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SPRING ART SHOW



Photo by Keiko Hiromi

Philosophy of a Fire Truck: Augusta Fry explains the inspiration for her fire engine painting to Harvard-Kent Principal Jason Gallagher during the Harvard-Kent Elementary School's annual Spring Art Show at the Stove Factory Gallery on Thursday, May 30. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.

Committee distributes nearly \$200K in Wynn money; second to last distribution of original licensing fee

By Seth Daniel

The Charlestown Community Fund has made another distribution to local non-profit groups in Charlestown – this being the third spring that money has been doled out from the original \$1 million given over by Wynn as part of the gaming license process.

This time around, six recipients got the maximum \$10,000 grant, and there were a number of repeat projects that received money – including a long-sought-after piece by Billy Kelly of the Friends of the Training Field to get the historic statue there lit up at night.

He received a second grant this time around to get that project going.

Most of the youth sports teams saw an infusion of money once again, and Charlestown High had a couple of programs funded – including a program for the Music Department to be able to fund the student community concert schedule for the summer.

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Re-Boot

One Charlestown plan comes in smaller as discussion begin anew

By Seth Daniel

The numbers of units are down, and the height is much lower, but there is still much to discuss regarding the new One Charlestown proposal – which was formally rolled out to the community last Thursday night, May 30, at the Harvard Kent School.

The night began with a summary of the new Bunker Hill Development project, which is more of a rough sketch, development partners said, rather than a finished project. That is in stark

contrast to the first time the project came around three years ago when much of the design and layout was completed before it came to the community.

Now, with a new partner in Leggat McCall, and in combination with one previous partner, Corcoran Development, the project is forging ahead with the support of the Charlestown Residents Alliance (CRA) and the Boston Housing Authority (BHA).

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Ryan talks legislation, traffic at CNC

By Lauren Bennett

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) held its monthly meeting at the Knights of Columbus on June 4. On the agenda were presentations from Kaira Fox of the Office of Public Services and Community Outreach, Alice Brown of Boston Harbor Now, and State Rep. Dan Ryan, who talked about what's going on at the State House.

Kaira Fox talked to the CNC about her plan to revamp the City Hall to Go truck, which comes to Boston neighborhoods and provides basic city services, such as

resident parking stickers and dog licenses. In Charlestown, the City Hall to Go truck typically comes to Thompson Square. Fox said she would like to make changes that would incorporate some evening hours, as the truck currently only comes during the day when many people are at work. She also suggested that the truck be available to come to neighborhood events, as a way to engage the community with city services.

Fox said she doesn't think she will make any "significant changes" until the fall, and she is look-

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EDITORIAL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019

Graduation Day is one of the few occasions that brings a smile to the faces of everyone in a community, regardless of whether they know a graduate. It is an occasion when all of us share in the joy -- and pride -- that graduation day marks in the lives of our young people. For older folks, graduation day recalls a time when we too, were young and full of life.

However, graduation day marks a bittersweet moment for parents, friends, family, and teachers, as well the grads themselves. As befits every turning point in our lives, it is a time of mixed emotions of joy, sadness, and reflection. Although the graduates and those close to them are looking forward to the exciting future that lies before them, they also will be looking back on the passing of their carefree youth and the experiences that have shaped their lives to this point.

The young women and men who receive their diplomas no longer are considered "youths" in the eyes of the world. They are full-fledged adults who have been deemed ready to assume all of the rights -- and responsibilities -- that adulthood implies.

The graduates, most of whom have turned 18, can vote, run for public office, enter into contracts, be tried fully as adults in the criminal justice system, and fight and die for their country.

For the parents of the grads, watching their "little boy or girl" proceed to the podium to receive his or her diploma will be a poignant moment. No doubt every parent will be thinking of the sentiments expressed in the song Sunrise, Sunset from 'Fiddler On The Roof':

*Is this the little girl I carried?
Is this the little boy at play?
I don't remember growing older
When - did - they?
When did she get to be a beauty?
When did he grow to be so tall?
Wasn't it yesterday when they - were - small?*

Although economists these days tell us that the value of a high school diploma is not what it was a generation or more ago, the graduates should keep in mind, as they contemplate venturing out into an uncertain future, that their mere presence on the podium has proven that they have the ability and the determination to achieve whatever goals they may set for themselves.

We came across a news item from one of our sister publications, The Winthrop Sun-Transcript, from June 24, 1898. The article, which reprinted the Class Ode for the Winthrop High Class of 1898, is as timely today as it was 121 years ago, and sums up the feelings of all of us on Graduation Day.

*The years pass by in swift array
We cannot check their onward flight;
The moments that were ours today,
Have passed forever from our sight.*

*Yet while the course of life moves by
We too, must never lag behind;
But work and strive as best we may
To aid and benefit all mankind.*

*This we must do, or soon too late
We think in sadness of our loss,
For "Each is Master of his Fate,"
Though some must bear a heavy cross.*

*And when the race of life is run,
This life that holds so much for each
Shall come the gentle words, "Well done!"
As we at last the goal have reached.*



HATS OFF TO OUR GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019

GUEST OP-ED

Investing in our next generation

Mayor Martin J. Walsh

In 2015, we launched BuildBPS, a 10-year educational and facilities master plan that reflects a \$1 billion commitment to our students. This plan is a promise to our young people that their schools will be equipped with the facilities, tools, and curriculum they need to succeed in today's world. We have said many times that making sure our students have the best learning facilities available to them is a priority, and today we're taking the next step to fulfill that promise: a planning and engagement process for school expansions and reconfigurations.

The majority of Boston's public schools were constructed before World War II, and many lack modern educational spaces like music and technology classrooms. There are also several different grade configurations, meaning that many

students change schools several times before graduating from high school. We want to simplify things for families by offering single-transition pathways. Families have also told us that they want to see more K-6 schools in their neighborhoods, and this next step in the plan provides an opportunity to meet that need as well.

The Boston Public Schools (BPS) recently announced updates to the BuildBPS plan. These include: modernizing school facilities; adopting two preferred grade configuration models of K-6/7-12 and K-8/9-12; increasing access to classroom seats in neighborhoods with the most need; addressing declining enrollment and sustainability in the few remaining middle schools serving grades 6-8; and facilitating greater equity of program placement to meet the needs of students with disabilities, English learners, and more.

Ensuring smooth transitions for students and families is a top priority and critical to expanding high-quality school options in all neighborhoods across our city. After years of analyzing school enrollment patterns and facility layouts and capacity, we are now asking for the community to get involved in the process by providing feedback to the following updates:

- A new 7-12 school at the site of the current McCormack Middle School on Columbia Point in Dorchester, which will combine programming with the Boston Community Leadership Academy (BCLA) in Hyde Park. This new, fully-renovated school will open in the fall of 2022 and will keep specialized programs from both schools, including those for English learners and students with disabilities.

- Expanding 17 elementary schools from grades K-5 to K-6, which includes five schools in South Boston and Dorchester in September 2020 (Dever, Perkins, Tynan, Everett, Clap); six schools citywide in September 2020; and six East Boston schools in September 2021.

