



CHARLESTOWN

PATRIOT-BRIDGE

Time for a Landmark? CPS to ask for Master Plan and Landmarks District

By Seth Daniel

The Charlestown Preservation Society (CPS) has sent a letter to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) this week asking for a Master Plan process in Charlestown that will also include some type of Landmarks protective district in the core of the Town – while engaging in active planning for the edges of the Town.

“Our city is in a transformative period and the pressures of economic development must be balanced against preserving and strengthening our residential neighborhoods,” read the letter. “Our community needs a comprehensive master plan establishing

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BPDA moving forward with activation plans, some not pleased

By Seth Daniel

A packed meeting saw mixed reactions to the four proposals to activate the Navy Yard last Weds., March 6, in the Harvard Kent School – with the focus of some complaints being a Tall Ship restaurant in Dry Dock and a beer/wine garden in part of Shipyard

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SNOW DAY



Photo by Seth Daniel

Travis Gillen flies down the back hill of Doherty Park while Patrick and Connor Woods wipe out in the snow. More than 10 inches of snow fell on Charlestown, leaving plenty of fun for everyone on Monday. See more photos on Page 4.

Warren-Prescott Elementary ready to delight with ‘Honk!’ musical

By Seth Daniel

March is theatre season on top of the hill at the Warren-Prescott School, and this weekend the elementary school is prepared and ready to put on the musical ‘Honk!’, and the entire community is invited.

Why go?

“This is a musical you haven’t heard of before and it’s good to try new things,” said fifth-grader Tyler Osborne, who plays a lead role as ‘Ugly.’ “That’s why everyone in Charlestown should come.”

Theatre and Arts Director Olivia Cichon said this is a musical she has wanted to put on for some time, but this year she had the right cast. Plus, she said there won’t be a musical next year, and she thought this one would be a good final touch.

“I’ve wanted to do this show a long time,” she said. “It got beat out by other shows each year – shows like ‘The Lion King,’ ‘Annie,’ and ‘Hair Spray.’ This year I felt I had the right students. I like the music, but I really like the story. It will be nice for the kids to delve into the acting more.”

The two-act play will take place at the school – and open to the public – on Friday at 7 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and go to support the costs of the program.

Emma Reitz plays the mother duckling ‘Ida,’ and she said it was her second production.

She said her favorite part of the show was when she sing’s ‘The Joy of Motherhood’ as she hatches

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Night for Neuroblastoma

Considine family to hold time for families struggling with rare cancer

By Seth Daniel

Little Ava Considine couldn’t be more energetic these days as she darts around the living room of her grandparents’ house on Chappie Street – toting Barbies, watching cartoons and grabbing a special snack every now and then.

She’s feisty and ready for the day, as most Charlestown girls are of her age.

But more than a year and a half ago, Ava – now almost 4 – was struggling for her life as she – and her parents Dan and Ayla Considine – battled the rare childhood cancer known as Neuroblastoma. The disease is one that most children are born with, but it doesn’t usually show until

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Little Ava Considine, now almost 4, is doing fine these days, full of energy when she visits her grandparents in Charlestown. However, just last year she and her parents, Dan and Ayla Considine, were in a battle with Neuroblastoma cancer.

Cyan Magenta Yellow Black

CNC gives good reviews to Sawyer Lot project; supports Master Plan

By Seth Daniel

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) met on Tuesday night and gave thumbs up to a project on a Bunker Hill Street parking lot, and also agreed to support to the Charlestown Preservation Society (CPS) Master Plan effort.

CJ Doherty and Jeff Doherty of Prime Design appeared first to present a nine-unit apartment building with 23 parking spots on the vacant lot at the corner of Bunker Hill and Meade streets – a lot known as Sawyer’s Lot.

Doherty said the project is a

single building about four stories tall with nine units, starting at two-bedrooms and up. He said a big part of their agreement is to put something on the street that preserves the character of the neighborhood and St. Francis Church.

“A big part of our agreement with Mrs. Sawyer is we are still Charlestown people and don’t want to fundamentally change the look and feel of Bunker Hill Street,” he said. “We have an element of stewardship we make it look like it was always there and

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EDITORIAL

LET'S CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE IN STATE LAW TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The recent national news stories concerning a massage parlor in Jupiter, Fla., have brought to light what is nothing less than a national abomination: The trafficking of women that reaches into every corner of the United States.

The news stories about this 21st century version of human bondage have made it clear that huge numbers of women, mostly Asian, are being trafficked in a multi-billion dollar sex trade operation under the guise of legitimate massage parlors.

Here in Massachusetts, it is estimated that there are 200-300 of these illicit "business" entities -- almost one for every city and town in the Commonwealth. Just this past week, police in the well-to-do community of Norwell came upon one of these places (which was located in an otherwise-ordinary mall) and, upon executing a search warrant, discovered conditions almost identical to what authorities found in Jupiter.

There were mattresses on the floor and other indicia of living that made it clear that those who worked there also were residing on the premises as prisoners of the operators of this establishment.

How can this situation -- sex slavery in which women from all around the world are being trafficked in our hometowns -- exist so openly in America in 2019?

It seems to us there is a fairly simple solution to the problem that can be accomplished with a small change in the law, at least here in Massachusetts, which is as follows:

The signage on the front window of the Jupiter establishment lists the following services: "Massage therapy, facials, waxing, table showers", and this one: "Body treatments."

Massachusetts tightly regulates the massage therapy business pursuant to chapter 112, section 228, which requires massage therapists to receive training and obtain a license.

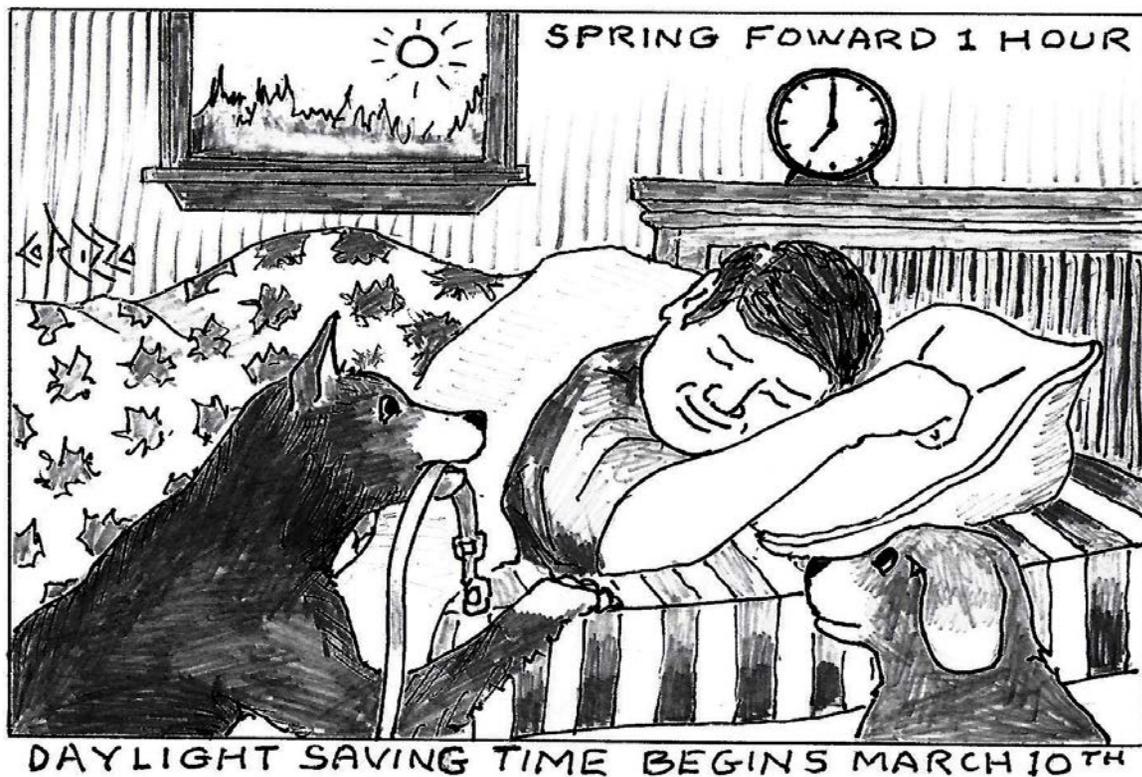
However, the last line of this statute exempts from the licensing requirements "those who use the terms 'bodywork', 'bodyworker', and 'bodywork therapist'."

