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FIRST NIGHT



Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Councilor-At-Large Anmissa Essaibi George, Police Commissioner William Gross, and Mayor Martin Walsh with his neighbor, Lindsey Ward, and partner, Lorrie Higgins, leading the First Night parade with the Prudential Tower in the background displaying the new year "19" on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, in the Back Bay. See Page 12 for more photos.

The Year 2018 Milestones and Momentum

By Seth Daniel

The 2018 year in Charlestown was one of milestones, passing the torch to the young generation and trying to manage the huge growth inside and around the Town.

Here are some of the highlights from the year:

•Councilor Lydia Edwards is sworn in on Jan. 1 with the City Council, and later in the morning takes her seat at City Hall for her first meeting as the District 1 Councilor. The first-term councilor held a busy schedule in her first year, tackling everything from One Charlestown to MassPort.

•The murder trial for Ryan 'Duce' Morrissey begins in January after four years of waiting. After many weeks of testimony and discussion, a jury acquits the accused shooters – Danilo and Alexander Soto – of murder. However, they convict getaway driver Julio Baez of first-degree murder. He is given the maximum sentence by Judge Janet Sanders in early February, closing a chapter on a very painful part of 2018 for the Town.

•Hood Park dominates the news in 2018, beginning the year with a discussion about a con-

cert venue/parking garage on the campus. While the concert venue is pulled from the project, the parking garage continues and is approved. That project morphs into a year-long discussion on how much height is acceptable on the old dairy campus. In the fall, Hood proposes a new master plan that includes two buildings more than 200-feet tall. The discussion of the new, proposed project continues into 2019.

•A video put together by the Pure Hockey chain store company highlights the Charlestown hockey tradition in February with its first installment in a series of nationwide videos. The video includes interviews with Brendan Collier, Matt Grzelcyk, Micaela Sindoris, Jack Sullivan, Jack Sindoris, John Grzelcyk, Edie Evans and Steve Lakus. The company donates \$5,000 to the CYHA. And, in addition, three CYHA teams take home the Mayor's Cup for the first time and the Mites 1 team wins the Valley League title.

•Old Spaces, New Faces. The old Five Cent Savings Bank building gets a facelift on its first-floor

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Post Office will remain in Bunker Hill Mall for time being

By Seth Daniel

In a last-minute save, the United States Post Office announced that it would remain in the Bunker Hill Mall on a holdover on their lease for the next few months as they look for a new, permanent home.

The lease on the busy postal

branch reached crisis levels over the fall when the USPS announced its lease was running out on Dec. 31 and the Mall owners were not renewing the lease. As Dec. 31 came and went this week, the post office has not had to leave, though.

"We can alleviate all the concerns that we're closing up and

leaving on Dec. 31," said Kurtis Bullard, USPS real estate specialist, on Jan. 2. "We're not closing the branch. We're going to stay open in the same location on a hold-over status to our lease."

He said the USPS is in negotiations right now with the Mall owners about how long they can stay while they look for a new location within 02129.

It, however, is going to be a major challenge, said Bullard.

"Basically what we're doing right now is wrapping up our public process and looking at what our options are," he said. "I'll be honest, there are a lot of challenges for me in that area. It's a tough place to find good locations. For now, we're going on a holdover status with the landlord in our current location...At this point, it will be awhile, but we will continue looking for a permanent home... Hopefully we'll have some good

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CNC COMMUNITY CORNER

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.

The Spaulding-Charlestown Neighborhood Council Community Partnership Fund announces the fourth year of awarding grants to eligible non-profit organizations. The second tutorial for applicants will be held Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on 23 Adams St. Please note that this is the last opportunity to attend a tutorial and attending a tutorial is required for submission of a grant application. Applications will be due on Friday, Jan. 18, by 5 p.m. Additional information is available on the CNC website <http://www.charlestownneighborhoodcouncil.org> on the Community Fund page.

HE'S NOT BEEN NAUGHTY



Santa even had a present for Gov. Charlie Baker during the Dec. 19 holiday party at the Kennedy Center. Hundreds of kids and families were able to meet and greet Santa, while generous community members showed up to volunteer with Gov. Baker and others. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

EDITORIAL

SO FAR....SO GOOD

With the rush and hub-bub of the holiday season now over, we'll all be settling in for another long New England winter.

Up to this point, we have been fortunate. We have yet to feel the wrath of any truly wintry weather. A cold day here or there -- including a chilly Thanksgiving -- has not been hard to take. Indeed, the temperatures have been quite moderate since the Winter Solstice on Dec. 21, with the New Year's Day temperature rising into the mid-50s, making it quite a nice day for a walk or a run outside, despite the strong breeze.

