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## HUNTING EGGS IN CHARLESTOWN



Photo by Marianne Salza

Above, children racing to gather the 10,000 Easter eggs on the Charlestown Community Center basketball court during the Charlestown Mothers Association (CMA) Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.

Photo by Marianne Salza

Right, Braydon Wren holding a bunny during the First Church in Charlestown's second annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Training Field last Saturday, April 20. It was one of many Easter celebrations around the Town last weekend. See Pages 4 and 5 for more photos.



## Historic Investment

City commits \$30 million for One Charlestown to help jump-start process

By Seth Daniel

In an astounding and unprecedented move, apparently precipitated by President Donald Trump's unwillingness, Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Housing Authority (BHA) Director Bill McGonagle announced Tuesday afternoon that the City would invest \$30 million in the One

Charlestown public-private development project from its four-year Capital Plan – a unique investment that has never been made by the City in its history.

While other parts of the plan were revealed last week – such as the much-needed \$3 million commitment for a new turf field at the

(INVEST Pg. 13)

## Electronic billboard proposal moving forward despite great opposition

By Seth Daniel

A double-sided, 90-foot electronic billboard that would change the skyline of Charlestown is moving forward to a Zoning Board (ZBA) hearing on May 7 despite a consistent amount of neighborhood support from abutters on Cambridge Street.

The 90-foot billboard would be anchored in the Owens family's school bus parking lot on the corner of Cambridge Street and Spice Street, and the towering, two-sided electronic board would

target commuters on I-93 – rising up about nine stories so as to be visible on the elevated interstate.

It is being proposed by Edward Owens, of the Owens Moving company that is based in Everett and owns a great deal of property in Charlestown's industrial area. It was first proposed in March 2018 but had several community meetings last fall just before Thanksgiving.

It was on the docket for Feb. 5 this year but was pulled at the last

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## CNC COMMUNITY CORNER

The monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will be held on Tuesday May 7, at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford St. Our City Councilor Lydia Edwards will be there, and also Thadine Brown, Director of Community Relations for Community Preservation (CPA). The public is encouraged to attend.



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# EDITORIAL

## THE CURSE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE INTERNET

In the aftermath of the terrible coordinated attacks by suicide bombers on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka that killed more than 300 people and wounded about 500 in churches and hotels across the small nation, the Sri Lankan government took the extraordinary step of shutting down social media platforms, including Facebook, You Tube, and Twitter, in order to prevent the dissemination of misinformation that might incite even more bloodshed among its various sectarian groups.

This decade has seen the spread of social media that rightly might be compared to an out-of-control wildfire. What initially was seen as an innocuous manner of sharing information among friend groups -- think of friends sitting around a camp fire telling stories -- has turned into a raging inferno whipped by the winds of greed and hatred that is destroying everything in its path.

Say what you want about the recently released Mueller Report, what is beyond dispute is that it shows that the Russian government used social media through coordinated bot attacks to spread misinformation among large swaths of the American public who utilize these forms of media. In short, the Russians are using social media to undermine our democracy.

The attacker in New Zealand who committed the atrocities in two mosques drew his inspiration from social media postings by right-wing organizations and individuals from around the world and then posted his carnage live online. It was hours before the social media companies were able to take down what he posted, but by then the damage had been done and his carnage had been viewed around the globe.

In some respects, these abuses of online platforms by those who wish to spread fear and disinformation are just the tip of the iceberg of the curse that has become the Internet.

There is no such thing as privacy for anybody, unless you live under the proverbial rock. Everything we do on-line is tracked and establishes a profile that can be used -- and misused -- by those who are keeping track.

The Chinese government is showing firsthand how the Internet can be wielded by a malevolent government (and non-government actors) to control both unfavored opposition groups and individuals.

The Chinese are employing facial recognition software to identify every person in their country -- a monumental task in a nation of a billion or so people -- but it already is being used to keep track of, and suppress, minority religious groups.

The Chinese government also is issuing a "score" for every person in the country -- think of it as a credit score, but taken to the nth degree -- that ultimately will rank every person in the country on a scale of social and economic acceptability, creating a hierarchy that will determine a person's lifelong fate.

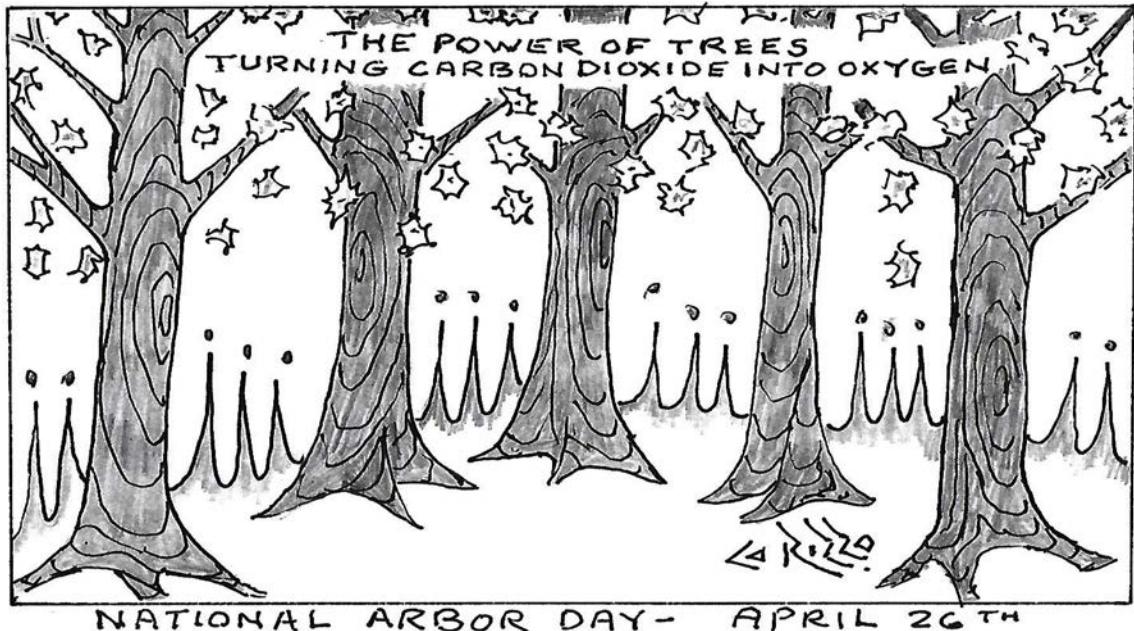
It also is clear that the internet has become the new battlefield among nations and others. Who needs nuclear weapons when a hostile government or terrorist organization or criminal enterprise can disable a nation's energy grid or wreak havoc on the financial system or hold individuals and businesses hostage simply by employing malevolent software?

America's military might -- our trillions of dollars worth of aircraft carriers, stealth bombers, and drones -- is no match for a computer virus or worm that attacks our nation's infrastructure.

George Orwell, in his novel "1984," describes a dystopian future in which the government, symbolized by Big Brother, scrutinizes every human action with the aim of creating conformity among its citizens.

Orwell wrote his novel in 1948. It is ironic -- and incredibly prescient of Orwell -- that the internet as we know it today was beginning to take shape in 1984.

It is clear in 2019 that the world Orwell predicted in 1984 has arrived -- and we fear that things are going to get a lot worse before we figure out how to get this Frankenstein monster under control, if we ever do.



