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# CHARLESTOWN

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## Townie Santa to return for the holidays this season

By Seth Daniel

An age-old, but forgotten, Charlestown tradition will be returning for the holidays this year, and it's likely to brighten the faces of several homebound elderly and veterans.

A conglomeration of volunteers from the Bunker Hill Associations, the Golden Age Senior Center, 100 Ferrin St., Mayor Martin Walsh, the Age Strong Commission, Crystal Galvin at the Kennedy Center and Tiara Murphy at Boston Housing are uniting to bring back Townie Santa for the season.

"We're bringing back Townie Santa this year for the holidays," said Kim Mahoney, of the Bunker Hill Associates and the Warren Tavern. "Charlestown shines when we do things like this. It's the way the community comes together - everyone rolling up their sleeves and working for the same goal. That's the fabric of the community."

Townie Santa was a staple of the holidays in the 1980s and 1990s when the Conway family, former Charlestown Patriot newspaper owners, would organize a massive effort to deliver a hot meal and goodie bag to elderly home-bound seniors in the Town. As time went on, and people moved on, the effort fizzled out and seniors have not benefitted from the program for years.

Mahoney and Golden Age Director Meghan Murray said they believe it is just the right time to bring it all back, and to add

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## MAYOR'S FUNDRAISER



Photo by Marianne Salza

Edward Wellington, Mayor Martin Walsh, Elaine McCarthy, and Boston Corporate Counsel (and former State Representative) Gene O'Flaherty during Mayor Walsh's fundraiser on Weds., Nov. 6, at the Charlestown Knights of Columbus Hall. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

## State hopes changes at Rutherford, Cambridge will help Gilmore Bridge

By Seth Daniel

One of the most frustrating pinch-points for local traffic in the Town has become the Gilmore Bridge - a much more critical corridor these days as more residents look to travel to work in Cambridge.

That commute, while just minutes without traffic, can last an eternity coming into the Town and getting out of it - and also interfering with those simply trying to get by the daily congestion.

The frustrations with the Gilmore have often surfaced during meetings about the reconstruction of Rutherford Avenue, even though that adjacent bridge is not in any way part of the Rutherford project. That said, it plays a great role in the traffic congestion that figures into the Rutherford corridor - and a piece that few have been able to address.

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## Different Clientele

### Neighborhood Council split on support for new Bunker Hill packie license

By Adam Swift

The owner of Sanchez Market at 160 Bunker Hill St. is looking to expand from beer and wine sales to a full liquor license.

At last week's meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, opinion was split on if Bunker Hill Street needs another liquor store.

Some residents and council members spoke in favor of the request, citing the desire to support a local business by allowing the market to better serve its primarily Spanish-speaking clientele. But others, including the owners of two nearby liquor stores, spoke against allowing another full package-store license in the neighborhood, noting that the area is already well served and warning against going back to the bad old days when Charlestown was known for having more bars and package stores per capita than any place else in the country.

"This is a completely different clientele," said attorney Scott

Holmes, representing Sanchez Market owner Angel Acosta. "This is a Spanish-based food store that has been selling beer and wine without incident for five years."

Holmes said the owner is seeking the all-alcohol license in part to increase his income and support his family, as well as to better serve the Spanish-speaking residents in the area.

"It's easy to say no more liquor stores in Charlestown, but this is part of an effort to raise his kids," said Holmes. "This is a prominent store for the Spanish-speaking people in the neighborhood, and he is working there seven days per week."

The approval to allow the full-liquor license comes down to a hearing before and approval of the City's License Board. As of last week's Neighborhood Council meeting, Holmes said a date has not been set for that hearing.

Holmes also noted that Mayor Martin Walsh is planning on add-

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## VETERANS BANQUET



Photo by Derek Kouyoumjian

Veteran Ed Cottier served on the USS Saratoga, and was given the royal treatment at the seventh annual Veterans Banquet on Thursday, Nov. 7. In addition to honoring veterans from the Town, the Abraham Lincoln Post 11 GAR gave out more than \$5,000 in scholarships to local students. See Page 5 for more photos.

# EDITORIAL

## THE CLIMATE SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN WRONG ALL ALONG

For the better part of three decades, the vast majority of scientists -- including those hired by the petroleum industry -- have warned the world that climate change is occurring principally because of carbon emissions from our addiction to fossil fuels for our automobiles, coal power plants, industry, and agricultural production.

They have measured the effects in any number of ways, most especially the shrinkage of the ice sheets at the polar regions that eventually will result, they have said, in a rise in sea levels around the globe.

They also have told us that a warming planet will bring about an increase in ocean temperatures, which in turn will have devastating consequences both for marine life, which cannot exist in warmer waters, and for ourselves, who will feel the impact of ever-more devastating storms.

They have warned that unless we take steps within the next decade to curb the so-called greenhouse gas emissions, the Earth could become irreversibly changed by the end of this century.

However, the scientists have been wrong. Very wrong.

It turns out that the time frame the climate scientists predicted for the dramatic effects of climate change to occur has been grossly underestimated because their models did not take into account the effect of the feedback loops created by our warming planet.

We aren't scientists, but even we understand what is happening right in front of our eyes.

The ice sheets at the poles are melting faster than even the direst of models had predicted. The extraordinary heat wave across Europe this past summer (U.S. women's soccer fans will recall the high temperatures in France during the World Cup) resulted in temperatures reaching the 80s in the Arctic Circle -- an unheard-of phenomenon.

Environment Canada, the country's national weather agency, confirmed that Alert, Nunavut, the most-northerly, permanently-inhabited spot on Earth, hit 69.8 degrees Fahrenheit (21 degrees Celsius) on July 14, the highest temperature ever recorded there.

As the ice at the poles shrinks, instead of sunlight being reflected (by the ice) back into outer space, it is absorbed by the earth. When that happens, the permafrost at the Arctic Circle starts to thaw out, releasing carbon dioxide that has been trapped in it for millennia into our atmosphere, thereby warming our planet at an even faster rate.

It now is clear that scientists' predictions that the effects of climate change were a distant prospect, for which we still had time to take appropriate action, have been vastly underestimated -- by a factor of decades.

Climate change is happening today. The devastating succession of hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and droughts of the past few years have wiped the earth clean of civilization wherever they have struck. Yes, in most instances we can rebuild (though the communities in the Florida Panhandle destroyed by Hurricane Michael in 2018 still look like war zones), but only at a huge cost -- and only until the next climate change-induced catastrophe strikes.