It's as if the traffickers themselves wrote this loophole into the law. The women who were found in the Norwell establishment (who, similar to the women in Jupiter, were Chinese citizens and spoke no English) when the police conducted the raid identified themselves as "bodyworkers" and as such did not require any licensing requirements either from the state or local authorities. It's as if they did not exist.

In our view, the solution is straightforward: Require every person (including receptionists) who works in these establishments to obtain a permit (as opposed to a license) in order to work there. Such persons would be required to register at the local Board of Health where they would have to appear in person, produce a valid ID, and provide their place of residence in order to get their permit.

Routine spot checks by the local boards would ensure that everyone working there has a valid permit from the local authority. If anyone is found working there without a permit, the business would be ordered closed forthwith and the managers, as well as the owners, would be subject to arrest and criminal penalties for employing persons without permits.

In our view, this small change in Massachusetts law, if emulated across the country, could go a long way toward ending the human trafficking business that is a national disgrace.



GUEST OP-ED

National service makes local impact: AmeriCorps members are strengthening greater Boston communities

By Barbara Moffat and Emily Haber

In his inaugural address, President John F. Kennedy asked Americans what they could do for their country. Nearly 60 years later, thousands are answering that question by serving in AmeriCorps, a national service program administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Across Massachusetts, 2,400 AmeriCorps members are serving this year, addressing the Commonwealth's most pressing needs in the areas of education, health, workforce development, and the environment.

The week of March 10-16 is AmeriCorps Week, which celebrates the valuable contributions of the AmeriCorps members who pledge to "get things done" for America. In Massachusetts, AmeriCorps members are tutoring and mentoring at-risk youth pre-K through high school, expanding access to recovery and treatment services for those struggling with opioid addiction, preparing communities for natural disasters, teaching young people how to grow and cook nutritious foods, providing support services to refugees and immigrants, preserving and rehabilitating our forests and waters, and more.

This year, over 30 AmeriCorps members are serving throughout Charlestown. Two AmeriCorps members serving with Boston University's College Advising Corps are helping young adults

with college readiness, advising, and support at Charlestown High School. City Year Boston members are also serving at the Charlestown High School as well as the Edwards Middle School, providing full classroom support and academic engagement services. Members of the Student Conservation Association (SCA) Massachusetts Forests and Parks AmeriCorps program are completing high priority conservation projects at the Commandant's House and the Charlestown Navy Yard. "Whether it's serving a year in a pre-K classroom or on the trails in our state parks, our dedicated AmeriCorps members are making lasting change in cities and towns all across this great Commonwealth. They are meeting local needs, they are developing leadership skills, and for many, they will choose to stay in Massachusetts after their year of service and remain active and engaged citizens making a difference in our communities every day," said MSA CEO Emily Haber.

AmeriCorps members in Massachusetts may receive a modest living allowance, student loan deferment, health insurance, childcare, and professional development. Members who successfully complete their service receive an educational award of up to \$6,095 to help pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay off student loans.

Since AmeriCorps began in 1994, more than 35,000 Massachusetts

residents have served through the national service program, generating over \$1.13 billion in community impact. These AmeriCorps members have also earned \$63.2 million in education awards. Those interested in joining AmeriCorps can learn more at AmeriCorps.gov/join.

The Massachusetts Service Alliance, established in 1991, is a private, nonprofit organization that serves as the state commission on community service and volunteerism. MSA invests in community-based organizations and institutions that rely upon volunteers and people engaged in service. Through investing, convening, advocating, and building capacity, MSA develops and supports programs like AmeriCorps that incorporate service and volunteerism as effective strategies to address the most pressing needs in the Commonwealth. To learn more about MSA's role across the state, visit www.mass-service.org.

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State Rep. Dan Ryan, Flatley to host Spring Fling in April

Staff Report

State Rep. Dan Ryan announced this week that instead of having the Senior St. Patrick's Luncheon this year ahead of the big green day, they will instead have a Spring Fling event in April.

Ryan and the Flatley Companies had brought the luncheon back a few years ago after it had been combined with the St. Patrick's Day Roast many years ago. However, this year Ryan said with so many events on St. Patrick's, they felt a spring event was a better idea.

"We are happy to announce that we will be hosting a spring-time elderly event again this year; albeit, with a little twist," he said. "We were happy to bring

the St. Patrick's Day Senior Luncheon back after a long hiatus. However, logistically, I felt it made more sense to have a similar celebration a couple of weeks later. This was done so as not to compete with other events in the town and across the city...and less snow. We hope this will allow for maximum participation. With 200 proud Charlestown residents in attendance, any day will feel like St. Patrick's Day."

An exact date, has yet to be confirmed. However, it will be a weekday within the first two weeks of April. Please look forward to future issues of the Patriot-Bridge for precise details. Any questions feel free to call Rep. Ryan's office at (617) 722-2060.

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fits the neighborhood. We won't push the envelope on zoning and put something there that doesn't fit the neighborhood."

He said one new aspect is that there will be flood protection built into the project to drain and store water from a 100-year storm. That will provide protection for people below the hill, whereas now there is no stormwater storage on the lot.

He said they hope to sell the units as condos, and would like to see them fetch between \$800,000 and \$1.1 million in this market. They do expect to include one parking space with each unit, and additional spaces could be purchased.

The hope is to start as soon as possible, he said. They plan to file with the City next week, and believe they could start in June or July. If that is the case, the project could be completed by October 2020.

Lisa Collins said she thought

it looked like a good project, and several on the CNC agreed that it was a good fit for the empty lot.

"I want to thank you for the look of it," she said. "It looks like it fits. It looks like it should be there. I remember what was there a long time ago, and this looks like it fits."

•Later in the meeting, members of the CPS were on hand to present their letter to the CNC for review – a letter sent out this week to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) calling for a Master Plan and Landmarks District study.

The CNC enthusiastically said they endorsed the idea, and agreed to craft a similar letter to the City on their own letterhead to lend support to the effort.

"We want everyone involved; no one is excluded," said Amanda Zettel of the CPS. "At this point, we're just trying to get a seat at the table for a study with the BPDA."

the larger problem? Unless we stop adding more greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, adaptation will inevitably fall short.

