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SLAP SHOT



Photo by Katy Rogers

Nolan Wrenn and Conor Lacey competed in the Cookie Jar roller hockey tournament on Saturday, July 27, at Eden Street/McCarthy Playground. It was the fifth annual edition of the kids' tournament, which precedes the Kitchen Kup next week. See pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

Kitchen Kup roller hockey hands the reins to a younger generation

By Seth Daniel

The annual Kitchen Kup roller hockey tournament features the best-of-the-best in summer hockey, and this year, founder Joe Brennan is handing over the reins on the summer battle to the younger generation.

This week, he said the 22-team double elimination tournament that will unfold this Saturday and

Sunday in 'The Kitchen' (a/k/a/ Eden Street Park) will be mainly organized by two younger Kup players – Hughie O'Donnell and Cam DelValle.

Both have helped Brennan for several years on the tournament, and this year Brennan said he was ready to turn over the day-to-day duties to the younger guys – taking on an advisory role to the new crew.

"I've been looking for a younger generation to step and up and help out for a few years," said Brennan, who started the tournament 16 years ago and brought it to national prominence. "These guys both stepped up last year, and they're the most competent out of all the guys that I've seen. I think what sealed it was last year at 10

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Monument experiments with ice cream on Main Street

By Seth Daniel

It's been years since there have been ice cream cones on Main Street, but last week Monument Restaurant gave a test-run to having an ice cream cart in their space – and early results said it was a hit.

Manager Lauren Whelan said during the last several hot weeks, they thought about offering ice cream as there isn't any scooped ice cream places anywhere near Main

Street. They dubbed it Monument Scoops.

"Our distributor was involved with this and we were excited to work with them to offer this," she said. "It could be something we bring back. We'll see. There was a good test run and we'll see how popular it was."

The ice cream came from Christina's Homemade Ice Cream

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Gina and Olivia Powers enjoyed an ice cream cone on Main Street last week, as part of an experiment by Monument Restaurant.

Edwards supports Master Plan process

With a call to involve all facets

By Seth Daniel

City Councilor Lydia Edwards and organizers of the 02129 Neighborhood Alliance are calling for initial support this week to the City's announcement of a comprehensive, neighborhood-driven Master Plan – going along with the stated support of Rep. Dan Ryan last week.

The Alliance leaders, Amanda Zettel and Julie Hall, conducted a meeting with Mayor Martin Walsh and senior staff at the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) on July 22, along

with Edwards and Rep. Ryan, to hash out the details and relay the support for a planning process in Charlestown.

While there might have been some disagreement about the semantics of calling it a Master Plan, the overall concept seems to have support, Edwards said.

"First, the goal is to have a community driven comprehensive plan for Charlestown that respects the core, understands the need for renovation and growth, and looks for opportunity to zone

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Pedaling Into the Sunset

Views, Harbor breezes and leg-power

By Seth Daniel

Heading off into the sunset on the Harbor now includes a great cycling workout.

Or if one would rather – a relaxing time watching others pedal away.

The new CycleBoat operated by Ed and Rosie Cardinali is the first-ever pedal-powered, Coast Guard approved, vessel on Boston Harbor, and it is leaving all summer from Pier 6 in the Charlestown

Navy Yard.

Cardinale said he and his group, CycleBoat Boston, had submitted a proposal earlier this year for the activation of the Navy Yard – planning to do kayak rentals and a CycleBoat that would leave from DryDock #2. However, issues came up with the infrastructure and that plan has been put on hold. However, the CycleBoat remained and the group decided to put it on the water leaving from

(CYCLEBOAT Pg. 3)



The sunset going down over Charlestown – with the Constitution and Monument framed next to it – from the Harbor last Friday during a CycleBoat tour. It is the first CycleBoat on Boston Harbor and will be leaving from Pier 6 in the Navy Yard all summer.

EDITORIAL

GOV. BAKER'S BOLD TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL

We were talking the other day with a young man who has been a teacher at Chelsea High School for the past couple of years. During our discussion, we were surprised to learn that he lives on the South Shore (Hull) from where he commutes to Chelsea High every day by means of public transportation.

He takes the MBTA commuter boat to Boston and then walks to the nearby Blue Line, taking that to Airport Station. From there, he gets on the new Silver Line 3, the dedicated-lane bus line that takes him to Chelsea.

It seemed like quite an odyssey -- and it certainly is -- but he said his total commuting time is about an hour each way, which is less time than it would take him to drive it, not to mention far less stressful.

We were thinking about the Chelsea teacher's use of multiple modes of public transportation -- sort of an alternative, real-life version of the comedy classic movie Planes, Trains, and Automobiles -- in the context of the \$18 billion proposal put forward last week by the administration of Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karen Polito to improve the transportation infrastructure in our state, with the stated goals of improving our roads, bridges, and public transit systems.

We do not even remotely pretend to be experts in the realm of transportation. However, what is clear is that the Baker-Polito proposal, in terms of the level and scope of the proposed investment, is (in Baker's words), "unprecedented and historic."

We have no doubt that there will be many -- who actually are experts in the realm of transportation -- who will weigh in with various proposals of their own in addition to those that were put forward in the Baker-Polito bill.

We also have no doubt that the plans and ideas that will be put forward by others will be considered carefully by the governor and his staff. After five years of the Baker-Polito administration, it has become clear that their type of leadership is not of the "my way or the highway" (no pun intended) style. We anticipate that the administration and the legislature will work together to craft a bill that will improve the daily lives for all residents of the Commonwealth.