## GUEST OP-ED

### Grassley-Klobuchar ushers in dangerous counterfeit drugs

Sally C. Pipes

Congress is poised to consider a bill that would allow Americans to import prescription drugs from Canada. The bill's authors -- Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA) -- label their effort as a bipartisan push to "help Americans who struggle to pay exorbitant prices for medication."

It's noble of lawmakers to tackle prescription drug costs. Eight in ten Americans are concerned about the price of medicines, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey.

But the Grassley-Klobuchar bill isn't the right solution. While it might deliver some minor financial relief, it'll jeopardize the health and wellbeing of millions of Americans.

On cost, the Grassley-Klobuchar would yield negligible savings at best. If the entire nation legalized drug importation, number crunchers at the Department of Health and Human Services predict that American drug spending would decrease by less than 1 percent.

On safety, the bill exposes Americans to dangerous counterfeits. It's estimated that 1 million people die at the hand of counterfeit drugs every year, many of which come from Canada.

Last year, U.S. prosecutors fined Canada's largest online pharmacy \$34 million for selling counterfeit medications to unsuspecting Americans. The company earned a \$78 million profit by deceiving vulnerable cancer patients. Two widely sold oncology drugs -- Avastin and Altuzan -- contained zero active pharma-

ceutical ingredients.

Exacerbating safety concerns is the fact that a startling number of the "Canadian" drugs purchased by Americans aren't actually from Canada.

An FDA operation conducted at three major U.S. airports examining suspected pharmaceutical shipments from India, Israel, Costa Rica, and Vanuatu revealed that nearly half were ordered from "Canadian" pharmacies -- and of those, just 15 percent actually originated in Canada. The rest came from one of 27 countries across the world, including India, Turkey, and Iran.

The FDA warns Americans that it cannot ensure the safety of medicines "bought over the Internet from foreign sources, from storefront businesses that offer to buy foreign medicine for you, or during trips outside the United States."

Neither, for that matter, can our northern neighbor. Canadian authorities have repeatedly stated that they're not responsible for regulating the safety, quality, or

efficacy of medicines sold to U.S. citizens.

Americans should not take the U.S. regulatory system for granted. Before obtaining FDA approval, new drugs must undergo a rigorous testing process. It takes approximately ten years, hundreds of pre-clinical treatments, and multiple clinical trials to bring just one product to the market.

Unfortunately, the same FDA oversight doesn't apply to foreign pharmacies. And the Grassley-Klobuchar bill fails to acknowledge the dangers of importation.

Lawmakers are right to worry about how much patients spend at the pharmacy. But drug importation is not the right way to lower costs. Congress needs to go back to the drawing board.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is *The False Promise of Single-Payer Health Care* (Encounter 2018). Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Extremely thankful

To the Editor:

The Harvard-Kent Elementary School students, families and parents' association are extremely thankful and grateful to the Bunker Hill Associates for their generous donation to the after school program. The grant the parents' association received allowed us to provide at no cost seven weeks of twice weekly Knucklebones to over 80 Charlestown students in grades K1-5. A welcome activity for all during the long winter months.

We cannot thank you enough for your contributions back to the Charlestown Community.

The Harvard-Kent Parents Association

### We are taking the community's feedback seriously

To the Editor:

We are writing in response to the article "CNC Calls for Respect from City Leaders; Needs Interest from the Community" published on April 5.

We appreciate all of the community interest in the future of the Little Mystic Parcel and want to provide some additional clarification on the process and the next steps.

In advance of the Boston Planning & Development Agency's (BPDA) lease with MassPort for the Little Mystic Channel parcel expiring this year, we have launched a community engagement process to hear from both Charlestown neighbors and businesses on how the site can be best used in the future.

Since the parcel is located within a Designated Port Area (DPA), state law requires that only marine industrial uses be allowed at this site. The BPDA supports the State's DPA designation as this law ensures that certain parts of Boston Harbor remain accessible.

### BILLBOARD (from pg. 1)

minute.

Now, on May 7, after several other continuances at the ZBA, the matter will go before the Board once again and is expected not to be pulled this time.

Amongst the mainland of Charlestown, the matter has been rather quiet, even though it will be quite visible for most residents on the west side of Bunker Hill Street.

However, on Cambridge Street and in the Lost Village, the opposition has been very pronounced.

ble to Boston's maritime economy and keeps important jobs in our City.

While we are considering a renewal of the lease to MassPort (which subleases the property to the Boston AutoPort) we will only proceed with this course of action if it creates substantial benefits for both Charlestown and for Boston. At a minimum, a lease renewal would need to include mitigation benefits to the Charlestown community. These benefits could involve improvements at this site itself, or public benefits created at other places in our community.

At a recent community meeting on March 21 at the Charles Newtown Co-op, we were pleased to see a diverse group of residents take an active role in the public process. To ensure that all members of the Charlestown community were included, we hired a Cantonese translator for live translation of the meeting and to translate the materials we posted online.

The BPDA presented the facts about the location but we also invited outside stakeholders to share important viewpoints with the community. We invited the Mystic River Watershed Association to present as they have been engaging the community around measures to create public open space along the Mystic River - including the Little Mystic area where this property is located. We also invited MassPort and AutoPort to present to share their viewpoints on the nearly 500 jobs their uses of the site support.

The BPDA is committed to continuing a public dialogue before we make any decisions. We are taking the community's feedback seriously and look forward to working with local stakeholders to best determine the future of this parcel. There are several ways to get involved:

•Submit your questions, comments and ideas for the Little

Mystic parcel via our website. All submissions are received and reviewed by members of the Little Mystic Site Mitigation Planning Team. Please note the comment period for this project ends on Friday, May 3 at 5:00 PM EST.

•Contact the Little Mystic Site Planning Team directly by emailing Reay Pannesi at [reay.l.pannesi@boston.gov](mailto:reay.l.pannesi@boston.gov).

•At the conclusion of this comment period we will also host a second community workshop to discuss the comments we have received and create a plan for future actions. More details on the date and location of this meeting will be forthcoming.

Brian Golden  
Boston Planning and  
Development Agency, Director

### Dogs and children don't mix at Eden Street Park

Many of us would like to know "what is going on with Eden Street Park"?

The first really beautiful sunny warm, delightful day, (Saturday April 13, 2019) I decide to walk over to Eden St. where I know I will see my friends with their Children, some with grandchildren and some just out to take in a beautiful day.

What I did not expect was to see dogs, dogs, and more dogs! Some barking like crazy at the kids riding on bikes, and rollerblading, some even running alongside them barking which was scary for kids since they didn't even know these dogs. Dogs roaming around us while we were trying to enjoy our lunches, lapping up every crumb we may have dropped. No, we did not have a dog with us. Why would we? After all it's a park. Not a dog park. This is totally unacceptable.

Dogs are ruining this park, not only for children, but for adults too. Why are dogs running around here with no leash?

Why are they pooping and peeing all over the grass and not being cleaned up after? And why is this supposed to be accepted? Well it's not accepted!

There are many children and adults who actually are allergic to dogs. You do not have to touch a dog for your allergies to react, the dander and dog hair in the air can trigger an allergic reaction very quickly. Note that many people stopped eating peanuts in public places due to so many children and adults having a nut allergy. Common Courtesy!!