- Expanding middle-grade seat capacity in East Boston through possible expansion at East Boston High School while maintaining options at the Umana and McKay K-8

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SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019**TOUCH A TRUCK DAY**

Sponsored by Charlestown Mothers Association
 Schrafft Parking Lot | 10:15 AM to 1:00 PM

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019**CHARLESTOWN PRIDE MARCH AGAINST DRUGS**

Sponsored by Bunker Hill Associates, Encore Boston Harbor
 & the Kennedy Center | Beginning at Area A-15 | Kennedy
 Center 23A Moulton Street | 6PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019**2ND ANNUAL HARVEST ON THE VINE COOKOUT**

Sponsored by Harvest on the Vine 49 Vine Street
 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

5TH ANNUAL PETER LOONEY NIGHT

Sponsored by the Bunker Hill Associates, City Councilor
 Lydia Edwards, Encore Boston Harbor & the Friends of Peter
 Looney @ Peter Looney Park | 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019**MAYOR WALSH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON**

Sponsored by Mayor Walsh
 KofC 545 Medford Street | 11:00 AM

BUNKER HILL ASSOCIATES FAMILY FEUD

Sponsored by Bunker Hill Associates
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THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019**ZELMA LACEY HOUSE ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

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 Age Strong Commission | 2:00 PM

CHARLESTOWN'S GOT TALENT

Sponsored by Mayor Walsh, the Bunker Hill Associates &
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 Eden Street Park | 6:30 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019**BUNKER HILL FLAG RAISING**

Sponsored by Bunker Hill Associates
 BOSTON CITY HALL (Congress Street) | 11:00AM

ANNUAL CHIEF MARSHAL BANQUET

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SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019**EDNA KELLY'S DOLL CARRIAGE PARADE**

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 Scholarship Foundation
 Eden Street Park | 10:00 AM

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OPEN MARKET

Main St. & Bunker Hill Mall | 10AM - 3PM

WW1 HERO SQUARE DEDICATION

Essex Street and Main Street | 11:00 AM

BUNKER HILL ASSOCIATES FAMILY FUN DAY

Sponsored by
 the Bunker Hill Associates & Encore Boston Harbor
 Eden Street Park | 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

CONCERT ON BUNKER HILL MONUMENT

Sponsored by Parade Committee & the National Park
 Service | 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019**BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE**

Sponsored by Parade Committee | 12:30 PM

CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Inspiring!

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

Have you ever felt inspired? Ever seen a movie, heard a concert or performance and felt the actors and performers were inspired? How about a talk or speech – ever been inspired by something like that? What does it mean to be inspired?

Well technically one could say it means to “be – in – spirit”. It is one of those things that are hard to define, yet one can recognize it when seen. And it is hard because it is not tangible, not measurable or quantifiable. One could describe an event as “very inspiring” and everyone would know the person was touched, moved inside, lifted up to a level of feeling and awareness – taken to some almost new place ... I cannot imagine anyone who does not like the experience of being inspired.

On Sunday, June 9, Christians will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, recalling the day on which the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles. The immediate

impact of the event was that these men stepped out into the world and spoke, in a very inspiring way, about Jesus. The rest is history.

Christianity was born on that feast – even called the “birthday of the Church”. Jesus had promised the sending of the Holy Spirit and had explained that the Spirit would be an “Advocate”, a “Helper”. As the centuries past, the Church came to understand more and more of the role of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the active, dynamic force and power of God in the world each moment of every day.

A Christian receives the gift of the Holy Spirit at the moment of Baptism and the fullest gifts of the Spirit in Confirmation. And yet most Christians are not too aware of the presence of the Spirit in their lives. Again, the Spirit moves like a breeze – no one knows where it comes from or where it goes to – yet one certainly knows it is real. So how “In-Spirit” are you and are

your days?

For me, I use the “surprise index” (something I just made up!) to gauge this. By this I mean the number of times I become aware of something I say or do and I am surprised – I do not know where that came from and how it is it came to me. I believe the Spirit of God works in all who have received the Spirit and are open to God’s Grace. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are seven: Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Wonder & Awe. Looking closely at these gifts and their presence in a person’s life is truly an experience of seeing the Holy Spirit in action.

For example, listening to a truly wise person; one who sees the deeper meaning in life’s events and finds God’s presence in all of nature and creation. One who can see the truth with clarity and treats others with dignity. Such a person’s gifts are hard to measure

and a wonder to behold – indeed the work of the Holy Spirit! The Spirit is generous, ubiquitous and delightful. The Spirit is playful, fun and wonderful. The Spirit is deep, serious and profound and so much more.

I believe the Holy Spirit flows from God the Father and God the Son and is the ever present movement of God in our world. For me, who spends each day in ministry in the Church, I realize my

constant companion is the Holy Spirit and what a joy that is! And as I consider all of the many gifts and foibles of our beloved Church, I am also convinced that the Church will endure, not because of the competency of Popes and Bishops, rather because of the enduring presence of God’s loving Holy Spirit abiding in and with this Church. And this Church includes you and me!

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- Purchasing property at 189 Paris Street in East Boston to construct a new school building to serve elementary grades, and at 249 Harrison Avenue in Chinatown for a new Josiah Quincy Upper School.

- Continuing to seek property near the Dorchester-Mattapan line to construct a new school building to address the need for elementary seats in the area.

- Beginning a planning and engagement process leading to the reconfiguration of the Edwards Middle School in Charlestown, phasing out the Grade 6-8 middle school in June 2021, and reconfiguring the school to expand pre-K and elementary grade capacity.

- Continuing a planning and engagement process for schools in Allston-Brighton to address facilities challenges at the

Jackson/Mann and Horace Mann schools.

- Continue working with Grove Hall Alliance school communities (Burke High, Frederick Middle, Trotter K-8, King K-8, and Haynes Early Education Center) to review feeder patterns for the potential creation of a pathway for students.

All of these proposals advance the values of BuildBPS by ensuring that every student has access to a high-quality, 21st-century public education. Throughout this process, we’ll rely on the input of residents and BPS families. BPS will keep providing updates at bostonpublicschools.org/buildbps with more details on how the plan will affect them. I look forward to working with the community on these exciting changes.

For the Record

- All are invited to a meeting to discuss transportation and infrastructure surrounding the area in Charlestown known as the “Lost Village” – the area of the Town on the other side of I-93. This meeting will be hosted by the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services and the Boston Transportation Department, and there will be various other entities available as well.

During this meeting, BTD’s Bill Conroy will be able to share current and future ideas for the area, and the City plans on exploring more ideas that the community brings as well. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 18, 6- 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Cambridge College Town Common Room (500 Rutherford Ave.).

If there are questions before then, or anyone cannot attend and would like to submit comments, please reach out to Mayoral Liaison Quinlan Locke.

• Boston Harbor For All - Charlestown

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When: Monday, June 24th 2019, Boarding at 5:30pm, Cruise 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Where: Charlestown Navy Yard, Pier 1

- From the June 5 Conservation Commission meeting, City Hall:

Notice of Intent for DEP File No. 006-1644 from the Pare Corporation on behalf of the Boston Planning and Development Agency for the proposed culvert and sinkhole repairs to Pier 4 located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, MA (LSCSE, LUO, Land Containing Shellfish) *Continued from the March 20, 2019 hearing.