For far too long, transportation issues have been like that adage about the weather: Everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything about it. In New York City for example, the sorry state of the subways is at a critical point -- and yet the mayor and governor cannot agree on a way to fix it. In California, talk of a high-speed train from San Francisco to Los Angeles appears to have reached a dead end.

By contrast, the \$18 billion proposal put forward by the Baker-Polito administration last week represents a huge step forward in fixing many of the problems that have come to light in recent years in our state.

Investments in our transportation infrastructure -- especially in this era of low interest rates -- will reap huge dividends in the years ahead, more than offsetting the costs. We look forward to the final transportation bill and to the day when Massachusetts will be seen as a national leader in solving public transportation issues.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING THIS HUGE WIN FOR CHARLESTOWN

We remain confident that our meeting with Mayor Walsh and the BPDA on July 22 was an incredibly positive and productive next step in collaborating on a comprehensive planning process for the future of Charlestown. The Mayor and the BPDA agree, as stated in the article in last week's paper, that they want our involvement and participation in the planning process.

Whether this process is called a "Master Plan" or not should not be the issue. The take away here should be that we the people of Charlestown have come together and demonstrated our collective strength and unified voice to collaborate with and proactively work with the Mayor and the BPDA. We will all continue to be positive and collaborative, looking for the best in each other, assuming positive intent, knowing that we all have Charlestown's best interest in mind.

We will be speaking with Lauren and Michael from the BPDA again later this week and will continue moving the process forward.

With that said, a Plan with the BPDA only legally goes so far. We will need to influence Boston Public Schools, Charlestown's Zoning articles and Boston Transportation Department as the findings from this study will only inform these independent subjects.

We still have a lot of work to do. We'd like to meet in a few weeks prior to the official launch of the planning process with the BPDA in September. We will announce the meeting soon.

Please continue to encourage your membership, friends and neighbors to sign the petition online here: <https://cps-ris.org/petition/>

It is critical that we encourage the entire community to be involved in this planning process over the next year and a half. No one person or group can serve as our collective voice. Turnout is critical in influencing the direction of Charlestown. This planning initiative gives us the opportunity to create the BEST possible Charlestown of the future and influence immediate and much needed change.

Thank you for your continued support and efforts.

02129 Neighborhood Alliance

A MOST MEMORABLE BREAKFAST

I would like, very much, to thank Bob Beckwith and the Bunker Hill Associates for making this year's Annual Bunker Hill Day Breakfast a most memorable one for me. In 1957, and as a senior in high school, I began what would become a 25-year working relationship with the old Charlestown Boys Club, now the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club. A couple of years later I began a more than decade long tenure as a summer lifeguard at what was then referred to as the Bunker Hill Pool, and a few years later, I became a faculty member at Charlestown High School. For the next 18 years or so, I served as a teacher, a two-sport coach, and an acting administrator. During that time I had the distinct privilege of working with what I now consider to be some of the finest young people to ever come out of the Charlestown neighborhood.

By day those youngsters would fill the seats in my classroom, by night many of those same youngsters would come the gymnasium and the exercise room at the club where I worked for so many years. During the summer months, they came to the pool at the top of Bunker Hill Street. To say that I enjoyed working with these youngsters would be an absolute understatement. Next to my family, they became the most important part of my life. I never questioned, for even one second, whether I had done the right thing with my life.

Most often my days would begin very early and end very late. My wife and I would often joke that my two young daughters didn't even know what I looked like. Any negative thoughts that my wife might have had about my working hours, however, were quickly erased when I read her words in the Associates' Annual Ad Book at the Breakfast. "...I remember all of the early mornings and all of the late nights at the high school and at the boys club like they were yesterday, and I would do it all over again knowing how much joy it brought to you and to the kids you taught and coached."

At the Breakfast, Bob Beckwith and the Bunker Hill Associates opened the doors to the Knights of Columbus, and in walked the memories. What a day! Many of those "kids" of yesterday, some now even retired, were there to say hello and to share the day.

I have always thought that I had done the right thing with my life. Because of the Bunker Hill Associates, I no longer think that I did the right thing.

Today I know that I did the right thing.

Charlie McGonagle



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CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Lost & Found

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

Supposedly, it goes with aging – forgetting where something is – not remembering where you last saw/used or placed an item. While I resist that as an exclusive characteristic of someone over '60, I have to admit some truth to the theorem. Losing one's keys seems the most annoying, perhaps only bested by misplacing a cell phone.

Most of us can identify with the emotion of discovering something is lost – seems like it happens just when we need it ...! And can you recall how you feel when the object is found, especially if the search has gone on for a bit and others have been helping? The relief is huge.

But there are other kinds of losses we all know about: jobs, homes, friendships, money, health, agility, independence, even freedom that may not be resolved as we may hope. Truth is, life includes many moments when we face loss, and some are devastating. Sometimes our losses big and small can nurture self-pity which can lead to magnify the loss in our lives.

One common response to certain types of loss is, "Why?" We search for answers and we often

seek to find out whom or what is to blame for the loss. And often enough, the answer is elusive and our anger is directed to God: "Why did God let this happen to ME?" This course may cause us to turn away from the very One who seeks to comfort, sustain, and direct us in times of trial.

So how do we live with loss? The movement of life is only in one direction – there is no going back. The pain of loss and change can break us or can open us to a new way of being. Instead of asking "Why", in faith, one can ask "What": "What does God want me to do now? What can I do to move forward? What can I learn from this loss?"