Greta Thunberg's future is not being imperiled. Her future is now the present.

It is the end of the world as we know it.

And unless we immediately and dramatically change our ways, we will not be fine (apologies to REM).



PLEASE HELP WITH FOOD + GIFTS FOR THE NEEDY

## GUEST OP-ED

### Encouraging lifelong learning by eliminating late fees for youth at our public libraries

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

In the City of Boston, we believe every child deserves an equal opportunity to succeed. We're investing more than ever in our public schools, building out universal pre-kindergarten, providing free community college, helping students experiencing homelessness, and giving free T passes to all Boston students in Grades 7-12. We are dedicated to breaking down any barriers that exist between our students and the quality education they deserve.

Over the past five years, we've also made historic investments in another educational asset: our public library system. Our 26 library locations are precious neighborhood resources. They often serve as an extension of our schools, and they encourage learning after school and all year long.

We recently announced a new policy that will help make sure all our young people have access to the services our libraries provide. On November 1, all Boston Public Library locations eliminated overdue balances for those under the age of 18 who have a Boston Public Library card. While youth cardholders will still be required to return any overdue books in order

to check out additional materials, they will no longer face fines for late returns. We believe this will encourage more young people to take advantage of the educational resources our libraries provide.

Many young people might struggle to pay off their overdue balance and feel ashamed returning to the library. I remember worrying about that when I got an overdue notice when I was a kid. I felt like I had committed a crime and I was afraid to go back. I don't want any kid or teenager to feel that way, because a library is a public institution that is meant to serve as a resource for everyone. If a child is seeking out more ways to learn, or a safe place to spend time after school, we don't want them to avoid libraries because of fear over late fees.

Eliminating late fees isn't the only way we're encouraging young people to visit our libraries. We're also renovating our library buildings to make them more modern, welcoming, and supportive of the kinds of programming people in our neighborhoods want. Our new capital plan includes a \$127 million investment in our libraries, including \$10 million to renovate the Roslindale branch, \$18.3 million to renovate the Adams Street branch in Dorchester, and sev-

eral other improvement projects throughout our neighborhoods. We're installing new technologies, public artwork, and creating more spaces where communities can gather.

The Boston Public Library is the oldest free city library in the United States. Our city has a long legacy of investing in cultural resources and public education. The BPL's motto is "Free to all." That means that our 26 library locations belong to the people of Boston. They exist to serve all people, of all backgrounds and income levels. Eliminating late fees for youth under 18 is our next step toward that goal. With more than 150,000 youth library cardholders in the City of Boston, I believe this change will make a significant positive impact. We hope there will be additional benefits, too: some other American cities that have eliminated library fines have seen significant increases in return rates.

This is one of the ways we're investing in our neighborhoods and inspiring the next generation to follow their interests, seek out knowledge, and become engaged in their communities.

*Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.*



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# Councilor Flaherty tops ticket in Charlestown, Murphy strong here

By Seth Daniel

Final unofficial numbers from the Election Department this week show that Councilor Michael Flaherty once again topped the ticket in Charlestown in the Nov. 5 Council at-large race, with Councilor Michelle Wu finishing in a close second.

Candidate Erin Murphy made a strong showing in Charlestown, but citywide finished fifth and out of the money.

Flaherty also topped the ticket in the September Preliminary Election. However in the Nov. 5 election, on a citywide basis he finished in third place behind Councilor Annissa Essaibi George.

In Charlestown, though, he still remains very strong and was the top choice again.

The vote locally went quite different than it did citywide, with the

citywide finish being Wu, Essaibi George, Flaherty, and Julia Mejia in fourth place. That fourth place finish, though, is still being contested by Alejandra St. Guillen – who lost by only 10 votes and has petitioned for an official recount of the vote.

In Charlestown, the vote order was as follows: Michael Flaherty, Michelle Wu, Erin Murphy, Annissa Essaibi George, Alejandra St. Guillen, Althea Garrison, Julia Mejia, and David Halbert.

Turnout in the Town was nothing spectacular, but it did surpass much of the turnout for other parts of the City where about 10 percent or fewer came out. Many Charlestown precincts were at 17 percent turnout or greater, with only one down at 11 percent. Citywide turnout was only 16.5 percent.

## CHARLESTOWN WARD AND PRECINCTS

Charlestown Totals  
 Michael Flaherty – 1,376 (1)  
 Alejandra St. Guillen – 551 (5)  
 Michelle Wu – 1,327 (2)  
 Julia Mejia – 376 (7)  
 Erin Murphy – 981(3)  
 Althea Garrison – 440 (6)  
 David Halbert – 293 (8)  
 Annissa Essaibi George – 969 (4)

2-1 – (Zelma Lacey House)  
 Michael Flaherty – 260  
 Alejandra St. Guillen – 82  
 Michelle Wu – 228  
 Julia Mejia - 47  
 Erin Murphy – 196  
 Althea Garrison – 74  
 David Halbert – 53  
 Annissa Essaibi George – 168

2-2 (Harvard-Kent School –)  
 Michael Flaherty – 213  
 Alejandra St. Guillen – 102  
 Michelle Wu – 213  
 Julia Mejia - 108  
 Erin Murphy – 128  
 Althea Garrison – 71

David Halbert – 51  
 Annissa Essaibi George – 151  
 2-3 (Zelma Lacey House)  
 Michael Flaherty – 162  
 Alejandra St. Guillen – 91  
 Michelle Wu – 194  
 Julia Mejia - 47  
 Erin Murphy – 110  
 Althea Garrison – 48  
 David Halbert – 37  
 Annissa Essaibi George – 139

2-4 (Harvard-Kent School –)  
 Michael Flaherty – 145  
 Alejandra St. Guillen – 71  
 Michelle Wu – 148  
 Julia Mejia - 43  
 Erin Murphy – 93  
 Althea Garrison – 52  
 David Halbert – 39  
 Annissa Essaibi George – 119

2-5 (Edwards Middle School –)  
 Michael Flaherty – 160  
 Alejandra St. Guillen – 64  
 Michelle Wu – 149

Julia Mejia - 45  
 Erin Murphy – 121  
 Althea Garrison – 50  
 David Halbert – 31  
 Annissa Essaibi George – 111

2-6 (Edwards Middle School)  
 Michael Flaherty – 247  
 Alejandra St. Guillen – 78  
 Michelle Wu – 215  
 Julia Mejia - 38  
 Erin Murphy – 203  
 Althea Garrison – 77  
 David Halbert – 46  
 Annissa Essaibi George – 168

2-7 (Golden Age Center)  
 Michael Flaherty – 189  
 Alejandra St. Guillen – 63  
 Michelle Wu – 180  
 Julia Mejia - 48  
 Erin Murphy – 130  
 Althea Garrison – 73  
 David Halbert – 36  
 Annissa Essaibi George – 113

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Dear Editor,

Maya Angelo, a well- respected activist and poet once said, “When you learn, teach. When you get, give.” With that in mind, we thank the community of Charlestown for their generous donations of non-perishable food items collected during the Bunker Hill Halloween parade.

