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Charlestown Drug Court graduation welcomes Police Commissioner Gross

By Seth Daniel

A new class of drug court graduates found success on May 22 in Charlestown Municipal Court – with Police Commissioner Willie Gross encouraging them and the community for supporting the graduates.

“The village is taking care of the village in Massachusetts,” he said. “We shouldn’t be shunning you because you have problems. We should be helping you...Today is a good day. I don’t BS and I tell it like it is. I’m proud of each and every one of you. People have doubted you and called you all kinds of names. The things you have gone through with your family. You didn’t start out that way...I see you and I see my brothers and sisters. I’m not a separatist. I know you’re trying hard...Everyone would think the community would be like ‘Get them away. Get them out of here.’ No. This is really unique

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OLDEST SCHOOLBOY



Photo by Cary Shuman

Jack Whelan, the oldest schoolboy in attendance, had the honor of ringing the bell at the 106th annual Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association on Sunday, May 19, in the Knights Hall. Scores of friends gathered for the annual celebration. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.



TRAFFIC UPDATE

Planning for Encore: Traffic plans, timing will hopefully help ease rush

By Seth Daniel

There’s no painting it any other way – there’s going to be major traffic on the June 23 opening day of the Encore Boston Harbor resort casino and even in the days after – but choosing a slow time of year for the opening and other precautions, the company told Charlestown neighbors, would hopefully help lighten the load.

“I am telling you there’s going to be traffic and we know that,” said Jim Folk of Encore. “It’s the opening of one of the largest resorts on the East Coast. We

know many people will want to come see it. What we can do is mitigate it with our plan. If we see traffic hot spots, we can adjust accordingly, and we’ve been working closely with our partners to plan for that...We are not doing this in a bubble. We have a competent transportation plan...We are going to be monitoring the roads carefully.”

The comments came during a whirlwind traffic roundup meeting on Thursday, May 23, sponsored by State Rep. Dan Ryan and the

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Townie Talent: Charlestown Pride Week will feature new talent show

By Seth Daniel

Charlestown Pride Week is like no other week in the Town, the biggest buildup to the best Parade in the country.

That week-long plan of events, sponsored by the Bunker Hill Associates, will have a few new twists this year – with one of the biggest changes being a ‘Charlestown’s Got Talent’ contest at Eden/McCarthy Park on Thursday, June 13.

Associates President Robert Beckwith said they are very excited to unveil this year’s lineup of

events, which starts with Touch A Truck on June 9, and finishes with the annual Bunker Hill Day Associates Breakfast on Sunday, June 16.

“I think people can really be excited about Charlestown Pride Week this year,” he said. “There’s something for everybody and there is something to do every evening. It’s the big crescendo to the Battle of Bunker Hill Day Parade. We have a lot of great traditional events everyone looks forward to,

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CNC COMMUNITY CORNER

The monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will be held on Tuesday June 4 in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford St. At 6:15 p.m. we will be giving out the Spaulding-CNC Community Partnership Fund awards to Charlestown non-profit organizations. All are invited to help celebrate and thank our amazing community volunteers and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital for its generosity. At the regular meeting at 7 p.m., we will host our State Representative, Danny Ryan, to update us on his work. The public is encouraged to attend.

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EDITORIAL

FINALLY, SOME GOOD NEWS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL FRONT

Every few weeks -- or even more often, it seems -- we learn of some new, looming catastrophe for our planet because of the combined effects of climate change and the degradation of our environment by human activity.

Everyone agrees that the climate is changing, and that it will have far-reaching consequences that we only can imagine. So too, the activity by the seven billion persons with whom we share the earth is destroying the natural world at an unprecedented and ever-accelerating pace.

So it was with some degree of relief that we read the annual report by the organization Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, which informed us that our major metropolitan beaches never have been cleaner (in terms of water pollution) and safer for recreational swimming and other activity.

As lifelong residents of this area, we always are amazed that the beaches with the cleanest water every year are the M Street Beach and the City Point Beach in South Boston -- go figure -- but we're sure there is a logical and scientific-based reason for why these two beaches have achieved ratings of 100-percent for the past six years.

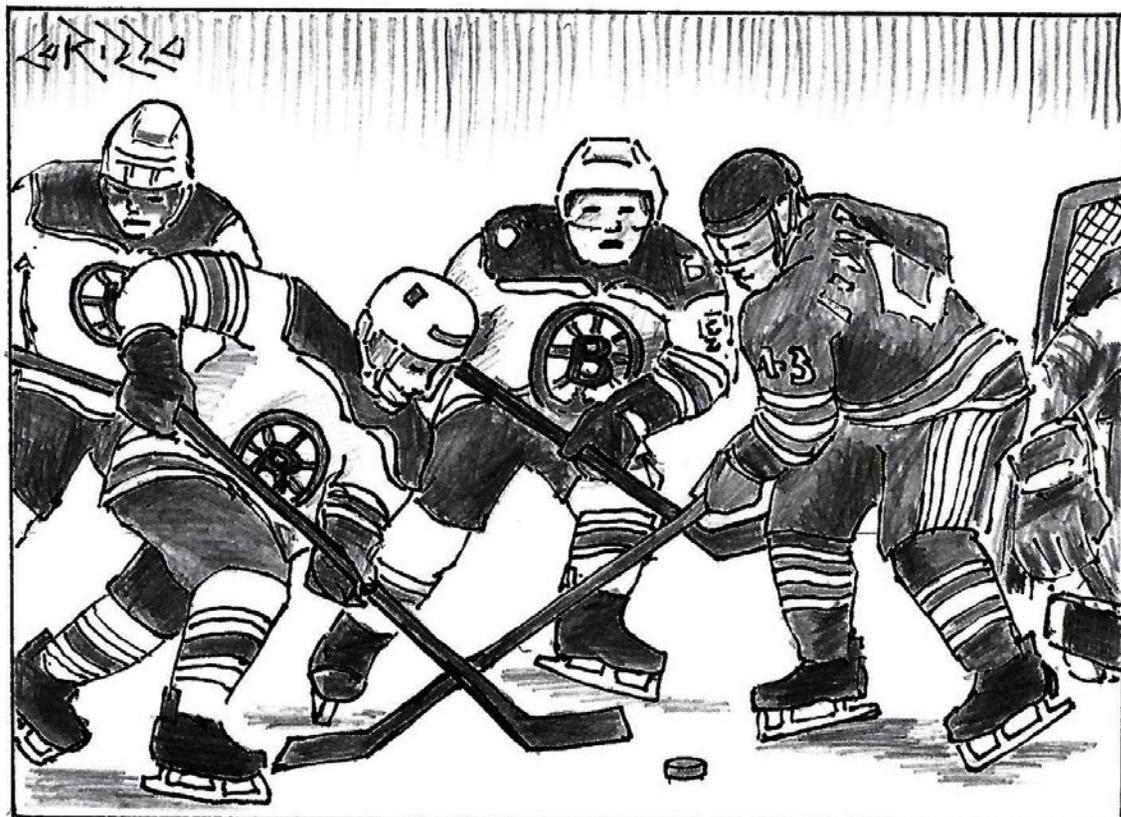
However, almost all of our metropolitan beaches, from Nantasket Beach on the South Shore to Revere and Winthrop beaches on the north, improved their ratings in 2018 compared to their six-year running-average. Winthrop Beach, for example, attained a 100-percent rating in 2018 compared to a 97-percent rate for the previous five years.

There are many factors that contribute to a beach's water quality. There are natural effects, most notably the amount of rainfall over the course of a season or over a short time period. The diligence of government agencies at the state and local levels in assuring that sewer connections are working as intended are a vital part of the equation.

We as individuals also play a key role in assuring that our water stays clean by making sure we don't dispose of our trash and hazardous waste into our waterways, by using the pump-out services for our boats, and by picking-up after our dogs.

The clean and healthy beaches that we enjoy today are the product of three decades of hard work, effort, and great expense by officials and the residents of the Boston Metro area. However, we cannot rest on our laurels. We must commit ourselves to doing whatever it takes in the years ahead to ensure that our region's greatest resource -- our beautiful coastline -- remains clean and useable both for ourselves and for generations to come.

So we wish to thank Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for issuing their annual report card on the state of our beaches -- and for giving us some good news, for a change, about our environment.



STANLEY CUP FEVER - BRUINS ARE HOT TO WIN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU

Dear Editor,

To the Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association. I would like to Thank You for selecting me for one of the Schoolboy Scholarships. This Award will be put to good use as I continue my education at Stonehill College.

Thank You.

Charles Page

ATTAINABLE GOALS

Dear Editor,

I want to thank you and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) staff for including the Charlestown community in initial discussions regarding the parcel along the Little Mystic Channel in the Mystic River Designated Port Area (DPA). It is my understanding that this parcel if currently leased to the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), subleased to the Boston Auto-port, and is up for renewal. Although our waterfront has undergone significant changes since this lease was first entered in the 1970s, I do believe that preserving this parcel within the DPA for the near future is in the best interest of the maritime industry in Boston.