• Harvard Kent School Dates

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

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOY'S ASSOCIATION

Dear Editor,

It is a great honor to receive the Colonel William Prescott

Scholarship. I am excited to embark on the next chapter of my life, and I am proud to represent Charlestown at SUNY Maritime College in the fall.

Thank you,

Jeremy Shea

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ONE CHARLESTOWN (from pg. 1)

“This is a major project and you will have justifiable concerns about how it affects your families and your lives,” said Eric Sheffels, co-president of Leggat McCall. “This is the first time we’ve come with this version of the project with a plan and program and which we’re proud to be associated with. These buildings were built in the 1940s and are beyond their useful lives...I don’t feel like we’re standing in front of you tonight as the typical ‘greedy developer’ trying to put as many units as we can in there, and for which you may or may not feel is appropriate. We are legitimately coming before you as a partner. We’re here to listen and not present a finished plan before you.”

Said BHA Director Bill McGonagle, “We’ve been at this about five years now and I think we’ve made an extraordinary effort to listen and to incorporate public comments into this proposal. We are 500 units less than what we proposed a couple of years ago. We listened to the concerns about density. The heights of the buildings are significantly lower because that was a concern as well.”

At this point, the project is more of a sketch than a finished



Eric Sheffels, co-president of Leggat McCall, told residents at a meeting on May 30 that they are going to listen first, and plan second.

project, but Sheffels indicated time was of the essence because they would like to break ground for construction next summer – in 2020.

The long and short of it includes 2,699 units (previously the numbers were 3,200) in 16 residential buildings, with 1,116 of those units being deeply affordable public housing. There would be sites for two free-standing parking garages, some 60,000 sq. ft. of retail and community space, and a maximum building height of 10-stories (the previous maximum height was 22 stories).

The highest buildings would

also be located near the Mystic/Tobin Bridge, with a majority of the perimeter buildings – especially on Bunker Hill Street – being about four to six stories tall. Also, the existing roadway configurations would not change this time around.

“Our goal is the transform our homes to create a 21st Century neighborhood where residents are the highest priority, not just with new homes and new amenities, but also for job opportunities, socio-economic health and social programs – all designed to create a better quality of life for us and a better future for our young people,” said CRA President Nancy



A rendering – mostly a rough sketch – of the preliminary plans for the new One Charlestown Bunker Hill Development construction project. The new development team has proposed fewer units and lower building heights.

Martinez.

In fact, one of the key differences lies in the relocation of existing residents, with McGonagle saying they would make a much greater effort in the plan to keep existing residents on site during construction.

Sheffels said that is achieved by phasing the construction so that three existing buildings behind the Kennedy Center would be first to go. Those three buildings would be combined into two larger buildings. One of those would be a mixed-income seven-story building with affordable and market

rate, while the other would be a 10-story all-affordable building.

By creating that density early on – and relocating within the Development during Phase 1 – they can minimize or eliminate off-site relocations for existing residents.

A snapshot of the other buildings shows that Bunker Hill Street stays at four stories tall for most all buildings, with the buildings behind approaching five or six stories. There would be one 10-story building in the interior across from the turf field and abutting a

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— Adam Hawk, Co-Owner Monument Restaurant & Tavern

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In total, there were 43 grant recipients that were funded, and only a handful that were not funded.

"I am proud that through this round of funding, 43 local organizations will receive funding totaling nearly \$200,000, helping better serve the residents in Charlestown and preserve the places that make this neighborhood so special," said Mayor Martin Walsh. "I want to thank the residents of Charlestown for guiding all of these investments and for working hard to make this community stronger than ever."

State Rep. Dan Ryan said he has been proud of how the community has worked with the grants over the past three years.

"After nearly three years of funding, the committee, under the direction of Mayor Walsh's office, has distributed the Encore community fund in an efficient and fair manner," he said. "The infusion of these funds into our community has lessened the burden of fundraising and allowed our non-profits to better focus on their missions. With so much going on around Charlestown, I believe our non-profits are in a good place to continue making Charlestown a viable place to live, work and play."

Councilor Lydia Edwards said it was a great opportunity to highlight the great work done by non-profits in the Town.

"It's important to remember this is mitigation money and intended to offset the negative impacts of having a casino as a neighbor," she said. "It's great to see the amount of work the local non-profits are doing for our kids, for those in recovery and for the character of our neighborhood."

The next, and final, distribution of the original \$1 million will come

in the fall.

However, once the casino opens its doors on June 23, that will unlock annual payments to the Fund of \$2 million. Mayor Martin Walsh has said that money will stay in Charlestown. However, that money isn't solely designated for local non-profits, and can be used for police, fire, parks and other needs.

Grant Recipients – Spring 2019

- Battle of Bunker Hill Parade Committee, \$5,000
- Bunker Hill Monument Association (for direct mailing/display cases), \$2,500
- Charlestown Boys & Girls Club (summer programs), \$10,000
- Charlestown Public Library (Yoga for Adults class), \$1,640
- Charlestown Coalition (Turn It Around), \$5,000
- Charlestown Cooperative Nursery, \$2,500
- Charlestown Girls Softball (equipment), \$5,000
- Charlestown High Summer Reading Program, \$2,500
- Charlestown High Music Department (Community Performance Series), \$2,500
- Charlestown Historical Society (Revolution 250 events), \$5,000
- Charlestown Lacrosse and Learning Center, \$10,000
- Charlestown Little League (equipment), \$5,000
- Charlestown Sprouts (garden refurbishing), \$2,500
- Charlestown Veterans History Project (Hero Squares), \$2,500
- Charlestown Working Theatre, \$10,000
- Charlestown YMCA, \$10,000
- Charlestown Youth Football/Cheer, \$5,000
- Charlestown Youth Soccer, \$5,000
- Courageous Sailing (Reach

Initiative), \$5,000

- E-inc (ChangeMakers Charlestown), \$5,000
- Friends of Memorial Hall (Veterans Outreach), \$2,500
- Friends of Ryan 'Duce' Morrissey Scholarship Fund (Golf Tourney), \$2,500
- Friends of John Harvard Mall (Master Plan/Shrubs), \$1,500
- Friends of the Mel Stillman Tennis Center (CHAD Tennis), \$2,500
- Friends of the Training Field (Statue Lighting Project), \$5,000
- Gavin Foundation (Charlestown AAWOL Program), \$10,000
- Good Shepherd School, \$2,500
- Harvard-Kent Elementary

Leadership Scholarship (Teacher Grant Program), \$2,500

- Harvard Kent Parent Association (family engagement), \$2,500
- J.W. Conway Bunker Hill Post 26, \$2,500
- Knights of Columbus (community organization hall rental fund), \$5,000
- Navy Yard Garden Association (Shipyards Park Lighting), \$4,500
- North End Music and Performing Arts Center (expansion to Charlestown), \$2,500
- Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association (youth scholarships), \$2,500
- Georgine Towers (senior programs), \$5,000
- Skating to Success (introduc-

ing hockey to kids), \$5,000

- Special Townies (help with cost of rent and daily operations), \$10,000
- Friends of the Charlestown Library (Holiday Concert 2019), \$2,000
- Gardens for Charlestown (Handicap access/maintenance), \$2,500
- Town Track Club (add two or three more events), \$5,000
- USS Constitution Museum (waterfront patio activation), \$5,000
- Charlestown High Becoming a Man (BAM), \$5,000

Total Grant Awards this round: \$199,640

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ing for suggestions from the community about what they'd like to see from the truck. She said that the basic services it currently provides will not be taken away, but rather built upon.