So Mr. Speaker, as your GreenWorks plan advances through the House, why not also support the 100 percent Renewable Energy bill? Let's address our local needs but also make sure we are doing our part as global citizens to reduce our overall carbon emissions. Full carbon neutrality as quickly as possible is the only sensible response to this urgent problem.

Brent Whelan
Allston, Mass.

CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Listening...

By Very Reverend James Ronan, VF – Pastor, St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish

In the course of any parish priest's day there are many varied activities. Really, from concern over some item of the buildings to time spent with a family grieving the death of a loved one, the spectrum is broad and deep – and I love it! And often the activity that is the most important and precious is listening. We priests are good listeners – at least we try to be! Now that might not sound like "heavy lifting" – yet there are many times when it is. The issue is around the matter being discussed. If it is about the possible retirement of Tom Brady from the Patriots that is one thing; if the subject is a family coping with a loved one diagnosed with a terminal cancer, that is something else.

Listening in any event calls one to offer complete attention to the other – and often we do not listen that way! We hear what another is saying without truly listening. Rather we are inclined to anticipate what someone is saying as we formulate our response before the person has finished speaking! At other times one's mind is elsewhere while another is speaking. All of us have done this and also have been in conversations when this is common.

Some years ago Carl Rogers, a noted psychologist and prolific author introduced a new way of looking at effective therapy. Among other things, he suggested that what he called; "Unconditional Positive Regard" was crucial to effective psycho-

therapy. Rogers was talking about how we listen. He taught that when a listener gives his/her entire attention to the other, in a positive and nonjudgmental way, allowing a person to speak and no matter what is said, it is accepted without judgment, in that encounter healing can take place. A person's hurts, brokenness, shame, anxiety, fear, inferiority, confused identity and so much more, can improve. On the one hand it sounds so elementary and yet in truth, it is so profound.

And this very experience happens all the time, among friends, spouses, colleagues and teachers ... It is that phenomenon of one human being caring for another – and caring in such a way as to make it possible for another to open up and unburden all kinds of trouble and pain that is within. We all need such opportunities and everyone is healthier because of them. At the same time we all know there are some parts of life, some experiences, choices and actions that are very difficult and cannot be spoken about easily. Sometimes a priest can help.

Actually it is better to say, all the time, God can help. And God has chosen, for God's own reasons, to be present to us in countless ways and through the Sacraments of the Church, in very specific and deeply helpful ways. The Sacrament of Penance, Confession, is one of these gifts. The fact that few use the Sacrament in these days does not diminish its value and its avail-

ability to be a source of Grace and healing for those who approach this precious gift.

Since my Ordination as a Priest in June, 1982 to this present day, I am in awe of how God uses this sacrament to bring His love to people in these moments. Further while I am well aware of the effectiveness of counseling and therapy – the listening that happens in this Sacrament occasions a time of Grace: God is present and the Priest serves only as an instrument of this Grace in ways that are far beyond understanding.

During Lent, Confession will be available in churches and chapels throughout the Archdiocese every Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. In our Parish there will be a priest at the Parish Center on Winthrop St. Also a priest will be available every Saturday afternoon from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m. in the Confession corner in the upper Church. Further, there will be a parish-wide Lenten Prayer and Penance Service on Monday evening, April 15, at 7 p.m. Also any person can contact the Parish Office to set up an appointment to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

Rogers is right – lovingly listening to another can be a wonderful and healing experience. Imagine how much more such a moment can be when one seeks God in the Sacrament of Penance and the fruit of that is forgiveness, healing and consolation. This Lent the Light is On for You.

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MAKING THE BEST OF A SNOW DAY

Photos by Seth Daniel

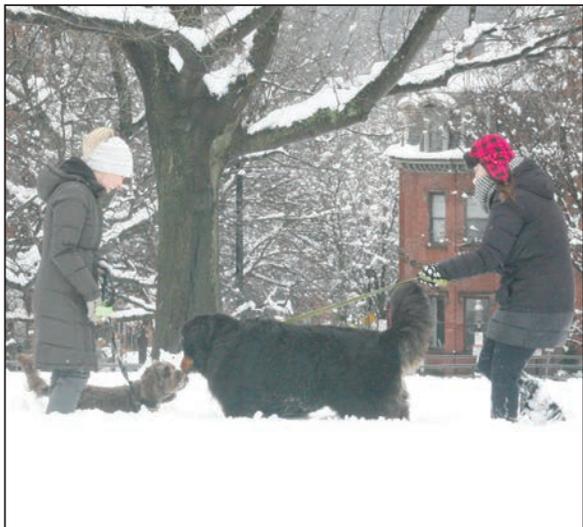
More than 10 inches of snow dropped overnight on Sunday, leaving the Town in a winter blanket of snow. School was called off for Monday, and kids, families and canine friends headed out into the snow for a day of fun and shoveling.



Some of the hundreds of kids in the Town having a blast on the back side of Doherty Park.



Darcy Serpa, Emery DeRoeve, Isabel Gali and Elle Dagdigian get ready to sled down the hill at Doherty Park.



Two doggie friends meet up at the Monument for a nose kiss.



Oliver Fabrez tries his hardest to roll over a giant snowball at the Monument.



Patrick Kane shovels out his car on High Street Monday, wearing a sweater of a team we don't speak of.



Camden Bartlett helps the National Parks to shovel out the Monument.

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Pena competent to stand trial for kidnapping, aggravated rape

By Seth Daniel

In what was a roller coaster hearing in Charlestown Court on Friday morning, March 1, Judge Lawrence McCormack oversaw two shocking revelations in the January kidnapping case involving Victor Pena.

First, doctors at Bridgewater State Hospital have determined that he is competent to stand trial.

Second, the Boston Police had filed three charges of aggravated rape against Pena on Thursday, Feb. 28 – taking the case to a whole new level.

And then lastly to the media, Pena's brother said he was 100 percent sure that there was no kidnapping and anything that happened was consensual.

The name of the victim had been quite public in January when she was reported missing and after police found her in the Bunker Hill Development, but due to the fact that she is now a victim, her name is no longer being used. The victim had disappeared after leaving Hennessey's Bar in downtown Boston on a frigid night in January. Using video and cell phone tracking, the family and Boston Police eventually found her several days later in Pena's apartment in Bunker Hill. Police were in the process of drilling through a secondary lock on his door when Pena opened the door and Police found the victim standing inside with a "horrified" look on her face.

ADA Ian Polumbaum told the court right off the bat on Friday that Pena – who had been committed to Bridgewater the last time he was in the court – was deemed fit to stand trial.

"Things have changed since



Victor Pena is escorted into Charlestown District Court March 1 in Charlestown Court. He faces charges of kidnapping, and three new charges of aggravated rape. (Staff Photo By Chris Christol/MediaNews Group/Boston Herald)

the last time we were here," he said. "The last time we heard the complaint and there was a commitment. After extensive mental testing, the defendant has come back from Bridgewater and they have found that he is competent to stand trial."

At the same time, the three new aggravated rape charges against Pena were revealed. Judge McCormack impounded those charges and agreed to arraign Pena on the new charges – as well as hold his competency hearing – on March 15 in Charlestown Court.

"These reports are impounded," he said. "That means that they are not to be given out or shown to anyone other than those involved in the case."

With the serious new charges filed, family members and their attorney, Bill Barabino, said they will defend Pena.