Dubbed, Neighbor to Neighbor, we hope this endeavor will continue throughout the year to help the Harvest on Vine Food pantry keep their shelves stocked for the over 750 families that are provided with groceries each month.

For more information to donate, volunteer or simply learn more about the food pantry, contact Tom MacDonald at 617-990-7314 or email Tom at tmacdonald@stmaryscatherine.org.

The Harvest on Vine Emergency Food Pantry is located in the former St. Catherine annex at 49 Vine St.

One can or one box of cereal does make a difference. Please consider joining in the Neighbor to Neighbor outreach as Charlestown, traditionally, reaches out to anyone needing an extra hand or help.

This is what Charlestown is all about: taking care of one another, Neighbor to

Toby Goldstein  
 Ann Kelleher



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MPTA	5	3	0
Duce 2	2	4	2
A/1 Zume's	2	5	1

**Players of the week for 11/2/19**  
 A-1/Zume's - Logan F., Delaney B., Connor S., Charlie P.  
 Bryan's Pals - Kenny McLaughlin, David Chenea  
 Duce 2 - Silas Jones, Finn Cooper  
 MPTA - Declan Tucker, Liam Donohue

**Players of the week for 11/9/19**  
 A-1/Zume's - Everyone who came!  
 Bryan's Pals - Ki Ali, Jameson Donovan  
 Duce 2 - Rorey Herrick, Shane Herrick  
 MPTA - Brooke Tucker, Camdyn Bartlett

Gym Hockey is looking for 5-6-7 year old players. Anyone interested should call Debbie Lent - 617-241-0434.

**BRIDGE** (from pg. 1)

it. "Any major project for the Gilmore is going to need to be sequenced around GLX, Rutherford Avenue, and North Washington Street Bridge replacement which all influence traffic over the Gilmore," said Jacque Goddard, of MassDOT. "As far as congestion goes, any project on the Gilmore is unlikely to change congestion. The Gilmore Bridge is not the main pinch-point causing congestion - rather the connecting roadways on either side of the structure are congested, which in turn slows traffic over the Gilmore."

State Rep. Dan Ryan said the Gilmore Bridge is a conversation that could last all day long - a consequence once again of development around the edges of Charlestown in the last five years.

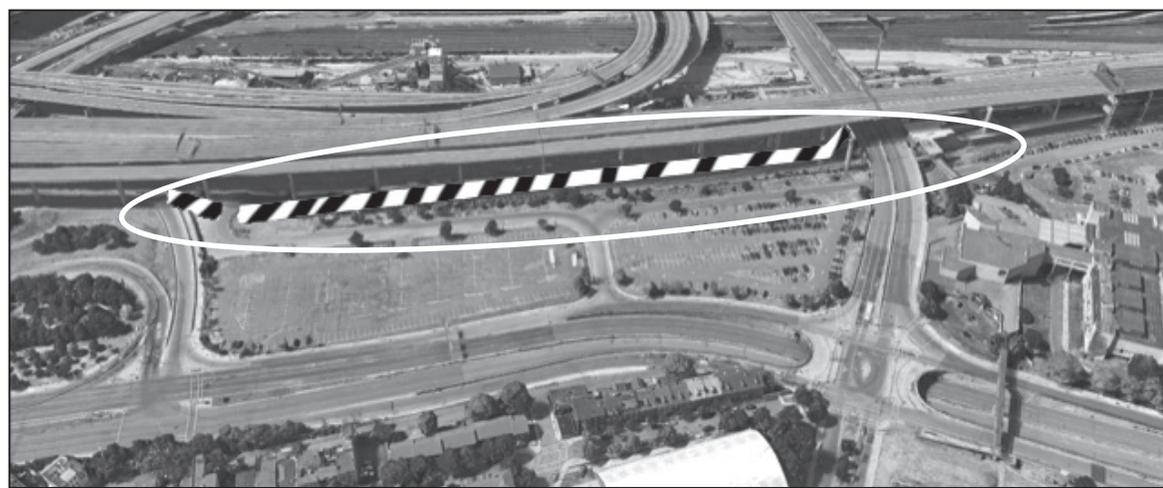
"I don't believe the Gilmore Bridge can be summed up in one conversation," he said. "There are short-term and long-term implications affecting traffic. Right now much of the morning traffic has been caused by long overdue maintenance on the bridge, as well as the re-routing of traffic due to the closing of the Washington Street-Green Line underpass on

the Somerville border. Long-term, we need a comprehensive, regional transportation plan to mitigate the seemingly unbridled development on Charlestown's borders. Although Kendall square, Assembly Row and North Station seemed to have popped up overnight these developments were 20 to 30 years in the making. "We have built it- they have come."

Resident Dan Jaffe, who has long been interested in brainstorming about traffic conundrums in the Town, has presented to the community an interesting plan that he believes could help relieve traffic for Charlestown on the Gilmore - particularly coming in from Cambridge.

That plan involves creating a new ramp that would lead from the Gilmore over an existing roadway below and feeding onto the Rt. 1/Tobin Bridge onramp next to the Potato Famine Memorial.

"Getting into Town in the afternoon is a disaster because you're stuck in the boondoggle of people trying to get to Rt. 1 North or 93 North," he said. "I'm hoping if they really want to relieve the northbound lane on the Bridge, they will look at building a new lane. It would be the same func-



The Gilmore Bridge is no picnic, though one could certainly have a picnic while waiting to get across it. Many feel the frustrations of the traffic in getting in and out of Charlestown, but resident Dan Jaffe has an idea to direct traffic to Rt. 1 with a new lane off the bridge.

tion, but adding a couple of girders and a deck. There is some investment, but you get a lot more from it."