I recall being at a very low point in my life, struggling with change and loss. I wandered into a bookstore and was browsing around. There was a display of book marks, little plastic strips printed with a quote or saying. One read, "The will of God will never lead you where the Grace of God will not sustain you". I bought that book mark and took great comfort in that truth. I needed to accept the loss and changes and seek to move forward, to

learn, to grow, to adapt and to trust.

Marion Howard once wrote: "Life is like a blanket too short. You pull it up and your toes rebel, you yank it down and shivers meander about your shoulder; but cheerful folks manage to draw their knees up and pass a very comfortable night". God gives to each of us whatever we need to live through the losses of our lives. When we believe that, actually trust that truth, then the loss can yield something to be found.

Maybe Charles Schultz is right when he says: "Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use". Indeed, we need to try out the other gears – they are there to be used and when we do, we may find a speed that really works very well for us.

Friends, the God who made us, who knows us better than we know ourselves, and whose love for us is constant and unconditional will never abandon us. As we go forward with the losses and the finds of our lives, look around. There is some new insight and experience awaiting us - and God is behind us all the way.

Pedestrian killed on Alford St.; police search Everett for truck

Staff Report

A pedestrian crossing Alford Street at the Everett/Charlestown line on Thursday, July 25, was hit and killed by a driver in a white truck that fled the scene.

At about 11:24 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, officers assigned to District A-15 (Charlestown) responded to a radio call to assist Everett Police in the area of 99 Alford St. in Charlestown. This area is close to the line dividing Boston and Everett, and near one entrance to Encore Boston Harbor. On arrival, officers were notified by Boston EMS that the victim, an adult male, had suffered

life-threatening injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

At the time of the incident, the suspect vehicle was observed travelling on Alford Street in the direction of Everett. The vehicle was later observed entering the Sweetser Circle rotary in the area of Broadway and Main Street in Everett.

Boston Police put out a community call to look for the white truck, but canceled that call on Sunday, July 28.

It was said that Everett Police did trace the vehicle to an address in Everett, but to date that hasn't yielded a break in the case.

The name of the victim has not yet been released.



Boston and Everett Police believe this truck was involved in a fatal hit-and-run crash on July 25 just over the Charlestown line by the entrance to Encore Boston Harbor. Police continue to investigate.

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Pier 6 and a secondary stop in Fort Point.

So far, so good, Cardinali said last Friday while leading a sunset cruise.

"With the short time period and the heavy financial costs of the infrastructure needed at DryDock #2, it didn't make sense right now," he said. "However, we decided to go ahead with the CycleBoat on our own without any connection to the BPDA process. We took delivery of the CycleBoat in May and began operating it on June 1...This is a first for Boston. They've only produced 40 of them and we have one...I think they have some in Chicago. They came to be very popular. It's become so popular that a lot of people are looking to get them."

The CycleBoat also has a motor, and while there are 10 stations for pedaling – which about a bar with a built-in cooler for cold drinks and snacks – people can also choose not to peddle and just enjoy the scenery. The pedal-power works using a coor-

inated chain drive – much like a bicycle – that turns a paddle wheel at the back of the vessel.

The boat can accommodate up to 16 passengers.

Cardinali – who has a Master Captain's license – said the boat can go up to 4 or 5 knots with everyone peddling. However, he can add or subtract power with the engine in order to keep the tour running on time – and to make sure everyone enjoys themselves first and foremost.

"I kind of supplement the motor power depending on how much people are pedaling," he said. "Guests can pedal as much or as little as they would like. We have had some cruises where people don't want to pedal much at all, and we've had others where people pedal a lot for the first half, and take it easy the second half. We've also had a lot of people who wanted a workout and they pedaled hard the whole time we were out."

Cardinali said they have had a lot of interest from walk-ups on Pier 6 during open cruises, and



Captain Ed Cardinali, with Rosie Cardinali, and long-time Charlestown waterfront activation advocate Barbara Babin.

also from private parties renting out the CycleBoat.

"There's so much activity on the Harbor this year like I've never seen before, whether it's this CycleBoat, the water taxi, the new ferry from Lovejoy to the Seaport and even the Encore running three or four shuttles," he said. "That activity has carried over to this boat; everyone wants to be on the water. Everyone has had a great time who went out...We're thinking about add-



Passengers on the CycleBoat relax, take it all in, and pedal their way across the Harbor. Guests can pedal as much or as little as they would like.

ing another one in the future. We've had such a great response in a month and a half, we want to think about that."

The 90-minute trip offers some of the best views of the Boston

skyline. Public tours are offered Thursday through Sunday while private charters are available 7 days a week. For more information go to CycleboatBoston.com.

The National Parks of Boston celebrates the World War II homefront

The National Parks of Boston will host "We Can Do It!" Service on the Homefront in World War II in the Charlestown Navy Yard, on Saturday, Aug. 10 and Sunday, Aug. 11.

The American War Machine sprang into action in response to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. On the homefront, women and men from every background took jobs in war production. In Boston Navy Yard, 50,000 workers built and repaired ships. Workers wove fabric for uniforms and parachutes in Lowell, and made M1 Rifles in Springfield. Victory Gardens grew on the Fenway.

Clothes had to be safe for work.

And Scollay Square was swinging with sailors.

This two-day event will com-

memorate the 75th anniversary of World War II. All tours, talks and activities will help tell the story of the "Greatest Generation" during the tumultuous war years.

Happenings include hands-on history activities for kids, a Living History Village, live swing music for dancing, and pop-up exhibits. Tour Rosie's Navy Yard, visit a Victory Garden, view vintage vehicles, and explore the destroyer USS Cassin Young.