"This was consensual," said Jose Pena, of New Jersey. "My best guess is she has a boyfriend and

now she has to go with this version. I'm pretty sure there was nothing that got out of control. You go with a persona couple days and the next thing you know they are accusing you of kidnapping...I know that the truth here will all come to light. I really doubt he did it. I 100 percent doubt it...You're not going to walk two miles with him from the train, seeing several people, and not yell or scream if there is force. She had her phone too and she could have called."

Jose Pena also played a voice-mail recording of Pena's ex-wife, with whom he has two children. In that recording, she stated how heartbroken she was and how sure she was that Pena would never commit such crimes.

Jose Pena said his brother is slow mentally, and that mental issues run in the family. He said his father's twin brother spent his entire life in a mental institution, and his brother has struggled as well.

"It's clear there is something wrong," he said. "I grew up with my brother. I know him. He's slow. He may be 38, but mentally he's 13 or 14. He only got to the second grade."

Attorney Barabino said that his client voluntarily opened the door when he noticed someone drilling a hole in his lock. When asked if his client held the victim against, her will, he said that would be up to a jury.

"That's ultimately what a trial is for," he said.

"What we know now is she was at his place and the police came," he said. "When he opened the door, she was on her cell phone and made calls during that period of time."

Pena will appear in court again on March 15.

and doesn't have to be a situation like in Beacon Hill where you have to apply to the board "to paint your front door orange."

Added Zettel, "It's more about making sure our historic neighborhood doesn't disappear."

Zettel and Abramson said the Master Plan would be to engage the public on planning for the edges, not to exclude anyone, and to see if there is support for a Landmarks District.

The first step, however, is getting the BPDA to agree to the year-long study.

"Right now, we don't have an agenda except to say we want this study," said Abramson.

The idea of a Master Plan is not new, nor is a Landmarks District for the Town. However, this new effort comes at a different time, a time when the Town and its edges are being changed in a way not seen in decades. That, more than anything, is why they said CPS decided to move fast on this effort.

For the Record

•FILING FOR EXEMPTIONS OR TAX DEFERRALS

The City has many tax relief programs for homeowners who occupy their property as their principal residence. These include residential exemptions, personal exemptions, and a tax deferral program for seniors.

The online applications for exemptions and tax deferrals are available through Assessing Online starting January 1, 2019. Follow the instructions on Assessing Online to find applications for your property.

The Fiscal Year 2019 filing deadline for exemptions and tax deferrals is April 1, 2019.

•SUCCESSLINK SUMMER JOBS

Mayor Walsh's Youth Jobs Program provides entry-level employment experience to more than 3,500 youth. Youth work at more than 200 community-based organizations. These jobs give youth experiences that are engaging and meaningful. They also prepare them to enter the workforce later in life. SuccessLink is the online tool that enables Boston youth to register for the jobs program. You can register for a 2019 summer job from February 27 until April 12.

•Hood Park Meeting

A public meeting, hosted by the BPDA, to share updates to the revised Hood Park Master Plan project as a result of public review process to date.

When: Monday, March 11, 6-7 p.m.

Where: Cambridge College, Town Commons 1403, 500 Rutherford Ave.

•Charlestown EMS Parcels

A meeting, hosted by the BPDA, to discuss a parcel in Charlestown that currently houses EMS Station 15. The parcel address is 512 Main St.

Where: The Schrafft Center, 529 Main St.

When: Tuesday, March 12, 6 p.m.

•Join MassDOT Secretary Stephanie Pollack, Boston Transportation Commissioner Gina Fiandaca, Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria, and Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone to learn about the transportation recommendations for this area and the next steps to improve mobility.

The Lower Mystic Regional Working Group (LMRWG) has

been studying options to improve transportation in an area encompassing parts of Boston, Everett, and Somerville and centered on the transportation hub of Sullivan Square, which has seen considerable development activity in recent years.

The LMRWG was formed by MassDOT to study the effects these future developments may have on the entire area, identify opportunities to improve mobility, and to develop short- and long-term transportation infrastructure and policy recommendations for improving transportation in and around Sullivan Square.

The meeting will take place on March 14, 10:30 a.m., at the Charlestown Knights of Columbus.

•Abutters Meeting for 146-146A Bunker Hill St.

A meeting to discuss legalizing the occupancy as to reflect real-estate bill. Change from a one family to a two family. Existing condition, no work is to be done. Has been used as a two-family for years.

When: Thursday, March 7, 6 p.m.

Where: 146-146A Bunker Hill St.

•Warren Prescott School Dates March 13 - School Site Council Meeting

March 22 - BPS - District Choice Application Due (Round 2)

April 6 - Annual Fundraiser Spring Fling, 7 p.m. Boston Beer Works.

•COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS SURVEY

Please share your experiences and opinions on the health of Boston. A group of community organizations, health centers, hospitals, and the Boston Public Health Commission is gathering data to understand the health needs and strengths of Boston to plan for future services and programs and better coordination among organizations. Please click on the link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/bostonchna to share your experiences and opinions by March 5 to shape these efforts.

•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 Feb. 14 (Healthy Valentine's Day). For more info call (857) 238-1176.

MASTER PLAN (from pg. 1)

the framework for future development in Charlestown and ensuring our community's voice is recognized before development occurs. A comprehensive master plan would provide a framework for balanced and thoughtful new growth and development at the neighborhood's bordering commercial districts and waterfront areas, while preserving and enhancing the quality of life in the community's residential core."

Jeff Abramson, new chair of Design Review, and Amanda Zettel, chair of Community Programs, said they are enlisting the help of everyone in the neighborhood to sound off on the need for a master planning process that also includes a protected district.

Abramson said the idea came out of all of the major projects now coming to bear and in the planning stages – such as Hood and One Charlestown – and the desire to look at them comprehensively and not piece by piece.

"We felt this was a good time

for this," he said. "The zoning ordinance that are in place aren't very useful if every project just goes and seeks a variance...Instead of on a case by case basis, let's look at guidelines that help inform us as we go forward."

Zettel said they would like to also engage the entire community on the idea of some unique, and specially tailored Landmarks District for Charlestown to protect the historical character.

"While we are supportive of a growth district on the edges of the area, we are also interested in preserving the neighborhood core," she said. "We are primarily looking for more protections for historic structures...There's a balance between allowing people to develop and improve their homes, but there also has to be core protections to keep people from coming in and demolishing an historic structure."

Abramson added that a Landmarks District in the Town could be tailored very specifically,

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Pope John coach Boucher earns 300th career victory

Tigers advance in State Tournament

By Cary Shuman

The official announcement came as a surprise, but the accomplishment was not unexpected, because when it comes to coaching high school basketball, Leo Boucher is at the top of the class.

Moments after the Pope John XXIII High School boys basketball team defeated No. 1 seed Mystic Valley Regional, 61-54, the PA announcer noted that the victory was the 300th of Coach Boucher's career.

Boucher and his team had to dig deep to reach that milestone because the Eagles and their large group of supporters had every intention of derailing Pope John's bid for a second consecutive state championship.

And for close to three quarters, Coach Tony Ferullo's Eagles were frustrating the Tigers and their phenomenal guard, Angel Price-Espada who was held to seven points in the game. Mystic Valley led by as many as seven, 39-32, midway through the third period.

But with the MV defense double-teaming Price-Espada, Pope

John players Frankie Imbruglia and Mehki Collins stepped up and delivered huge offensive contributions.