Most importantly, what needs to happen immediately is a decision in writing and made available to the public on the future of the leased Little Mystic parcel that is under negotiation. There is some movement in the community to

bring this land out of the DPA. If this is even a minor possibility for consideration, then a process should have begun months, if not years ago. If removing the DPA is not up for serious consideration that those intentions need to be expressed immediately, so that the Charlestown neighborhood can focus on other pressing projects facing the community.

I say this knowing that even if we: the community, Massport, BPDA, The Division of Coastal Zone Management and other elected officials were all rowing in the same direction on this parcel, which we are not, the task of removing such an area from the DPA would take a monumental upstream effort. Furthermore, even if successful, the subsequent uses would still be abutting a working port, isolated from the rest of the community and along a truck route.

A public battle over the future designation of this parcel, if there are no intentions of changing the use, is divisive and irresponsible. As I mentioned earlier, I support the continued use of the Little Mystic as a DPA property. I do not have to love it to understand its regional importance. I also do not want to see my community used as a pawn between quasi-government agencies in a contract negotiation. However, I do see the potential renewal of this lease as an opportunity to revisit the BPDA's and Massport's mission and commitment to

the waterfront in Charlestown. Particularly, I urge us all to use the current interest and energy surrounding this parcel as an impetus for dialogue; but, with a switch toward much more attainable goals for the community and the waterfront.

It is my strong belief that community efforts are best used to improve the already existing underutilized public park in that DPA that is adjacent to the parcel in question. This public lane today, is an asphalt parking lot with a nearly unused boat ramp. Every effort should be made to make this space a more practical waterfront attraction with accessible waterborne amenities. The boat ramp itself, from what I have been told by recreational boaters, is a quality launch point that lacks fundamental features for basic boating use. In particular, there is no place to tie up a boat once launched. This makes picking up passengers and/or parking a tow vehicle nearly impossible. A small public dock would make this ramp much more practically accessible. A dock could also make the Little Mystic a more user friendly space for community boating experiences. For instance, there were talks of kayaking and other sports opportunities proposed for the Navy Yard; there is not a better place to each urban children how to access the harbor than a boating program they can

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LETTERS (from pg. 2)

see form their housing complex. The allure of the ocean itself will sell such a program. I would even go so far as to suggest that a revenue generating opportunity may be available here; such as a clam shack, bait shop or equipment rentals, etc.

For a wider vision of the Charlestown waterfront, I would like to see Massport and the BPDA enter into comprehensive planning discussions as to what our new waterfront will look like in the future. Continuing the Harbor walk has been a longtime goal. I wholeheartedly support this concept. I would also ask that we take a look at sections of our port area that are underutilized. I envision not just recreational uses along the water but practical daily uses for commuting and other activities that tie our neighborhood together. I cannot think of a better message than to take the abandoned rail-bed along Medford Street, once proposed as a truck haul road, and turn it into a multi-modal bike and pedestrian path. This rail-bed with the right vision, could connect the Navy Yard and two housing developments to the Sullivan Square MBTA station. Improving the sight lines alone will bring this public transportation hub closer to the community.

There is also much discussion as to increasing the need for field space in Charlestown. Barry Playground, "The Oily", along Medford and Chelsea Streets has a softball diamond with a large open field. This park is situated at the edges of two large housing complexes that contain many school-aged children. An investment by the parties to the Little Mystic could be made to make this park usable year-round. Even if just the outfield was turned into a synthetic turf field it would open thousands of square feet of year round practice and game space. The Mel Stillman Tennis Center is also another recreational facility in the vicinity that could use so me attention. A new seasonal enclosure would not only benefit tennis programming, but could also be sued by others as indoor recreational space.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Ryan
State Representative

WE NEED A MASTER PLAN

Dear Editor,

As Charlestown approaches its 400th birthday, it might be worthwhile to reflect on its past

as it plans for its future.

Eighteenth-century British historian John Oldmixon called Charlestown the Mother of Boston. She, that is Charlestown, in a way did give birth to Boston. She was settled first. It was lack of water that led settlers off the peninsula to Shawmut (Boston). Except for Salem, Charlestown is the oldest settlement of Massachusetts Colony and was considered its capital.

At the time of the Battle of Bunker Hill there were between two and three thousand inhabitants and about 400 structures. When battle was imminent, women and children fled the town. The men remained to fight. Many died and the town was burnt to the ground. That's why, unlike Salem, for example, there are no seventeenth century structures here.,

Charlestown became part of Boston in 1874. In the early 1900s the elevated railway went up along Main Street, carrying passengers from Medford and Somerville to downtown. I often wondered what it was like for people living along Main Street, to have to endure the noise, clutter and dirt from the elevated. To lose the sunlight. While the railway offered faster ways to access downtown, the effect on Main Street and surrounding streets was disastrous. Businesses closed, houses were boarded up. By the 1950s Charlestown's population had dropped 40 percent. In addition to laying down of elevated train tracks across Main Street, Charlestown endured other damaging government planning. There was the 1942 razing of a neighborhood to build the Bunker Hill Housing Development. In the 1950s dozens of homes were bulldozed to build the Tobin Bridge. The town, in essence, became a sitting duck for the newly formed Boston Redevelopment Authority's heralded Urban Renewal. The West End had been razed as part of the BRA's revitalizing slum clearance initiative. Within several weeks time, with little advanced notice, the BRA displaced 7,000 West End residents. Charlestown was next. In April 1960, the head of the BRA described Charlestown as a 'slum, as bad as any I have ever seen.'

To mobilize Charlestown, and protect it, a group of residents formed the Federation of Charlestown Organizations. Robert L. Lee of Winthrop Street served as the federation's president, overseeing the activities of more than 50 local

organizations, including the Boys Club, Charlestown Historical Society and the Daughters of Isabella. Sounding like a great orator, Lee told federation members they were engaged in a battle, not unlike the Battle of Bunker Hill. Lee passionately called for a 'resurrection' in Charlestown.

Joining the older, more established groups in the federation was a new organization that called itself SHOC, which stood for Self Help Organization of Charlestown. SHOC's members were homeowners, parents of children who attended local schools, factory workers and professionals. Led by its president, Leo Baldwin, SHOC went on high alert. One SHOC member drove his station wagon through the town, shouting through a bullhorn, for residents to pay attention to what had happened in the West End.

In his book 'Planning the City upon a Hill,' Lawrence W. Kennedy noted that 90 percent of Charlestown residences were earmarked for rehabilitation, which, in broad definition could mean anything from forced remodeling to forced surrender of property under eminent domain.

For six weeks SHOC members traveled every morning, five days a week, to Boston City Hall to attend Redevelopment Hearings on Charlestown, sponsored by Boston City Council and the BRA. SHOC members took their places in the gallery to listen before taking their place at the microphone to protest urban renewal in Charlestown.

My mother was one of SHOC's members. She, a stay-at-home mother of seven once reminisced: 'I don't even know how we got the

car fare to go there every day but we knew we had to. All the mothers knew that. We had to be there.' These residents brought the needed attention to Charlestown's plight, provided the necessary resistance and, in light of the West End debacle, with BRA public relations in tatters, coerced BRA officials to revise Charlestown plans.

A BRA local office within Charlestown's boundaries was established. A series of meetings began. Revisions included the promise that no more than 11 percent of the homes would be taken. The BRA began a massive long-range \$64 million renewal project, emphasizing remodeling of existing homes and low-cost loans available to homeowners. These actions toward a true redevelopment, along with the razing of the elevated train in 1976, began the preservation of the Charlestown neighborhood.

What, then, does Charlestown's former history have to do with now? Charlestown presently has the greatest population density of any of Boston's neighborhoods,

yet building continues, creating worse pollution and traffic jams that have to be experienced to fathom. Studies show the pernicious long-term effect of overbuilding on health and welfare.

As a woman mentioned at a meeting last week, except for its initial settlement in 1628-1629, Charlestown has never had a Master Plan. Couldn't the city once again engage with the residents to hear their concerns? Early Charlestown literature speaks of the beauty here. In *Travels in New England and New York*, Timothy Dwight wrote of Charlestown: The peninsula presents a site for one of the most beautiful towns in the world. One of the most beautiful towns in the world. That is the legacy of Charlestown. This is our legacy. This is our responsibility.

Helen O'Neil

Some sections are from 'Struggling to Keep their Homes: Charlestown and the BRA', by Helen O'Neil. Originally published in Charlestown Bridge, Nov. 9, 2005.

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CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Loneliness in Charlestown

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

Everyone who lives in The Town, whether newly arrived or long-timers, recognizes this is a special place.

What I hear said rather often describes appreciation for living in a small neighborhood in the middle of a big city. Seems the essential element of appreciation is less about size and more about the way it is possible around here for folks to get to know one another.

Every week new residents join this Parish, expressing their appreciation for being welcomed into the community. On the other hand, when families are leaving Charlestown they always express their sadness about leaving behind a wonderful community. Inevitably, they speak about returning as often as they can and maybe, someday, moving back here.