However, we know that Mother Nature typically saves her best (or worst) for later in the season. In just the past few years, we had winter storm Nemo in February of 2013, the Snowmageddon winter of 2015 (in which there was no snow in December), and last year we had those crazy storms in early January and early March that knocked out power throughout the region and brought coastal flooding to places along our bayside areas that never had experienced it to that extent before.

The images of Boston Harbor flooding into the Seaport District and water pouring into the Aquarium T stop were something we never had seen in our entire lives as residents of this area -- and that includes the Blizzard of '78 and the No Name Storm of 1991. The highest-ever high tide (exceeding the Blizzard of '78) and the third-highest tide in Boston Harbor were recorded in those two storms last year.

As we are writing this, the 10-day forecast is pretty nice, especially considering that it is the first part of January. However, the models for the long-range forecast indicate that February will be colder, snowier, and stormier than usual in our part of the country.

But as any longtime New Englander knows, all that we can do is to take winter one day at a time and be grateful for the nice days when we get them. When it comes to the weather, especially in this era of climate change, we are at the mercy of the vicissitudes of Mother Nature.

We can hope for the best, but we must expect the worst.

BE THE TALK OF THE TOWN

The Charlestown Patriot Bridge is interested in publishing the memories of Charlestown residents in print. If you or someone you know would like to share your experiences, please send email to editor@charlestownbridge.com



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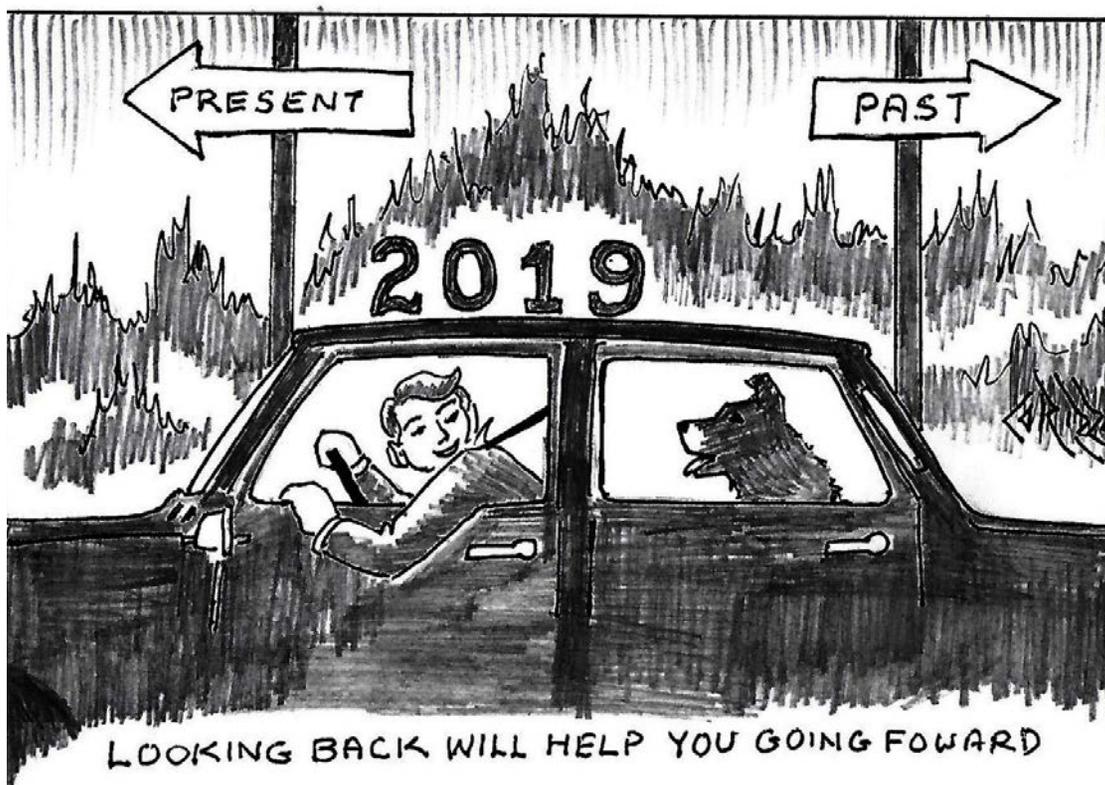
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A YEAR IN REVIEW AND THE FUTURE AWAITS

Atty. Patricia Stewart will host workshop on life-sustaining treatment Jan. 10 at CPL

Patriot-Bridge Staff Report

Attorney Patricia D. Stewart will host a workshop titled, Understanding MOLST (Medical Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment), on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlestown Public Library.

Stewart is the founder of Patient Sense, an initiative to advocate and reach out to patients, caretakers, and their families to educate them about medical/legal issues that involve patient rights.

Stewart said she was drawn to this field by what she describes as "a disturbing and pervasive trend in the health-care community, aimed at hastening the death of the elderly and seriously ill."