He said the goal for the Gilmore and any such project should be to keep traffic away from Charlestown, which his suggestion seems to do.

"It's so much easier and directs all the traffic away from Charlestown," he said. "It's a win, win, win. I can't see it not hap-

pening...The trick is to move the traffic away from us or hide it. It's not going to disappear."

State Rep. Ryan said suggestions like that, as well as others, might be best laid out during the upcoming PLAN Charlestown process. He said that process can help with the booming development on the edges of Charlestown, mitigating the congestion that comes with those developments.

"The planning process we have embarked upon in Charlestown

is long overdue," he said. "The BPDA is correct in focusing primarily on our borders at first and then working in. The impacts we are feeling in Charlestown are the result of successful master plans produced and implemented by our neighbors over decades. We are at a critical juncture. A spirited community process can simultaneously take advantage of this growth while also protecting the heart of our neighborhood."

**PACKIE** (from pg. 1)

ing five additional liquor licenses for use in Charlestown over the next five years, although several Council members noted that those licenses will most likely be targeted for restaurant liquor licenses.

Chairman Tom Cunha said Charlestown has faced a number

of stigmas over the years.

"One of the things that I'm not proud of is that we were written up in Ripley's Believe It or Not for having the most liquor stores and bars of any mile in the United States," said Cunha. "That bothers me, and I always vote

against any additional liquor-selling establishment ... I understand that people feel there is a cultural need to be served in their own language, but my concern here, and will always be, like we do not need another marijuana store, we don't need another liquor store, and that's my opinion."

Council member Karson Tager said he supported the market's efforts to get a full liquor license.

"If the business wants to sell alcohol, let them sell alcohol," said Tager. "I don't want people to get in their car and drive down to Total Wine, that is decimating local business. I think it's crazy if we do not support local business."

But several local liquor store owners said there are already

locally owned stores in the neighborhood serving the community.

"I have three people who work for me who speak fluent Spanish, so I do not see the concern," said Paul Kelly, owner of the Bunker Hill Liquor Store at 200 Bunker Hill St. "We're not big corporations. Years ago, you were trying to get rid of liquor stores, and now you want to revert ... and open up the market."

Since a hearing date had not been set for the all-alcohol liquor license, the council decided to hold an additional hearing on the issue after a hearing is scheduled.

•In other business, it was no surprise that several conversations came up concerning traffic.

Council member Ed Grace

updated the committee on work to the North Washington Street Bridge, stating that by January, traffic would be rerouted to a temporary bridge.

In addition, Grace said when work is underway on the bridge, Boston EMS has committed to having two ambulances full-time on the Charlestown side of the bridge so that if one goes on a call, there is a backup ambulance in place.

"When construction is in full swing, we will have the two," he said.

•Council member Judy Brennan asked that a request be made to the police to provide a detail at the Tobin Bridge and Rutherford Avenue, hoping it can ease the traffic congestion and flaring tempers there.

•Council member Mary Boucher requested a public meeting be held, most likely early next year, to address the Medford-Bunker Hill connector street program.

•And in December, the council will have further discussion about increasing elected council terms from two to three years, although council member Bill Galvin said he is opposed to the change.

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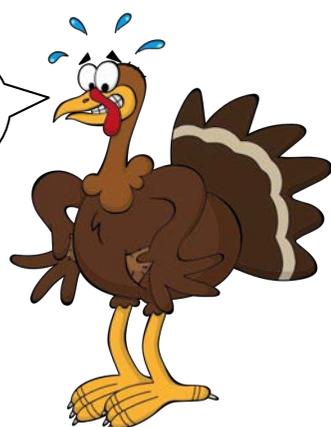
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# ABRAHAM LINCOLN POST HOSTS ANNUAL VETERANS BANQUET

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian



Wallace Tiffor, who won the autographed photo of the Boston Celtics, with Tom Griffin.

The seventh annual Veterans Banquet was hosted by the Abraham Lincoln Post 11 GAR at the Knights Of Columbus Hall on Thursday, Nov. 7. The event saw \$5,000 total in scholarships given to Charlestown students, two \$1,000 grants to College students and six \$500 grants going to students in Grades 1-12. Proceeds from attendees and the raffles support the scholarship fund and was an evening to remember and honor the sacrifices made by veterans from Charlestown and beyond.



Judy Evers and Gerry Donnaruma.



Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Francisco Urena and Stanley Leonard select raffle winners.



Abraham Lincoln Post 11 Memorial Hall President Joseph Zuffante with Councilor Lydia Edwards (right) and her mother Bridgett (center), who is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.



Larry Stevens, Michael Leonard, Walter Southern, Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Francisco Urena, David Hennessey, Councilor Lydia Edwards, State Rep. Dan Ryan, Stanley Leonard, Richie Brennan, Tom Coots, and Abraham Lincoln Post 11 Memorial Hall President Joseph Zuffante.



The Color Guard: Paul Kane, Andrew Coots, Dawson Gaudet, Tom Coots, and Joe Zuffante.

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# MAYOR MARTY WALSH'S CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER

Photos by Marianne Salza

Mayor Martin Walsh hosted a campaign fundraiser on Nov. 6 at the Knights of Columbus to gather support from Charlestown, East Boston, and North End advocates for the upcoming 2020 state election.

"It is a true honor to work with him," said Councilor Lydia Edwards as she introduced Mayor Walsh, who she has worked with for two years. "The best part is that we don't always agree, but we always get it done. That's compromise: talking, understanding, and growing together."

Mayor Walsh affirmed that the City Council will always come to an agreement on an issue after considerate negotiating. He thanked long-time City of Boston residents for their stability, new members of the community for their energy, and immigrants for working hard for a better life.

"It's about clarity, together," maintained Mayor Walsh. "We're doing 16 planning studies throughout the City of Boston to make sure that as we grow, we grow smart."

The mayor discussed the basic infrastructure that he believes are necessary for the city: more affordable housing, investments to improve roads and bridges that connect neighborhoods, and raising park grounds to protect the city from sea-level rises.

"At the end of the day it's about a better city government for the people," asserted Mayor Walsh. "That's why we have the greatest city in the world here in Boston."



Age Strong Commissioner Emily Shea, Eugenia Soiles, Kim Mahoney, and Marybeth Kelly.



Grace, Kathleen, and Brenna Callahan.



Mayor Martin Walsh speaking with Helen Kane.