So again. Why dogs running around a park full of children? What used to be a beautiful green grassy area, now looks disgraceful, it's a shame. We used to be able to sit on the grass and enjoy picnics with our children. We also used to be able to go out on the field and pitch a ball or throw a frisbee, or play red rover, dodge ball, all sorts of activities. No-you can not do that today without some strange dog running in front of you or chasing the ball or trying to catch the frisbee. Not to mention that no one likes to clean up after their dogs. The grass is so brittle and brown it hurts to sit on it (so no more picnics on the grass). The dogs just come sniffing around you the minute you open a snack or sandwich weather you are on the grass or on a bench, and so much more. Adults can't even sit and read a book or a newspaper or just enjoy being outside soaking

up the beautiful weather without being annoyed by a dog sniffing around or barking at them. And where are the dog owners, on the other side or in the basketball court or hockey court chasing around their small children.

This day was not the most enjoyable as everyone hoped it would be. The park was flooded with children trying to enjoy themselves, this was no easy task for that-sad. Children falling off bikes into the grass because they

were afraid of an unknown dog chasing or barking at them while trying to play, which only caused a few to fall off into the dirty littered dog poop and pea grass, which now has little bugs and gnats festering all over. You actually get bites and welts from this. Two of the children that were trying to enjoy the day, really did not get to. And what's worse is they did not get to enjoy their evening either. No they spent the night after being showered down scratching their bodies all over. Then being covered in anti-itch cream (Calamine Lotion). A few hours later that wasn't working, so it was a late night trip to an open pharmacy, out of town of course, for Benedryl for children just so they could hopefully stop scratching and get some sleep after what should have been an enjoyable day. It wasn't.

Why in the world do people think it is okay to bring their dogs to Eden St. Park. We have dog parks in this town and that's where the dogs should be going. After all, I don't see anyone bringing their children to the dog parks. Why would you? It's a dog park. So why bring the dog to a park with playground areas, bike riding area, rollerblade/ball hockey rink, basketball courts

And many benches to just sit and relax on? And continue to ruin the once beautiful grass area meant for children and families to enjoy.

Bottom line is.....Children and dogs do not belong in the same park!!

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140, section 173 "leash law" that requires an animal in public on a leash at all times.

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 140, section 73 and City Ordinance 16-1.9 is intended to protect people from free roaming dogs.

Teri Muscarella  
Phipps Street

further burdens our neighborhood, but also violates zoning. There is no need for an additional billboard, and there is no reason this appeal should be granted... Mr. Owens has done nothing to improve this land, he has done nothing for the community and he continues to ask our neighborhood...to accept blight that exceeds zoning so as to improve his bottom line."

Said Lauren Towne, of Perkins Street, "I am frankly stunned that

this proposal is even being entertained. I can't believe we actually have to oppose this and that our zoning ordinances aren't sufficient protection. What a waste of taxpayer resources."

The billboard does have one strong ally, and that being the Teamsters Union – whose buildings abut the school bus yard.

They said they support it because the Owens family has indicated a certain amount of the net proceeds from the bill-

board advertising revenues would be contributed in perpetuity for Charlestown organizations and for Boston youth homelessness issues.

The City, nor the Mayor's Office, has not taken a position on the matter, and to date there was only one community meeting last fall.

The May 7 hearing is scheduled for the morning, though ZBA meetings are notoriously late-running.

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## FIRST CHURCH IN CHARLESTOWN HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Photos by Marianne Salza

Riding in the back of a pickup truck, the Easter bunny waved to families in the Charlestown Training Field as she drove down Winthrop Street. On April 20, the community gathered for First Church in Charlestown's second annual Egg Hunt. Little ones collected the 8,000 eggs scattered along the grass, pet goats and rabbits at the petting zoo, and won bicycles and Red Sox tickets.



Emma and Hailey Hasenbank.



Mikayla Eatherton, 2, hugging the Easter bunny.



Cousins Rylan O'Neil and Jeffrey Fidler with the Easter bunny.



First Church in Charlestown, Iglesia Bautista Fuente de Vida, the New England outreach, and Turn It Around staff and volunteers.

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# Boston Harbor Now releases business plans for two new ferry routes

Staff Report

Boston Harbor Now, following a collaborative process with other stakeholders, this week released business plans to create pathways for two new ferry routes in Boston Harbor – including one that would stop in Charlestown.

The plans contain data and analysis and the conclusion that efforts should continue to identify champions and partners to initiate

the two new routes: the first – an “Inner Harbor Connector” serving Charlestown, Downtown Boston, East Boston, and the Seaport; and the second – a route to run between Quincy, Long Wharf in Downtown Boston and Columbia Point in Dorchester.

“As the waterfront continues to change dramatically, more frequent and robust water transportation will contribute a range of benefits around mobility, econom-

ic development, and resiliency,” said Kathy Abbott, president and CEO of Boston Harbor Now. “Ferries offer a regular way for people to experience the joy of being out on the water, creating a deeper sense of engagement and ownership of the Harbor. We hope these business plans provide fresh momentum to partners to collaborate on implementing new service.”

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack added, “MassDOT appreciates the leadership role taken by Boston Harbor Now to explore additional water transportation options. This report will help inform the work of our Water Transportation Advisory Council and advance conversations between non-profits, municipalities and the private sector. We look forward to gauging the interest of potential private and public partners to identify funding for vessels, dock improvements and operating costs.”

Research and best practices

show that any new ferry service must be developed with a solid business plan to be financially sustainable over time. Boston Harbor Now and project partners began a two-year process in 2017 by examining 30 potential dock sites in cities and towns around and beyond Boston Harbor, then they narrowed the list based on ridership demand, capital investment required, and available interested partners.

The final plans include detailed modeling that takes into account fixed capital costs, (for vessels and dock improvements), and variable operating costs, (including fuel and labor). The following information is a summary of the potential two routes:

“Inner Harbor Connector” route:

- Would link Charlestown, East Boston, and the Seaport via Downtown Boston with ferry terminals at Navy Yard Pier 4, Lewis Mall, Fan Pier, and Long Wharf

- Frequency modeled: every 15 minutes during peak commuting hours; every 20 minutes during

non-peak hours. Service hours between 6:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.

- Fares: options modeled at \$3.50 and \$6.50

Quincy and Columbia Point Ferry to and from Boston:

- Would connect Squantum Point/Marina Bay in Quincy and Long Wharf in Downtown Boston with off-peak service to Fallon Pier at Columbia Point in Dorchester

- Frequency modeled: every 40 minutes during peak commuting hours; every 60 minutes during non-peak hours. Service hours between 6:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.

- Fares: options modeled at \$6.50 and \$10.

The business plans mention typical challenges for any new ferry service, including needing private and public funding options to close the gap between operating revenue and expenses, the need for ADA compliant docks, passenger boarding amenities, vessels to operate the service and the installation of safety equipment.

## For the Record

From the April 25 Zoning Advisory Subcommittee, City Hall, 5 p.m.:

\*146-146A Bunker Hill Street Applicant: Vahid Nickpour

Purpose: Legalize occupancy as to reflect real estate bill. Change from a one family to a two-family. Existing condition, no work to be done. Has been used as a two-family for years.

### COMMITTEE ON JOBS, WAGES, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT HEARING

Order for an April 26 hearing at 12:30 p.m. regarding a biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and the Boston Residents Job Policy. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Baker and the sponsors are Councilor Edwards and Councilor Janey.