Homefront Speaker Series highlights include:

•Beantown Girls by Author Jane Healey

Saturday, 3:30 p.m. in the Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center

Healy will discuss the history of the Red Cross Clubmobile pro-

gram in World War II, and how she wove that history into her book *The Beantown Girls* novel. A book-signing will follow.

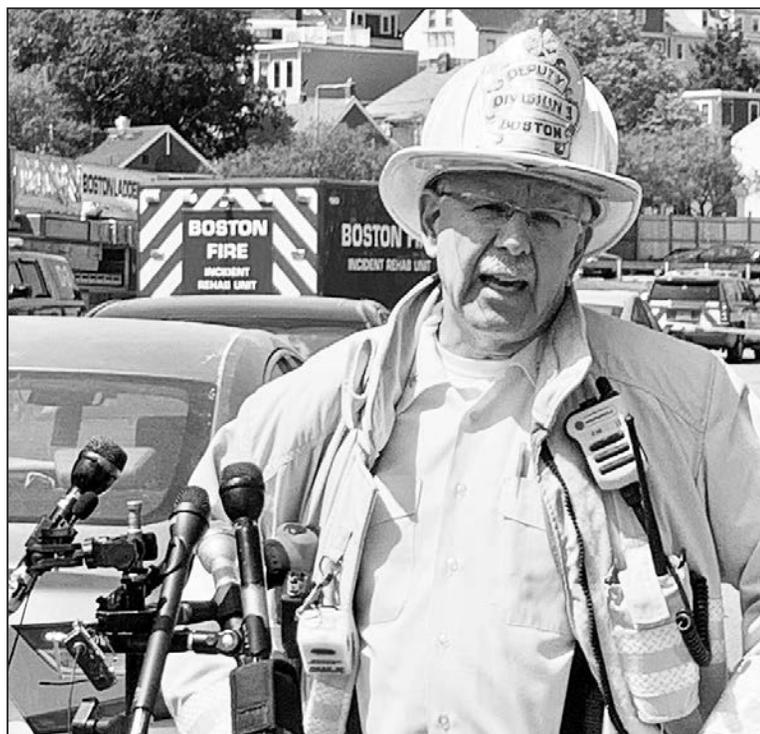
•Burlesque! Tassel Twirlers! Hot Dogs! Scollay Square in World War II by Author David Kruh

Sunday, 2:30 p.m. in the Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center

Burlesque! Tassel Twirlers! Hot Dogs! David Kruh's talk is a rollicking look back at Scollay Square, the first destination of the sailors whose ships docked at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

All events are free and open to the public. For a complete schedule, please visit go.nps.gov/wecandoit. The full schedule follows below.

LEVEL 2 HAZMAT SITUATION



Deputy Chief Stephen McNeil briefs the media on Friday, July 26, about the Level 2 Hazmat situation at 50 Terminal St. There was a malfunction at the cement plant that caused the over fill of a cement truck, which produced a large cloud that blanketed the area with dry cement. A clean up company was dispatched. Three nearby buildings were evacuated and firefighters used air quality monitoring devices to check for safety. Three firefighters were treated at the scene, but no injuries were reported. The overfill and cloud happened around 9 a.m.

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

07/23/19 – A victim on Chappie Street states two suspects were attempting to enter and take packages from his home. The suspects were located, and one suspect stated he looked at the packages, but didn't take them. Other items from another location were found in the suspect's possession. The matter is under investigation, and charges will be filed.

Larceny – Bike

07/24/19 – A victim on Auburn Street stated unknown person(s) removed her gate latch, entered her patio area and stole her gray Jamis bike.

Aggravated Assault

07/27/19 - Officers responded to Austin Street for a report of a man with a knife. The victim stated that the suspect entered his business, brandished a weapon and

began waving it at the victim and other customers. Officers located the suspect, who was placed under arrest for aggravated assault.

Assault and Battery

07/28/19 - As a result of a fight that occurred on Austin Street, assault- and-battery complaints might be filed in Charlestown Court. Officers are awaiting video footage of the incident.

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to current needs and desires of the Charlestown community, for example a laundromat, post office, or grocery stores," she said. "Overall, we need a process that not only involves but is led by everyday Charlestown residents and the BPDA has committed to meeting them in coffee shops, at the T, at bus stops and at other gathering spaces... I know that the details may change but I do hope the overall theme is common narrative we can adopt."

However, Edwards also said she believes that the BPDA needs to rope in other City agencies like Boston Public Schools and the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) to make sure the planning process addresses the ancillary needs of the community that comes with further development.

"There are several facets of the plan and overall vision that require other city departments to listen, to learn and to demonstrate how their plans complement this overall vision," she said. "For example, Boston Public Schools needs to account for the redevelopment of Bunker Hill housing and the growth of our

child population and how both are planned for in BuildBPS."

That, as well as traffic issues within the BTD – such as the construction on the North Washington Street Bridge, need to be included in any planning process for Charlestown.

Both Zettel and Hall issued a letter late last week to their membership indicating that the battle has been won even if the BPDA is hesitant to call it a Master Plan. They said the momentum of the people of Charlestown in calling for the planning process will push the City to produce what the community wants.

"Whether this process is called a 'Master Plan' or not should not be the issue," they wrote. "The take away here should be that we the people of Charlestown have come together and demonstrated our collective strength and unified voice to collaborate with and proactively work with the Mayor and the BPDA. We will all continue to be positive and collaborative, looking for the best in each other, assuming positive intent, knowing that we all have Charlestown's best interest in mind."