CNC Chair Tom Cunha, Carolyn Wrenn-Shannon, and Joe Wrenn



Jesus Garcia, Noemi Rosado, Jose Alas, Miriam Avalo Pagan, and Mayra Martinez.



Carol Waller, 103-year-old Irene Morey, and Peter Weus.

## Sirgourney Cook, "What Am I Doing Here?"

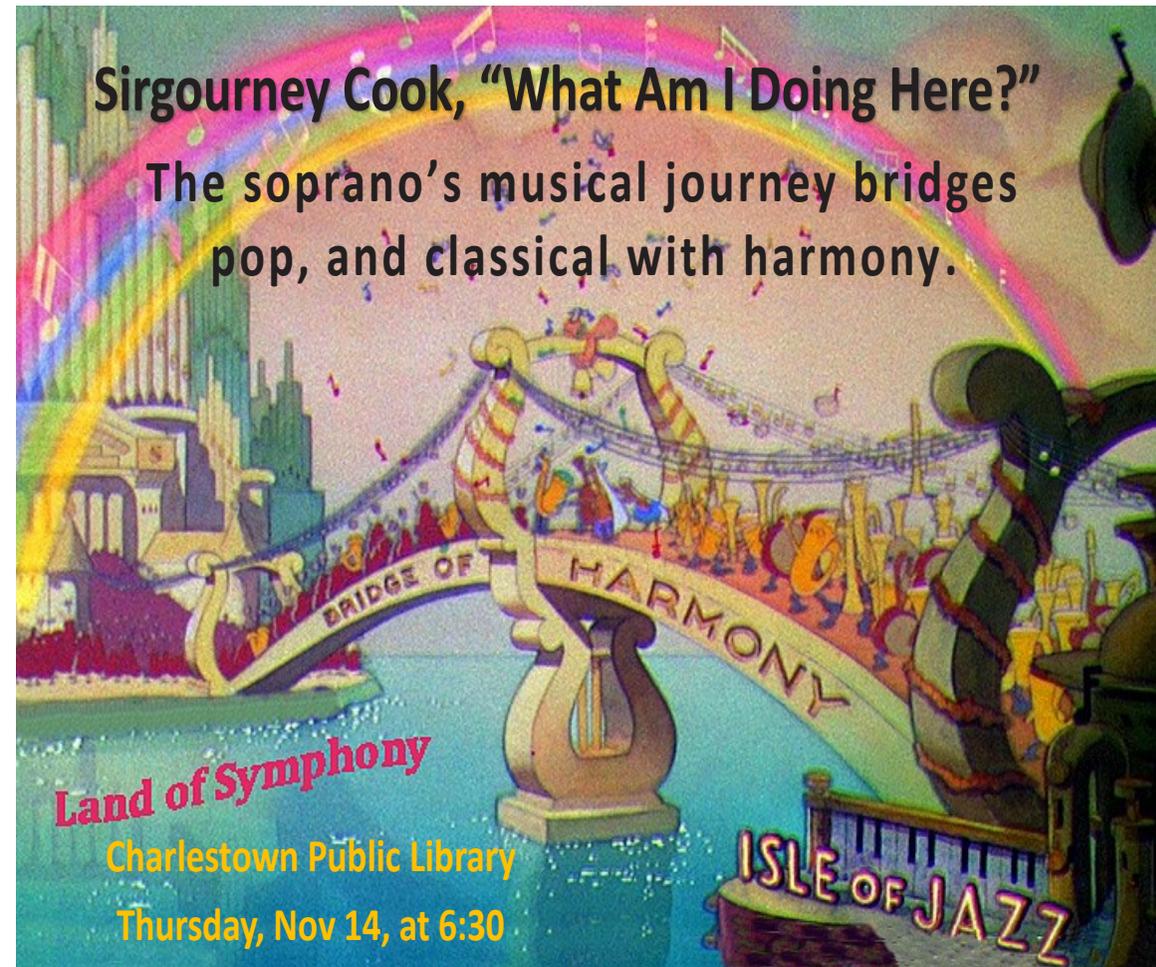
The soprano's musical journey bridges pop, and classical with harmony.

Land of Symphony

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Thursday, Nov 14, at 6:30

ISLE OF JAZZ



# MAYOR MARTY WALSH'S CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER



Councilor Lydia Edwards speaking with supporters. Councilor Edwards helped to introduce Mayor Walsh to the crowd on Wednesday night.



Mayor Martin Walsh with supporters at his Nov. 6 fundraiser in Charlestown.



Katie and Lilly Myers, Jack Tkachuk, and Meaghan Murray.



Mayor Marty Walsh, who is running for re-election in 2020, speaking to Charlestown, East Boston, and North End supporters during a November 6 fundraiser at the Charlestown Knights of Columbus.



John Dillon, Jean Tochtermann, Jocelin Yokow, and Judy Evers

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# LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Photos by Marianne Salza

The aroma of maple syrup wafted through the Knights of Columbus Hall on Nov. 10 during the Charlestown Lions Club Veterans Day Annual Pancake Breakfast, in celebration of service and commitment. Siblings, Bobby McGoff and Lisa Collins, volunteer in the kitchen each year, cooking hundreds of pancakes for veterans and their loved ones.

“It’s nice to see the generations of families that come every year,” said Ann-Marie Duffy -- daughter of Lions Club Treasurer, Jack Duffy, a Korean War Airforce veteran – who created raffle baskets to raise funds for the club. “They do a lot of benefits for folks who have issues with their eyes. They collect glasses to donate to people in poorer countries. They have an eye-mobile that gives free eye exams.”



*Paxton and Sean Parnell, State Rep. Dan Ryan, Moe Gillen, and Kennedy and Ingrid Parnell.*



*Korean War Airforce veteran Jack Duffy with his family.*



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## ON THE WATERFRONT

# Requiem for a tree

BY MICHAEL PARKER

A beautiful, large 50-foot beech tree in the Navy Yard was completely uprooted and fell due to the winds accompanying the devastating coastal storm. While I am sure that multiple trees met the same fate throughout the region, it is instructive to reflect on what was lost when this particular tree met its maker, the soil of Shipyard Park.