She cited as an example of this trend the Massachusetts law "that requires health-care practitioners to provide information and end of life counseling to ter-



Patricia D. Stewart.

minally ill patients on options for palliative and end of life care."

MOLST is used to guide these discussions, according to Stewart.

"MOLST is a medical order on which a patient is apt to accept or reject certain life-sus-

taining methods or treatments in the cases of cardiac or respiratory arrest, kidney failure, or dehydration," said Stewart. "The problem with this form is that it is very complex and can easily be misunderstood by patients who are going to be dealing with it in a very tense context if they're seriously ill or elderly.

"I'm concerned that it is a form which can easily be misused or abused, and therefore have people make choices when they're not fully cognizant about the consequences of those choices," she added.

Stewart said it is her goal to educate people about these choices and inform them that there are options to the MOLST form.

The workshop is free of charge.

People wishing to contact Atty. Patricia D. Stewart may email her at stewartlawoffice@aol.com.

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news in the next few months."

Bullard did say they have dispelled the notion of putting a trailer in the parking lot as a temporary measure, noting that with snow and winter weather,

it just wouldn't be practical for such a busy postal location.

"It just wasn't going to work for us," he said.

Bullard said they continue the search for a new location, and

will update the community as soon as they have news. For now, the old location is the still the current postal place.

State Rep. Dan Ryan inaugurated Wednesday for new term

By Seth Daniel

Charlestown's State Rep. Dan Ryan has been inaugurated for another term in the legislature this week, and he said he is ready to tackle issues from transportation to opiate recovery research in the new term.

On Wednesday, with the new class of the state legislature, Rep. Ryan took the oath of office along with Gov. Charlie Baker and the rest of the Commonwealth. It will be his third full term in office, and he said it will be an interesting term with new faces and a Republican governor in his second round.

"I think the voters of Chelsea

and Charlestown first and foremost for giving me two more years," he said. "It will be my third full term and Gov. Baker's second term. We'll have some big changes in the House and it will be very interesting to see what those changes look like. It will be interesting to see what happens with Gov. Baker's second term. He was easy to work with in the first term with very moderate Republican stances. Second terms are different so we'll see what that dynamic looks like."

Ryan also praised House Speaker Bob DeLeo for his leadership in 2018, and his new term in 2019 – having also been sworn in as the House Speaker again on

Wednesday.

"I'll be supporting the Speaker in this next term," he said. "He's had a strong hand in this legislative session with everything going on in the Senate, the House needed to be the grown up in the room and the Speaker was very pragmatic in moving things forward."

Ryan is now the vice chair of the Substance Abuse/Mental Health Committee, and also serves on the Transportation, Post Audit and Veterans Affairs Committees. He said he has also been appointed to Task Forces charged with looking at the Commuter Rail and looking into issues related to the Opiate Bill passed last year.

"There's going to be a lot of

movement in the chairmanships, but I think I'm going to be on the same committees," he said. "I'll be spending a lot of time doing transportation work. That's not always the issue that gets a lot of attention, but it's very important, especially in Charlestown where things are building up so fast around us."

Ryan said the last session was very progressive, including legislation on criminal justice reform, the opiate bill, pay equity, the transgender accommodation bill and banning bump stock firing devices for firearms.

"We got a lot of progressive legislation though in the last two years," he said. "Even though

some didn't think we were progressive enough, I think it was one of the most forward looking sessions in a long time."

Locally, Ryan said he has worked to get a \$50,000 grant to get the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) involved in planning for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue project.

"We keep talking about the BRA and what they're going to do, but a majority of the DCR land in Charlestown is on that corridor and along our waterfront and riverways," he said. "If we're going to be doing that and climate resiliency, we need DCR in the conversation too."