Imbruglia, a transfer from St. Mary's of Lynn, scored 13 of his 15 points in the second half, including a trio of 3-pointers. Collins had 15 points, 13 rebounds, and six assists and was clutch at the free-throw line late in the fourth quarter.

Conor Kelly, a 6-foot-4-inch senior from Charlestown, had seven points and five rebounds after getting in to foul trouble in the first half. Kelly not only made his presence felt with rebounds, but he aggressively went after the basketball to give his teammates additional opportunities on the boards.

Kelly was also immense on defense against the Eagles, who had two 1,000-point scorers in their starting lineup.

"Conor was a great role player last season on a state championship team and this year he has had to step up and play a starting role, and he's performed very well," said Boucher. "He's worked so hard. He dug down in a big game."

Luis Velasquez, a 6-foot-

3-inch center from Chelsea, sparked Pope John with eight points. Cam Erickson, the sharp-shooting forward from Everett, had seven points.

In an interesting and somewhat unusual conclusion to an exciting game, Mystic Valley's senior captain Josh Briceus scored his 1,000th career point on the very last shot (a deep and contested three-pointer) of his career with six seconds left in the game. The crowd gave Briceus a much-deserved ovation.

Mystic Valley senior Ben Soto was honored before the game with a plaque recognizing his 1,000th career point milestone.

Boucher was humble about his 300-win achievement that all but guarantees that he will be enshrined in the Mass. Coaches Hall of Fame soon.

"The kids won 300 games, it's their effort – coaches don't win those," said Boucher. "We expected a tough game from Mystic Valley and that's what they gave us. I think getting Soto in foul trouble was huge for us – he's a tremendous, multi-faceted player. We played a zone specifically to pinch on Soto."

Boucher said he expected to see a defense that was designed especially to contain Price-Espada. "People have done just about every junk defense that they can on Angel. I thought Angel really stepped up as a teammate to-

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STAY FOCUSED: Pope John head coach Leo Boucher implores his team during the fourth quarter of the Tigers 61-54 win over top-ranked Mystic Valley Friday night. The win was Boucher's 300th career win and put Pope John, defending Division 4 state champions, into the semi-finals of the 2019 Division 4 North tournament.

night. He found the open man when he was double-teamed."

Pope John Associate Head Coach Larry Washington has accompanied Boucher on this amazing journey that has produced state championships and a mountain of memories.

"He [Boucher] is a players' coach," credited Washington. "He pushes his players hard,

but they admire him a lot. He's a great teacher of the game. We go back a long way. I want to congratulate him on his 300th win. All the praise for him his well-deserved."

The Pope John boys and girls basketball teams were both set to play Fenway High School in a Division 4 North semifinal doubleheader Tuesday night at Winthrop High School.

STATE TOURNAMENT

Conor Kelly excels in big win over Mystic Valley

By Cary Shuman

Charlestown's Conor Kelly played a huge role in the Pope John XXIII High School boys basketball team's 61-54 victory over No. 1 seed Mystic Valley Regional Charter School Friday night on the Eagles' homecourt.

Kelly finished with seven points and five rebounds, including a couple of clutch free throws during a tense, second half. The starting 6-foot-4-inch senior forward also played outstanding defense for the Tigers.

"I just went out and gave it my best, and hopefully we can keep it going," said Kelly.

In fact, the Tigers "kept it going" Tuesday night with a 68-51 victory over Fenway High School in Winthrop. Pope John, the defending state champion, will play in the Division 4 North sectional final Friday night in Tewksbury.

The win over Mystic Valley was the 300th career win for Leo Boucher of Charlestown.

"He's a great coach and I love playing basketball for him," said Kelly.

Conor had the support of a large family rooting section at the Mystic Valley game, including his parents, Kevin and Ann Marie, his older brother, Philip, and his aunts, Patty and Maureen.



Pope John's Conor Kelly (40) gets a big hand in the way of an attempted shot by St. Mary's Lisandro Pacheco (24).

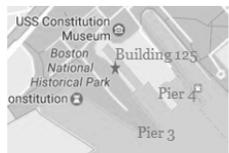


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CONSIDINE (continued from pg. 1)

a few years into life – where it attacks the nerve endings and slowly destroys the body.

It was something that hit the family out of the blue.

There had been no real signs; no symptoms to check out.

Ayla said she had just been getting Ava her booster shots and a flu shot one day, and the next thing they knew – they were in for the fight of their lives.

“I was just there for the flu shot for her and the doctor began to feel her belly,” said Ayla and Dan. “He was concerned about it, but there were no symptoms. Looking back on it, I could occasionally see something in her stomach, but it looked like an abdominal muscle. She never

complained. You just don’t think it could be cancer in your 2.5 year old daughter. I got the call with bad news when I was on Route 1. They told me to bring her back in. I was so frantic I wanted to make a U-turn on the highway. It was the beginning of a very tough year.”

That was on Nov. 13, 2017, and Dan Considine – a Boston Firefighter who has spent most of his career until recently on Engine 4 at the Beacon Hill Firehouse – said it launched them into a very aggressive treatment schedule, with little Ava getting her first chemotherapy treatment on Thanksgiving Day.

However, initial therapies weren’t working out, and the

disease is so uncommon that few know what to do.

“What happens is no one knows really what to do if that treatment doesn’t work, which is what happened to Ava,” he said.

Eventually, they were able to transfer her over to Children’s Hospital, and after a skilled surgeon performed a procedure and other treatments in early 2018, Ava seemed to recover. Now, she’s been better for a year, and the Considine family is looking to help other families who weren’t as fortunate.

Dan Considine said Neuroblastoma has very little money for research, as is the case for a lot of childhood cancers. With Neuroblastoma, there is a 50 percent relapse rate for children, and if there is a relapse, there is no treatment. Sadly, he said, only about 10 percent survive a relapse. Only about 60 percent of children survive the initial diagnosis.

However, there is good work being done, Dan and Ayla said, but

there isn’t much funding or access to the drugs for relapse patients. A family in Braintree has pioneered a medication known as DFMO. Through the charity Beat-Nb, the Considines hope that their family and friends can help families that need access to this therapy – and that’s why they’ve decided to hold a time on March 16 at 7 p.m. in the Charlestown Knights of Columbus.

“We never had to go down that road, but for children who do, they sometimes can’t get access because they can’t afford it or can’t afford to travel to get it,” said Dan. “The time is meant to help families that need it...So much of the time during the last year when we were in treatment and procedures, you’re just a spectator. Now we can actually do something and help out in some way.”

Said Ayla, “If Ava was to have relapsed, that’s when this treatment comes in. Once you have relapse with Neuroblastoma, there is no cure. Now we just maintain

it. As a parent, that’s not acceptable.”

The fundraiser will have raffles, Irish step dance, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Some of the prizes include a Patriots helmet signed by the entire Super Bowl team, as well as an autographed Tom Brady jersey. A full 100 percent of the money raised will go towards Beat-Nb and Neuroblastoma research.

“You see the commercials on TV and you feel bad and maybe you throw a check to St. Jude’s, but you never think it will happen to you or your family,” said Dan. “Now that it has happened to us, we figured we could ask everyone to throw a few bucks to a good cause and help people to learn about Neuroblastoma at the same time. It’s going to be a fun night.”