Besides serving as a home and ecosystem for numerous birds and other animals, the tree provided beauty, a sense of tranquility and much more. The tree captured dust and pollen and acted as a natural buffer to the ambient urban noise we hear every day (e.g., the Tobin Bridge traffic). When viewing the heat index map of Boston, most of the city shows up in hot red color, while the infrequent cooler, green areas are areas resplendent with trees (Franklin Park, the Arboretum, the Public Garden and Common, parks like Shipyard Park). Besides providing shade, trees are nature's air conditioner, the evaporation from this single tree produced a cooling effect of 10 air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. The difference in temperature between red and green areas on the heat index map can be up to 9 degrees Fahrenheit. That is a big deal considering that the amount of days where the temperature exceeds 90 degrees is expected to rise from approximately 13-15 per year to a staggering 90 days per year by the end of the century.

This tree was an important warrior in the fight against climate change. It absorbed carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide from the environment and supplied a day's worth of oxy-



gen for four people and stored 15 pounds of carbon each year. We are increasingly worried about sea level rise and its potentially devastating effects on our waterfront city. Well that tree was an important part of our first line of defense. Tree systems naturally store flood waters, slowly releasing them back into the waterbodies from where they came instead of bluntly blocking and re-routing flood waters at higher, more destructive speeds into neighboring buildings and streets.

This tree protected the city's critically important wetland resource areas. It reduced storm water runoff and screened out pollutants and sediments from the surface water that reaches Boston Harbor and other wetland resource areas – a natural filter more effective than the best engineered filter systems. Healthy wetland resource areas mitigate flooding in a big way, if the areas around New Orleans had adequately protected its natural wetlands, the flooding caused by Hurricane Katrina would have been significantly less destructive.

Ok, now that we know all this, what do we do? The Parks

Department works hard to plant street trees and increase the urban canopy, but with approximately 50,000 trees spread throughout the city, there are not enough resources to take care of them all. That means we need to take care of the trees once they are planted. Many individuals are doing just that, getting out and watering, mulching and aerating newly planted street trees. In the Navy Yard, students at the Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Professions are aiding their neighbors in this effort by adopting trees and caring for them. A new tree needs 20 gallons of water each week to survive, more during drought. If you have a tree near you and it looks dry, throw some water on it. Better yet, have your kids do it, you will be saving a tree and teaching them a valuable lesson. Once you do that, tie a hammock to your tree, relax and watch it grow.

*(Michael Parker chairs Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard and Boston's Conservation Commission. Anyone interested in becoming a tree steward can contact info@friendscny.org)*

## Enchanted Trolley to bring Santa Claus, Mayor on Dec. 8

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the schedule for the 2019 Enchanted Trolley Tour, a Boston holiday tradition of lighting holiday trees throughout the City. This year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will start on Friday, Dec. 6 and end on Sunday, Dec. 8, in neighborhoods throughout Boston.

"I love the holiday season around Boston. It's a great way to gather together as Bostonians and celebrate our neighbors, the City and our many neighborhoods," said Mayor Walsh. "I'm excited to start the season by making stops throughout the City for the annual trolley tour and tree light-

ings. This weekend-long celebration is a great family tradition for all Bostonians to come out and enjoy."

For the 24th year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will continue the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees while bringing holiday spirit to children across Boston. The event is sponsored by Bank of America, and includes visits with Santa, holiday performances, tree lightings, and more.

The 2019 Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lightings Schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Dec. 8  
3:45 p.m. Thompson Square, Charlestown

### SANTA (from pg. 1)

homebound veterans to the effort. "At the Associates, we have our grant process, but we wanted to do more," said Mahoney. "We were talking and agreed that the seniors in the town don't get much attention beyond the great work that Meghan and Paul Sullivan and others do for them every day. We decided we should bring back Townie Santa and gather other supporters to make it a community-wide effort."

Murray said they are compiling a list of homebound seniors and veterans (meaning those that can leave home for a doctor's appointment, but not much else), and they will have a hot meal delivered to them along with a bag of necessities for around the house.

On Dec. 22, Mahoney and Murray said they hope to use the Knights of Columbus to set up and cook the meals – boxing them with the goodie bags for volunteers to distribute throughout the community.

The Charlestown Mothers Association (CMA) has stepped up with a significant donation, and will be having a glove, hat and mitten drive to stock up the goodie bags.

More donations and volunteers are critical at this point, said Mahoney – who added that RSM in City Square has recently pledged support. She said she hopes more businesses around the Town will follow suit, and expects that they will. However, with Thanksgiving coming soon, the time is now to get involved.

A second piece of Townie Santa will be for all seniors, and will include a Holiday Party Luncheon at the Charlestown Knights of Columbus on Dec. 13 – all sponsored by the Flatley Companies.

Donations to the effort can be made to the Bunker Hill Associates, and can be dropped off at the Warren Tavern or the Golden Age Center (Main Street). Look for more drop off locations in the coming weeks.

"We're certainly not at the point where we can replicate this year what the Conways did in the past, but we're taking small steps and next year we believe we can say we're bringing back exactly what the Conways had with 'Townie Santa,'" she said. "This is just the beginning and we just started working on it."

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# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

## HARVEST ON VINE THANKSGIVING FOOD PANTRY APPEAL

For Thanksgiving, the Food Pantry is requesting canned cranberry sauce to include in its Holiday distribution. Donations of non-perishable foods, boxed breakfast cereal in particular, are also greatly appreciated.

Donations drops are: Food Pantry, 49 Vine St. (Hayes Square), The Cooperative Bank - 201 Main St. or the Parish Center - 46 Winthrop St. (by the Training Field). Or donate by sending checks to: Harvest on Vine, Parish Center, 46 Winthrop St., Charlestown, MA 02129. For more information, call Tom MacDonald 617-990-7314.

## AGC CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Artists' Group of Charlestown is accepting submissions of artwork for the December Exhibition 2019 to be held at the StoveFactory Gallery, Dec. 7 and 8, and Dec. 14 and 15, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each weekend. This exhibit is open to any artist, profession or emerging. We cordially invite you to submit your work. Submissions of original artwork may be 2 and/or 3 dimensional,

painting, prints, photography and sculpture, not exceeding 36" x 48". A submission form can be found on the web site [www.artistsgroupofcharlestown.com](http://www.artistsgroupofcharlestown.com) and must be received by December 2nd 2019. You may also submit your work in person on Dec. 2, between 5 and 7 p.m. at the StoveFactory Gallery 523 Medford Street Charlestown. The December Exhibition is open to the public, free of charge and the Gallery is handicapped assessable.