State Rep. Dan Ryan provided an update about what he's working on, as well as took questions from the council. "It's very important for people to organize, communicate, and talk to us," Ryan said. "The more we hear from people, the stronger our case is when we're fighting for resources."

Ryan said that "we see and feel effects of national politics in the state house and the city," but he thinks Massachusetts is doing a good job, and the governor's office and staff is "extremely easy to work with."

On the topic of the opioid crisis, Ryan said the second version of the opioid bill was passed, making Narcan more available to sheriff's offices. The bill is more comprehensive as well, Ryan said. He said he brings a lot of "street knowledge" and "neighborhood knowledge" to this topic, as he was on the Charlestown

Substance Abuse Coalition.

Traffic issues were no stranger to the conversation, especially as the Encore Boston Harbor opening date looms. Ryan said that people need to be aware of different changes going on throughout the neighborhood, as there are a lot of improvement projects going on at the same time. He said to call 311 or his office when encountering traffic issues.

Issues with rideshare services like Uber and Lyft go hand-in-hand with the traffic problem, and Ryan said that while state legislators are trying to remedy the problems, "legislation moves slow," and they cannot keep up with the rapidly changing technology of these services. "We got around to doing a bill last session and it was already out of date, problems we were anticipating and working on had already changed," Ryan said.

Solutions like designated rideshare pickup and drop-off areas, such as what is being done at Logan Airport and at Encore Boston Harbor, will help to alleviate some of the issues caused by drivers driving around waiting

for a ride. In these places, they have to remain in a specific area, similar to a taxi stand, while they wait for passengers.

After Ryan's presentation, Tom Cunha gave an update about the Medford-Bunker Hill connector streets committee. He said that the committee met with eight to ten people from those streets, where they discussed the kinds of changes people are looking for. He said the city provided several options, none of which the committee "fell in love with."

"We are trying to engage the people who are mostly affected by it—people who live on those streets," he said. He said they want to ask the city if certain signage can be put up on the streets saying that during certain hours, people cannot go up certain streets in the area.

"This will be an ongoing committee," Cunha said. There will be no meetings in June or July, but he hopes the committee will meet three or four more times before bringing the issue before the whole council. "It's a major change," he said.

Edna Kelly's Annual



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ONE CHARLESTOWN (from pg. 5)

new, large open space park facing Bunker Hill Street.

Other buildings on the interior approach seven stories, while two 10-story buildings sit next to the Mystic/Tobin Bridge. The overwhelming majority of the buildings are five, six, or seven stories tall – accompanied by two large open spaces – with the one facing Bunker Hill Street and the second facing Medford Street near the NewTowne entrance.

Another aspect of the project is speeding up construction time.

“We have to do this faster,” Sheffels said. “We anticipated a total development period that went on nearly a dozen years. They told us that is an unacceptable time period and we concur. We need to find a way to do it quicker so we are responsive to the residents.”

Now, he said, they intend to start moving – noting that the \$30 million investment by Mayor Martin Walsh in April was a spark to get designers of their duffs and moving.

“It’s our intention to try to begin construction in the summer of next year,” he said. “That means we have a lot of work ahead of us and explanations to you of how we will mitigate the issues that will face you in the community...We don’t have all the answers now, but we will come back to you with those soon.”

One way to make that happen, he said, was to look at constructing things differently. That, he

said, could mean utilizing barges on the Mystic River to cart of contaminated soils and construction debris – as well as to bring in new construction materials.

The project does have an agreement with the unions and a Project Labor Agreement.

In questions from the community, there was quite a bit of concern over traffic and parking – of which the project team said they would be talking about in future meetings, likely to come in September.

One routine call was for more workforce housing in the project or somewhere in Charlestown – as opposed to more low-income deeply affordable units. One common concern among many in Charlestown is providing middle-income housing for young people who grew up in Charlestown, for retirees and for young families.

Mayor Martin Walsh said he was happy to provide the historic \$30 million investment and is looking forward

“We look forward to working with the BHA, its residents, the Charlestown community and the developer, on the redevelopment of the Bunker Hill Housing Development,” he said. “This is a project that has been in the works for a long time, and that

we’re excited to see come to life with our \$30 million investment towards its rehabilitation. This investment is the first time in the City’s history that bond dollars have been invested directly into a BHA project, filling the gap created by federal reductions in public housing support. It is our hope that this investment will preserve and improve hundreds of affordable units for many years to come.”

State Rep. Dan Ryan said he is glad the project is back on the community’s agenda, and looks forward to hammering out the details next fall.

“I’m happy to see the Bunker Hill Housing development is back on the agenda,” said Ryan. “I appreciate Mayor Walsh’s financial commitment to the project. I look forward to getting the formal process moving so we can move towards getting our neighbors the quality housing they deserve.”

Councilor Lydia Edwards said she believes the current process can find a solution for everyone, but also said such developments are a reminder that the Town needs a Master Plan.

“I am relieved that the conversation is starting and believe we can get to a size, design and infrastructure support plan,” he said. “I also think that if we

are going to be serious about the future of Charlestown we need a master plan.”

Off-site housing likely to be a part of One Charlestown plans

One of the early concerns for residents around Charlestown for the new plans on the Bunker Hill Development was the idea of housing at an off-site location.

BHA Director Bill McGonagle said there are currently 1,116 public housing units at the Development, and that 1,016 are guaranteed to come back on site. Another 100 are contemplated to be located off-site somewhere in Charlestown- with the possibility of creating even more public housing at that site in combination with middle-income housing and market-rate housing.

While no site is set in stone, the

City-owned parking lots at Bunker Hill Community College were mentioned at the meeting May 30.

“Right now we’re looking at the potential of 100 deeply affordable units to go off-site in the neighborhood and we’re looking at a few neighborhood areas in Charlestown,” he said.

“We are looking at re-locating 100 deeply affordable units at, perhaps, the Bunker Hill Community College (parking lots) on Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) owned land,” he continued. “That’s not cemented in stone yet. We will have a community process. It could conceivably be more than 1,116 units. That’s the minimum replacement now. As we get further down the road, there may be a chance to expand the number of affordable units...I suspect they will be in a mixed-income community as well. Nothing is cemented in stone yet.”