Tickets are going fast, and the event is somewhat sold out already. Anyone wishing to buy tickets or make donations can contact Dan Considine at (617) 233-3067 or Ayla Considine at (857) 445-5644.

DiDomenico serves as speaker at Women’s Bar Association legislative breakfast

Sen. Sal DiDomenico joined with Senate President Karen Spilka and a number of other elected officials to speak with the Women’s Bar Association (WBA). Every year, the WBA hosts a legislative breakfast in the Great Hall in order to meet with legislators and advocate for their legislative priorities. Sen. DiDomenico spoke to the members of the WBA about his bill, An Act to Lift the Cap on Kids (S.37), which is one of the WBA’s top priorities this legislative session.

An Act to Lift the Cap on Kids, also known as Lift the Cap, would repeal the state’s family cap. The family cap denies TAFDC (Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children) to children conceived while – or soon after – the family received benefits. This cap denies a child \$100 a month in benefits plus an annual \$300 clothing allowance. There are currently about 8,700 children in

Massachusetts who are excluded from benefits because of when they were born.

“We know that it’s time to take action and repeal this ineffective and unjust policy, and show that we value all children equally, regardless of the circumstances of their birth,” Sen. DiDomenico remarked. He also encouraged the members of the WBA to speak to their legislators regarding the policy, stating; “Do not simply ask your elected officials whether they support a bill or an issue. Ask them, ‘At what level do you support it?’”

Last session, An Act to Lift the Cap on Kids passed the House and the Senate, but was amended by the Governor at the end of session. In addition to filling An Act to Lift the Cap on Kids, Sen. DiDomenico also filled An Act to Lift Kids out of Deep Poverty, which would increase TAFDC by 10 percent every year.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico speaks at the Women’s Bar Association.

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The annual McGonagle/McGoff Memorial Tournament took place last weekend at the Emmons Horrigan O'Neil Rink in Charlestown, with several teams from the Town competing for the championship. While no Charlestown teams took the title, several terrific games took place over the weekend from teams all over Greater Boston.



John MacLetchie gets ready to take the ice.



Max Haskell tries to lift the puck over the Wellesley goalie's reach.

Photo by Emily Harney



Ben Jacobson shoves off a player from Wellesley Saturday.



Joanne Castro, Joe McGonagle and Barry McGonagle stand at the annual McGonagle/McGoff Youth Hockey Tournament this past weekend. A time-honored tradition for local young people in the Charlestown hockey program is to end the season with a big win in the McGonagle/McGoff tournament, which is in memory of Bryan McGonagle and Danny McGoff.



Rory McConnel of the Charlestown Pee Wee hockey team works her way down the ice during their game with Wellesley Saturday.



Annie Driscoll controls the puck during their game against Wellesley Saturday during the McGonagle/McGoff Youth Hockey Tournament.

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MCGONAGLE/MCGOFF MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT



Jayda Ventullo moves the puck down the ice.



Coaches Kevin Tkachuk and Brian Fleming of the Mite 1 Charlestown team were joined by Boston Bruin Charlie McAvoy, who stopped by the McGonagle/McGoff Memorial Tournament over the weekend. The Mite 1 team played for the championship against Needham in an epic double-overtime battle. Both teams battled to the end, but Needham pulled out a late goal to take the win.



Al Carrier, Joanne Castro, Joe McGonagle, Maureen Kelly, Kathy Higgins, and Barny McGonagle. Front: Brayden Fidler O'Neil and Tommy Bresler.



Goalie Charlie Stamler and teammate Aiden Hanscom defend against an incoming goal.

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Mary Ellen Campbell, Kim Mahoney, and Elaine Collins.

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Cara Shea and Kelly Mahoney.



Nicole McLaughlin, Nichole Stevens, Christine and Joe Ronca (far right), and Mary Gillen (second from right) at the Gillen Table.



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Courtney Schievink, Zara Doyle, Erin Mahoney, and Kristen Schievink at the Erin Mahoney Table.



Maureen Hennessey, Frances Harty, and Diane Shea (who was happy to get into the disco spirit).

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TOWNIE SPORTS

CYHA UPDATE

• **McGonagle/McGoff Memorial Tournament** – The Charlestown Youth Hockey Association (CYHA) and the McGonagle and McGoff families staged another brilliant tournament last weekend.

In the girls U14 McGoff division, the Townie team fought hard, but Mass Bay and Belmont prevailed to fight it out in the championship game. Mass Bay won the title 1-0 in overtime.

The Pee Wee McGonagle Division saw Wellesley take the cake with a 2-0 win over Belmont in the championship.

The Mite Division, on Sunday, was where the action was at as the Charlestown Mite 1 team did battle with Needham in the Considine Division. First, in the final game of the tournament, Charlestown played brilliant and defeated Needham. That set up a championship game directly after between the two foes. It was a battle to the end and one for the ages. The action was relentless, but at the end of regulation, it was a tie. That tie prevailed through one intense session of overtime. Then came sudden death overtime. Both teams had near wins with a barrage of shots on goal. However, at about the two-minute mark into the second overtime, Needham slipped a wrist shot above the right shoulder of the Townie goalie. A tough loss for Mite 1, but few teams have fought harder for the title than those two teams.

• This weekend, several teams are looking towards the playoff

semi-finals and championships in the Valley League. The girls teams still have another week to go until their post season play starts. This Saturday and Sunday will be busy for the Townies. The playoff games are as follows:

*Mite 1 vs. Waltham 2 at Hockeytown on March 9.

*Mite 3 vs. Wellesley at Cambridge on March 9.

*Squirt AA vs. Medfield at Fessenden on March 9.

*Squirt A vs. Dorchester at Revere on March 9.

*Pee Wee AA vs. Danvers 1 at Malden on March 10.

*Pee Wee A vs. Wellesley at Lynn on March 10.

• Tryouts/Evaluations for the end of the season will take place next week on March 11, 12, 13 and 14. Search the CYHA website for exact times for the team trying out for next year.

WAMP THE YARD!!!

Braintree senior sensation Adriana Timberlake continues to add more chapters to her storybook hoop career. The defending state champion Lady Wamps (19-4), once again, advanced to the Division 1 South finals and will square off against Needham (18-5) on Friday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m. at Taunton High School. Adriana will look to add to her 1,000+ career point total and has already built a reputation as a "prime time" difference maker. GO LADY WAMPS!!!

POPE JOHN PUNCH TICKET TO NORTH FINALS

In a balanced team effort, defending state champion Pope John XXIII (16-8) outlasted Fenway (16-6) by a score of 68-54 to advance to the Division 4 North title game in Tewksbury on Friday at 8 p.m. versus Lowell Catholic or KIPP Academy. Coach Leo Boucher utilized a trapping PJ defense to stifle the Fenway attack before the Tigers extended a second half lead with a plethora of 3-pointers. Senior forward Conor Kelly contributed 12 rebounds, 3 blocks, 3 steals and 3 points. Friday's winner will advance to play the Division 4 South champion at the TD (Boston) Garden.

MIAA TOURNEY – WHO IS LEFT?

Three defending state champs (BC High, Braintree and Pope John XXIII) have no intention of relinquishing their crowns without a fight. Two others (Matignon, Boston Latin) came "oh so close" last season and are determined to acquire some "bling" this time around.

• HOCKEY

*SUPER 8 BOYS

Second Round (winner's bracket) – Wednesday, March 6 at Tsongas Arena at 7:30 p.m. BC High (17-2-2) vs. Arlington (15-3-3).