TOWNIE SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS

•BOYS BASKETBALL

Colin Jaena (SR), Austin Prep
*Steve Williams (SR), Charlestown

*Leo Boucher (head coach), Pope John XXIII

*Conor Kelly (SR), Pope John XXIII

•GIRLS BASKETBALL

Adriana Timberlake (SR), Braintree

*Kaelyn Gilbert (SOPH), East Boston

•BOYS HOCKEY

*Brody Tuite (SOPH), Archbishop Williams

*Jason Smith (JR), Arlington Catholic

*Matt Lakus (SR), BC High

*Will Killoran (SOPH), Belmont Hill

*Noel Gallagher (SOPH), Boston Latin

*Matt Coviello (SR), Boston Latin

*Colm Vraibel (SOPH), Boston Latin

Ken Guittarr (head coach), East Boston

Ryan McGoff (assistant coach), East Boston

Pat McGoff (assistant coach), East Boston

*Jacob Leavitt (SR), East Boston

*Jarod Burhoe (JR), East Boston

*Gilson Dosouto (SR), East Boston

*Andy Qiu (FR), East Boston

Ronan Doherty (SOPH), Groton

*Jack Adduci (SOPH), Latin Academy

*Cullen Lacey (7th grade), Latin Academy

*Colin Delvalle (JR), Malden

Catholic

*Ryan McGonagle (SR), Northeast

Braden Fitzpatrick (SOPH), Northeast

*Jeremy Shea (SR), O'Bryant

Aiden Shea (SR), O'Bryant

Kevin Gallagher Jr. (JV head coach), Reading

Landyn Greatorex (SOPH), Reading

Michael Locke (FR), Wakefield

Owen Locke (FR), Wakefield

•GIRLS HOCKEY

*Jessica Pistorino (FR), Latin Academy

*Caitlyn Killoran (SR), Matignon

*Catherine Taglilatela (assistant coach), Reading

Kendall Junta (assistant coach), Reading

*Alexa Hingston (head coach), Reading

Abbie Collins (SR), Reading

•SWIMMING

STANDINGS W-L

*Adriana Cepeda (FR), Latin Academy

*McKenna Kyle (SOPH), Latin Academy

•COLLEGE BASKETBALL

*Patrick Kelly (SOPH), St. Joseph ME

Nicolas Timberlake (FR), Towson

•COLLEGE HOCKEY

Michael Snow (SOPH), Curry

9-7-16

Trevor Fidler (SR), Army 4-5-9

Connor Sodergren (SOPH), UMASS-Lowell 2-7-9

*Will Ahearn (FR), Worcester St. 4-1-5

*Sean Wrenn (FR), Amherst 1-3-4

*Patrick Wrenn (JR), UMASS-

Dartmouth 0-3-3

Miguel Fidler (JR), Ohio St. 0-1-1

Liam Nolan (FR), Citadel 0-0-0

Mitchell Andrea (FR), St. Michael 0-0-0

•WOMEN'S HOCKEY

*Danielle Kelley (SR), Salem St. 5-4-9

*Jacqueline Sindoris (SR), Salem St. 8-0-8

*Rose Sullivan (JR), Salem St. 4-4-8

Loli Fidler (FR), Penn St. 2-5-7

Bridget McCarthy (JR), Boston College 0-3-3

*Micaela Sindoris (FR), Northeastern 0-1-1

•ECHL HOCKEY

Mike Doherty, Manchester 4-13-17

Nolan Vesey, Wichita 2-4-6

*Aaron Titcomb, Wheeling 0-1-1

•NHL HOCKEY

Matt Tkachuk, Flames 16-26-42

Keith Yandle, Panthers 5-26-31

Kevin Hayes, Rangers 10-20-30



Photo by Emily Harney

Coach Leo Boucher of the Pope John High School boys basketball team gives advice to Cam Erickson during a time out last week against Belmont High School during the BABC Slade's Holiday Classic in Cathedral High School. The defending Division 4 Pope John Tigers lost to Belmont, but easily beat Bishop Stang on Dec. 28 – going 1-1 in the exciting holiday tournament.

Brady Tkachuk, Senators 10-8-18

Jimmy Vesey, Rangers 9-10-19

*Matt Grzelcyk, Bruins 1-8-9
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SCENES OF CHARLESTOWN IN 2018



The Battle of Bunker Hill Parade rolled out on a beautiful Sunday afternoon on June 10, with a little of everything for everyone. There were militias, military contingents, politicians and some fun stuff too. Here, the Brian Boru Pipe Band from Falmouth marches past the Bunker Hill Monument. Meanwhile, Will Lambert and Peter Golden Jr. help Vivian Rose Golden celebrate her First Bunker Hill Parade.



Red Sox star pitcher Rick Porcello with Director of Physical Therapy Cara Brickley, of Charlestown, and Spaulding President David Storto, also of Charlestown, mark One Boston Day at Spaulding last Friday, April 13. Spaulding welcomed Red Sox visitors for the afternoon early in the season, a season that would eventually end in a World Series championship.



Charlestown's Will Sutton slaps the puck past a Winchester player in the Squirt championships, which the Townies won to claim the championship in the annual McGonagle/McGoff Memorial Hockey Tournament at the Emmons Horrigan O'Neil Rink in March.



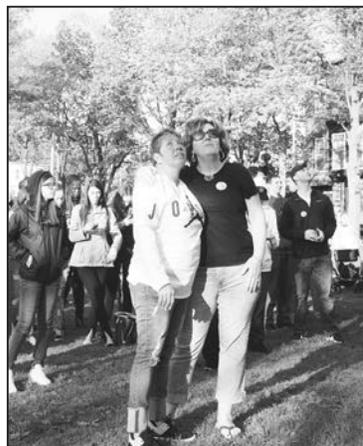
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Many cars in the Schrafft's parking lot on Friday, March 2, at the high tide during the storm found themselves surrounded by several feet of water. The new flooding problem there had many thinking about warnings that have been sounded over the last year. The problem was the result of record high water levels and a failed drainage pipe.