“Charlestown Natives Jack Kelly & Hank Locke Discuss the Opioid Crisis”

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- Jack, author of the book “Sharp Needle”, a memoir about hockey to heroin and recovery, will discuss how he became addicted to opiates and his difficult and courageous recovery.
- Hank will discuss 4 months sitting on the jury of the criminal trial of the pharmaceutical company, Insys Therapeutics, which convicted top-level executives of the company for troubling sales tactics that fueled this public health crisis.
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Equal Housing Opportunity

Charlestown Resource Center wraps resilience, success into one small office

By Seth Daniel

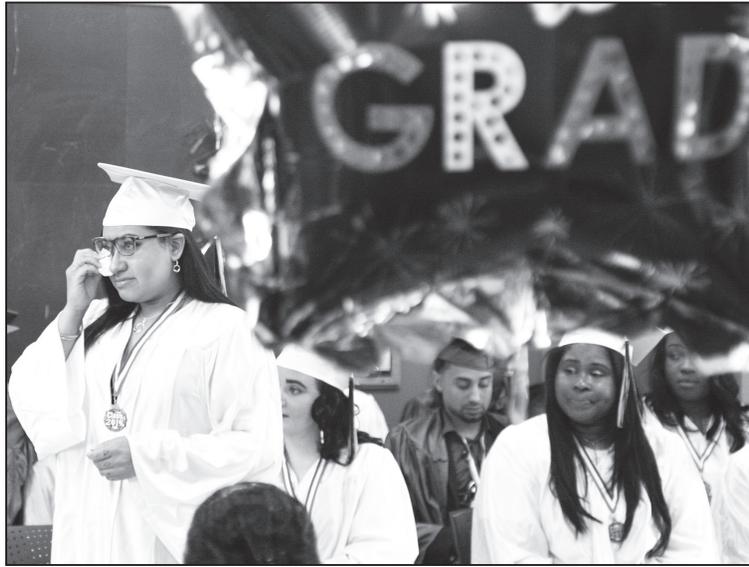
The Charlestown Resource Center runs numerous programs on a shoestring budget and in a constant fight for funding and space, but the successes coming out of their small office on Monument Street – held together with the energetic glue of Director Lori D’Alleva – are not short on potential for those who have overcome incredible obstacles.

Whether it’s a computer program for adults, English classes for recent immigrants, or adult Hi-Set (formerly GED) classes to get a long-sought-after diploma – the Resource Center finds a way to push, and sometimes pull, its clients towards success.

Nowhere was that more apparent than at a very special graduation ceremony at the NewTowne Community Room last Friday, May 31, for a dozen or so adults who had achieved their diploma after any number of setbacks and challenges in life.

Naidaliz Arias shared that she became a teen mother at age 16, and had to drop out of high school at the time. She had always planned to come back to finish school, but found it difficult when her child had intellectual disabilities.

“I always wanted to come back, but it was hard as a single-mother to a child with intellectual disabilities,” she said, stopping to wipe away the tears. “I dropped out of school because he had constant health issues, appointments and surgeries. I did this for him and



Naidaliz Arias, a 2019 graduate of the Charlestown Resource Center’s adult education program, shared the challenges that she overcame to finally get her high school diploma – challenges that included raising a child with intellectual disabilities. She was one of a handful of graduates that overcame obstacles to move their lives forward during a moving ceremony on Friday, May 31, at the NewTowne Community Room.

for myself to prove I could do it. I wanted to show I couldn’t be stopped. I’m now going to be attending Bunker Hill Community College next year. This is the first step today to move on and achieve the success I’ve wanted for such a long time.”

With not a dry eye in the room, D’Alleva shared that while many in the community might think that Hi-Set is the easy way out, she implored that it isn’t an easy path.

“Everything that comes in the way of focusing on academics happens as an adult,” she said. “This is a much more difficult route. There are many who may say this is the easy route, but the

graduates here are showing that it isn’t. This route is very difficult and should be applauded.”

Kelsey Paquin said coming back to get her diploma was a hard choice to carry through on, particularly with so many demands from her family. Now, however, she said she was only looking forward to the future after years of wishing she could finish.

“Many of us dropped out for many different reasons,” she said. “For me, I got pregnant and was raising my 6-month-old sister. Life hit me hard. I didn’t get my diploma. I always said ‘later,’ but that time never came. One day I woke up and realized it was now or never. I worked so hard. I’m looking forward to the future and I’m so proud of all the graduates. We did it and it’s just upward from here.”

D’Alleva said they are a program that is funded by a number of different sources, but they are able to cobble together funding to create a great outcome for so many Charlestown residents. With the help of the Boston Housing Authority, they have expanded their classroom space in recent years, and the faculty for the various programs is experienced in teaching adults and newcomers.

But it is D’Alleva in the end that gets a lot of the credit from so many that pass through the doors of the upstairs offices at 76 Monument St.

That includes former graduate Audrey Kelly, who dropped out of school in the eighth grade and graduated from the Resource Center after many years in 2018.

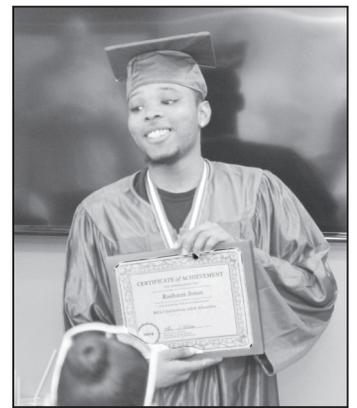
Now in her second year at Bunker Hill Community College, she said she has found a new



Graduates Shanda Williams and Areon Echevarria share a laugh at the ceremony.



Kelsey Paquin with Director Lori D’Alleva.



Rashaun Jones finished his diploma and received a full-ride scholarship to the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology in the South End.



Graduate Hayleigh Reeder shared a speech with the audience.

life because of the Center and D’Alleva.

“She cares,” said Kelly in an interview with the Patriot Bridge. “I was on my own since I was 16...Lori would never let me change my mind about coming back. She was always on it. Nobody ever cared whether or

not I went to school. Now I’m the only one out of all my family to go to college. That’s exciting. I feel accomplishment. I never thought I’d be in this position. I’m so proud and my kids are proud of me too. My son now asks me every day what I learned in college.”

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Martha Starr, Artists Group of Charleston at Stove Factory Gallery, and Harvard-Kent teacher Carla Marreno.



Patty and May Wu take in the art work.



Ryhan Paye holding his pottery.

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The free series gives children ages 7 to 14 the opportunity to test their pitching accuracy, swing in a batting cage, and practice base stealing. Food and entertainment including virtual reality, a replica Green Monster, and Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie will provide participants with an unforgettable field day. Participants will also have the opportunity to win Red Sox tick-

ets.

The Fenway Challenge will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The dates are July 16 at Doherty Playground (Town Field), 1545 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester; July 30 at Lee Playground, 775 East First Street, South Boston; and August 6 at Carter Playground, 709 Columbus Avenue, South End.

Sponsored by the Boston Red Sox and Highland Street Foundation. For more information, contact Cheryl Brown at (617) 961-3085 or cheryl.brown@boston.gov. To register please go to <https://www.mlb.com/redsox/forms/fenway-challenge>.

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By Sal Giarratani

A CHARLESTOWN MASTER PLAN IS NEEDED THE SOONER, THE BETTER

It's time that Charlestown gets a master plan because too much is happening across the town, and it needs to be organized rather than helter-skelter development. Too many projects are beginning or being mentioned, especially over by Hood Pack but elsewhere, too. It's time for City Hall to get moving and working with Charlestown neighborhood activists.