TOWNIE: BCH senior wing Matt Lakus

*DIVISION 2 NORTH (boys)

Finals, March 11, Tsongas Arena, Time TBA. Boston Latin (17-3-3) vs. Tewksbury.

TOWNIES: BL senior wing Matt Coviello and sophomore

defensemen Noel Gallagher and Colm Vraibel.

*DIVISION 2 (girls)

Quarterfinals – Thursday, March 7 at Woburn at 7:30 p.m. Matignon vs. Walpole.

TOWNIE: MAT senior defenseman Caitlyn Killoran.

NCAA DIVISION 1 PLAYOFFS (women)

• HOCKEY EAST SEMI-FINALS – Saturday, March 9, at Schneider Arena at 1:35 p.m. Northeastern (25-5-5) vs. Providence (25-10-2)

TOWNIE: NE freshman wing Micaela Sindoris

• HOCKEY EAST SEMI-FINALS -- Saturday, March 9, at Schneider Arena at 4:35 p.m. BC (25-10-1) vs. BU (23-7-8)

TOWNIE ROOTS: BC junior wing Bridget McCarthy

• CHA QUARTERFINALS – Wednesday, March 6, at Harbor Center, NY at 7:30 p.m. Penn St. (12-13-9) vs. RIT (12-17-5)

TOWNIES ROOTS: PS freshman wing Loli Fidler

CHARLESTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN-UPS

The last day for Little League sign-ups is March 15. Sign up for the League at <https://tshq.blue-sombrero.com/charlestownllma>.

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CHARLESTOWN YOUTH BASKETBALL

• Thursday, March 7 – Bucks vs. Hornets, Community Center 1, 6:30 p.m.; Phoenix Mercury vs. Connecticut Suns, Edwards Middle, 7:15 p.m.; Trailblazers vs. Clippers, Harvard-Kent, 7:15 p.m.; Wizards vs. Thunder, Community Center 1, 7:30 p.m.; Rockets vs. Pacers, Community Center 2, 7:30 p.m.; and Sonics vs. Celtics, Harvard-Kent, 8:15 p.m.

• Tuesday, March 12 – Hornets vs. Pacers, 6:30 p.m. at Community Center 2; Celtics vs. Clippers, 7:45 p.m. at Community Center;

• Thursday, March 14 – Rockets vs. Warriors, 6:30 p.m. at Community Center; Sonics vs. Raptors, 7:15 p.m. at Harvard-Kent; Phoenix Mercury vs. Connecticut Suns, 7:15 p.m. at Edwards Middle; Bucks vs. Thunder, 7:30 p.m., at Community Center; Wizards vs. Spurs, 7:30 p.m. at Community Center 2; and Mavericks vs. Trailblazers, 8:15 p.m. at Harvard-Kent.

(* = Townie resident, no asterisk is Townie roots)

HONK (from pg. 1)

eggs.

"I get to sing it with my best friend in the play, who is also my best friend in real life," she said.

Osborne, who plays 'Ugly' – the son, said he likes the wild good chase scene, but really appreciated the message.

"The theme comes from the play being centered on my character and you learn not to judge people by how they look," he said. "The Lion King' last year was just all about not trusting your uncle."

Added Reitz, "I like the story because no one has really seen it.

A lot of people have seen the 'Lion King.' This one has a cliffhanger, and since they probably haven't seen it already, they will be surprised."

Fifth-grader Thomas Blanchet has been in three productions at W-P, and in 'Honk!' he'll be play-

ing the father, Drake, and Greylag the Goose.

Blanchet said he likes to act because it's something fun to do and it's better than having to sit and do homework.

Oddly enough, when he heard the title of this year's play, he said he thought it was about Boston traffic.

"When I heard 'Honk!' I thought it would be about people

raging in Boston traffic and honking all day," he joked.

Blanchet said he likes the role of Drake, but his favorite part is when he is Greylag and is helping Ugly find his home.

"I get shot out of the sky, which is pretty cool," he said.

The show is the annual production by the students of the Warren-Prescott, as well as parent and staff volunteers.

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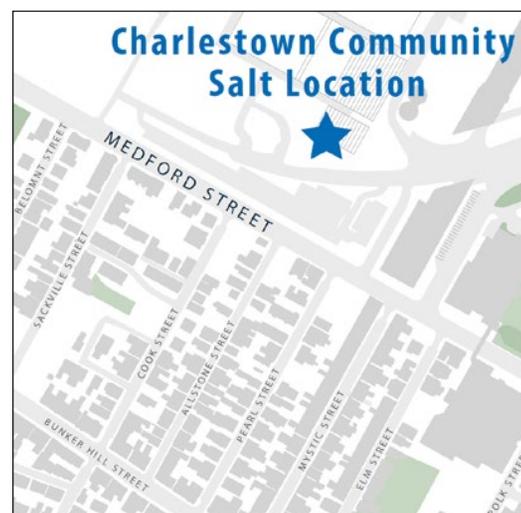
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This week the Harvest on Vine Food Pantry is requesting boxes of cereal, beef stew and soup for a hot meal and cans of coffee. Any donation of non-perishable foods that you could make would also be greatly appreciated.

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

JOIN "E" INC. FOR 'THIRD THURSDAYS'

New Science Fun Nights for Ages 5 to 7 (and their parents). Have you ever tried to pick up a periwinkle while it is in lockdown? Have you ever watched a sea star drill hole? This March, "e" inc. is launching Third Thursdays – at the "e" inc. Emporium -- with each 3rd Thursday focused on a different science topic. The first fun night will be held on March 21, from 6 to 7:15 and is a event of investigation about the: 'Ocean's Rocky Shore Habitat.'

"e" inc. staff educators will introduce a sweet science investigation including a story about how the Ocean tide pools work, followed by a fun art activity to take home. Third Thursdays will begin at 6 p.m. at the "e" inc. headquarters at 114 16th Street in the Navy Yard. (Last street before the bridge). Registration is online at www.einc-action.org. We are limited to 15. The fee for Third Thursdays will be \$5 per kid-let. Parents are free. (In all likelihood, we will serve some cheese, crackers, and wine for parents and we invite you to make your own rocky shores model).

REGISTER FOR SPRING LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Girls Softball is currently holding registration and weekly training for the Spring League. There are teams and training for ages 4 - 14. Registration and clinics are held on Mondays at the Harvard Kent School Gym, 50 Bunker Hill Street. Sessions go from 6-7 p.m. for ages 4-9 and from 7-8 p.m. for ages 10-14. Spring team rosters will be finalized by March 24th and outdoor practice begins on Tuesday April 2nd. Last year the Spring teams had a great run in the 10U and 12U. The 10U made it to the Championship finals! The Spring League is very helpful to our Summer League players

and so is open gym, so get signed up and get some drills under their belts.

Any questions contact Jack Schievink 617-201-4507 or email Charlestowngirlsoftball@gmail.com

FREE AFTERNOON BINGO AT ZELMA LACEY HOUSE

Stop by the Zelma Lacey House for free BINGO on March 8 at 3 p.m. Hosted by Tabitha Jones of the Zelma Lacey House with Beverly Gibbons from The Golden Age Center as caller. There will be 10 games, great prizes and tasty refreshments. All are welcome, bring a friend! Players must be 21 years or older. The Zelma Lacey House is located at 9 West School Street.