We are social beings and we long to be connected, known and to belong. In these times in which we live, fewer and fewer people have such positive connectedness to communities and others. The consequences of this truth are discussed in recent literature and

research which point out there is an Epidemic of Loneliness in America.

Last November, in an opinion piece in the New York Times, Arthur Brooks wrote about how loneliness is tearing us apart. He was quoting, extensively, serious research of 20,000 Americans that uncovered startlingly high levels of loneliness across all demographics, most notably among 18 to 37 year olds. The reasons posited for this current state of affairs are many and beyond the scope of this article.

From my own experience in Charlestown and beyond, I believe these data are accurate and maybe even understate the seriousness of the issue. Moreover, I write about pervasive loneliness in our community and beyond because its existence points to a failure in our lifestyles and specifically in our faith-life.

We have become so absorbed in ourselves, our own siloes of work and beliefs that everyone else is a “them”. Our addiction to work, social media, devices and assorted

“stuff,” appears to be satisfying while at the same time, it is never enough.

Increasingly, we are living exactly the way God intended us NOT to live. For, God knows us and in fact, created us and “wired” us to be connected, to belong, to be known and to be a part of the lives and community of others. I believe we are never complete until and unless we are.

We are blessed to live in Charlestown for among other things, there are so many more opportunities for us to be connected in various ways. At the same time, I know the level of loneliness here is prevalent and each one of us can do something about that.

We can look up into the faces of the many we meet all around town; shopping, walking, on the 92/93 bus. In public, using our devices and ear buds sends a clear message – leave me alone. Once in a while, turn it off and look around. There may well be an angel near waiting to say hello.

Building 108 demolition underway

By Lauren Bennett

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a public meeting on May 22 to discuss the current status of the Charlestown Navy Yard Building 108, as well as start to discuss what the site might be used for in the future.

Built between 1902 and 1904, the 32,000 square-foot building once functioned as a power plant for the Navy Yard, according to Chris Breen of the BPDA. Devin Quirk of the BPDA said that the BPDA has started an “active process” to demolish the building, and decided that now would be a good time to start talking to the community about the future of the site.

Paul Osborn of the BPDA and deputy director for Capital Construction said there is “contamination throughout the building, primarily asbestos,” and about 25 percent of the roof structure is gone. The building is overall in poor condition, he said.

Osborn added that approvals are required from both the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection agency, and the BPDA is currently working closely with each.

Design and engineering firm Weston and Sampson has been hired to conduct “further evaluation for demolition and hazardous material requirements,” Osborn said. Demolition and environmental remediation is estimated to start in December of this year, but that is not a firm date, he said. “Public safety and job safety is the number one priority,” Osborn said, which requires a more lengthy process to execute safety and correctly.

Current activity includes building protective barrier walls to protect the Ropewalk. Osborn said that demolition will take approximately six to seven months, though a lot is still unknown about the materials inside. The building will be taken down slowly in a controlled demolition. A question was asked about the possibility of closing Third Avenue during demolition, and Osborn said he does anticipate that happening, as he “doesn’t want to take any risks.”

After discussion of what is currently known about the demolition process, David Carlson of the BPDA talked about the rehabilitation guidelines that limit what can be done as far as reconstruction goes in the historic area where the building sits. The National Park Service, which oversees the

Charlestown Navy Yard, “is strict with design guidelines,” Carlson said. Possible future uses include: residential, mixed use, commercial, or a combination of the three.

The newly constructed building “would be consistent with the existing cornice line of the old building and other buildings in the area,” Carlson said. Residents have expressed interest in turning the site into extra parking for the neighborhood, but “parking eats up a lot of square footage in a building like this,” Carlson said, and parking cannot be put underground due to the concrete wall foundations that would be difficult to remove. “Pure parking is unlikely,” added Devin Quirk of the BPDA.

Reay Pannesi of the BPDA then talked about the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, which is the next step in the process. An RFP “contains boilerplate sections describing property, neighborhood, legal requirements,” according to a slide presented at the meeting. It “also contains ‘comparative evaluation criteria’ which explain to potential proposers how their proposals will be evaluated.” Pannesi said that the BPDA will be seeking a developer to build a new building within the parameters set forth in the historic guidelines. Following a public comment period, it will take anywhere from four to six weeks to get the RFP drafted and approved. In order to issue the RFP, approval is needed from the BPDA board, Pannesi said. Devin Quirk said that the earliest this could happen by the end of summer, though they are not committing to any date as of right now.

A Charlestown resident commented that she would like to see some One Charlestown units be put on the building 108 site in order to lessen the number of units being put on the existing site.

“The BPDA stands behind affordable housing,” Quirk said, but the type of height that would be required to put those units there “was not contemplated in the transfer of the property.”

The BPDA is hoping to balance affordability with the requirements of historic preservation.

Another resident asked if there was any commercial interest yet. Quirk said that there have not been any “in depth conversations with anyone,” and he said that issuing the RFP is the way to solicit that interest. “After that, the public can hear proposals and decide what would be best for the community.”

St. John School auction raises money for art, music room renovation

On May 17, the St. John School community came together to raise funds for a major renovation of the Art/Music room, slated to take place this summer. Over 140 parents, faculty and special guests enjoyed an evening of fun while they attended the school’s biggest fundraiser of the year.

Our Emcee, Doug Meehan, Co-Anchors of News Center 5 and our Auctioneer Larry Lannan of Boston Harbor Auctions added

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Wynn Resorts pays \$35 million fine, CEO Maddox's \$500K fine

By Seth Daniel

Wynn Resorts announced Tuesday it would not appeal its fine, and CEO Matt Maddox said he would not appeal his personal fine either – with both fines being delivered to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) in the afternoon.

MGC Spokesperson Elaine Driscoll confirmed that both fine payments had been received by 3:15 p.m. Tuesday.

That fine, however, did not come without a verbal protest from the Board of Directors.

“The Board of Directors disagrees with a number of the Commission's comments and conclusions regarding Matt, and believes they are not supported by the evidence,” read a statement

sent out Tuesday. “Therefore, we would support his decision to exercise his rights and appeal the fine imposed upon him, and believe he would rightly prevail in his appeal. However, that appeal would delay the final conclusion of this matter, and therefore we appreciate Matt's decision to forego an appeal in order to allow closure for the Company. The Company will pay the fine imposed on him and has today delivered payment of that, and the Company's fine, to the Commission.”

The Board did say it would not appeal any of the findings in Massachusetts, and it added that Maddox has created a new paradigm in the company. It defended him by saying that, unlike the MGC report, the Nevada Gaming Control Board praised the actions taken by Maddox since he took

over.

“The Nevada Gaming Control Board, under whose jurisdiction the alleged activities of our founder occurred, conducted its own year-long investigation and recently reaffirmed Matt Maddox's good standing in Nevada, and praised him for creating a ‘paradigm shift’ and for taking ‘corrective actions that [have] been impressive,’” read the statement. “We believe Matt's leadership has been, and will continue to be, essential in our transformation from a founder-led company to an innovative global corporation.”

The statement concluded by indicating Wynn Resorts looks forward to working with the MGC, and is on track to open on June 23.

The MGC, for its part, recently put out a Request for Response (RFR) to procure an independent

monitor to oversee the Wynn Resorts actions at Encore Boston Harbor. That was called for in the MGC's investigation and decision on April 30.

The primary focus of the independent monitor's review and evaluation will be the Massachusetts licensee. The scope of the review will include the policies and organizational changes adopted by the Company as described during the recent adjudicatory hearing process in April. The MGC is attempting to gain an understanding as to whether the approaches put in place by the Company are consistent with recognized best practices and are in fact effective.

A meeting of the MGC is expected today, May 29, to discuss numerous matters related to the Encore Boston Harbor opening.

MGC approves extended 4 a.m. liquor license for Encore

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) approved an extended 4 a.m. liquor license for Encore Boston Harbor by a vote of 4-1 on Wednesday, May 22.

The MGC had discussed the matter at its May 6 meeting in-depth, as well as the other numerous regular 2 a.m. closing licenses that the casino requested.

A comment period was initiated with Mayor Martin Walsh and Councilor Lydia Edwards voicing displeasure with the idea of granting the extension, which is only for those involved in active gaming. The last call is 3:30 a.m.

They can re-open at 8 a.m.

Downtown trash contract lands back in hands of Capitol Waste

By Seth Daniel

Citing a much lower cost, and much better tools to ensure accountability, the Public Works Department (PWD) has awarded all five trash collection contracts to Capitol Waste – including the downtown neighborhoods where many troubles existed from 2009 to 2014 when Capitol last held the contract.

Chief of Streets Chris Osgood and Supt. of Waste Reduction Brian Coughlin said this week they had awarded the contracts to Capitol, and that included replacing Sunrise Scavenger in the downtown districts (which includes South End, Back Bay, Charlestown, Beacon Hill and Fenway/Kenmore) with Capitol.