## TURN IT AROUND CHARLESTOWN 4TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Nov. 21, Turn it Around Charlestown will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a special dinner. They are looking for volunteers to cook and donations of food and desserts to help make the celebration a success. Please contact Ginaya Greene-Murray if you are interested in joining the event. Email to: [GGreene-Murray@partners.org](mailto:GGreene-Murray@partners.org)

## ST. JOHN'S HARVEST FAIR -

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p.m. Turkey Dinner served from 12-2 p.m. Don't miss this town favorite! Great sales tables, raffles, games and silent auction.

## COMMUNITY MEETING ON BUNKER HILL HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the Harvard-Kent Elementary School, 50 Bunker Hill Street from 6-7:30 p.m. Meeting to discuss redevelopment of Bunker Hill Housing. Learn about progress on plans for new housing, retail, community and green space. Feedback and questions are encouraged.

## SOPRANO SIRGOURNEY COOK AT THE CHARLESTOWN BRANCH LIBRARY

Accompanied by pianist Katie Barr, soprano Sirgourney Cook's "What Am I Doing Here?" is a live performance that chronicles her musical journey through classical, pop, gospel, and jazz. Co-presented by the Friends of the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library and the North End Music & Performing Arts Center. Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m. Free and open to all,

including an informal Q&A and reception. Wheelchair accessible. Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street, Charlestown. For more information: [www.friendsofcharlestownlib.org](http://www.friendsofcharlestownlib.org), [friendsofcharlestownlib@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcharlestownlib@gmail.com), 617-242-1248.

## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA #1 FALL MEAT RAFFLE

Sunday, Nov. 17, from 1 to 5 p.m. the Daughters of Isabella #1 will host their Thanksgiving Meat Raffle at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford St. There will be a turkey in every meat package!

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Request for Proposals for the long term lease and redevelopment of Building 108 in the Charlestown Navy Yard The Boston Redevelopment Agency ("BRA"), doing business as the Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA"), is soliciting responses to a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for the redevelopment and ground lease of the former Building 108 Power Plant Site ("Leased Premises") located at the intersection of Third Avenue and Ninth Street on a portion of Parcel NY-1 in the Historic Monument Area of the Charlestown Navy Yard within the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-55. The Leased Premises consists of approximately 40,668 square feet of land area and is currently occupied by Building 108. Building 108 is expected to be demolished in

the spring and summer of 2020 due to its deteriorating condition and the environmental contaminants present in the building. After demolition, the Leased Premises may carry an Activity and Use Limitation restricting certain uses as a result of contaminants that are not able to be fully remediated. Redevelopment plans should be coordinated with the National Park Service's adjacent property at Building 107. This RFP seeks to secure redevelopment of the Leased Premises for residential, research and development, commercial, office, or local retail uses. Design is subject to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, the Charlestown Navy Yard Design Guidelines for Reuse for the Historic Monument Area, and the Charlestown Navy Yard Program for Preservation and Use. Per these guidelines,

new construction must be contained within the volume of the original massing (approximately 206 feet in length, 150 feet in width, and height ranging from 55 feet at the north elevation to 36 feet at the south elevation.) This RFP further requires that any redevelopment of the Leased Premises be subject to and consistent with applicable zoning, the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, 41 CFR 102-75.455(c), the 1991 Municipal Harbor Plan and the 1990 Charlestown Navy Yard Master Plan. The BRA expects a ground lease price proposal of at least \$10 per gross square foot of floor area per year upon project stabilization. However, the BPDA may consider an offer price below the asking price if the proponent can demonstrate clear and quantifiable public value in a proposal that includes an offer for less than the appraised value. The Leased Premises is intended

for disposition through a long term ground lease by the BPDA pursuant to the RFP. The Leased Premises is being offered as is, without warranty of any kind, express or implied. If concerned about the Leased Premises condition, legal or physical access and the maintenance thereof, property lines or boundaries or any other matter affecting the Leased Premises, prospective developers should investigate and conduct whatever due diligence and inspection deemed necessary. The RFP package will be available beginning November 20, 2019 at the BPDA, Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square, Room 910, Boston, MA 02210, or download the package by registering at <http://www.bostonplans.org/work-with-the-bpda/rfps-rfqs-bids>. Completed proposal applications must be submitted as instructed and returned directly to the BPDA, Room 910, City

Hall, One City Hall Square, Boston, MA by January 22, 2020, no later than 12:00 PM. Late proposals will not be accepted. A fee of \$10,000.00 is payable upon submission of proposals, refundable for those proponents not selected. A site tour of the Leased Premises will be held on December 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the intersection of Third Ave and Ninth Street, Charlestown Navy Yard. Staff from the BPDA will be there to take written questions concerning this RFP; questions shall then be answered in the form of an addendum. For more information about this Request for Proposals, contact Morgan McDaniel, Real Estate Development Officer at (617) 918-6250 or via email to: [Morgan.E.McDaniel@boston.gov](mailto:Morgan.E.McDaniel@boston.gov). Brian Connolly, Director of Finance / Chief Procurement Officer

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## TOWNIE SPORTS

### YOUTH HOCKEY UPDATE – THE SEASON BEGINS!

#### SQUIRTS

•The Squirt AAA team is sitting at 2-2 on the season after parity. After losing twice to Dorchester, the team has beaten Danvers and Arlington – including a 4-2 win over Arlington at home last Sunday.

•In AA, Danny Chan scored twice, Angela Wells had a goal and an assist and Jackson Philips pitched a shutout in Charlestown's 7-0 victory over Newton.

For the Squirt A team, No. 9 wore a natural hat, Matt Sorgini scored twice, Fisher Harrison posted two assists and Leo Sutich pitched a shut-out in Charlestown's 5-0 win over Brookline. Meanwhile, Wellesley scored with 1:46 left to give them a 6-5 decision over Charlestown, with Gavin Tucker scoring four goals and Campbell two assists in the loss. Finally, Tucker scored four goals, Madden posted 2-1-3, Stamler also scored twice and Walsh had two assists in Charlestown's 8-3 victory over Reading.

#### PEEWEEES

•The AA PeeWees had a big win over Waltham. Erin Flaherty scored four goals, including a natural hat, and Nathan Mainy posted 1-1-2 in Charlestown's 7-3 victory over Waltham. The AA's are now 1-2 on the season after losing two close games to Medford and Haverhill since the win over Waltham.