Swimmers Eliza Nilson, Victoria Taieb and Molly McGuinness wrapped up another successful season in 2018 on the Charlestown Swim Team and headed once again to the national tournament in Florida. The team has roots in the Town going back to the 1930s when the Boys & Girls Club started offering the team. Now, success is smiling once again on the swimmers.



Balloons fly into the sky in memory of the late Steven Jones, as his mother, Susan Rawlinson, and friend, Elaine Donovan, watch them ascend on Monday afternoon, May 7, at Eden Street Park. Scores of friends and family gathered on the fifth anniversary of Jones's murder to remember and celebrate his life.



New Councilor Lydia Edwards takes a family photo at her desk in the City Council Chambers at City Hall on Monday, Jan. 1, right after the first meeting of the year. Edwards is pictured (L-R) with her mother Bridgett Edwards, her husband Roger Mauriz and her twin sister, Erika Edwards.

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SCENES OF CHARLESTOWN IN 2018



City Councillor Ayanna Pressley shocked everyone in the September Primary Election by beating incumbent Michael Capuano. The Congressman made a late-day visit to the Edwards Middle School on Election Day with Mayor Martin Walsh, but it wasn't enough to beat back the tide of Pressley's strong vote.



Pool Photo/John Tlumacki

Carol 'Sis' Morrissey shows a peace sign as she stood with her husband, Stephen, who read a victim impact statement about their son, Ryan Morrissey, 17. The sentencing of Julio Baez for the Nov. 5, 2014 Charlestown shooting death of Ryan Morrissey and the wounding of his friend, James Lawton, was held at Suffolk Superior Court in February. Stephen Morrissey called on everyone to be more "Duce-like."



Beth and Logan DuBuque, Courtney and Will Wehr, and Alex O'Shea enjoying a picnic in Shipyard Park – with a Big Dog sculpture behind them. The Big Dog exhibit from sculptor Dale Rodgers was a highlight of the summer months in the Navy Yard.



Halloween went to the dogs this year, and it was super. Here, Bea the dog gives her best (and seemingly improbable) super hero pose for the camera during Sunday (Oct. 28) Charlestown Dogs Halloween Parade at Paul Revere Park. More than 50 dogs and their happy humans enjoyed the morning pre-Halloween party.



New Police Commissioner Willie Gross with Charlestown Court's First Justice Lawrence McCormick during a lighter moment on Friday, Sept. 21, when Gross made his first official visit to the Town as police commissioner.



The Kitchen Kup returned for another summer with several Charlestown teams trying to unseat the Southie 'Mook' team. Here, Charlestown's Darren 'Dimp' Zimmerle (L) battles against Billy Hayes as many interested spectators look on down the Kitchen.



With nearly 15 inches of snow falling on Charlestown Tuesday, March 13, the Town came to a standstill for about 24 hours – along with the rest of the city. On Wednesday morning, though, things were much different as residents emerged from their homes to shovel the walk and their parking spaces. Here, Arthur Massaro cleans the snow off his truck on Cordis Street before heading off to work.



The 100th anniversary of Engine 50 took place on High Street in front of the Monument on Thursday, July 26, sponsored by the Boston Fire Department and the Charlestown Historical Society. Firefighters under the direction of Capt. Guy Cammarata gathered with the residents of Charlestown to commemorate the 100th year of the Engine company. Engine 50 – known as the People's Firehouse – is currently being renovated on Winthrop Square, and won't be re-occupied until November. However, it is the oldest firehouse in the city and one of the most beloved as well.

ANNUAL KENNEDY CENTER HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The annual Kennedy Center Holiday Toy Drive saw some holiday packages of gifts and cheer for grateful families. Santa, cookies, warm cider, and good times were on hand for the community last Weds., Dec. 19, during the holiday party. Gov. Charlie Baker came by to check out the efforts of the Kennedy Center, Toys For Tots, Sodexo, the Flatley Company, RSM, and some generous individuals in the community.



Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker gets a hug from Kennedy Center staff member Karen D. Lawrence.



Judy Evers with Lydia Edward's office, David Flanagan and Eileen Ward, board member of the Kennedy Center.



After getting visit Santa, Charlestown residents Annabelle and Mimi Tovar get to meet Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker.



Katherine Estelle brings out some Christmas packages.



A check is presented to Kennedy Center Executive Director Terry Kennedy by the Flatley Companies. The Schrafft's Center employees donated toys and raised funds to help the Kennedy Center during their holiday party earlier this month.

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Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker gets a hug from Kennedy Center staff member Karen D. Lawrence.



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Jeffery Williams and his mom, Malaika.



Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker poses with Kennedy Center and Sodexo staff.



Gov. Charlie Baker gives a package of Christmas goodies to Christina and Carmelo Ingram.

Hood Park Meeting: Design and Architecture

January 9, 2019 at 6pm

Community Center at Mishawum Park, 95 Dunstable Street



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CITY PAWS

If pets made resolutions...

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

What if that fantasy about a magic moment on Christmas Eve when animals are able to speak were true? What would your dog or cat tell you they would like changed in their life? Those are resolutions for you. On the other hand, what would they agree to change to get what they want. Those are resolutions for them.

Poppy Wishes

Our Westie Poppy would quickly ask for an endless supply of food. However she might trade that wish for an end to much of the rude and unnecessary noise that she encounters on daily walks. A funny thing is that while her pal Willow howls at sirens, Poppy isn't fazed by them. She seems to know that this is a necessary noise and just watches the emergency responders go by.

Poppy has resolved to use her coping mechanisms. When dump trucks make a crack of thunder sound racing down the street hitting every bump at excessive speed, outside she freezes, while at home she runs and hides in the bathroom.

For our part, we resolve to support the work of people who are researching the health impact of

noise on all of us who live in the city and are trying to find ways to reduce the stress it causes. We use the NoiseScore and the city 311 apps to report unnecessary noise.

Out of Control

Dog love to socialize. We always wonder if the dogs who are always off leash or dancing around 10 to 20 feet from their guardians on dangerous, retractable leashes are happy being outcasts from canine society. Would they resolve to be leashed, under control, and happily greeted by members of the community?

We always feel sad that we can't interact with these dogs. One of our regular walking companions is a dog who reacts badly when other dogs rush up to her. Someone shouting, "Don't worry, he's friendly!" is of no use in controlling her reaction.

Consistency is important to dogs. We resolve to be consistent and to do our best to educate dog guardians about the dangers of their actions.

Take Care of One Another

Our animals seem to resolve to take care of us. They not only provide companionship, unquestioning love, and stress relief, but also keep us moving and make us laugh. They give a routine for our days. Anyone who has lost a



Very few dogs, like this Canada Geese control dog, should ever be off leash in public. What's more, this dog was under complete control of a person who directed his every move.

pet can tell you how empty their life can seem without their furry friend.

Our corresponding resolution is to take care of them. We stay informed about current veterinary news and guidelines to make informed decisions based on what we know about our specific ani-

mal's lifestyle and needs.

Some things we can do to improve their lives take time and effort, but become routine as you go along. Feeding them the right amount of healthy food and keeping their weight in line is a great resolution.

Playing and training will improve the bond between you and your pet and will bring fun and fulfillment to the human half of the team.

Daily toothbrushing can not only keep your pet healthy, but can also save money. Dental procedures are expensive. We've

brushed Poppy's teeth daily for 6 years and her vet recently told us there is still no need for her first professional cleaning.

It's the time of year to stop and think about your relationships and decide what you can do to improve them. Sit down and have a quiet moment to think about what you and your pets can do to make things better.

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

CHARLESTOWN BEAT

POLICE/COMMUNITY MEETING: Meet the police & discuss public safety issues on the last Wednesday of every month at the police station, 20 Vine Street, at 6:00 p.m., 2nd floor, community room.

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

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

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

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

Trespassing

01/01/19 - Officers placed an individual under arrest in the area off Old Ironsides way for violation of a no-trespass order.

Violation of the Auto Laws

01/01/19 - As a result of a traffic stop on Vine Street, an individual was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

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Public Meeting

Hood Park Master Plan

Wednesday, January 9

6:00PM - 8:00PM

95 Dunstable Street

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Charlestown, MA 02129

Project Proponent:

Hood Park LLC

Project Description:

The revised Hood Park Master Plan project consists of a total of approximately 1,735,745 square feet of development spread among a total of 11 buildings with a variety of uses including commercial, residential, hotel, and retail. This particular meeting will focus on the design and architectural components of the Proposed Project and will include the following: (i) an overview of the overall design strategy and architecture of the revised Hood Park Master Plan, with a focus on the proposed 10 Stack Street building as included in the Notice of Project Change (NPC); (ii) a prioritized conversation with the Impact Advisory Group (IAG); and (iii) a question and answer session with the general public.

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2018 *(continued from pg. 1)*

as two new tenants – Cambridge Savings Bank and Starbucks – open in refurbished and welcoming spaces in early 2018.

- Wynn CEO Steve Wynn seemed to be in control of his company and the project just over the Charlestown line until late January, when he was accused of sexual misconduct in a Wall Street Journal report. The allegations quickly gathered steam, and by February Wynn had resigned from the company and the license for the Everett casino was in jeopardy and the project was moving forward “at risk.” The new CEO became Matt Maddox and the company saw huge amounts of turnover throughout the year. By the end of 2018, the license for the Everett site was still in limbo and an investigation into the matter still had yet to be revealed – having been delayed for months.