Townie Tidbits

BY SAL GIARRATANI

HOW'S THE CHARLESTOWN BRIDGE GOING?

As I consider the future of the Charlestown Bridge, I wonder how the construction project is proceeding. It sometimes depends on the day of the week. Lately it has been improving. If you're heading into town, you can now see the new temporary bridge rising up from the water, which faces the locks. It is going to be time-consuming. The new bridge built a while back between Weymouth and Quincy over the Fore River took as long as 15 or more years. However, it was a much larger project.

The current bridge has been around since 1898 and has been inoperable for so long, folks have forgotten if it is a drawbridge or a spinnaker bridge. Correct answer: it was only a drawbridge back in 1956 when Tony Curtis and Sal Mineo starred in "Six Bridges to Cross," which was about the Brink's robbery on Prince Street back in 1950. The new bridge will eventually most likely be a vertical lift bridge, or if the powers that be were smart, they would just build it up a bit higher and fix it in place.

I still think it needs to be named after someone from Charlestown, and my choice for a name would

be the Robert Wallace Bridge named after a great Townie who was always a voice for the community, especially back in the 1970s and '80s when I came to know him and his

family. Bobby Wallace didn't just reside in the town, he LIVED in the town. He loved Charlestown and always had its back when government officials were messing around with Townies.

It will take a while longer for the temporary bridge to be completed and that much longer for the brand new bridge to span the North End and Charlestown. Meanwhile, I am sure folks will continue to have good days and bad days in traffic for God only knows how long. Time to grin and bare it for a while longer.

SPEAKING OF THE BRIDGE

A few weeks back, the Patriot-Bridge ran a small news story about the placement of a Boston Fire engine company closer to City Square and the bridge during construction. This news reminded me of a blueprint I came across from the mid-'70s when the Boston Fire Department was going build a new station at the corner of Chelsea and Warren

streets not far from the Navy Yard. That house was never built, but it does appear an engine company will be somewhere near there.

Charlestown teens set out for catch of the day

On Wednesday, July 10, eight teens from Turn it Around joined Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay for a free day of recreational fishing on Boston Harbor aboard the 49-passenger classic fishing boat, "The Belle."

Save the Harbor's free Catch of the Day program offers young people from area youth development and community groups an interactive "bait-to-plate" curriculum that teaches young people how to catch and prepare striped bass, flounder, black sea bass and mackerel using traditional fishing methods.

Over the summer, Save the Harbor will host 24 free Catch of the Day fishing trips, bringing nearly a thousand youth and teens out on the water, many of them for the first time.

"This free program teaches young people who live just a few miles from Boston Harbor the fun of fishing and the importance of eating more sustainably sourced seafood," said Save the Harbor's

President Tani Marinovich. "It also helps us create the next generation of Boston Harbor stewards who understand the importance of the fishing industry to the city and the recreational and educational value of our spectacular harbor to them and their communities."

As they returned to the dock, the new anglers learned to prepare the fish they caught, and sampled fresh ceviche that they helped prepare on the boat with Save the Harbor's Director of Strategy and Communications Bruce Berman, who helped develop the curriculum with avid angler and chef Basil Freddura of the Daily Catch restaurants.

"It's a simple recipe, said Berman." "We use fresh fish cut into small cubes, cured in lime juice and seasoned with fresh garlic, cilantro, scallions and both sweet and hot peppers. It is healthy and delicious and the kids love it."



Melvin Jones from Turn it Around Charlestown holds up a skate he caught during the Catch of the Day outing last Wednesday with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay aboard Boston Fun Cruises The Belle.



Teens from Turn It Around Charlestown spent a day on Boston Harbor as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Catch of the Day program to learn about sustainable fishing practices.

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in Inman Square, and Monument set up an ice cream cart and point-of-sale machine just inside their door.

Last Thursday afternoon, as the temperatures climbed, several families and friends came through the doors to grab a cone on their way home or while running errands.

"We were excited to be able to

get ice cream here on Main Street again," said Gina Powers. "I don't think we've had something on Main Street since Friendly's closed a long time ago."

Monument offered ice cream three days last week from 3-8 p.m., and they'll decide soon if it was popular enough to bring it back in August.



Emily Ringrose, Manager Lauren Whelan, Chef Conor Seip and Owner Jon Sweeney around the Monument Scoops cart.

Visit www.charlestownbridge.com

Night Shift: Gilmore Bridge night work stretching neighbors thin

By Seth Daniel

Living next to the Gilmore Bridge can mean a great view of traffic jams – and that's no surprise – but to a lot of neighbors on the Charlestown/Cambridge line, they never expected to have to endure nightly jackhammering on Bridge three seasons annually year upon year.

Dan Spierer and his wife, Kathy, have lived in the Somerville/Charlestown/Cambridge triangle for more than 40 years, and moved into one of the buildings next to the Gilmore about 16 months ago. Obviously, they knew with Cambridge Crossing that it was an area in flux, but they never anticipated sleepless nights due to the Gilmore.

"Last fall, they started doing work on the Gilmore in the middle of the night – starting up at 8 p.m. and jackhammering constantly until 2 a.m. every night for three weeks. All they did was jackhammer. I can't figure out what takes so much jackhammering, but that's what they did. In the spring this year, they started up again, going four or five hours into the dead of night jackhammering. Then, with the construction at Cambridge Crossing, they start their work set-up at 6 a.m. It leaves a window of only about four hours of quiet to sleep."