The contract is valid for five years and would start July 1. Replacing Sunrise has the entire City under just one trash contractor, and Capitol already had the

other four non-downtown contracts previously.

“We received proposals from Sunrise and Capitol and the award went to Capitol for each of the districts, including 1 and 10 – which are the downtown districts,” said Osgood. “They had bid significantly lower than Sunrise and were also judged responsible and responsive...We think Capitol is responsible. They have done work in the rest of the City and actually hold contracts in a majority of the neighborhoods.”

For all five districts, Capitol bid \$28 million annually, while Sunrise bid \$39 million – both over five years – which was an \$11 million difference between the two. In the downtown district, Capitol bid \$8.9 million to Sunrise's \$11.1 million – which was a \$2.2 million difference. This year, the City is paying \$6.9 million for collection – making both bids significantly higher than in the previous contract.

Similarly, Osgood said this year the City is paying \$24 million for trash collection, and it was noted that even Capitol's low bid was about a 16 percent increase over current costs.

He said he is not worried about the fact that Capitol's bid might be too low to perform.

“Capitol's bid is still 16 percent higher than what we are currently paying,” he said. “That is still an increase. It's not as though \$28 million is so much lower than what we are paying now to do the job.”

The award to Capitol has riled up many in the downtown neighborhoods, where meetings on trash collection problems dominated the landscape from 2009 to 2014.

Osgood and Coughlin said things have changed since the last go-around with Capitol, specifically that Code Enforcement has been removed from the Inspectional Services umbrella

and put under Coughlin's department.

“I think there have been important changes by the City over the last five years,” said Osgood. “One of those changes has expanded the numbers of inspectors on Brian's team.”

Added Coughlin, “The concerns the neighborhood had from 2009 to 2014 came before expanded code enforcement and the inspections we are currently doing...From 2014 to now, there is a different playing field than in 2009.”

They said Coughlin's team has one of the highest response rates to 3-1-1 calls and complaints, with 97 percent addressed on time.

Coughlin said another key difference is that they have Capitol mobilize at 6 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. That will lead to quicker service and contractors being in less of a rush to get to the trash plant and back.

“Residents will see trash go a little earlier than they are seeing now,” he said. “They will be able to get out to Lynn, Saugus or Braintree and back by 9:30 a.m. for their second trip. That's a lot sooner than 1 p.m. or 2 p.m.”

Coughlin assured they would be able to respond quickly to any problems, particularly in the downtown areas where there are two pickups per week.

City Square park summer concerts

Wednesday evening under blue skies the first of five summer concerts organized by the Friends of City Square Park was held in the lovely City Square Park. An enthusiastic audience of adults and children enjoyed the event. The concert featured the Boys & Girls Band and Dance Group and the Charlestown High School ensemble comprised of Jayden Aguiar, Jihye Le, Amy Flores, Yamilet Santana, Tahari Barbosa, Rudy Garcia, Stephanie Pereyra,

Randy Lara, Elida, Elvi, Tatiana, Brenna, Lincoln, Tessa, Briana, Ava, Devonte, Destiny, Mariah, Aiden, Damian, Gianlucas, Skylar, Analissa, Sophia, Makayla, Kayla, Becky, Amira, Giuliana, Yvonne, Leseisha, Gariela, and Becky.

Charlestown Cooperative Bank, the Charlestown Mother's Association and the Friends of City Square Park sponsored the event.

The remaining concerts are as follows: June 12, Ghetto People

Band sponsored by Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate; July 10, The East Coast Soul Band sponsored by the Charlestown Mothers Association; August 14, Dirty Water Brass Band sponsored by The Rick DuBard Concert Fund and September 11, Henry Acker Trio, sponsored by Gibson Sotheby's International Realty. The concerts run from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursdays are the rain dates.



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For the Record

•Flood Resilient Building Guidelines & Zoning Overlay District Open House, May 30

There will be an open house on the City's efforts to promote buildings that are better adapted to coastal flooding and sea level rise. This is an opportunity to learn about the development of flood resilient building guidelines and resiliency zoning, talk to experts, and provide input.

This project is part of Climate Ready Boston, the Mayor's ongoing initiative to help the City grow and prosper in the face of climate change.

When: Thursday, May 30

Time: 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Location: Mass General Hospital Institute, Navy Yard, 36 First Ave., 3rd Floor.

•The Charlestown Community Impact Fund's managing committee will meet to review the spring grant applications and make awards. May 30, 1 p.m., in Boston City Hall.

•The monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will be held on Tuesday June 4 in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford Street. At 6:15 pm we will be giving out the Spaulding-CNC Community Partnership Fund awards to Charlestown non-profit organizations. All are invited to help celebrate and thank our amazing community volunteers and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital for its generosity. At the regular meeting at 7 p.m., we are hoping to host our State Rep. Danny Ryan, to update us on his work. The public is encouraged to attend.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS:

The Committee will hold a May 30 hearing at 10 a.m. on an ordinance concerning the registration and licensing of dogs, transfer of the Animal Care and Control unit from the Inspectional Services Department to the Parks and Recreation Department. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Michael Flaherty. The Sponsor of the docket is Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

•Community Preservation Act - Meet & Greet
Join staff from the City of Boston's Community Preservation to learn more about the CPA, how to apply for funds, and how these funds help support historic preservation, affordable housing, and parks and open space.

When: Tuesday, June 4, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: Charlestown Public Library, 179 Main St.

•Creative Connections Community Reception, June 4

All are invited to an evening reception celebrating community in Charlestown. This informal event will feature food, music, networking, and a guest speaker from Washington, DC who has done innovative community engagement work in underserved areas of the District. This is a public event.

Creative placemaking is about using local

arts and culture to engage residents in creating vibrant public spaces and addressing community challenges. As a Community Liaison with the National Parks Foundation, Akiima Price will share the creative ways she has engaged multi-generational families, low-income communities, ex-offenders, and other marginalized groups to utilize and feel ownership of their local park resources.

Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Time: 6- 7:30 p.m.

Location: Charlestown Navy Yard, Commandant's House

Light refreshments will be served Participants must register by May 28.

•Abutters Meeting

Proposal for 72 Bunker Hill St.

What: A meeting to discuss the construction of a one family dwelling.

When: Monday, June 3, 6 p.m.

Where: 72 Bunker Hill St.

•Abutters Meeting

Proposal for 103 Russell St.

What: A meeting to discuss the construction of a new roof deck on top of an existing structure.

When: Wednesday, June 5, 6 p.m.

Where: 103 Russell St.

•Harvard Kent School Dates

May 30 - Annual Art Show at the Stove Factory, 5-7 p.m.

May 31 - Harvard Kent Leadership Scholarship Awards, 10 a.m.

May 31 - Box Tops Competition

June 4 - K2 New Family Welcome Event, 5:30 p.m. in Library.

June 11/12 - Field Days (K1-2 June 11; 3-5 June 12)

June 13 - K2 Moving Up Ceremony, 10 a.m.

June 17 - 5th Grade graduation, 10 a.m.

June 17 - Last Full Day of School

June 19 - Last Day of School, Release at 2:10 p.m.

•Warren Prescott School Dates

April 1 - May 31 - MCAS Testing

June 4: New K1 & K2 Parent Welcome

June 5 - Spring Concert

June 6 - School Site Council Meeting (Date Change)

June 7: K2 Graduation Day

June 7 -8 - Annual WP Art Show at the Stove Factory Gallery

June 10: K1 Shadow Day

June 11: K2 Shadow Day

June 11: 8th Grade Luncheon

June 12: 8th Grade Moving On Ceremony

June 13: Field Day

June 18: Early Release

June 19: Last Day of School - Early Release

City Council Budget Hearings, ongoing, City Hall:

•June 4, Public Testimony, 2 p.m.

MGH Institute graduates largest class in its history

Staff Report

Thirty-five Charlestown residents were among the 594 students who graduated from MGH Institute of Health Professions on May 13 at the graduate school's 2019 Commencement.

A total of 594 members of the Class of 2019 received doctoral, master's, or bachelor's degrees, or certificates, in nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, speech-language pathology, rehabilitation sciences, and health professions education.

Baothy Huynh gave the Commencement address on May 13 to an audience of more than 2,000 people at the Boston Convention and Exposition Center. Huynh, who earned a Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree, was the first student in the IHP's history to give the graduation speech. She reminded her classmates of the reasons each one chose to become a health care practitioner.

"We are here today, after all these years of dedicated work, because we are deeply drawn to the service of others. That we, above all else, are moved, physically and emotionally, by the proclivity to make others feel whole," said Huynh, who was born in Vietnam and moved with her family to the United States in 1997. "It was a love of the profession that brought us all to the Navy Yard from every corner of the country. It was a love of the education that kept us knocking on doors every week for office hours, and a love of the craft that kept us up until 3 a.m. studying. It was a love of our patients — past, present, and future — that carried us all the way to the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jordan, India, and Capitol Hill in the name of service, education, and advocacy."