### COFFEE HOUR

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 20th Annual Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in local parks city-wide from April 30 to June 19.

This year, Mayor Walsh's Charlestown Coffee Hour will be held on Wednesday, May 8, at McCarthy Playground (10 Eden St.). The coffee hour will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Participants will enjoy coffee and breakfast treats provided by Dunkin' Donuts and fresh fruit from Star Market. In addition, each family in attendance will receive a flowering plant grown in the city's greenhouses as a gift from Mayor Walsh. Residents at the event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin' Donuts. Information will be available on City programs from the Boston Public Library, Boston Public Schools, Boston Police Department, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families.

### CHARLESTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council. 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 on topics including:

When: Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Where: Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford St, Charlestown

•Abutter's Meeting for 324-330 Bunker Hill St.

What: A meeting to discuss the construction of a 9 unit residential building with below grade parking. (See ALT910272 to combine lots). This will be a combined meeting with the Charlestown Neighborhood Council Design Committee.

When: Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m.

Where: St. Francis de Sales - Lower Hall, 303 Bunker Hill St.

### Zoning Board of Appeals

This is an open hearing, and the public is encouraged to attend.

Thursday, April 25 (subcommittee)

\*146-146A Bunker Hill St

Thursday, May 16

\*1 Ludlow St

\*81 High St

Where: Boston City Hall Room 801, 1 City Hall Square, Boston

•Warren Prescott School Dates

April 1 - May 31 - MCAS Testing

April 15 - April 19 - Spring Recess : No School

April 22 - Students Return to School

# Councilor Wu once again proposes resident parking permit fees

By Lauren Bennett

City Councilor Michelle Wu filed an ordinance this week to add a “modest fee” for resident parking permits across the city, as well as to create a visitor parking pass. Wu has proposed parking permit fees in the past, but nothing has ever come to fruition.

According to a statement Wu released on Twitter, the parking permit system in Boston was last reformed in the 1980s—a period when the population was historically low.

“Boston has grown by over 100,000 residents and our traffic is now the worst in the country,”

she said in the statement. “We all bear the cost of this—of longer commute times, extra full days per year spent in the car sitting in traffic, and less time that we are able to spend with family. Our air is dirtier and our children are experiencing asthma at higher levels. These are the costs we should be talking about, and the ones that are absolutely unaffordable in the long term.”

Wu’s proposal is to charge \$25 per household for the first permit, and \$25 more for each additional car, making it \$50 for the second car, \$75 for a third, and so on. Seniors, low-income residents, home healthcare aides visiting patients, and Boston Public

Schools staff or students would be exempt from this charge, Wu said. Currently, there is no charge or limit for resident permits given out in the city, and Wu said that there has been a 25 percent increase in permits issued over the last 10 years.

The visitor parking pass would cost \$10 for a 72-hour spot.

The proposal was introduced at Wednesday’s City Council meeting, where it was assigned to committee, and public hearings will follow.

Wu said on Twitter, “Let’s take a bold, progressive step to align the value of our public streets with a smarter approach to parking management.”

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# Constitution Museum names Edward D. Sevilla as Chief Development Officer

Staff Report

The USS Constitution Museum has appointed Edward D. Sevilla to the new position of Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer.

Sevilla joins the Museum from the leading national philanthropy consulting firm Grenzebach Glier + Associates (GG+A), where he served as Senior Vice President and a member of the leadership team. He has extensive experience in fundraising and marketing communications. His clients at GG+A included arts and culture organizations such as the Philadelphia Museum of Art, New

England Conservatory of Music, Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Museum Kunst der Westküste in Germany. He has worked on capital campaigns whose goals ranged up to \$3 billion for education clients such as Dartmouth College, McGill University, the University of Rochester and Vanderbilt University.

"We are delighted to welcome Ed to the USS Constitution Museum," said Anne Grimes Rand, president. "His depth and breadth of experience in fundraising and marketing brings energy and continued momentum to our plans for a more dynamic visitor experience in the Navy Yard with memorable moments for all ages."

"I am honored by the opportunity to serve the USS Constitution Museum at this exciting time," said Sevilla. "The stories of innovation, teamwork, and perseverance that 'Old Ironsides' can tell are as relevant today as they were during its early triumphs in the War of 1812. I look forward to helping the Museum grow in the years ahead."

"The USS Constitution Museum has an important public mission," said Paul George, the chairman of the Board. "We engage all ages in the story of 'Old Ironsides' to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. Ed's extensive stra-

tegic marketing and fundraising experience -- together with his appreciation of U.S. history -- makes him a great addition to the Museum's management team as it plans exciting new exhibits and programs."

Sevilla holds a BA in U.S. history from Yale University and an MBA in marketing from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Earlier in his career, he served as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer in Hong Kong. USS Constitution visited Macao, across the harbor from Hong Kong, during its world tour in 1844-6.



*Edward D. Sevilla has joined the Constitution Museum.*

## Part One crime in Charlestown down 32 percent

By Dan Murphy

As the first quarter of 2019 drew to a close, Charlestown has seen a 32 percent decrease in violent and property crime from last year.

According to Boston Police, 60 incidents of Part One crime were reported in Area 15 from Jan. 1 to March 24 of this year as opposed to 88 during the same timeframe in 2018.

There were no homicides this year or last, while one rape or attempted rape has been reported in 2019, compared with two in 2018.

Robberies and attempted robberies were down 60 percent as the number fell to two from five last year.

In contrast, the rate of domestic aggravated assaults increased six-fold, with six incidents this year as opposed to one in 2018.

Non-domestic aggravated assaults, on the other hand, were down more than 36 percent as the number dropped to seven from 11 last year.

Commercial burglaries dropped from two last year to none in 2019 while residential burglaries were down from 14 to two in 2019.

The rate of other burglaries

remained the same, with no incidents reported this year or last.

Similarly, larcenies from a motor vehicle saw around a 29-percent decrease, with 12 incidents this year as opposed to 17 in 2018.

Other larcenies were also down approximately 24 percent as the number dropped to 25 from 33 last year.

In contrast, auto theft was up nearly 67 percent, with five incidents in 2019, up from three in 2018.

Citywide, Part One crime was down around 7 percent, with 3,302 incidents this year, compared with 3,599 last year.

## Edwards hires Maria Dolorico as campaign manager

Staff Report

Councilor Lydia Edwards announced that Maria Dolorico has joined Team Edwards as campaign manager for re-election to her second term in the City Council.

Dolorico is a community activist with a focus on public education and maternal health inequities. Her experience as a public school parent led to volunteer work on 2016's No on 2/Save Our Schools campaign, and then she became a core volunteer in Tito Jackson's 2017 mayoral race.

Trained by both Mass Alliance and the Working Families Party to run grassroots campaigns, she most recently was a senior campaign advisor for Representative Jon Santiago's successful bid for the 9th Suffolk District.

"That Maria has risen quickly from volunteer to 'kitchen cabinet,' shows her organization, dedication, and goal-oriented passion," said Edwards. "Her experience on progressive issues and candidate campaigns has been invaluable to those she has served. She is the ideal person to bring Team Edwards into a sec-

ond term."

Dolorico, professionally a mental health clinician in private practice, lives in Boston with her husband and their three daughters who attend Boston Public Schools.

"I am thrilled to be managing Councilor Edward's re-election campaign. She has accomplished so much for her district in a short 16 months and has continued to build her strong volunteer base," Dolorico said. "I am excited to promote the councilor's agenda of housing and education equity as well as workers' rights."