Recently, I was over in Roxbury attending a meeting between City Hall officials and the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight

Committee folk. Community activists are completely involved in their community's future and playing a vital role to further their Roxbury Neighborhood. I grew up in Lower Roxbury

and saw my old neighborhood get destroyed by so-called "urban renewal." Gov. Frank Sargent stopped the Southwest Expressway, but it was too late for the neighborhood comprising St. Philip's Parish.

Today, the center of my life as a kid has been turned into Lots 2, 3 and 4, where employees of Boston Water and Sewer park their cars. That's right: my old neighborhood was turned into a parking lot like the old song's lyrics by Joni

Mitchell.

Folks in Charlestown are now on the verge of pushing hard for a Charlestown Master Plan and do the work and fight the fight like their Roxbury counterparts.

DON'T FORGET TO BE THERE

Next Friday, June 14 is the date for the annual Chief Marshall's Banquet for this year's Bunker Hill Day Parade on Sunday, June 16. This year the banquet is in honor of Milton K. Lashus, commander of the James Conway, American Legion, Post 26. The Friday night banquet starts at 7 p.m. at the Knights. I will be there, how 'bout you?



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The five signs were designed by the Friends of the Boston Harborwalk (FBHW), working closely with local waterfront developers and property owners, to enhance residents' and visitors' knowledge of the area's history, topography and other remarkable features.

Partnering with the Perkins School for the Blind recording studio, the FBHW recently added audio files to each sign. The recordings can be accessed by scanning the QR code on each sign or by going directly to the webpages:

BosHW.us/1801; BosHW.us/1802; BosHW.us/1803; BosHW.us/1901, and BosHW.us/1902. The webpages also include additional information and Spanish translations.

"The idea to add listening capabilities came from someone participating in one of our Harborwalk tours," explained Liz Nelson Weaver, leader of the FBHW signage team. "One of our team members then reached out to Perkins, who have been incredibly helpful and supportive."

The FBHW team is also grateful to the Boston Marine Society for generously funding this additional component.

FBHW is a volunteer organization, affiliated with Boston Harbor Now, promoting greater awareness and public enjoyment of Boston's 43-mile Harborwalk.

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Third/fourth Grade Border Battle Tournament CHAMPIONS - Charlestown Boys Lacrosse
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Bunker Hill Associates to honor Townie poet Charlie McGonagle and first responders

By Seth Daniel

The Bunker Hill Associates will honor first responders in the Town at their annual Bunker Hill Associates Breakfast on June 16, as well as giving a special honor to Charlestown blue-collar poet Charlie McGonagle.

Associates President Robert Beckwith said he was giving McGonagle a special award from the Associates at the breakfast to recognize the major contributions he has made to the Town – from being a teacher at Charlestown High to being the renowned local poet of ‘What is a Townie?’ – a piece that first-appeared in a December 1968 edition of the Charlestown Patriot.

“Growing up in Charlestown you would have undoubtedly crossed paths with our honoree in his capacity as school teacher, coach or guidance counselor,” said Beckwith. “Charlie’s name is synonymous with the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, and as a lifeguard and teacher at Charlestown High School. Those of us who know him well can attest that he was a mentor and a positive influence on the youth of Charlestown.”

McGonagle was a teacher at

Charlestown High from 1968 to 1984 – living through some of the toughest years at the school.

He was also well-known for his poems that routinely appeared in the old Patriot – the most famous being ‘What is a Townie?’

He has now compiled all of those poems into a book entitled ‘Blades of Grass.’

“The Blades of Grass is a look at life through the eyes of Charlie and the people of Charlestown,” said Beckwith. “The book is not a story but rather a compilation of some 200 stories and poems which were authored by Charlie through the 1960s, ‘70s ‘80s and ‘90s.”

Meanwhile, the Monument Award this year will be a tribute to the first responders in the Town, and will be given to the Police Commissioner, Fire Commissioner and Chief of EMS on their behalf. Those honored include:

- Engine 32 Ladder 9
- Engine 50
- Boston EMS Area A - 15
- Boston Police Area A-15

The Bunker Hill Associated Breakfast will take place on Sunday, June 18, in the morning, and is at capacity.

Tour offers rare glimpse of private gardens

Come and explore 12 gardens in the historic Charlestown neighborhood on Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Nestled behind stately brick facades and tidy clapboard homes, these gardens are hidden oases of beauty and calm. Inspiration abounds, with gardens that take advantage of their shady courtyards, or spaces that reflect the long history of these special homes. One such home on the tour abuts the historic Bunker Hill Cemetery, which itself will be open during the tour, giving rare access to this important place.

The tour begins at the Gardens for Charlestown Community Garden, where participants will receive the guide book that will gain the admission to all the gardens on the route. New to the tour this year are links on the map to participating shops, restaurants and cafes in the neighborhood-wonderful places for a break along the route.

Gardens for Charlestown is a beautiful open garden space hosting 65 individually worked plots tended by 85 gardeners, all of whom live in Charlestown.

The garden hosts numerous community programs and events, including a partnership with the Harvard Kent School which brings hand-on gardening and nutrition experiences to BPS children, while enhancing reading, math and science skills. All proceeds from the tour support Gardens for Charlestown’s educational programs, garden maintenance, and mission of greenspace preservation.

Advance tickets are available for purchase online at a reduced rate of \$30. (Day of Tour price is \$35 at the Community Garden.) To purchase advance tickets, please go to www.gardensforcharlestown.com/events. You can pay by credit card or PayPal, or else reserve your ticket online and pay by check.

Gardens for Charlestown and the start of the tour is conveniently located at the intersection of Main and Bunker Hill Streets, two blocks from the Sullivan Square T-Station. There is free street parking available, as well as MBTA bus service (#92 or #93) from Haymarket Station directly to the garden.

FIRST COMMUNION



Cardinal Sean O’Malley visited the First Communion Class at Saint Mary’s Church on Sunday, May 19. Pictured with the Cardinal were 32 children, Father Jim Ronan, Katy Fleming, coordinator of the religious education program, and Bill Polska, one of the teachers.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Zhang, Ruixiong	Montgomery, Rebekah	42 8th St #3315	\$610,000
Gershaw, David	Mckerracher, Lisa	4 9th St #4	\$1,455,000
Melville, Michael S	Mittelholzer, Megan	28-30 Albion Pl #3	\$665,000
Brady, Christopher J	Nevin, Corey F	27 Allston St	\$705,000
Hellinger, Michael	Greenwood, Joseph D	36 Austin St #1	\$634,000
Devore, Zachary	Armstrong, Sean	25 Brighton St #2	\$735,000
Tully, Susan P	Apostolides, James E	73 Chelsea St #108	\$933,000
Hedin, Andrew D	Moulton, Jean L	27-37 Chestnut St #207	\$980,000
Vallarelli, Michael	Mary T Sullivan RET	112 Elm St	\$920,000
Smith, Alison P	Kosowski, Nicholas R	136 High St #1	\$630,000
Wolbeck, Laura	Compton, Thomas	66 High St #2	\$765,000
Turcu, Razvan	Lee, Steven C	139 Main St #139	\$1,650,000
Odonnell, John	O’Brien, Kaitlin M	8 Mystic St #1	\$571,000
Oates, Stephen J	Lebel, Mark E	46 Pleasant St #2	\$920,000
Salisbury, Keelin	Blum, Morgan	19-21 Short St #1	\$1,225,000
Luce, Alexander	Allyn, Jeremy	50 Soley St #1	\$659,000

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Zelma Lacey House resident Ellen Shevchik receives Resident Spirit Award from Mass-ALA

Full-service real estate and property management firm Peabody Properties is proud to announce that Zelma Lacey House resident Ellen Shevchik received the Resident Spirit Award from the Massachusetts Assisted Living Association (Mass-ALA) at their prestigious Excellence Awards event, "Senior Living in Full Bloom – Celebrating those who make a difference in the lives of seniors." The event, which is dubbed "the Oscars of assisted living," was held earlier this month at The Lantana in Randolph and featured special guest Scott Zolak, former Patriots quarterback and

current sports host.