Several people were recognized for their accomplishments, both to the MGH Institute and to the advancement of health care.

Stephanie Wilkie Ahmed, DNP '08, FNP-BC, DPNAP, received the Bette Ann Harris Distinguished Alumni Award, the IHP's highest recognition given to a graduate. Dr. Ahmed, the executive director for Clinical Effectiveness at Brigham and Women's Hospital, was recognized for her role as president and legislative co-chair of the Massachusetts Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, during which time she championed the removal of physician oversight with the hope of granting full practice authority to nurse practitioners and great-

er access to health care for the most vulnerable. She also has been recognized for her work by the Organization of Nursing Leaders of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Vermont, and the American Nurse Association of Massachusetts.

Jarrad Van Stan, PhD '16, CCC-SLP, received the Emerging Leader Alumni Award, given to an alumnus who graduated less than 10 years ago. Dr. Van Stan is a speech-language pathologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Laryngeal Surgery and Voice Rehabilitation. Just three years after graduating from the Institute, he has become a national leader in voice disorders based on his significant contributions in the development of classification systems for classifying rehabilitation treatments and the application of motor learning theory and principles to the design of new voice therapy approaches.

In addition, George E. Thibault, MD, the former long-time chair of the MGH Institute Board of Trustees, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, the fourth honorary degree in the Institute's history.

The Charlestown residents in the Class of 2019 are:

Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology: Maria Elizabeth Galassi, Samantha E. Lovins, Emily Michele Reuling, Catherine Clare Serzan, Darby Elizabeth Smith, Jillian Mariah Davis, and Megan Koch Popp. Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Alene Ashjian, Dominique Elaine Comeau, Heather Leigh Flemming, Marian Herbick, Lindsey Nicole Kraus, Hannah Landerholm, Amanda C. Nawalany, Veronica Mary Peters, Michaela Woods Schmalz, Jennifer Lynn Walsh, Nicole Elizabeth Witham, and Kristen Chantal Zajeski. Master of Science in Nursing: Maria Katrina Celles, Brittany Nichole Frankel, Jenna Katherine Kobett, Jonathan Miguel Romero, and Marisa Crommett Stevens. Doctor of Occupational Therapy: Alyssa Marie Carmell, Sarah K. Engelbrektsson, and Natalya Anne Jenney. Master of Physician Assistant Studies: Jami Ryan Pollard and Lauren E. Spang. Doctor of Physical Therapy: Daniel John Cahaly, Allison Margaux Frickman, Haley Jo Harrison, Kathryn Michelle Quaglia, and Anita Sarmaroy. Certificate in Advanced Study in Health Professions Education: Rita Drummond Olans.



TRAFFIC UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge project not getting police details

By Seth Daniel

It's a daily routine for those in Charlestown trying to drive home.

One can see the daylight ahead of them, but because so many cars "block the box" or infringe upon the intersection, drivers simply can't get to the open roads – even waiting multiple light cycles.

Nowhere is that worse than at City Square due to the North Washington Street Bridge project, where lane closures and construction have traffic backed up at many hours of the morning and evening. Local drivers often find they can't take a left onto Chelsea Street, or get on and off the Mystic/Tobin Bridge due to the intersection being blocked by drivers going a completely different direction.

A great deal of the problem lies in that Police Details on the Bridge project are not being filled. The Bridge budget contains funding for six police positions, but City and State officials said those details are frequently not being filled.

"The police don't want to work that detail," said Bill Conroy of Boston Transportation (BTD). "There are a shortage of detail workers citywide. Captain Fong is doing everything possible. Right now it's not forced overtime and there's no one they have that wants to take that detail all the time."

John Boyle of the Boston Police said they are trying to get officers to work that detail, maybe to prioritize it higher, but he said it is voluntary. Because of that, no one can be made to do it.

"We just ask that the residents of Charlestown be patient with us," he said. "We try to fill that detail as much as we can, but it is voluntary and not forced overtime. No one can be made to take it."

Ken Flynn said when there aren't any details to stop traffic from clogging the City Square intersection, he cannot even get out of his Park Street home.

"I can't get out of my driveway on Park Street to drive over the Hill to get to the field to watch my grandkids play softball," he said.

He suggested that they look at State Police or Sheriff's Deputies to fill the details if Boston Police Officers don't take them.

"That's all trying to be worked out,"

said Conroy. "There are jurisdictional issues. We understand people want them and we don't have the bodies to fill them now."

In other news on the North Washington Street Bridge, coordinators for the project told residents they have started building the temporary bridge next to the existing bridge. They will not begin re-routing traffic to the temporary bridge until December.

Representatives for the project said they would be out to a public meeting prior to that shift in December.

•LOST VILLAGE TO GET MEETING ON CUT-THROUGHS

The Green Line Extension project in Somerville – which has resulted in the closure of three major bridges there – has been severely impacting the Lost Village section of Charlestown (on the other side of I-93). Now, the City said they will conduct a meeting on June 18 to figure out a way to stop people cutting through the neighborhood to avoid the bridge closures.

"We've been hearing from the Lost Village they feel lost with traffic," said Bill Conroy of the BTD. "They are being impacted by the Green Line Extension project and cut through traffic. We took a look at the area and want to talk about reversing streets or changing things around. We're looking at everything and want to talk to them about what might help."

The meeting details are still to be announced, but it will be on June 18.

•TRAFFIC CAMERAS TO GO LIVE MAY 31

One often-overlooked piece of mitigation from the Encore Boston Harbor casino project is the digital connection of the traffic lights on the corridor from City Square to Lower Broadway in Everett. That digital connection – for the first time ever – will connect into Boston City Hall's Transportation Center. There, traffic monitors will be able to observe all traffic on Rutherford Avenue, Sullivan Square and into Lower Broadway Everett. If there is a major backup at any of the lights, they will have the ability to manually override the signal timing to relieve congestion instantly.

These traffic lights have been in the works for the last six months, and BTD officials said they would go live on May 31 – enough time for them to work out the kinks before the June 23 casino opening.

Rutherford Avenue project pushed back another year

By Seth Daniel

Citing some tie-ups in the design work, and an agreement to let other projects get moving first, the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) said it would push back the beginning of the massive Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan Square project back to 2022.

Until now, it was planned to start in 2021. However, before the re-start on the planning process two years ago, it was to start in 2019. The project has been in the planning and discussion stages for more than five years.

The announcement first went public in a quick comment by Mayor Martin Walsh at his Coffee Hour earlier this month. Then, in a Transportation Meeting with State Rep. Dan Ryan, BTD Project Manager Bill Conroy went into more detail on the delay.

"Rutherford is on track for 2022," said Conroy to the packed meeting. "The reason was because all the other projects that are going on, and we decided it wasn't best to start the project now and instead wait a little longer."

In a statement to the Patriot Bridge, that was one reason for the delay.

The first reason was due to delays in the 25 percent design milestone – delays caused by not getting access to pertinent structural reports to existing underpasses.

"However, this design work is currently back on schedule and we anticipate that

the MassDOT 25 percent public hearing on this project will take place after January 2020," read the statement. "Following the hearing, we will proceed to the 100 percent PSE (Plans, Specifications and Estimate), which is required to build the project."

Another reason was exactly what Conroy specified, that there is just too much going on.

"With the significant amount of work by MassDOT and the MBTA ongoing in this general area, it was mutually agreed by state and local officials to delay project construction for two years," read the statement. "Sound judgement dictated this decision to allow the other infrastructure work to reach substantial completion prior to breaking ground on Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan Square."

The project is still fully-funded at \$152 million, and the funding remains intact and ready for use in 2022.

BTD said the goals of the project and the design remain the same. They will improve pedestrian access/connections at the MBTA station; decrease traffic congestion; protect the neighborhood from cut-through traffic; create open space accessible to the public; provide development opportunities; and provide quality bike connections.

As an aside for the corridor, traffic improvements planned for the Tobin Bridge off-ramp to Rutherford Avenue will include 'Don't Block the Box' markings to be installed this June.

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here. You are part of our village. We don't want to ostracize you, criticize you and get you away. We want to help you."

The Charlestown Addiction Recovery and Treatment (CHART) Drug Court Program graduation took place at the Charlestown Municipal Courthouse on May 22. CHART was first established in August 2012 and is conducted by a Probation Officer Michelle Williams and presided by Judge Lawrence McCormick. The ceremony was well attended by Public officials, supporters, friends and family members - including Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey, Councilor Annissa Essaibi George and State Rep. Dan Ryan.

Gross told the graduates that times have changed since he first started as a police officer in Charlestown – eventually moving on to other parts of the city. He said officers are now taught to find out the back story of folks that are facing challenges, not just lock them up.

"You can't just forget that when you go into law enforcement," Gross said. "You have to know the back story, and you have to know no one was born with a gun or drugs in their hand. You have to know that something happened along the road in life

that either someone failed them, we failed them or society failed them. People handle these things in different ways and some become dependent on drugs."