Spiere said the jackhammering continued for about seven weeks in the spring, then stopped. He

said he believes it's impacting thousands of people in the new and existing units along the Gilmore.

"I have lived in this general area about 45 years and I have never seen them do construction at night like this," he said. "I remember they did night construction on the Mass Pike's Commonwealth Avenue Bridge a few years ago, but that was a critical highway that needed to be done fast. The Gilmore Bridge is just not that big of a deal; it's not a critical route."

Late last week, MassDOT announced they would be coming back to do more work on the Gilmore – starting July 27 and going through the end of September. However, this time they will only be working on weekends, according to MassDOT.

Lane closures will be implemented each weekend from approximately 8 a.m., Saturday, through 5 a.m., Monday. During these weekends, one lane of travel will be open in each direction, which will enable crews to safely and effectively conduct bridge repair operations.

"As always, work is being conducted in ways that minimize impacts on the traveling public and local community," read the release. "For example, jackhammering will only be conducted during daytime hours."

Spiere said that could be worse than working at night, and he wonders when it will be that residents will be prioritized ahead of

drivers and commuters.

"This is all to accommodate traffic and drivers on the Bridge, whether at night or on the weekends," he said. "They don't want to inconvenience them. I think it's the drivers who should be inconvenienced and not the residents. The residents living next to the Bridge should not have to be inconvenienced with this kind of noise to help drivers."

The full scope of work on the Gilmore includes repairing the concrete deck, installing deck joints, milling, and paving.

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ROLLER HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



Connor Woods and Aiden Biscoe.

Children gathered at Eden Street Park in Charlestown on Saturday, July 27, for the fifth annual Cookie Jar Kids Roller Hockey Tournament. Teams faced off in the competitive game throughout the morning.

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Joe Neilon looks to pass the ball to a teammate.

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Bradley Kaufman and Anthony Palmer faced off in roller hockey at Edwards Playground.



Anthony Palmer participated in the 5th annual Cookie Jar Kids Roller Hockey Tournament.



Quimm Rockhill led his team in the Cookie Jar.



Daniel Chan navigated through the defenders.

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A SPECIAL EVENT AT THE CHARLESTOWN LIBRARY MAKING BOOKS COME ALIVE



Yuri with Rosie, Leela, Emma, and Thomas enjoying the show.

Wally the Green Monster visited the Charlestown branch of the Boston Public Library on July 24 for his Making Books Come Alive show. The interactive performance encouraged children to use sounds, actions, and imitation while reading to improve listening and literary skills. Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) members and neighbors attended for a silly and engaging afternoon, and an opportunity to win Red Sox tickets.

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA



Reed receiving a high-five from narrator Brian after helping Wally color a book.



Children laughing at Wally being silly.



Right: Two-year-old Carlos and Erin Pucci, laughing with Wally.
Above: Wally the Green Monster, and narrator, Brian, presenting Making Books Come Alive at the Charlestown library on July 24.

As part of the Making Books Come Alive program, Wally takes children on an interactive reading adventure! He shows kids how to use sounds, actions, and imagination to make books come alive through a fun, fast-paced show that invites participants to explore the joys of reading while laughing and increasing their confidence in learning.



Morgan providing sound effects for a story about a fire truck.

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ROLLER HOCKEY (from pg. 1)

p.m. when they were still there sweeping up and cleaning the court. That's what sealed it for me. So, I'm taking a back-seat role and letting them take the bull by the horns."

O'Donnell said he and DelValle – who will also play on the powerful O'Donnell Young Guns team in the Kup – are excited to take on the leadership role.

"I think for the most part when he asked us, it was about giving back to what we grew up watching and what we now play in and look forward to every summer," he said. "It's an atmosphere we wanted to make sure continued into the future so that the young kids could see us play like we saw the older guys play when we were young. It's kind of about being a positive role model and continuing to have a safe, competitive atmosphere. It's the best hockey in Boston and we want to showcase that to people in Charlestown and to the neighboring cities."

Brennan said he's been very excited by what they've done so far, including going out and getting sponsors and asking for help from the community.

"They did a great job getting this organized," he said. "I gave them the letterhead and tried to get them out in the community with it and in front of people as much as possible. That let people know they were in charge."

"The tournament kind of takes care of itself with the talent and notoriety, but there is a lot of things you have to accumulate, the legwork, and getting sponsors," he continued.

The weekend looks like an ideal one to be on wheels – with no rain projected for the first time in more than a decade.

Naturally, the Charlestown teams – including the O'Donnell team and Brendan Collier's team – have affixed a target on the South Boston 'Mooks' team, which has won the Kup two years in a row after losing it three years ago.

"That Southie team is going to be back and they will be contending to retain their title," said Brennan. "It's a little bit of an adjusted team from the last two years, but they are going to be in contention again."

O'Donnell said to watch for is Nolan Doherty's crew from South Boston, as well.

O'Donnell's Young Guns are also a team that could make a run and take it all, Brennan said.

"These kids are at that age where they're going to be in seri-

ous contention for the finals," said Brennan. "They've been close several times, and this could be the year they do it."

O'Donnell also called out The P's Team, as well as The Tips, as teams to watch.

Naturally, Collier's team will also be one of a host of Charlestown teams shooting to knock Southie off their pedestal and back over the North Washington Street Bridge – empty handed, of course.

"The Charlestown teams – with Collier's team and all the others – are going to be tough," said O'Donnell. "There are a lot of Charlestown teams going all out for it. I can see a Charlestown team taking it all this year."