## MGC still deliberating in Encore Boston Harbor decision

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) is still deliberating amongst its members more than two weeks after closing hearings into the Wynn Resorts/Encore Boston Harbor suitability determination.

The hearings attracted hundreds of eyes and a great deal of media as well, but since that time, not much has happened outside of closed doors.

A spokesman told the paper that deliberations continue and a very public unveiling of the decision would take place after that.

There is no timeline right now as to when that decision would be made public. That decision includes whether or not Encore keeps its casino license, who in the Wynn organization will remain a qualifier, and what new members will be deemed qualified by the MGC.

## Townie Tidbits

By Sal Giarratani

### BUONA PASQUA (HAPPY EASTER) TO EVERYONE

Sometimes we just need to take a break from this reality of ours and try to view the big picture of our life. Many of us take each day as it comes, but sometimes you need some vision for the long haul. The older we get, the more reflective we are on the meaning of this existence of ours. Who put us here and why?

There's an old tune by Peggy Lee from 1969 that goes: "Is that all there is? Is that all there is my friend? Then let's keep on dancing."

Easter for me brings me back to my roots growing up in Boston during the 1950s and '60s. Easter Mass embodies the resurrection, and new hope and life. We get a chance to be reborn into who we are and what is really important in our lives.

No politics this week. Just some quiet time to notice our lives and those we share it with. We can't undo the past, but only learn from it. Most of us seem so pedestrian in our faith. We never go to church that often or pray enough. We often forget the lessons we learned as children from our parents who learned them from their parents. So on

and so forth.

We need quiet time to figure out where we go from this Easter. We need to understand that anger only fuels more anger. Take the time to see how much we have in common with each other. Put away the hate we store within us.

The other day, I saw a rainbow in the sky over Wollaston Beach in Quincy. It was a beautiful sight to behold. The rainbow came in many colors, showing our commonality with one another. We are all in the end different in the very same way.

Next week we can get back to yelling at each other over petty, meaningless stuff that seems so important in the moment but is all nothing in the long run. Summer is approaching, the beach isn't that far away. Bring your radio, look at the surf - get your sun, but not too much.

Think about Easter when you can, and remember: our lives are too important to waste away, so we must appreciate what we've been given, and the cost by which it came to us.

Appreciate and believe what you cannot see to really see what we have in common with each other.

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## CHARLESTOWN MOTHERS ASSOCIATION SPRING EGG HUNT

Children stamped forward in thrill as the curtains of the Charlestown Community Center gymnasium rose, revealing 10,000 Easter eggs. Pushing miniature shopping carts, and carrying baskets, little ones collected prizes of

kaleidoscopes, bracelets, and finger puppets during the Charlestown Mothers Association (CMA) Spring Egg Hunt on April 20.

"Me and my brother went on an Easter egg hunt," said Harper Racine, 6, who wore a bunny ears

headband. "I hope there is something I can play with inside. Before the Easter egg hunt, we played and got our faces painted. My favorite thing about Easter is when the Easter bunny comes."



Sophia and Gabriel Baker-Hassan playing with their toys on the bleachers.

Photos by Marianne Salza



Reilly Herrick, 2, blowing her pinwheel.



Colleen, Cailyn, Teegan, and Tom Tang.



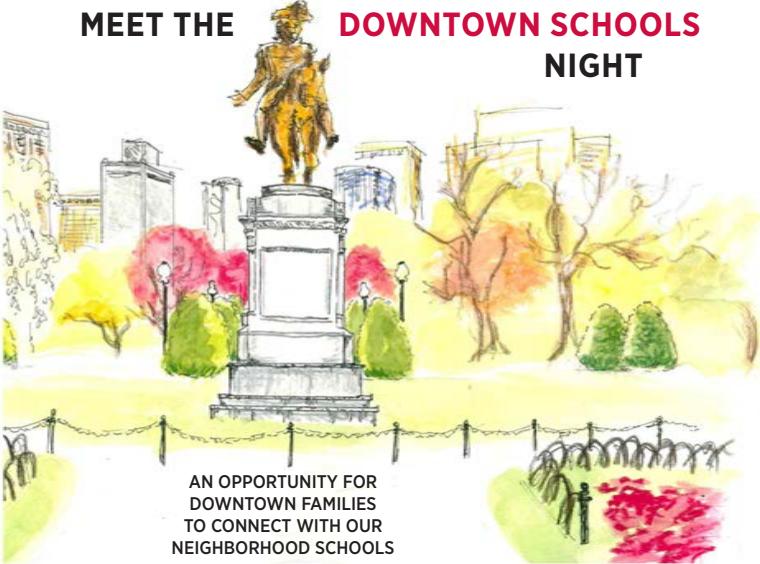
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Aidan Quirk, 2, playing with a silly slime dinosaur with his parents, Devin and Michelle, and 3-year-old sister, Kiera Quirk.

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# Charlestown student sings in St. Gallen Switzerland

William Moody of Charlestown, 1 of the 36 members of the Boston College High School Chamber and Concert Choirs, led by Choir Director Dr. Marina Rozenberg of Hingham, recently returned from a concert tour in Switzerland.

The trip started with a tour of Zurich, where they visited St. Peter's church which has the largest clock face in Europe, then on to Fraumünster, the oldest religious building in Zürich, with its excavated crypt, and where they performed an informal concert. Although the church dates to the 9th century, it is home to five contemporary stained glass works by Mark Chagall.

The following day, they departed for St. Gallen, a small city in the middle of the rolling Swiss fields. There with Yoojin Lee playing one of Europe's largest organs, they rehearsed for their Palm Sunday performance at the Cathedral. After rehearsal they sampled some Swiss chocolate, bratwurst and farm-fresh burgers. While shopping they saw the large wall that once separated the Catholics from the Protestants and they were given access to the Abbey Library of St. Gall, one of the oldest libraries in Europe.

On the third day, they visited Lucerne, located in the heart

of Switzerland and there they came upon a farmers' market and saw a huge cliff façade with a large lion carved into it that symbolized the Swiss soldiers who died during the French Revolution. Next they visited the Rosengart Museum which contains works from some of the most influential artists of the impressionist and pre-modern era, paintings and sketches from Paul Klee, Claude Monet, Marc Chagall, and Pablo Picasso. They met and sang for Angela Rosengart, famous art collector, muse and model for Picasso.

They witnessed the snow covered Alps on the next day as they traveled back to St. Gallen to sing for Palm Sunday Mass, said in both Italian and German. After mass they visited the Maestranzi Chocolarium, where they feasted on Swiss chocolate.

The Benedictine monks welcomed them to their Einsiedeln Abbey, where the boys sang "Crucem tuam" and "A New Commandment" at mass. Einsiedeln's monastery is connected to a school where they sang for the students with "Danny Boy" and "Hallelujah," and some new additions "Transylvania Mania" from Young Frankenstein and "Bring Him Home" from

'Les Miserables.' That concluded the final concert. Back at the hotel they were taught how to yodel and celebrated Doctor Rozenberg's birthday, thus ending

a glorious stay in Switzerland.

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school

enrolls approximately 1,500 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts. For more <http://www.bchigh.edu>.