He praised the graduates, as well, for taking the negative things and turning them into a positive victory – one that required them to do hard work and meet the criminal justice system halfway. That, he said, is precisely why Drug Court finds so many victories.

You've taken the problem head on and addressed the issues," he said. "Whatever negative things led you to dependency, you have used positive voices around you and your positive voice to go forward in celebration and a new start...You're not alone...In the old days, we lock you up and bring you to the judge and it's a vicious cycle. No one was asking how we could help. As we have progressed into the 21st Century, so has looking at the challenges in life – especially dependencies. Now we know what's up and we know your backstory. What we love is you're meeting us halfway. We're meeting here, no one's giving up on you and then we progress forward. That's the celebration."



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OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOY'S ASSOCIATION 106TH ANNUAL REUNION

The Old Charlestown Schoolboy's Association held its 106th Annual Reunion Sunday at the Knights of Columbus.

President Robert Flynn welcomed the large gathering to the impressive event. The guests enjoyed a delicious, catered chicken dinner.

Past President Jack Whelan, 92, led the traditional ringing of the bell ceremony.

Tom Coots was the recipient of the James W. Conway Community Service Award.

Legendary comedian Tony V was the recipient of the George E. Murphy Fellowship Award.

The Schoolboy's Association presented \$25,000 in scholarships this year.

Past President and Historian Maurice "Moe" Gillen said, "In the spirit of this organization and its charitable mission, the member who won the 50-50 drawing immediately donated half of it back" to the Association.

The Schoolboy's Association is one of the oldest, continuing groups in Charlestown.

"We hope to be here at least another 100 years," said President Robert Flynn. "It's always great to see our friends here each year in Charlestown."



Charlo Connors (standing) with Jack Pavia and Tom White.



Front row: Paul Collins, Pete Castaldini, Vinny Fratalia, and Ed Callahan. Back row: Bob Gould, Jim Devlin, Eddie Mahan, and Phil Coleman.



Front row: Pat Greatorex, John Beasley, and Ralph Caldwell. Back row: Leo Carey, Chuck Fabiano, Bob Kirk, Ted Ryan, and Dennis Kane.



Tom Coots was the recipient of the James W. Conway Community Service Award. Making the presentation was President Robert Flynn.



Front row: Jim Jones, Bill King, and Rick Lakeman. Back row, John Leonard, Anthony Gemellaro, and John Dillon.

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OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOY'S ASSOCIATION 106TH ANNUAL REUNION



Front row: Pat Crann, Bill Corbett, Bob Goggin, and Bill Goggin. Back row: Bob Heenan, Jack Tkachuk, and John Coleman.



The Head Table, front row, Treasurer Ronan FitzPatrick, President Robert Flynn, Past President and Historian Moe Gillen, and Past President Jack Connors. Back row, Scholarship Chairman Jim O'Brien, Past President Jack Whelan, Past President Jack Pierce, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer Bill Lordan, and Vice President Keith Lordan.



Front row: Rich Harty, Jack Grace, Jim Sullivan, and Vin Doherty. Back row, Jake Lynch, Rich Lyman, Jim Considine, and Mike Mellen.



Tony Viveiros, known to the fans of his comedy as Tony V. was the recipient of George E. Murphy Fellowship Award. Making the presentation was Past President and Historian Moe Gillen.



Front row: Frank Kelley, Charlie McCarthy, Bob Fitzpatrick, and Pat Franzosa. Back row: Bill O'Donnell, Ron Simpson, and Jack Goggin.



Front row: Joe Kelley, Gerry Byrnes, and Ed Kelly. Back row: Bill Irvin and Bob Harty.



Front row: Joe Malone, Joe Collins, and Jim Collins. Back row: Joe Stevens, Rich Auffrey, and Tom Collins.

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City of Boston. The meeting was focused on the Encore opening plan, as well as a number of other projects in the pipeline.

Since February, Folk and Encore have been meeting regularly with Everett, Boston, Chelsea, Medford and state officials on the plan and its contingencies.

Officers from Everett, Boston, Medford, Chelsea and the State Police working on forced overtime will be stationed at locations in a radius all around the resort. But beyond that, Folk said they have chosen the date wisely.

They didn't pick July 4, or a Saturday in May for a reason.

He said June 23, historically, is a slow time of the year for traditional traffic in Greater Boston, and having it start on Sunday would give them a full week to work out the kinks before a full weekend.

"The last thing that we wanted to do was impact people's commute going to work," said Folk. "That's why we chose that date. We believe traffic will be much lighter on a Sunday and it's during a time when school is out. That is also a week when a lot of people take a vacation and leave Boston. There's not usually a lot going on then."

However, while a number of Charlestown residents were impressed with the depth of the plan, they were also worried about whether the casino was concerned about their quality of life, or the ease of their customers getting to the resort.

"I think you've really come up with a thoughtful plan, but I'm worried about when I need to get to Costco (in the Gateway Mall)," said one resident. "It seems to me it's not going to be any easier to get to Costco from Charlestown. Your focus is to get people to the

casino, not for it to be easier for me to get to Costco."

Added Elaine Donovan, "I think you're going to need to give all of us in the surrounding communities anti-depressants. We're never going to be able to get out of here."

Folk said it isn't going to be easy at first, but he did stress that their busiest times of the week are not 9-5 on any day. He said they expect their crowds in the long run to come between 6-9 p.m. at night and on the weekends.

As previously reported, the casino is stressing alternative forms of transportation, including their own water shuttles, shuttles from Wellington/Malden Stations, a neighborhood shuttle in Everett and Chelsea, and luxury motor coaches for regional trips.

Beyond that, one major mitigation piece they are planning comes in response to the overwhelming popularity of RideShare companies like Uber and Lyft. Encore believes many patrons will be using such services during the opening days – scared away by the \$42 fee for self-parking in the underground garage, or \$49 for valet parking. The last thing, Folk said, they want is a bunch of RideShare drivers clogging up Lower Broadway, Main Street and Bunker Hill Street while waiting for a call to pick up or drop off at the casino.

To combat that, Folk said they worked with the companies to create a "Geo Fence" for the property. They also have created a RideShare lot across the street for about 100 cars. Using the "Geo Fence" technology, calls coming from the casino for a ride will only be able to be received by drivers in the RideShare lot. It's a technology that was used at Logan Airport with some success, and Folk

believes it will keep unnecessary traffic off of Lower Broadway – which is the prime mission during the first opening days.

"We're trying to keep as many vehicles off Broadway and off of Charlestown streets as possible," he said. "We're telling people to use Malden Station and use Wellington Station – where we will have luxury shuttles."

One question came regarding why there were no shuttles from Sullivan Square, and if that was a slight to the Charlestown community.

Folk said that was a condition of their license from the state, and it came because regulators felt shuttle would only add to the traffic in Sullivan Square. The decision was to try to help Charlestown residents, he said, not to make it harder for them. He added there are numerous MBTA buses that currently run from Sullivan Square, and their first stops would be in front of Encore.

Another piece of the shuttle plan for employees and for those coming on the Orange Line is to let them out on Mystic View Road in the Gateway Mall property. Those arriving will be let out at the new HarborWalk, where they will walk under the railroad bridge and onto the new landscaped courtyard.

"We will be bringing people into Gateway Mall in Everett and they will be let out there from the shuttles to walk to the resort," he said. "They are not going to line up on Broadway or line up into Sullivan Square. We will use Mystic View Road for the drop-offs and pick-ups during the first days."

When it comes to law enforcement, they will have officers from all over the area – including Everett, Chelsea, Boston and

Medford.

Folk said they have 63 State Troopers from Troop A alone committed to them, and 13 Boston Police officers, 13 Everett Police Officers, 13 Medford Police Officers, and six Chelsea Police Officers.

"We are going to reimburse overtime," he said. "These officers will be there. It's not details where they might not show up. We will have these law enforcement officers in place."

Other measures that will be used:

- There will be 21 message boards pointing drivers in the right directions.

- There will be 1,300 parking spaces at Station Landing that Encore will use. That will be for employees mostly, and there will also be the Everett RiverGreen parking lot for overflow – which will be connected to the resort with the new Neighborhood Shuttle and avoid Charlestown altogether.

SULLIVAN SQUARE WORK COMING TO A CLOSE

Encore's Al Carrier presented at the Charlestown Transportation meeting on Thursday, May 23, and told residents the work on Sullivan Square and Sullivan Station is nearly completed.

"Over the years, it's going to be at \$500 million in infrastructure investments," he said. "Just shy of \$100 million comes from us at Encore. We've spent \$68 million on Sullivan Square and there's another \$25 million set aside for long-term plans on Rutherford Avenue. It hasn't been easy. We will have a shared objective though to make things better in the long term."

Carrier said they have spent about \$12 million making the

MBTA station more accessible and safer for pedestrians, as well as reconfiguring the roadway to allow drivers coming and going to Somerville to make that movement without going into the Square. The Station also has new bus berths, an additional circulation bus lane, new sidewalks, a new parking lot and better lighting.