Referees George Dighton and Mike Doe will once again be making sure everything is fair and square, as they have done for years, and the drawing for pairings in the double elimination tournament will take place Friday evening at The Kitchen.

In a fun twist, Brennan, O'Donnell and DelValle have created what they're calling the 'Press Pantry' at The Kitchen, which will be a spot for Brennan to broadcast most of the games and commentary on Facebook Live.

"If people can't make it down for all of the Kup, they can tune in and not miss any of the action or the commentary," said Brennan.

And as always, the lore of the vaunted tournament has increased once again this year following the Stanley Cup series between St. Louis and Boston. Brennan said it was noteworthy that two players, Matt Grzelcyk and Zach Sanford, both scored goals in Game 7, and both played in the Kitchen Kup when they were younger.

"Both of these guys played in the Kitchen Kup, and Sanford scored a goal in Game 7 for St. Louis, and of course Grzelcyk scored for the Bruins in Game 7 too," he said. "The next kid that comes out of here this weekend could be doing that same thing in years to come. It's what's great about the Kitchen Kup."

Sponsors this year include RW Sullivan, Grasshopper Café, Lyndsay Hill Design, McHugh Electric, Baar Realty Advisors, Paul Anthony Long, Continuum, Starbucks, Labor Assistance Professionals, Elmont Capital Consultants, DC 35 Painters Union, and Councilor Lydia Edwards – among others.

Tickets on sale for second Murphys Boxing event at Encore

Staff Report

Tickets are now on sale for Encore Boston Harbor's second Murphys Boxing championship match on Friday, August 23, at the newly opened \$2.6 billion resort. The second match is subsequent to a sold-out event on Friday, July 12, which saw more than 2,300 attendees.

"We were thrilled to see such success with our inaugural Murphys Boxing match earlier this month," says Robert DeSalvio, President of Encore Boston Harbor. "We are so happy to bring these Las Vegas-

style events to the Boston area, and we're glad to see the community responding so well. We plan to continue offering these can't-miss nights."

Headlining the stacked card will be Boston's most popular fighter, Mark DeLuca (24-1, 13 KOs) who will take on undefeated Mexican knockout artist, Edgardo Velazquez (11-0, 11 KOs) in a 10-round battle for DeLuca's title. The co-main event will feature one of the hottest fighters in the super featherweight division, Murphys Boxing's own, Abraham Nova (15-0, 11 KOs) and Mexico's Jesus Antonio Perez Campos (23-3, 18

KOs). The undercard will feature a who's who of many other Boston-area based fighters.

"People are still buzzing about our last event at Encore Boston Harbor," said Ken Casey, Murphys Boxing founder and promoter. "It's so exciting to be coming right back to Encore with the big guns like DeLuca, Nova and Gongora all on the same card while the excitement is still in the air."

Encore Boston Harbor will host Murphys Boxing fight night on Friday, August 23. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$50 and are on sale now at ticketmaster.com.

USS Constitution Museum opens new exhibit about today's crew

The USS Constitution Museum opened a new exhibit this week, entitled 'Today's Crew: USS Constitution.' The exhibit, open to all visitors during regular Museum hours, highlights the active duty crew members currently serving aboard "Old Ironsides."

"The magnitude of what we're doing here, I don't think any of us comprehend," says USS Constitution crew member Olivia Manley in an interview

featured in the new exhibit. "I think it's kind of funny, like I'm 21, she's 221. Just to see the difference is like going back generations where you see a family portrait of the grandmother, the mother, the daughter, you know, and the grandkids and everything like that. And this is like a huge family portrait for all of us. And that's kind of how I like to look at it. It's amazing."

Through candid video interviews and vibrant photographs,

visitors to the exhibit will learn from the sailors, in their own words, what it is like being in the United States Navy, spending time away from their families, and working aboard the oldest commissioned warship afloat.

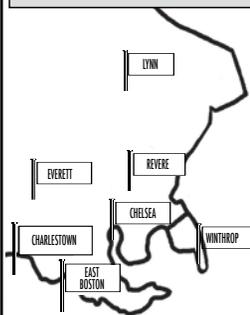
The Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. USS Constitution, America's Ship of State, is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is free to visitors with a government-issued I.D.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB TEEN CAMP VISIT STATE HOUSE



The Boys and Girls Club Teen Camp and staff, were guests of Rep. Dan Ryan and Sen. Sal DiDomenico for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Massachusetts State House last Friday, July 19. The teens were treated to some Beacon Hill area pizza in the House Member's Lounge before being allowed on the floor of the House, accompanied by Rep. Ryan. An informal session of the house had just ended. With the house in recess the teens were able get a view of the chamber from the rostrum where they took turns wielding the gavel. Jim Henry, from the Sen. DiDomenico's office, then accompanied the group to the Senate chamber where the young leaders were allowed access to the Senate balcony, overlooking the Boston Common. The teens then took the public tour of the State House provided by Secretary of State Bill Galvin's Office. The Boys and Girls Club Summer Teen Camp provides and enriching and enjoyable summer camp and employment opportunities for area teens. The State House tour has now become an annual stop on their busy summer agenda.

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54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, the first black regiment recruited from the North to fight for the Union Army, and their heroism in the American Civil War. Byron Rushing will make remarks and introduce the film.

CITY COUNCILOR LYDIA EDWARDS HOSTS COFFEE HOUR

Saturday, Aug. 3, Councilor Lydia Edwards invites constituents to a coffee hour from 10 a.m. to noon at Charlestown Tea and Treats, 1 Monument Ave. Stop by to say hello and share your questions, comments, and concerns regarding our neighborhood. For more information please contact lydiaforboston1@gmail.com.