- Old Sully’s Café is no more. The storied neighborhood watering hole is purchased by longtime Charlestown developer George Georges at the corner of Union and Lynde Streets. Georges retrofits the old bar into three, two-bedroom condos, with work beginning in February. By the end of the year, all three units are occupied and Old Sully’s is part of neighborhood lore.

- One Charlestown loses its financing partner, SunCal, in early 2018, and later brings on Leggat McCall as the new partner. In the spring and fall, Councilor Lydia Edwards and the Boston

Housing Authority hold hearings in Charlestown on the development, which has now been scaled back. More is to come in 2019, though.

- Substantial flooding hits Charlestown during a horrendous storm on March 2 when areas of the Town that aren’t usually flooded got a lot of water. The flooding was caused by a storm that brought on the second highest storm surge in Boston Harbor history. It was a wakeup call for many in regard to the new term of ‘Coastal Resiliency.’

- St. Catherine’s Church is converted into a Dollar Tree store, and the developer says the building has a lot more potential on the main floors.

- Derek Gallagher becomes the new director of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club in April. Gallagher has worked at the Club for years, and has a long family history based in the club.

- Former Firefighter and Vietnam veteran John Tkachuk is chosen as the Chief Marshal of the 2018 Battle of Bunker Hill Day Parade. He oversees another wonderful month of activities in conjunction with the Bunker Hill Associates and Arthur Hurley of the Parade Committee.

- Mystic River Watershed Council kicks off a visioning process for the Lower Mystic River in Charlestown hoping to spark enthusiasm for opening up the waterfront along the Mystic.

- After 37 years on Main Street,

Bunker Hill Florist store owners Joe Shadroui and Larry Bowling close up shop, selling their business to another owner.

- The Charlestown Peace Park draws a huge crowd at its unveiling on June 26. The unveiling was heavily attended and followed up by a Peace Walk.

- Navy Commander Robert ‘Bob’ Gillen passes away on July 6. A grand procession from the Carr Funeral Home to St. Francis de Sales Church takes place on July 11, followed by a packed house at the church for his Funeral Mass. Gillen had been an incredibly accomplished member of the Navy, more than a lot of people knew, and once commanded Old Ironsides in the Navy Yard. In recent years he was very active in the Town with organizations like the Old Charlestown Schoolboys and the Bunker Hill Parade Committee.

- The Kitchen Kup once again steals the show in August at Eden Street Park. This year, founder Joe Brennan enlists some help from younger players eager to have a bigger role in the tournament. The weather is hot and the competition does not disappoint. Sadly, the Southie ‘Mook’ team takes home the Kup again.

- The North Washington Street Bridge replacement project gets its notice to proceed in late August and preliminary work starts to pop up throughout the fall. The big announcement came in October when the state says it

will build a temporary bridge to lessen the impacts and shorten the construction schedule.

- The Charlestown Navy Yard hosts U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke on Oct. 5 to announce a study to revamp the visitor experience in the Navy Yard. Zinke announces \$3 million to begin planning for the restoration of the old Hoosac Building, which will serve as offices and a new home for the Constitution Museum

- The Lost Village section of the neighborhood speaks out in great numbers in late October against plans for a marijuana dispensary on Cambridge Street. The dispensary is proposed by Bloominus, and seems to have stalled at the moment.

- The Boston Public Schools rolls out its BuildBPS 2.0 plan in November to great disappointment citywide and in Charlestown. BPS does announce that it would

like to look at phasing out the Edwards Middle School to make more elementary seats, but elementary parents in the Town were hoping for quicker action.

- The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) initiates its RFP review process for activating the Navy Yard in December. Six proposals came in and after a meeting in December, it’s mixed reviews for some of them. A few of the proposals are very ambitious, and the BPDA said it hadn’t expected such detailed proposals. The verdict is still out on the matter going into 2019.

- The Mayor’s Enchanted Trolley Tour visit to Charlestown is postponed in December, with Mayor Walsh and Santa Claus coming later in the month. It wasn’t canceled due to snow though, but rather heavy rain. Rain was a factor in nearly everything throughout 2018.

COMMUNITY LEADER BETTY KING HOSTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Community leader Betty King hosted a Christmas party for family, friends, and neighbors at her residence in Charlestown.

The guests enjoyed delicious food and drinks and a dancing performance by the Naffaa Dance Troupe from the Philippines.

Betty surprised her niece, Joy Lim Nakrin, news anchor at NBC10 Boston, with a birthday cake at the holiday celebration.



Betty King is pictured at the Christmas party in her Charlestown home with friends and neighbors (from left), Elaine Donovan, Mary Boucher, Isabelle Green, and Sean Treacy, and members of the Naffaa Dance Troupe from the Phillipines, who entertained the many guests at the party.



