promote the following core values in everything we do: Teamwork, Responsibility, Community Service, Patience,

and Effort. Please call (617) 242-1813 or visit our website (www.charlestownlacrosse.com/ registration) for more information and to register today.

CHARLESTOWN LIONS CLUB IS COLLECTING COATS!

The Charlestown Lions Club is collecting coats for children, babies and adults until Jan. 7, 2019. Our Charlestown Cooperative Bank has generously offered to be the collection site for the coats again, and they may be dropped off at the bank during regular banking hours. All coats must be in good condition with no rips, tears, broken zippers or permanent stains and all pockets should be emptied. The coats will be delivered to Anton's Cleaners in Somerville where they will be cleaned free of charge and then distributed to those in need of warmth this winter.

USS CONSTITUTION TO COMMEMORATE HISTORIC BATTLE

USS Constitution will host a ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 29, from 11:30 a.m. to noon to commemorate the 206th anniversary of the War of 1812 battle between USS Constitution and HMS Java.

Participating in the ceremony will be USS

Constitution's 75th Commanding Officer Cmdr. Nathaniel Shick, Constitution Museum's Gallery of Operations Manager Gary Foreman, and other invited guests. The program will include readings from deck log entries surrounding the battle and a gun salute from USS Constitution at noon, followed by a moment of silence.

Under orders to "annoy the enemy and to afford protection to our commerce," Capt. William Bainbridge, ninth Commanding Officer of USS Constitution, headed to the Brazilian coast in search of merchant vessels. Finding the HMS Java, the two ships engaged in battle. The battle saw USS Constitution's spars and rigging damaged, her wheel completely shattered, and her captain wounded in both thighs from shrapnel. Despite these setbacks, Constitution was able to best her enemy, and Java struck her colors after a hard fought three-and-a-half-hour battle.

Defeat of HMS Java was a significant turning point in naval engagements for the remainder of the War of 1812.

For more news and information on USS Constitution, visit: www.navy.mil/local/constitution or www.facebook.com/uss-constitutionofficial.

CHARLESTOWN RESIDENT AND BRIMMER AND MAY STUDENT WINS ATHLETIC AWARD

Gabe Bryan '19, of Charlestown, received the Most Improved Player Award for the Brimmer Varsity Boys Soccer team. The team finished in second place in the Massachusetts Bay Independent

League and advanced to the semi-finals of the NEPSAC Class D Tournament for the first time in School history. Bryan is the son of John Bryan of Charlestown and Meredith Bryan of Newton.

Brimmer and May is a co-ed, PK - 12, independent day school where students experience an innovative education integrating Humanities and STEAM through a global lens.

MAPS OF HISTORIC CHARLESTOWN FOR SALE NOW AT THE LIBRARY

Several years ago a history committee created a map of some of the historic buildings in Charlestown. There are 23 historic structures illustrated on the map which also contains the history of Charlestown, Boston's oldest village. The maps are 18-x-24 inches and designed to be mounted in a standard-sized frame. The price is \$10 for the black-and-white map, the colored version is \$20 and both include a mailing tube. They are available at the circulation desk of the library during regular hours. Proceeds from the sale of the maps are used for programs for adults and children in the Charlestown Branch Library. These maps make great gifts for friends who don't live here any more, college students and, new residents in town.

HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY

The Harvest on Vine Food Pantry is requesting boxes of cereal and small bags of rice, 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.

COULD YOUR DOG BE A PET THERAPIST?

Each week at Mass General Hospital, a group of dogs bring joy and comfort to patients through the Pet Therapy Program. Mass General's Volunteer Department is seeking volunteers to expand the Pet Therapy Program. Candidates must have a dog who is at least 1 year old, enjoys and is comfortable with being with people, and is willing to be screened through MGH's designated certification agency. Must be available to visit patients on a weekly basis. Regular hours for Pet Therapy are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. However, hours can be flexible. Contact Jackie Nolan at 617-724-1753 for more information.

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.




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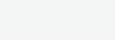
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MONUMENT UGLY SWEATER FUNDRAISER

Friends gathered at Monument Restaurant & Tavern in lit-up sweaters decorated with garland for an Ugly Sweater Party on Dec. 20, to raise funds for the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. Monument partnered with purveyor, Redemption Whisky, to offer guests specialty holiday cocktails, such as Santa's Sleigh – a mixture of Redemption bourbon, ginger,

Campari, lime, and soda water – with proceeds benefitting the Club. The festive evening also included a silent auction and raffle items. “We love the Boys & Girls Club. Many of our servers went to the Club growing up,” said Lauren Whelan, Monument manager. “There are people from the neighborhood who have donated season tickets so we could raise

money for the Boys & Girls Club. Something that makes Monument so special is that the people who come here are part of our family.”



Kathy Doherty and Marian Callaban



Louie Woods, Tom Thompson, Jillian Donovan, and Kevin Woods.



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Monument staff: Emily Doyle, Emily Dominick, Andrew Colgan, Lauren Whelan, John Sweeney, Justin Alves, and Jillian Donovan.



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Andrew Colgan, Matty Bailey, and Suzy Hays.

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