FREE SCREENING OF THE MOVIE 'GLORY' ON BOSTON COMMON

Join Friends of the Public Garden for a special free screening under the stars of the Academy Award-winning film "Glory" on Tuesday, Aug. 13, from 8 to 11 p.m. on the Boston Common. As a part of the Shaw 54th Memorial Restoration programming, the Partners are excited to host an outdoor screening of the classic film on the Parade Ground.

"Glory" tells the story of the

COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN PARTY

On Tuesday, August 13 at 10:30 a.m. first time kindergartners in the Boston Public Schools system are invited to The Charlestown Branch Library to a Kindergarten Day Party with parents or caregivers. Kindergartners should wear their yellow "I'm going to Kindergarten" t-shirt. The Charlestown Branch of the BPL is located at 179 Main Street. Online at www.bpl.org.

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MAYOR WALSH'S MOVIE NIGHTS

Mayor Martin J. Walsh's Movie Nights, part of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's ParkARTS program, returns to Charlestown on Tuesday, August 27. The movie *Dumbo!* will be shown at 7:45 p.m. at the Training Field - Winthrop St. Snacks and beverages provided.

SUMMER NIGHTS IN THE YARD

Fun has come to Charlestown this season thanks to the efforts of the National Park Service, Boston Harbor Now, a non-profit dedicated to providing community access to the Boston Harbor and its islands, Yoga Around Town, Berklee College of Music, Boston Swing Central and Charlestown High School. From swing dancing to live concerts by the sea,

residents and visitors alike can expect to create memorable moments with both the community and waterfront. To

learn more about public programming taking place this summer on the waterfront and harbor islands, visit bostonharborislands.org.

HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY

The Harvest on Vine Food Pantry is requesting small bags of white rice and cans of tuna fish this week. 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.

FAMILY FIREPOWER PROGRAM AT USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM

Calling all new recruits! Sign up for the free Family Firepower

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Please visit ussconstitution-museum.org/events/join-the-gun-crew to register.

For more information contact sdunbar@usscm.org or 617-426-1812 x113.

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CONSTRUCTION LOOK AHEAD: JULY 28 – AUGUST 8

NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE (CHARLESTOWN BRIDGE)

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

TRAVEL IMPACTS

- Inbound: one lane available on weekdays off-peak, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Keany Sq. inbound: two lanes and all turn movements available weekdays off-peak, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. One inbound lane will be closed on Saturdays 7/27, 8/3, and 8/10 for separate work by the City of Boston (see Travel Tips below for details).
- Keany Sq. outbound: one lane and all turn movements available on weekdays off-peak, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Tudor Wharf walkway: occasional daytime closures with detour access via Water Street underpass

PAUL REVERE PARK PLAYGROUND

DESCRIPTION: Delivery and installation of new playground equipment will continue in Paul Revere Park.

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

TEMPORARY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

DESCRIPTION: Continued construction of the temporary vehicle, pedestrian, and utility bridges including bridge bents, abutments, and utilities.

WORK HOURS: Daytime (6 a.m. – 3 p.m.) on weekdays and Saturday, July 20.

UTILITY INSTALLATION & UPGRADES

DESCRIPTION: Continued installation of a waterline by J.F. White and a gas pipe by National Grid at Keany Square.

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

TRAVEL TIPS

Be advised that the City of Boston is installing conduit at Keany Square on Saturdays 8/3, and 8/10. This work has been coordinated with MassDOT and JF White to not conflict with this project. Motorists will be able to turn right onto Causeway St while the lane is closed. Contact the City of Boston and BOS:311 with any questions.

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 Tudor Wharf walkway closures, pedestrian access will be provided via the Water Street underpass and guidance signage will be provided.

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:

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*When: Tuesday, August 13, 9:30 a.m.
Where: Boston City Hall, 1 City Hall Square, Boston, Room 801
Proposals: 72 Bunker Hill St. and 103 Russell St.

*When: Thursday, August 22, 5 p.m.
Where: 1010 Mass Ave, Boston, 5th Floor
Proposals: 79 School St.

• Charlestown Community Blood Drive
What: Community blood drive with the American Red Cross, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

When: Sunday, July 28, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Where: Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus,

545 Medford St.

- Warren Prescott School Dates:
 - September 2: Labor Day - No School
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 - September 9: First Day of School (Students in K1 and K2)

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A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND BOSTON HARBOR NOW A NIGHT OF SWING

As an orange sun set over the Boston skyline, and cannons fired from the USS Constitution on the July 27 evening, dancers spun on the DECCA patio in the Charlestown Navy Yard. The National Park Service and Boston Harbor Now partnered with Boston Swing Central for a night of free swing dance lessons instructed by husband and wife, Max and Natalie Eringros, who refer to the experienced dancers who help guide beginners as “dance angels.”

“My first impression of swing dancing was, “Wow – everyone is welcome here,”” described Natalie, a member of the Swing Central Board of Directors. “The music is amazing and the dancers are nice. It feels like a community.”

Attend the Roaring Twenties Lawn Party at Castle Hill for ‘Charleston’ dancing on the Crane Estate, Ipswich, August 3-4, 3-8 p.m. Visit www.RoaringTwentiesLawnParty.org for additional information. Join Boston Swing Central for the Dirty Water Lindy Exchange, August 23-25, for swing lessons and social dancing to live music performed by the Toni Lynn Washington Band, 8 p.m.-midnight. To learn more about admission and locations, visit www.DirtyWaterLindy.org.

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