The Resident Spirit Award is awarded to a resident of a community who exemplifies the heart and soul of the community. Shevchik, who has been a Zelma Lacey House resident for the last five years, was nominated by David Kingsley, executive director of Zelma Lacey House.

In her nomination, Shevchik was noted for always acting with kindness and thoughtfulness, and for trying to share a positive message with others in the community, even at times when she struggles with her own significant personal challenges. At Zelma Lacey

House, Shevchik leads baking club classes, art classes, and the gardening club. She can be counted on to welcome new residents and to speak out against unkind acts or comments when she sees or hears them, and is particularly patient, supportive, and protective of those with cognitive issues.

"Ellen is a vital part of the Zelma Lacey community and one of the most thoughtful, positive, and kind residents we've ever known," said Kingsley. "Her 'quiet leadership' is an inspiration to her friends and an enormous asset to our community."

Please Recycle



Pictured (left to right): Ellen Shevchik, award recipient; Andrea Pappas, friend of Ellen's from Zelma Lacey House; Tabitha Jones, Marketing Director, Zelma Lacey House; and David Kingsley, Executive Director of Zelma Lacey House.

Parks department summer guide now online

If you are looking for some outdoor fun this summer in City of Boston parks simply go to the City of Boston website where you can view the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's full schedule of free summer events under the Spotlight section at www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation#spotlight.

Concerts, movies, fitness, sports centers, watercolor painting workshops, and a wide range of children's activities - there's something for everyone, all offered free of charge. The schedule includes the popular Artists in Residence Craft Workshops for ages 3 to 10 in parks city-wide July 9 through August 16, the Boston Children's Summer Festival at Franklin Park on August 20, park visits from the New England Aquarium, Movie Nights in 11 locations, and the

opening of the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool on June 27.

Musical offerings include the annual Dorothy Curran Wednesday Night Concert Series sponsored by Bank of America kicking off July 17 with the Total Access Chicago tribute band on City Hall Plaza at 7 p.m., ParkARTS Citywide Neighborhood Concerts from July 10 to August 5, Summer Sundays in the Park at Jamaica Pond on July 28 and August 11, and the sizzling hot Tito Puente Latin Music Series in the South End, East Boston, Mission Hill, and Jamaica Plain from July 11 through August 15.

For more information, please view the full summer guide and other Parks Department events and programs at www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation.

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Charlestown families great WWI sacrifice

By Bill Durette

Charlestown families have certainly given their fair share of men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country.

To lose one son or daughter in a war is a great loss to a family.

Losing two children to war is an even greater loss.

Examples of those kinds of sacrifices are some of the Charlestown brothers who died during WWII, such as the Salvato, Kelley, McLaughlin and McCormack Brothers. One would never imagine four brothers being killed, but that's exactly what happened to two families in Charlestown during WWI.

The Gordon and Randell fami-

lies lost four sons each during the Great War. All those sons enlisted before the U.S. entered WWI in 1917. All of them served with the British, Canadian and Australian expeditionary forces.

The Gordon brothers, who lived at 1 Clark's Court, were the sons of James and Mary Gordon who emigrated from Ireland to Charlestown. Frederick Gordon enlisted at age 16 and served with the British 74th Brigade Royal Artillery. He died from his wounds on May 14, 1918. David Gordon died from wounds received in the second Battle of Ypres Belgium in 1915, a battle that saw more than 100,000 casualties. Thomas Gordon served with the 72nd Canadian Black Watch and was

killed in action on April 15, 1918 at Etrun, France. The fourth brother, Henry Gordon, who also served with the Canadian Black Watch, was wounded on April 5, 1918 in France. He succumbed to his wounds on January 24, 1919.

The Randell brothers, who were all born and raised in Charlestown, also answered the call to preserve democracy. When WWI broke out, three of the brothers went to Canada and joined the Canadian Black Watch in 1914. James, Harold and Leroy Randell went up to Canada and joined the Canadian Black Watch. Harold and Leroy were killed in the first Battle of Ypres Belgium in 1914. That same year, Thomas Randell went to London and joined the British forces. He would be killed in the Battle of the Somme in 1918. Frederick Randell enlisted with the Australian forces and was killed at the Battle of Gallipoli, a battle that had combined casualties of more than 500,000 men. The last surviving brother, James, was almost killed several times. He was once gassed and then on another occasion, in 1915, was severely wounded by machine gun fire. After he recovered, he was on his way home aboard the British ship Aurania, when it was torpedoed by a German U2 boat. James abandoned the ship and survived the attack. He finally managed to make it back to Charlestown, miraculously, and was the lone survivor of the Randell brothers.

It was not unusual during WWI for Americans to join the British and Commonwealth forces. Charlestown men like Arthur Brickey, for example, served with the French Army and died of disease in 1917. James Crowell



The Gordon brothers of Charlestown sacrificed so much during World War I. The family was one of two 'Four Gold Star' families from the Town.

served with the Canadian Army McLean Kittles and died of his wounds. Eldon Ellston also died serving with the Canadian Army. George J. McLean, who lived at Monument Street, served with the British Army's 164th Coy machine gun corps. He fought at the Battle of Verdon and was killed in the Battle of the Somme. William P. Nearen also joined the British Army at age 16 and served with the 8th Irish Regiment. He was killed at Verdon in 1916. Nearen Row, a street in Charlestown, is named in honor of him.

All of those boys answered the call 100 years ago to preserve world democracy and paid the ultimate sacrifice in a brutal war that saw more than 40 million casualties. The Randell and Gordon families certainly gave more than their fair share to that

war and are Charlestown's four-gold-star families – a very rare distinction not commonly found and something that must always be remembered.

As part of that remembrance, on Saturday June 15, at 11 a.m., a Square in Charlestown, located at the corner Essex and Main Street will be dedicated to the Gordon and Randell bothers. The event will commemorate the recent 100th anniversary of the end of WWI and will stand as a place of remembrance for those young men. The event is sponsored by the American Legion JW Conway Bunker Hill Post 26 and supported by the Charlestown Veterans History Project and Abraham Lincoln Post #11 G.A.R.

The public is welcome to share in the dedication ceremony and remembrance.

CONSTRUCTION LOOK AHEAD: JUNE 2 – JUNE 15 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.

TEMPORARY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

DESCRIPTION: Continued demolition of the western (Charles River side) sidewalk on the bridge and construction of the temporary bridge bents and abutments. Work on the temporary bridge above the Tudor Wharf walkway requires some daytime closures.