"I'm happy to say we're completing work on the Station at the end of the month," said Carrier.

New traffic signals in the Sullivan Square area were reported activated last weekend, most notably the new light from Spice and Beacham Street – which is the new road that allows the travel in and out of Somerville.

Landscaping in the Square, striping, paving and new sidewalks are almost done, he reported.

"At this stage, we're pretty much wrapping up Sullivan Square," he said. "Further down 99, we'll be wrapping that up in a few weeks."

Mary Boucher and Elaine Donovan said they were disappointed with the striping and markings that have been put in the Square – particularly the fat yellow lines and the new dotted lines headed towards Cambridge Street.

"You can't figure out where you're supposed to be," said Boucher. "What are the dotted lines for?"

Said Donovan, "There's just too much going on there. It's confusing."

Carrier said the markings are part of the City of Boston's Complete Streets plan, and Encore only followed the guidelines required by the City.

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Brewer's Fork owners look to expand to Navy Yard Bistro location

By Seth Daniel

The Brewer's Fork Restaurant owners are looking to expand in Charlestown and, hopefully, take over the Navy Yard Bistro location from long-time operator and friend, John Moore.

Owners Michael Cooney, Kari Cooney and Chef John Payne said they were excited to make their first expansion since opening Brewer's Fork four years ago in Hayes Square.

It was particularly meaningful in that the overture came from Bistro owner John Moore, who was retiring from his place and wanted Brewer's Fork to get the first crack.

"John came to Brewer's Fork and said he wasn't renewing his lease and wanted to see if we wanted to take it over," said Michael Cooney. "He's always been very close to us and was very helpful when we opened Brewer's Fork. To be honest, we're happy to expand in Charlestown. We

love the crowd we have here. We get wonderful people at Brewer's Fork, and so the opportunity to do another location and do it in Charlestown was very cool."

The team has had abutters meetings, with neighbors excited about the idea, and are preparing to go before the License Board soon.

They plan to have an American bistro concept using fresh, seasonal ingredients and giving Chef Payne an opportunity to showcase his talents outside of the wood-

fired oven at Brewer's Fork.

They would hope to add a lunch option and a brunch eventually after opening.

The Bistro has its last day on Aug. 31, and they would hopefully move in for a complete rehab of the location – which includes some additional space from an office area and the Bank of America ATM. After a demolition starting in October, they would begin the new buildout.

"I think January or February of next year would be our goal to

open," said Payne.

One challenge will be getting a beer and wine liquor license, as Moore's license isn't available and they need a new one.

That can be challenging, and they are researching their options at the moment. Landing that license, however, is critical to the venture as they plan on having an extensive wine program to complement the menu.

Townie Tidbits

TOWNIE TIDBITS

By Sal Giarratani

BATTERED BUT UNBOWED AND STILL ON COURSE

The month of May has been an adventure for me. As someone who

lovers writing about politics, every so often, I like taking a plunge,

too. Back in 1977, when I was a young 29 year old out of Charlestown living on Winthrop Street near the Training Field, I attempted a run for the old, five-member Boston School Committee, but failed to collect enough certified signatures.

Again in 1983, I got the itch again and announced for District 1 Boston School Committee, but quickly changed courses as I was planning a 1984 wedding. Then over in Quincy, where I relocated after getting married, I took out papers for Quincy School Committee. This time I succeeded in collecting enough signatures to make the ballot. I garnished 2,232 votes in that November 1995 election. It was not enough to win, but 2,232 folks from Quincy supported me at the ballot box.

Fast forward to 2019. Just before yet another birthday on May 4, I decided once again to attempt a political run. This time, like 1977, I failed to get enough signatures, but I worked my behind off with a number of friends and relatives. I felt good about my 30-day political run, learning much and meeting many people along the way. Some wanted to debate me. Others thought I was just too old.

One voter said she was looking for more women and racial minorities to diversify government. I wanted to tell her old white guys are a minority, too. Just go to a nursing home - how many old guys do you see there?

Please don't vote based on gender or skin color. Do it on the issues, and don't forget all us old guys out there who don't want to go out to pasture just yet.

Every time you decide to do something, you give it your all and whatever happens happens. I don't feel like a loser because I failed in the end. You only lose when you give up and do nothing. Our life is far too short to give up on a dream or goal. Maybe, I will never win a seat in the public office. Maybe, I am not meant to be an elected figure.

You know what - I can go back to my writing, which I do well. Maybe I can just continue to influence public policy. There is more to life than running for office. Mostly we should be concerned about staying active in civic affairs. Maybe we can influence public policy through our actions as citizens.

I am not going to say I will never try to run for public office again because you should never say never. I have been a candidate at 29, 35, 47 and 71 years old, and the only thing to change is finding that energy within you. I still have it, but I work harder at that today.

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CONSTRUCTION LOOK AHEAD: MAY 26 – JUNE 8 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE (CHARLESTOWN BRIDGE)

This document provides a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project.

THERE WAS NO WORK ON MAY 27

No daytime work or lane closures took place on Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Typical work hours and conditions will continue Tuesday, May 28.

TEMPORARY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

DESCRIPTION: Construction of the temporary bridge north abutment in Paul Revere Park and continued demolition of the western (Charles River side) sidewalk on the bridge near City Square. Work on the bridge above the Tudor Wharf walkway requires some daytime closures of the walkway with pedestrian detours in place.

WORK HOURS: Daytime (7 a.m.–6 p.m.) on weekdays.

TRAVEL IMPACTS: On weekdays during off-peak daytime hours (10 a.m.–2 p.m.), the inbound right lane will be closed to create a work zone to support temporary bridge construction and sidewalk demolition. During the Tudor Wharf walkway closures, pedestrian access will be provided via the Water Street underpass and guidance signage will be provided.

UTILITY INSTALLATION AND UPGRADES

DESCRIPTION: At the south end of the bridge at Keany Square, installation of a waterline by J.F. White continues as well as installation of a gas pipe by National Grid.

WORK HOURS: Daytime (7 a.m.–3 p.m.) on weekdays.

TRAVEL IMPACTS: During off-peak hours (10 a.m.–2 p.m.) on weekdays, inbound traffic will be reduced to one lane at the Keany Square intersection. During off-peak hours (7 a.m.–2 p.m.) on weekdays, outbound traffic will be reduced to one lane at the Keany Square. All turn movements will be maintained, with two inbound lanes available during the morning peak hours.

TRAVEL TIPS

MassDOT has begun work on the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project which requires significant traffic impacts including 24/7 lane closures. For information or to sign up for project-specific construction look-aheads like this one, visit the project website.

PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS: The bridge's eastern sidewalk is open and available to all pedestrians and cyclists with crossings at both Keany and City Squares. Please be advised that the DCR-controlled Charlestown locks can provide another alternate route, but may close without warning and beyond control of this project. During the daytime Tudor Wharf walkway closures, pedestrian access will be provided via the Water Street underpass and guidance signage will be provided.

All users should take care to pay attention to all signage and police details and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, changes in lane markings, temporary controls such as barriers and traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used throughout the project to control traffic and create safe work zones.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, during this look-ahead period, the following events are scheduled:
Stanley Cup Finals: June 6 at 8 p.m. (if needed).

BHCC honors Class of 2019 at 45th Commencement Ceremony

On Thursday, May 23, Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) awarded 1,754 degrees and certificates to the Class of 2019 at the 45th Commencement Exercises.

BHCC President Pam Eddinger opened the ceremony with the annual "ritual of gratitude," where graduates thank family and friends in attendance for their support throughout their educational journey. Eddinger also reflected on the cultural wealth of the graduates and how it left a positive impact on her as College President.

"I am braver today because I have learned from your struggles and have seen your courage," said Eddinger. "I am more hopeful, because you have shown me, in your multiple languages, your ancestral songs, and your lived

experiences that while life can be harsh, it is also limitless and ever-renewing."

Massachusetts Commissioner of Higher Education Carlos E. Santiago delivered the keynote address. In his remarks to the graduates, he encouraged the graduates to use their education to give back to their communities. "Your communities benefit from your time and talents," he said. "As students at our community colleges, you are uniquely connected to your cities and towns. I urge you to stay connected – to hold tight to your civic compass. Let it point you to where you can make a difference."

Santiago also received the President's Distinguished Services Award in recognition of his extraordinary service to the community and BHCC. Santiago has

served as Commissioner of Higher Education since July of 2015. Santiago has made a great impact on important issues affecting the BHCC's students; in particular his commitment to equity in higher education is something that resonates with us at the College.

The BHCC Nurse Education Department was awarded with the Trustees Distinguished Service Award, presented by William J. Walczak, Chair of the BHCC Board of Trustees. The department was recognized for the success of its collaborative leadership, steadfast resolve and decisive actions toward a secure and thriving program, and in recognition of the increased success of their graduates on the NCLEX Examination.