*Choir pictured in Saint Gallen Cathedral, after singing for Palm Sunday Mass. First Row: Jack Morris' 22 of Swampscott, Christopher Recupero '21 of North Easton, Ernie Mealey '21 of Quincy, Kieran Dunn '22 of Melrose, Chris Kieth '19 of Foxboro, Scott Czerwinski '19 of Burlington, Yoojin Lee of Newton, Doctor Rozenberg of Hingham, Nick Morrison '19 of Arlington, Dorien Perry-Tillmon '19 of Randolph, Thomas Hamblet '20 of Milton, Chris Hussey '20 of Quincy, Quentin McCarron '19 of Cohasset, and Matteo Fopiano '21 of Hingham. Second Row: Luis Cordon '22 of Woburn, Peter Andaloro '22 of Arlington, Jack Mullin '22 of Boston, Nick Brink '21 of Quincy, Ben Petrillo '22 of Abington, Luc Grenier '19 of Scituate, Michael Daniels '22 of Easton, Nick McDonough '21 of Quincy, Tristan Mitton '21 of Weymouth, William Moody '20 of Charlestown, and Michael Richardson '20 of Quincy. Third Row: Patrick O'Hara '22 of Milton, Nick Pearce '22 of Norwell, Dylan Coffey '21 of Cohasset, Christian Archibald '19 of Hingham, and CJ Bazile '20 of Roslindale. Fourth Row: Nick Fopiano '21 of Hingham, David Costa '21 of Foxboro, Chris Harrington '20 of Arlington, Jack Shediac '21 of Winchester, Jay Noonan '19 of Scituate, Cal Noonan '21 of Scituate, and John Fopiano '20 of Hingham.*

## Memorial Hall spotlighted for City's Community Preservation distribution

By Seth Daniel

Guarded carefully by two armed members of the Colonial Charlestown Militia, Mayor Martin Walsh and Abraham Lincoln Post President Joe Zuffante took the podium at Memorial Hall Monday afternoon to highlight more than \$11 million given out citywide this year for historic preservation under the new Community Preservation Act process – including a \$500,000 grant given to help restore stately old Memorial Hall.

"The CPA Committee has been phenomenal," said Zuffante, who with several partners has taken the Hall from completely derelict to well on its way to being restored completely. "I can't thank everyone enough. Memorial Hall has been a foster child. The building has been wallowing in disrepair. We're going to bring this building back to the way it should be...It's been an amazing journey. I'm the president now, but I'm standing on the shoulders of many who came before me."

The Abraham Lincoln Post



*Mayor Martin Walsh speaks at Memorial Hall on Monday with Charlestown Militiaman Paul Lane behind him.*

has united with the Charlestown Preservation Society (CPS) to form the Friends of Memorial Hall, which has spearheaded the fundraising efforts to restore Memorial Hall.

With preservations advocates from Charlestown to Hyde Park

in attendance – including former Senate President Billy Bulger and his wife, Mary – Mayor Walsh said he was extremely grateful to be able to oversee the distribution of these kinds of funds.

The CPA is meant for three specific investment purposes,

including affordable housing, historic preservation and open space. Walsh said that many times in the City Budget, funds are devoted to affordable housing and open space. However, it's really only in the CPA where preservation dollars can be counted upon.

"We have made historic investments in affordable housing and open space in our City budget," he said. "The one area, quite honestly, that didn't have support in the public realm was historic preservation. That's why this ballot question in 2016 was so important. When I ask how these folks made it work, they said they often had to rely on philanthropic organizations, that someone would find their project worthwhile. It was a process of clumping a bunch of checks together to get something done. It's not to say that still doesn't happen, but having the CPA, they really have money that they can rely on and know there are opportunities there."

State Rep. Dan Ryan said, "I congratulate the Abe Lincoln Post and the Preservation Society

for their successful application to the Community Preservation Act program. This is a great state program that Boston voters overwhelmingly voted to opt into. The budget passed in the House this week reflects the popularity of this program statewide. Matching funds from the State were increased dramatically for FY'20. I thank the Mayor's Office, Councilor Edwards and the City's CPA office for their attentiveness to Charlestown projects in this round of funding."

Mayor Walsh also said that he was proud that money went to restore a place like Memorial Hall that was so full of history and so neglected in the past.

"The generation that fought in the Revolution for our freedom built this Hall," he said. "The people who fought in the Civil War for our country cherished this place. As mayor, I'm proud to preserve this cherished legacy... This is what historic preservation is all about, and what the CPA is all about."

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Staff Reports

## BUNKER HILL CC CHANGES MASCOT

After more than a year of research, reflection and evaluation, Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) has revealed a newly designed bulldog mascot to represent the College's Athletics program. The new BHCC Athletics Bulldog was revealed at the College Faculty/Staff Forum on March 12.

The refreshed mascot design features a running bulldog, energetic and with its eyes focused forward, seeking success in a manner congruent with the program's mission and consistent with the uniqueness of BHCC.

The bulldog has long been the mascot of BHCC Athletics. New Director of Athletics Dr. Loreto Jackson, who joined the College in 2017, felt that the mascot needed a refresh to better align with the College's purpose and values. "The former bulldog had many different renditions," explained Dr. Jackson. "The designs were not unique to BHCC, and, more importantly, did not embody the philosophy of BHCC."

The College enlisted national brand identity firm Phoenix Design Works to assist with the mascot development. After research and discussion with department stakeholders, Jackson wanted to remove the common ideas of bulldogs—that they are mean-spirited, arrogant, combative or lazy. Instead, the BHCC Bulldog should portray respect, tenacity, a competitive spirit and loyalty. Also important was a gender-neutral mascot, unrestrained by the classic bulldog spiked collar.

Bunker Hill Community College is a member of the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA), Division III. For more information on BHCC Athletics, please visit [bhcc.edu/athletics](http://bhcc.edu/athletics).



The newly designed bulldog mascot.

## LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY

The Charlestown Little League will have its Opening Day Parade and Ceremonies on Saturday, April 27, at 8 a.m. Mayor Martin Walsh and other elected officials are confirmed to attend. The Parade starts at 8 a.m. at Harvard Kent School, and will proceed to Ryan Playground, where they will begin the season.

## HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Latin Academy sophomore hurler Carleigh Schievink tossed a complete game and notched three quality at bats to help the Lady Dragons topple Everett 6-4. Carleigh added another complete game and belted out 3 hits while freshwoman outfielder Jessica Pistorino added 3 RBIs in a double-header sweep of Nauset. BLA senior third basewoman Jessica Rynne tallied 3 RBIs in an 11-4 trouncing of Canton...St. Mary's (L) senior twins Taylor (2 hits, RBI) and Jordan (hit, RBI) Sullivan carried the offense in the Spartans 7-1 conquest of Austin Prep...Bishop Feehan senior catcher Gabrielle Comeau tallied 3 RBIs to lead the Lady Shamrocks past Tolman by a score of 19-0. Gabrielle added 2 hits and 3 more RBIs in a 13-0 walloping of Attleboro...

## COLLEGE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL

Belmont Abbey junior shortstop Justin Moran (.297 AVG, 10 RBIs, 15 runs) belted out three hits, including a double, and knocked in a run as the Crusaders squeaked by Limestone by a score of 3-2...Francis Marion sophomore ace Katelyn Ellard (17-9, 2.57 ERA) overcame some shaky defense tossing a complete game with 4 earned runs as the Patriots outlasted Erskine 11-9. In 185 innings pitched, Katelyn

## TOWNIE SPORTS

has struck out 199 batters...St. Joseph outfielder Patrick Kelly (.454 AVG, 6 runs, 3 RBIs) lined a single and stole a base in the Monks 7-2 setback to Bridgton.