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

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: Inbound traffic will be reduced to one lane on weekdays during off-peak hours (10 a.m.–2 p.m.). Outbound traffic will be reduced to one lane on weekdays during off-peak hours (7 a.m.–2 p.m.) at 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.

All users should take care to pay attention to all signage and police details and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used 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).
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Stanley Cup Finals: June 6 at 8 p.m., June 12 at 8 p.m. (if needed)

Thousands report to work at Encore Boston Harbor

By Seth Daniel

Monday marked the biggest day to date for Encore Boston Harbor and its crew of 4,800 employees as they reported to work at the resort site for the first time, and existing employees and the executive team moved into offices at the Encore tower.

After many job fairs, interviews, discussions and trainings, approximately 4,800 active employees were brought on board at the new Encore Boston Harbor resort casino site on Monday, June 3 – the first day that work began in earnest at the \$2.2 billion resort, which opens June 23.

It also marked the first day for

existing workers and the executive to move out of their long-time offices at Station Landing and into offices at the resort tower.

From shuttle drivers to black-jack dealers to employee cafeteria chefs to Encore President Bob DeSalvio, most everyone with a job to do at Encore was on site Monday.

“On Monday, we were able to move into the resort,” said President Bob DeSalvio. “We now have 4,800 incredibly excited and enthusiastic employees preparing to receive our guests. This is truly a magical time in the building, as employees embark on new careers that positively impact not only their lives but also their families. I’m seeing a lot of smiling faces

this week.”

Employees have been busy getting acclimated to their jobs for the past few weeks, training in massive conferences off-site in local venues and in Boston function halls. Monday marked the first day they could begin training onsite, getting their uniforms from the state-of-the-art clothing check system.

To date, Encore representatives said they have brought on 4,800 employees, but they are not yet finished.

They still have offers out to another 700 employees, and are looking to employ another 300 employees. That number includes dealers and others throughout the organization.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

THIRD THURSDAYS AT EINC

This month "Rainforest in a Bottle" June 20 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Children ages 5-7 are invited to join us for hands-on science activities, games, art activities, story time, and more at "e" inc.'s Science emporium. Space is limited, fee \$5 includes activities and a snack. Registration online at www.einc-action.com.

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. 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

KIDS OF CHARLESTOWN: ART LABS AT ESSEM & EXHIBIT AT ZUME'S

Essem Art Studio (Charlestown Commerce Center) is partnering with Zume's Coffee House (Main Street; Charlestown) and Savvy Sitter Boston to bring community art to the kids of Charlestown. Zume's walls, will be dedicated to featuring the art work of Charlestown kids during the months of July, August, and

September. The summer themed art project—abstract florals—will be painted at Essem Art Studio during Art Lab sessions under the guidance of Charlestown resident and abstract artist, Sophia Moon throughout June. Moon has been hosting Art Labs in her studio since last September. Savvy Sitter Boston—in the service of providing local, dependable, trustworthy and fun babysitters—will assist in facilitating the Art Labs. For more information and to reserve a spot for your child, visit essemartstudio.com or email hello@essemartstudio.com

CHARLESTOWN & BEYOND CELEBRATES THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL

Special guest Jack Alves will join host Kathy "Cookie" Giordano in celebration of 1,244th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill on Thursday, June 6th at 6:30 pm. Kathy stated that "Jack is the most knowledgeable man I know on the history of Charlestown." He will explain to us why we still celebrate this important Revolutionary War battle despite the fact that the British win. Born and raised in the neighborhood, Jack is a veteran of the Korean War, Past President of the Charlestown Historical Society and Bunker Hill Monument Association, Co-founder, with his wife Marie, of the Bunker Hill Museum in 1975 and member of the Charlestown Militia Company who performed at many re-enactments during the Bicentennial in 1976 and too many others to be included in this short notice.

Charlestown & Beyond appears on BNN-TV Boston Comcast channel

9, RCN channel 15 and Verizon channel 1961 on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Reruns can be seen on the same TV stations on Thursdays at 11:30 pm, Fridays at 1 pm, Saturdays at 9 am and Sundays at 5 pm. It can also be seen on Youtube at Charlestown and Beyond and Facebook at Charlestown & Beyond. If you live outside of Boston and wish to watch the live broadcast go to bnnmedia.org, click on News & Info and 'watch now.'

To contact Cookie go to kathy.gio46@gmail.com or call her at 617-477-1406.

CHARLESTOWN PRESERVATION SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Monday June 10th, 7 PM Memorial Hall, 14 Green Street. Membership welcome.

CALLING ALL SENIORS! FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOP

The Kennedy Center's Senior Connection is hosting a free fall prevention workshop on Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 9-10AM at 55 Bunker Hill St. Join Nursing and Occupational Therapy staff from the MGH Charlestown Health Center, to discuss fall risks at home, in the community, and exercises to increase strength and balance. Must be 55 or over to participate. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Kimberly Kyle, Senior Services Coordinator, (617) 241-8866 x. 1351 or email kkyle@kennedycenter.org.

RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS THE OPIOID CRISIS

On June 18, beginning at 7 p.m. join Charlestown's Jack Kelly and Hank Locke will join a discussion on the truths of the opioid crisis based on their personal experiences. The event will be held at Shipyard Park, Charlestown Navy Yard. Their personal accounts will spotlight the uncomfortable and shocking truths behind the opioid crisis that has tragically touched many of our lives. Sponsored by the Charlestown Coalition, The Anthem Group and The Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard.

FIRST CHURCH FREE FAMILY EVENT

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!

The First Church is located at 10 Green Street.

BOSTON HARBOR FOR ALL: CHARLESTOWN CRUISE

Free Boston Harbor cruise on Monday, June 24 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Enjoy food, art, music and harbor views aboard the Provincetown II. Visit boston-harbornow.org/charlestowncruise for more information.

CHARLESTOWN DEMOCRATIC WARD COMMITTEE CAUCUS

Tuesday, June 4th from 6:30-8 at the Harvard-Kent Elementary School, 50 Bunker Hill Street, to elect delegates for the Democratic State Convention being held in Springfield on September 14, 2019. Please follow The Charlestown Democratic Ward Committee on Facebook at [facebook.com/CharlestownDems](https://www.facebook.com/CharlestownDems), and Twitter @CharlestownDems

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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.

Larceny
05/29/19 - A victim on Medford Street reported unknown person(s) stole her wallet from her purse. No further information was available at this time.

Larceny
05/30/19 - A victim on Rutherford Avenue reported an individual stole a wheelbarrow from his place of business. The suspect was located on the scene

and shown video footage of him committing the crime. Parties will attempt to resolve the matter on their own.

Investigate Property
05/30/19 - A victim on 13th Street reported while she was out, unknown person(s) tampered with the lock to her front door of her apartment. Although the lock was damaged, entry wasn't made.

Trespassing
05/31/19 - Officers on Medford Street placed an individual under arrest for violation of a no-trespass order.

Violation of Auto Laws
06/02/19 - as a result of a motor vehicle stop on Medford Street, an individual will be summonsed to Charlestown Court for various motor-vehicle violations.

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