For the past two years, new leadership and the full and ongoing engagement of the Nursing Education program's faculty and staff were all critical during an intensive reaccreditation process. The program's faculty and staff have implemented high impact student success, pedagogical and post-graduate student interventions that have achieved immediate results: most notably an NCLEX Examination pass rate of 94% for its fall 2018 graduating class. Dean of Health Sciences



Commissioner of Higher Education Carlos E. Santiago delivered the keynote address at the BHCC graduation May 23. He is seen here with BHCC President Pam Eddinger.

Maryanne Atkinson, Assistant Dean Donna Savino, Director Elizabeth Tobin and Associate Professor and Chairperson Kristen Wenger accepted the award.

Also honored at Thursday's ceremony were faculty speaker Bryan

D. Craven, Student Government Association President Joan Acosta Garcia, and President's Leadership Award recipients Cam Do and Eva Montrond.

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Boston summer learning reaches record high student participation

Mayor Martin J. Walsh joined community leaders, teachers, and students from the Harvard Kent School at the Franklin Park Zoo to launch the 2019 5th Quarter of Learning on May 20, a program that will reach more than 14,000 students in 160 programs, an all-time high that caps 10 years of innovation and growth.

"Learning shouldn't stop when the school year does, and that's why through this initiative we're providing opportunities for students to continue their education over the summer," said Mayor Walsh. "I am proud that Boston continues to lead the way in providing more opportunities for young people to learn and grow year-round."

The 5th Quarter of Learning was launched 10 years ago and has tallied over \$20 million in public and private investment to support 47,000 Boston students in hundreds of summer programs. Most recently, Massachusetts allocated more than \$500,000 to extend summer learning to HYPERLINK "<http://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2019/awards/527-250.html>" 19 communities across the state in order to develop and expand high quality programming for 2,200 students this summer.

"Together, these programs have transformed a good idea into public policy, enabling more students to have the kind of enriching summers that will equip them to succeed in school and beyond," said Chris Smith, Executive Director of Boston After School & Beyond, which coordinates summer learning programs in partnership with the

Boston Public Schools.

The Boston Public Schools are investing \$3.2 million to support 69 school and community programs that integrate academics and enrichment, an approach shown by the RAND Corporation to get strong academic results in a 2016 study of five cities, including Boston. By transitioning from the traditional summer school model to a citywide summer learning system, the district expects to activate learning for 6,500 students, including those who are experiencing homelessness, English Learners, and students off-track to graduate.

"The 5th Quarter of Learning provides rigorous, hands-on, project-based experiences that help prevent the 'summer slide,' ensuring our students continue to stretch their skills and knowledge outside of the conventional school year," said BPS Interim Superintendent Laura Perille.

Research has shown that a substantial portion of the achievement gap between low-income students and their higher income peers can be explained by unequal access to high-quality summer learning opportunities. The RAND Corporation and the Wallace Foundation indicated that this summer learning model, in which students engage in academics and enrichment with BPS teachers and program staff, provides high attending students with statistically significant advantages in math and English Language Arts that persist through the entire school year.

TALENT (from pg. 1)

and we have added a few new things to mix it up. The two big events we're really trying to draw on are the Talent Show on June 13 and the Family Fun Day on June 15."

The Charlestown's Got Talent contest came to life last year after the annual concert on Thursday sponsored by Mayor Martin Walsh and the Associates.

Beckwith said Associates member Lisa Collins looked around and thought the event wasn't as exciting as in the past.

"Lisa suggested that we try a take-off of 'America's Got Talent' from television and name it 'Charlestown's Got Talent,'" he said. "The members thought this was a great idea and the general consensus is the event has the potential to be a lot of fun for the participants and the spectators."

The new talent show will feature a professional sound system set up in Eden/McCarthy Park on June 13 at 6:30 p.m. There will be three judges just like on the TV show, and they will have amazing prizes, he said, for the winners.

To enter, there are sign-up sheets

at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, the Charlestown Library, the Charlestown Community Center, the Golden Age Center, and the Kennedy Center. One can also enter by emailing Collins at HYPERLINK "mailto:lmcgoff227@aol.com" lmcgoff227@aol.com.

Beckwith said another event with a new twist will be a Family Fun Day on Saturday in Eden/McCarthy Park – which will be a conglomeration of traditional and new events throughout the day on Saturday, June 15.

He said the idea came from the old-fashioned Block Party he hosted when he was the Chief Marshal of the Parade two years ago. Building on that, he said the Associates fundraising activities and a generous donation from Encore Boston Harbor have taken Family Fun Day to a new level.

At 10 a.m., Edna Kelly's Doll Carriage Parade will start the day with their annual costume contest and doll carriage spectacular. It is one of the longest continuous events held during Pride Week, and it will continue as tradition

dictates.

After that, another tradition will hit the park when the Bunker Hillbillies will take the stage from noon to 1 p.m. That will be followed by Elvis impersonator Anthony Nett from 1-2 p.m., and then the Southern Voice Band from Connecticut will fill out the 2-5 p.m. slot.

There will also be plenty of food, with Blackmoo Restaurant, the Grasshopper Café and Monument Restaurant stepping up so far. For the kids, there will be games and lots of goodies in a carnival-like atmosphere.

Look for a full-schedule in the coming weeks, but other favorites will include:

- Charlestown Pride March Against Drugs, June 10, 6 p.m.
- 5th annual Peter Looney Night at Peter Looney Park, June 11, 6 p.m.
- Bunker Hill Associates Family Feud at the Knights Hall, June 12, 7 p.m.
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HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY

This week the Harvest on Vine Food Pantry is requesting macaroni and cheese and breakfast cereals. Any donation of non-perishable foods that you could make would also be greatly appreciated.

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On Saturday June 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the First Church will be hosting a Family Fun Day during the Charlestown Open Market. Stop by for games, food and fun. Bounce house for kids!

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Charlestown Mothers Association, Gibson Sotheby's International Real Estate, Friends of City Square Park, and Rick DuBard's Foundation.

Rain dates will be for the following day, Thursday. June 12th from 5:30pm to 7 p.m. brings The Ghetto People's Band, making their debut in City Square with fantastic beats, reggae jams, and a cool vibe.

July 10th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm The East Coast Soul Band will rock the park again this year with soul, rock and incredible charisma. Last year this was a hit with the little ones and adults alike.

Wednesday, August 14th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm City Square Park's beloved Dirty Water Brass Band will perform New Orleans-style music and crowd favorites. This band never disappoints!

And lastly, on Wednesday, September 11th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm Henry Acker, a fourteen-year-old gypsy jazz guitarist with abilities far beyond his years will perform while guests enjoy lawn games and refreshments.

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF CITY SQUARE PARK

The Friends of City Square Park works in tandem with the city and other local organizations to participate in other events, such

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05/21/19 - As a result of a traffic stop on Warren Street, an individual was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

Drugs/Possession of a Firearm

05/22/19 - As a result of a traffic stop on Rutherford Avenue, four individuals were placed under arrest for various drug offenses

and possession of a firearm. A black firearm was also recovered at the scene.

Assault and Battery

05/23/19 - As a result of an incident in City Square, an individual was placed under arrest for assault and battery.

Larceny

05/25/19 - A victim on

Cambridge Street reported a white male entered his place of business and stole three bags of coffee, and a video of the crime is available.

Larceny

05/26/19 - A victim on 13th Street reported a male suspect stole her backpack from the rear steps where she was sitting. One person was questioned, but denied involvement in the incident.

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CHART DRUG COURT PROGRAM GRADUATION



Recovery Coach Michelle Onessimo, North Suffolk Mental Health, hugs Dennis Ryan, who completed the Drug Court program, during the May 22 graduation at the courthouse in City Square. The graduation featured many individuals who had completed the program, and Police Commissioner William Gross gave them special words of encouragement in a keynote address.

The Charlestown Addiction Recovery and Treatment (CHART) Drug Court Program graduation took place at the Charlestown Municipal Courthouse on May 22. CHART was first established in August 2012 and is conducted by a probation officer and presided over by a judge. Described by a Boston Police officer in attendance as "not a graduation but a celebration," the ceremony was well attended by public officials, supporters, friends and family members - including Police Commissioner William Gross, Honorable Paula Carey, Chief Justice of the Trial Court, Boston City Councilor Annissa Essaibi George and State Rep. Dan Ryan and many supporters, friends and family.



Photos by Keiko Hiromi

Police Commissioner William Gross speaking at Charlestown Drug Court.



Drug Court participant William Melton, Judge Lawrence McCormick and Police Commissioner William Gross.



Caitrin Houlihan, the first female graduate of the Charlestown Addiction Recovery and Treatment (CHART) Drug Court Program, congratulating the graduates.



Judge Lawrence McCormick, Police Commissioner William Gross and Michelle Williams, probation officer.



Stephen Mahoney speaking to his son Jared Mahoney (R), who has completed the Drug Court program.



Probation Officer Stephen DeLuca (R) presenting a certificate of completion to Jared Mahoney.



Judge Lawrence E. McCormick speaking at Charlestown Drug Court graduation.



Police Commissioner William Gross and graduate Donnell Knox.

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