## CHARLESTOWN GIRLS SOFTBALL

Charlestown Girls Softball started up this week with 10 and

under playing on Tuesday night, 12 and under will be playing tonight, Thursday (April 25) at the high school field. Games are at 6 p.m. The League is still looking for players between the ages of 4 and 12. Those interested can email [charlestongirlssoftball@gmail.com](mailto:charlestongirlssoftball@gmail.com), or call (617) 201-4507.

## TRACK IS BACK

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**HALL** (*continued from pg. 10*)

It is a long stride from where the Hall was just two or three years ago. Long neglected and, at one time, in nefarious hands, few in the Town even knew the status and history of the Hall. With the Town now fully on the side of restoration, Monday's citywide event drew great attention to the long history of the Hall and the great efforts made to preserve it.

Julie Hall of the Historical Society and Amanda Zettel of the CPS both said they have fielded calls from WCVB's 'Chronicle' news magazine that is looking to do a feature on Memorial Hall – all of which could draw more attention to fundraising from philanthropic organizations.

The Community Preservation Fund is capitalized primarily by a one percent property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills that began in July 2017. Mayor Walsh and the City's Community Preservation Committee (CPC) most recently recommended 56 projects from all three categories, totaling more than \$34 million, for inclusion in the fall funding round for the Community Preservation Act (CPA). The projects were approved by the City Council last month.

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*Alison Frazee, assistant director of the Boston Preservation Alliance.*

and identity, and draw millions of visitors, residents, and businesses to our city," said Alison Frazee, assistant director of the Boston Preservation Alliance. "The Community Preservation Act makes this work possible. As the first and only major funding source for historic preservation in the city, we are thrilled to see money going in the door of transformational projects like Memorial Hall."

The Friends of Memorial Hall are planning a large gala to help raise more money for restoration of the Hall on May 18, 6 p.m. in the Hall. Memorial Hall was originally built by Revolutionary War veteran Samuel Dexter in 1791. After the Civil War, the Abe Lincoln Post members tore out the second floor living quarters and replaced it with a spring-loaded dance hall/function hall.



*Former Senate President William Bulger and his wife, Mary, made the journey from Southie to Charlestown Monday to support the restoration of the St. Augustine's Cemetery and Chapel.*



*Charlestown Historical Society President Julie Hall with Mayor Martin Walsh.*



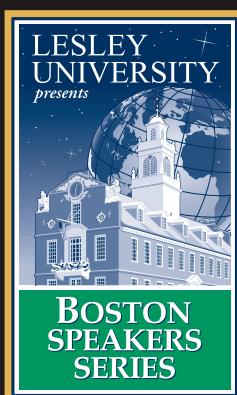
*Kiera Dunn, Friends of Memorial Hall; Amanda Zettel, CPS; and Ellen Kitzis, CPS.*



*Charlestown Militiamen Paul Lane and Rick Young with Sean Getchell of State Rep. Dan Ryan's office.*



*Lincoln Post President Joe Zuffante, Councilor Lydia Edwards, Judy McDonough, and Michael Parker.*



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## INVEST (continued from pg. 1)

High School – the investment in the public-private redevelopment of Bunker Hill Housing was quite unexpected and not discussed prior to the citywide community event on the development's basketball court Tuesday.

"We need a national and federal partner on this project, but we don't have a national partner right now," he said, alluding to the Trump Administration. "We're investing \$30 million in the capital budget for infrastructure on this project. We will once again begin the process of preserving deeply affordable housing here. What this means is that this project is happening. We're not talking about it happening or that it might happen. It's happening. I'm happy because this is the first time the City of Boston has invested bond dollars into BHA developments."

That elicited major applause from the audience, most of whom were residents of Bunker Hill. It was a round of applause that had been waiting to come out for two years as the project has languished and experienced stops and starts since being rolled out in 2014. More than a year has passed now since a new partner, Leggat McCall, was brought on to join Corcoran Development and the BHA. Residents of the development and the greater community.

"Thank you Lord!" called out Betty Carrington, the former president of the Tenants Task Force, when the announcement was made.

"We need to continue to understand that affordable housing is the bellwether of a strong community," he said. "The people in affordable housing are from the neighborhood. People in the last 20 years have been pushed out of neighborhoods...We can't wait for the current president. We can't wait for an election two years from now. We have to act now."

This \$30 million is a step. It's not just a \$30 million investment; it's a new way of investing in affordable housing. We can take what we do here in Charlestown and transfer it to the other parts of the City.

State Rep. Dan Ryan, who wasn't able to attend due to State Budget hearings this week, said he thought the move was generous.

"I want to thank Mayor Walsh for the extremely generous commitment to the Bunker Hill Housing Development," he said. "I'm still not up on the details, but hopefully will be briefed on the project in the near future. I'm encouraged to see that the Administration, Councilor Edwards, Boston Housing Authority, BPDA and the developer are making progress on these much needed housing improvements for our residents. I look forward to being invited into the conversation."

McGonagle said it was an historic day for the BHA, and especially for the Bunker Hill development – which is one of the oldest public housing developments in the nation. The development was built via land takings from the old "Point" neighborhood after World War II, and not much has been done for it since that time – leaving it in great disrepair at the moment.

"As the mayor said, this \$30 million capital grant will in fact get the long-planned renovation of this community up and running," he said. "We look forward

to taking our plans and our proposals in more specificity out to the broader neighborhood as early as next month. We'll be meeting next month with the stakeholders in this neighborhood and working with BPDA to get this thing up and running and finally get it into the ground. It will create deeply affordable housing with market-rate housing to establish a

wonderful mixed-income community here in Charlestown."

Charlestown Resident Alliance (CRA) President Nancy Martinez said the tenants of Bunker Hill were ecstatic to see the investment, and to know they had a seat at the table in the process.

"The CRA has been a partner in this all along and has had a seat at the table," she said. "The residents will be involved and participate in a full process...Let's do get things together. Let's stick together and make this thing happen."

Councilor Lydia Edwards, who has had a big stake in the development since she first ran for office three years ago, said she was glad to see the City investing in this project.

"This is an exciting day," she said. "I look forward to hearing from Leggat McCall, who continues to be a good partner and is going to be sharing designs soon with the folks in the development and all of Charlestown. We hope to get the community together when final designs are a little more finalized...This is setting a precedent because we are leading the City in this kind of development. How this development goes in Charlestown will be how the rest of Boston goes."

The overall \$2.78 billion, four-year plan included many other items citywide and in the Town – including a planned revamp of City Hall Plaza to eliminate some of the bricks and bring more green space there.

One of the other things highlighted for Charlestown was the commitment to replace the turf field.

Reed Catlin of Charlestown Lacrosse and Learning Center spoke for all the youth sports in saying a big thank you for that commitment.

"I'm here to represent Charlestown Lacrosse and every other sports leagues for the money we are getting to improve our fields," he said. "These fields at the high school are by far the most used in the city. Every day during the week, Monday to Sunday, we have more than 400 city youth down there playing. That doesn't include the high school programs that also play there."

The field first became an item of high need last fall when Catlin and other youth sports directors began to notice holes in the turf and bunching in the carpet sections – making a very dangerous playing surface.