NBC10 Boston news anchor Joy Lim Nakrin expresses joy after she was surprised with a birthday cake at the Christmas party. A rising star in the Boston television news industry who holds a J.D. degree from Duke University School of Law, Joy thanked her aunt, Betty King, and the guests, for their birthday well-wishes.



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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

MAYOR WALSH TO APPEAR ON CHARLESTOWN & BEYOND

This week's episode of the Charlestown & Beyond TV program on the BNN-TV will appear on Thursday, Jan. 3, with guest Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh who will be talking about what's happening in Charlestown with all the construction projects being planned and, more importantly, the reconstruction taking place from City Square on the Charlestown Bridge to Sullivan Square where there are multiple projects taking place at the same time. This program originally aired on November 15.

The show can be seen on the 3rd at 6:30 p.m. on BNN-TV channel 9, RCN channel 15 and Verizon channel 1961 and repeated on Thursday at 11:30 p.m., Saturday at 9 a.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m. It can also be seen on Youtube at Charlestown and Beyond and Facebook at Charlestown & Beyond.

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

HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY

The Harvest on Vine Food

Pantry is requesting this week boxes of cereal, small bags of rice or mac 'n cheese. Any donation of 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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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 run through 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.

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WINTER ART LABS FOR KIDS AT ESSEM ART STUDIO

Register for Art Labs at Essem Art Studio facilitated by artist, creative, and fellow Charlestown mom, Sophia Moon. Art Labs are loosely facilitated activities that permit exploration and creative play so little ones can develop confidence in creating art and self expression through various mediums—acrylic paints, watercolors, color pencils, modeling clay, and/or miscellaneous art/craft supplies. Art Labs can be modified for all ages and are also meant to be interactive so if you are bringing your little one(s), come ready to have fun and get messy. All materials are provided. All children must be accompanied and remain under the care of a parent/guardian at all times. If you would like to book a private party/event, please email us at hello@essemartstudio.com.

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For more information and to registration, visit www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org or call Bay State Skating School (781) 890-8480.

TOWNIE TIDBITS

SO LONG TO JIMMY FURLONG

I saw that James Furlong recently passed away at the ripe old age of 97 years old. He has been living in Revere for nearly 40 years at the time of death. However he was a Townie, grew up here and went to school here.

He was a member of the Greatest Generation and enlisted in the US Navy about a little more than a week after the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. He graduated from St. Francis de Sales Grammar School and Charlestown High School.

He joined the Boston Police Department in 1949 and retired in 1987 following 38 years of service on the job. Furlong was a past

president of The Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association, the Bunker Hill Knights Council #62 and the Revere Elks and Revere VFW Post later in life. Funeral services were held at Carr's.

He will be missed by his loving family and plenty of friends from over his lifetime. Once a Townie, always a Townie!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JIMMY CARROLL

I bumped into Jimmy Carroll at the CVS Pharmacy inside the Bunker Hill. I wished him a Happy Birthday, he just had another one on Christmas Eve. If you bump into him in your travels, wish him a Happy Birthday too.

BPDA extends comment period on Navy Yard activation plans

By Seth Daniel

Even though Dec. 31 has come and gone, thanks to an extension, it isn't too late to file comments with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) on the Navy Yard activation plans.

BPDA Director of Real Estate Devin Quirk reported the agency had received some requests to extend the comment period a few more days, and they have obliged.

"We did make the decision to push it out to January 11," Quirk said.

There are six proposals for the RFP to activate the Navy Yard, and the BPDA said it does plan to have something from the six in place this summer. However, before they make any decisions in that direction, they want to hear a lot from the neighborhood.

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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 8, 7 p.m.

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

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

Where: 20 Polk St.

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.

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FIRST NIGHT FESTIVITIES

First Night Festivities took over the town on Monday evening, Dec. 31, as scores of events and music took place through the day and night to welcome in 2019. Early in the evening, the Frog Pond hosted a Skating Spectacular with three-time U.S. Champion, World Silver Medalist, and Olympic Medalist Ashley Wagner. Following that, Mayor Martin Walsh gave a new year's greeting and led the People's Process around Copley Square and down Boylston Street. The early fireworks over the Common were a favorite, that being followed up at midnight with fireworks over Boston Harbor and a light/pyrotechnic show in Copley.



Everyone's favorite street smart bear, Keytar Bear performs at Copley Square for New Year's Eve revelers.



A spectator made a protest mask of Donald Trump out of wood and was showing it as a message for the New Year.



Mascots Pat Patriot of the New England Patriots and Blades The Bruin of the Boston Bruins stir up some enthusiasm.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian



Fireworks over Boston Common rang out early on New Year's Eve with thousands watching from below.



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