FRIENDS OF THE CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD WINTER WARM-UP

All are welcome to the 2019 Winter Warm-Up hosted by the Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard. This annual event is a chance to celebrate and honor community leaders, meet elected officials and socialize with neighbors. There will be light refreshments, beer & wine and raffles as well. This year's Warm-Up will be held on

Thursday, March 14 from 6-8 p.m at DC Beane Building 125, in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

THE BOSTON MASSACRE: 249 YEARS LATER

Join the Charlestown Historical Society and special guest Professor Robert Allison from Suffolk University for a lively discussion about what really happened on March 5, 1770 and its impact on the American Revolution. This event will take place on Wednesday, March 13 at 6 p.m. at the Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Sq.

NIGHT FOR AVA CONSIDINE

"It's cancer." Those are two words an individual never wants to hear in their lifetime. Two words that will place your life in complete turbulence. Two words that take you on a journey that you had always heard of but hoped you would never be on, especially when it is not your journey, but your child's. Our "journey" began Nov. 13, 2017, when our then two and half year-old daughter, Ava Considine, was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, a rare form of pediatric cancer.

That is why we would like to invite everyone to a Night

for Neuroblastoma! Come join family, friends and neighbors on Saturday, March 16, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford St, and help raise funds to be donated to the childhood cancer organization Beat Nb. Any type of donation or support would be helpful towards the cause, whether it is time, sponsorship, or raffle donations. (Tickets are \$25/ person, and are extremely limited as the time is very close to being sold out!)

If interested in tickets or donating raffle prizes, please RSVP for this event and contact: Ayla Considine: (857)-445-5644, Dan Considine: (617)-233-3067, Shannon Considine: (617)-872-5369, Patty Ann Woods: (617)-201-4784.

Tickets will be: \$25/each. Tables: \$250 (10 seats per table).

THE WARREN PRESCOTT SCHOOL PRESENTS HONK!

All are invited to attend Warren Prescott's production of HONK! on March 8th, 9th and 10th at Warren Prescott School. Tickets can be purchased at www.showtickets4u/events/WPHONK for \$12.50 each.

HONK! is sponsored by the Warren Prescott Foundation - 501 c 3

TOWNIE TIDBITS

By Sal Giarratani

WHY DO MANY OF US GO INTO FULL PANIC OVER SNOW?

This winter has been pretty much mild. We are into March. This weekend, we will turn the clocks ahead. February was great. The Red Sox are playing again down in Florida. Right now, it's Sunday evening (March 3). We are expecting to get the biggest snow-fall tonight into the morning.

I really don't care. I won't be watching the TV weather all evening long. Who needs that kind of stress? We have all seen winter in Boston before. It snows because that's normal. My God, I went to the supermarket a few hours ago for milk because I actually ran out of milk, but the place was a zoo.

Everyone seemed to be in panic mode. I guess no one will ever see spring water again or a loaf of bread or, yes, milk – all gone forever. Last year, I actually saw a shopper with his priorities on straight. He had a large package of toilet paper.

Oh, outside of a house, I saw a homeowner shoveling his sidewalk. Why? Just wait 'til the morning, do your shoveling then. However, at one point I was passing a car wash. I let someone out in front of me with his shiny pickup. Once again I asked myself WHY? It's gonna snow, just wait 'til it passes.

ONE OTHER THING

This Friday night (March 8) State Sen. Sal DiDomenico will be holding his annual St. Patrick's Day Roast at the Knights of Columbus. I always go to this

DiDomenico Foundation fundraising event, which is consistently a great time for a good cause.

This event always falls on a Friday, which means no meat during Lent. The good senator always gets the rules for his corned beef and cabbage dinners, but someone will always ask about corned beef on a Friday night. I usually tell them, "With all the &+*# going on at the Vatican, are you really serious about corned beef? Just eat the cabbage, I guess."

What really struck me that in the ad for the time, it states "over 75 elected officials expected to attend." I thought Sal wanted folks to attend, not scare them away.

Listen - that's about it. Hopefully March 4 wasn't as bad as expected, but always remember next month is April with all those flowers.

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Park.

The meeting started out with presentations from the four remaining proposals. The proposals for kayaking and for exhibits to come outside for the USS Constitution Museum are non-controversial and likely to proceed quickly.

However, a proposal by Anthem Group to activate part of Shipyard Park with a beer/wine garden, and a proposal by Balance Architects to put a Tall Ship with restaurant in Dry Dock, seemed to get more mixed results.

Michael Parker of the Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard said they haven't commented directly on the four remaining proposals, but they are in favor of activation of the Navy Yard.

"We still have to look at these proposals, but we feel it's a good thing and we hope we can use it to leverage some improvements to the upkeep of the area, maybe the HarborWalk is a good starting point," he said.

Barbara Babin said she likes the idea of the ship, but would much rather it be further from Flagship Wharf. She, however, is not in favor of the beer garden.

"I love the idea, but I don't like it being so close to the residents," she said. "I'm concerned about the draped lights."

She said she is also concerned about the revenue structure, and just how much money goes to the Navy Yard upkeep and how much goes back to the BPDA.

Pam Hickey, a 20-year resident

of the Navy Yard, was critical of the entire program, saying it overlaps with existing programming and seems to be more for the tourists and not Charlestown.

"Most of these proposals aren't for the people of Charlestown," she said. "They're for the tourists and not the people here. I feel you're not listening to us, the residents. It's a feeling echoed throughout the city – that the BPDA serves developers. Dry Dock is the only totally pure view of the Harbor and an open view. I love coming through and seeing that. You're putting a huge party boat and lights... You're not offering anything the community doesn't have... It's people getting rich at the detriment of the community."

The BPDA's Devin Quirk said after the meeting that they disagreed that the effort is for tourists, noting that the entirety of the project is to attract more people from Charlestown and the city to the Navy Yard.

"We really do believe these are the right ways to achieve the activation," he said. "There are people who have concerns and we will see how we can mitigate those concerns."

He added, "I think one of our explicit goals in the program is advancing diversity and inclusion and breaking down the figurative barrier to the Navy Yard. There are promotional elements... This is targeting Charlestown and Boston. Will tourists attend? Sure. But the priority is for people who are local. I totally disagree this is for tourists."

Anthem said they are aware of the

importance of the Navy Yard, and feel the

"The Navy Yard is such an important, historic and beautiful part of Boston that should be available to a wide range of audiences," said Chris Sinclair. "We firmly believe that our community and youth outreach initiatives, free public programming, wellness series and overall activation will fulfill the wants and needs of the neighborhood, the Constitution Museum, as well as spark interest from all areas of Boston and tourists alike. Our team's goal is to maintain the integrity of the space while bringing greater accessibility and interest to it."

The crux of their program is the gathering space, where they will produce programming such as youth activities, wellness programs, exercise and arts activities like plays.

The programming is free, and a revenue stream to pay for it is the beer and wine garden – which will be handled much in the way that the same type of space is handled on Castle Island in Southie.

Quirk said they would be finalizing licensing agreements for the pilot programs, and could send the agreements for a BPDA Board vote as soon as the March 14 meeting.

The idea would be to have these items in place by May, and disband them by October. He added that there is a claw back provision in the agreements, so if something isn't working, they can't take away the license mid-summer.

BINGO

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Violation of the Auto Laws

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