Within the next four years, however, that will change as the City will replace the turf with the \$3 million commitment.



Mayor Martin Walsh, Fire Commissioner Joe Finn and Police Commissioner Willie Gross talking to Harvard Kent Elementary students before Tuesday's program.



Mayor Martin Walsh poses with Charlestown Residents Alliance (CRA) officers Phil Rodgers, President Nancy Martinez, Vice President Tina Goodnow and Secretary Karla Wertz.

Other investments in Charlestown with the Capital Plan include:

- \$1.4 million for construction renovations to the Edwards/Eden/McCarthy playground.
- \$2.8 million to rehabilitate the Cambridge Street Bridge.

ketball area, HarborWalk, lighting and green infrastructure.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

### SAVE THE DATE! MORRISSEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

Saturday, May 17, 2019 marks the 5th Annual Friends of Ryan "Duce" Morrissey Scholarship Awards Night.

The fun begins at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Medford St.. There will be dinner, dancing, raffles and fun, as well as the awarding of the scholarship. Tickets are \$25 per person, order online at [Ryan morrisseyscholarship.com](http://Ryan morrisseyscholarship.com) or call Donna 617-763-8527.

### HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY

This week the Harvest on Vine Food Pantry is requesting macaroni and cheese, cans of pineapples and boxes of breakfast cereal. 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

### 2019 / 2020 REGISTRATION FOR GYM HOCKEY

Registration for the 2019/2020 season is being held on Saturday - May 11, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mishawum Community Room, 95 Dunstable

### 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](mailto:christine.vraibel@pd.boston.gov).

#### Drugs

04/15/19 - As a result of a drug investigation in the area of Main Street, as well as other ongoing investigations, an individual was placed under arrest and charged with trafficking in a Class B substance (over 18 grams).

#### Larceny

04/16/19 - A victim on Medford Street reported she left

Street, Charlestown, MA. There is a registration fee which is not due until September when the season begins. Ages are : 4-years-old by October 1, 2019 to 9-years-old (anyone who turns 10-years-old before 2/1/20 is too old. You do not have to live in Charlestown to play.

### SAWYER'S LOT COMMUNITY MEETING

The CNC Development Committee will be hosting a meeting for review of the proposed development plans for 324 – 330 Bunker Hill Street (Sawyer's parking lot) in conjunction with an Abutter's meeting facilitated by Quinlan Locke, Charlestown Liason to the Mayor's Office.

This meeting will be on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at Saint Francis de Sales - Lower Hall 303 Bunker Hill St.

### CMA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

The Charlestown Mothers Association is pleased to offer up to \$15,000 in college scholarships, to men and women who have been residents of Charlestown for at least five years, and will be attending college full-time this fall. The amount of each scholarship awarded will be determined by the CMA Scholarship Committee. Copies of the application are available at the "Scholarship" tab on the CMA website, [www.charlestownmothersassociation.org](http://www.charlestownmothersassociation.org), and also at the Charlestown Branch Library, at the circulation desk. The completed application is due by April 30, 2019.

### HARVARD-KENT SPRING FUNDRAISER

The Harvard-Kent Parents Association Spring Fundraiser will be held on Friday, May 3rd from 5-7 p.m. at The Warren Tavern. \$20 suggested donation at the door and \$10 raffle tickets will be sold at the door. Thank you to the Warren Tavern for donating the space and appetizers. For more information please email [harvardkentparents@gmail.com](mailto:harvardkentparents@gmail.com).

### TURN IT AROUND BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - SEEKING PLAYERS AND SPONSORS

The 5th Annual Turn it Around Basketball Tournament is set for Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Charlestown Community Center. The Charlestown Coalition is looking for players and sponsors to join them in hosting this youth event. For more information contact Ginaya Greene Murray 617-726-6684 or email [ggreenemurray@partners.org](mailto:ggreenemurray@partners.org).

### HARVEST ON VINE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER APRIL 25

This year's annual fundraiser for Harvest on Vine food pantry will take place on Thursday, April 25, at the Knights of Columbus #62 on Medford St. Tony V. And Karson Tager will entertain, food catered by Boston Beer Works. There will be great raffle prizes and a LIVE auction as well. For tickets contact Maribeth McKenzie-McDonald 617-750-1937 or [maribethmacdonald@yahoo.com](mailto:maribethmacdonald@yahoo.com)

### SUMMER REGISTRATION “UP AT THE CLUB”

Register now for a great Spring and Summer at the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club. There are many new and continuing programs on offer for the upcoming seasons. Call 617-242-1775 or visit the Club at 15 Green Street for more information.

### A FUN DAY OF SWAPPING AND SHOPPING IS AHEAD: THE CHARLESTOWN CHILDREN'S CLOTHING SWAP

The Charlestown Mothers Association and The Charlestown Community Center have partnered to create the first Charlestown Children's Clothing Swap! It will be held at The Charlestown Community Center at 255 Medford St. from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday April 27th. Bring your clean, gently worn items to the Community Center between 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and place your items on pre-marked tables that will be separated by category and size. This event is free and open to all Charlestown Residents; you do not have to be

a CMA member. Bags will be provided to the first 100 people; so get there early! Expecting families are also welcome! Left over items will be donated to local community organizations. If you have any questions, please feel free to email [emile\\_baker@yahoo.com](mailto:emile_baker@yahoo.com)

### WHAT IS NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY MONTH?

April is National Social Security Month, a time dedicated to educating the American public about our programs and services. During this month, Social Security and its partners promote educational materials the public to emphasize the importance of financial planning.

The focus of this year's National Social Security Month is to highlight the timesaving features of the my Social Security account. Our focused transactions are to:

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# Dunkin' (Donuts) cups begone: Dozens of volunteers to clean up Charlestown

Committed to improving the cleanliness, beauty and safety of their community and neighboring waters, dozens of volunteers will clean Terminal Street, Medford Street, and Sprouts Community Garden on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sponsored by Free Impact, a Charlestown-based green-living blog, and 275 Medford St., Charlestown's luxury rental loft community, the effort coincides with state-wide cleanups organized by The Great Massachusetts Cleanup and seeks to beautify

areas adjacent to the Mystic River.

The Great Massachusetts Cleanup: Charlestown is important because every year 8 million metric tons of plastic and waste flow into our oceans through waterways like the Mystic River. This waste threatens marine life and us. Earlier this month, a fish was found impaled by a plastic straw at a similar cleanup by Harbor Keepers in East Boston. Other common items like plastic bags, coffee cups and snack-wrappers also pose a threat. Many items like these make it to our

waterways from this neighborhood every day," said Margaret Yoh, Cleanup Chair and writer of Free Impact.

Following the cleanup there will be a gratitude celebration for volunteers starting at 2 p.m. also located at 275 Medford St.

Many partners and donors have helped to make the cleanup a success. Partners include 1-800-JUNK, Anna's Cafe, Diversified Auto, Monumentails, Netblazi, REMAX, Save That Stuff, and Starry Internet.

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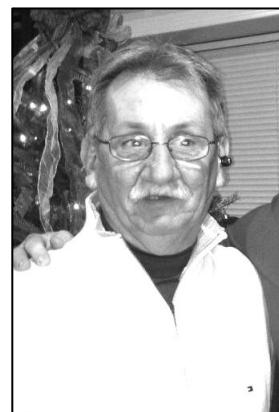
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