•The A PeeWees fought hard but took a loss to Needham, 7-4 – Lucas Wheeler and Holmes with two goals apiece in the loss for Charlestown. The team, however, sits at 2-1 since ending the Parity Rounds. They had two big wins over Malden and Newton two weeks ago. They will face Lexington in Revere this coming weekend.

#### BANTAMS

•The AA Bantam team for Charlestown has been off to a competitive start, now sitting at 2-3 on the season. They're coming off a huge home ice win last Sunday, 6-4, over Triboro. They will have another home game this Saturday against the Railers, 2:10 p.m. puck drop.

#### MIDGETS

•The Charlestown Midget team is now 6-3 and coming off a three-game winning streak that started against Brookline on Oct. 19. In that game, Will Killoran scored twice in Charlestown's 4-2 win

over Brookline, continuing to shine this season on the ice. He'll likely be a factor at Belmont Hill once that season starts. The Midgets have also beaten Newton and Waltham decidedly, and will take on rival Woburn this Sunday, Nov. 17.

#### MITES

•The AAA Mite team has come out of the gate swinging this season after a tough Parity Round – with four straight wins for coaches Brian Beisel and Paul Cangiano. Their 1-0 win over Framingham last Sunday has set the table for matchup against Needham on Sunday morning at the ungodly hour of 7 a.m.

•The Mite AA1 team has hit a tough stretch on the season, but will look for their first win against Medfield on Sunday.

•The Mite AA2 team took a tough loss to Dorchester, 5-3, last Sunday, but will look to rebound against arch-rival South Boston this coming Sunday.

•The Mite A team logged a huge win over Belmont on Sunday, scoring at will in the 13-9 win. They will face a tough Dorchester team this Sunday for a rare City-team matchup – like back in the old days.

#### GIRLS U12B

•The mixed team of 10s and 12s got off to a tough start in parity, but have been extremely competitive playing up a division under Coaches Melissa Richard and Steven Ness. The girls like ties, logging three of them on the season with one win. Last Saturday evening, in a home tilt, they tied Cambridge, with two goals coming from Riley Jones. Goalie Erin Alves has also been a difference-maker stopping most everything coming her direction.

#### GIRLS U12A

The girls' top U12 team has dominated and is on a huge roll for Coaches Derek Arsenaault and John Sutich. The girls are on a seven-game winning streak at the moment, with a major win over Arlington on the road last Sunday, 5-1. Prior to that they took Allston-Brighton to school on home ice with a 12-1 win.

#### GIRLS U14

Few teams have dared to even come close to beating Coach Joe Scoppettuolo's U14 Charlestown entry this year, as the girls are on six game winning streak and sit at 7-1 on the season. They will have a home game this Saturday, Nov. 16, against Melrose U14, puck drops at 5:30 p.m.

#### GIRLS U18

The U18's are coming off a strong performance at Larsen

Rink in Winthrop, where they fought their rivals to a 3-3 tie last Saturday. The girls are 4-3-1.

### TOWNIES

•Salem St. (1-2-0) senior wing Rose Sullivan notched a goal and rifled two shots on net but it wasn't enough as the Lady Vikings fell to Castleton by a score of 4-3...Worcester St. (2-1-0) sophomore wing Will Ahearn scored a goal and added two shots on net in the Lancers 4-2 triumph over Westfield St...Northeastern sophomore wing Micaela Sindoris blasted 3 shots on net in the Lady Huskies 6-0 pounding of Holy Cross.

#### TOWNIE ROOTS

In hoop action, Southern NH (1-1) freshman guard Adriana Timberlake tossed in 19 points to lead the Lady Penmen past Concordia 77-74...On the ice, UMass-Lowell (7-2-3) junior wing Connor Sodergren tallied an assist and three shots on net in the River Hawks 3-2 victory over Maine...Northeast (3-6) senior QB Owen Halley passed for 182 yards and ran for 62 more as the Knights outlasted Austin Prep by a score of 30-27...In an edge-of-your-seat thriller, Billerica (6-4) senior signal-caller Nolan Houlihan threw for two TDs and 190 yards as the Indians edged Lynn English 49-48.

### TOWNIES PREVAIL IN BARNBURNER

With offense aplenty and contributions up and down the roster, Charlestown (3-5) outlasted Matignon 46-28 in a gridiron classic. Coach Dave Cahill was particularly impressed with the grit and determination displayed by his squad. Senior running back/linebacker Terrell McQueeney, once again, showed why he is one of the elite players in the Boston City League. Terrell dashed for TD runs of 1, 10 and 44 yards and added 2 extra-point kicks and a conversion run. Freshman QB Ricky Cabral tossed TD strikes to senior Julian Curry (29 yards) and junior Melvin Jones (24 yards) to propel the two-pronged Townie attack and junior fullback Juan Basabe-Muniz added a 50-yard score. Making his presence felt on defense and special teams was senior Wellington Arias who returned a kickoff 55 yards for a TD and snared 2 interceptions and recovered a fumble.

### RUNNIN' WITH THE LADY WOLFPACK

The terrific Boston Latin

"Townie" swimming tandem of senior Jolie Doherty and junior Victoria Taieb continue to amaze as they both posted career bests in

the Division 1 South Sectionals to advance to the MIAA State Finals. WAY TO GO AND GOOD LUCK LADIES!!!

## For the Record

•Warren Prescott School Dates:

\*November 16: BPS School Showcase

\*November 19: WP School Preview

\*November 27: Early Release (12:40 p.m.)/Spirit Day

\*November 28-29: Thanksgiving Recess : No School

•Harvard Kent School Dates:  
\*Nov. 26 – Harvard Kent Parents Association Meeting, 6 p.m.

•Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment Meeting

A community meeting hosted by the project team to discuss the redevelopment of the Bunker Hill Housing Development. Learn about progress on plans for new housing, retail, community and green space.

Where: Harvard Kent, 50 Bunker Hill St.

When: Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019, 6-7:30 p.m.

•Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing

When: Tuesday, November 19, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Boston City Hall, Room 801

\*24-26 Elm St. Applicant: 24-26 Elm St, LLC

Purpose: To change occupancy from a four-family dwelling to a three-family dwelling. Also, to renovate the building, including a rear addition.

\*13 Monument St. Applicant: Richard Crespo

Purpose: Contractor to demo existing rear, metal fire escape, and install a (2) level rear porch. Frame to be pressure treated, and decking to be composite.

•Abutters Meeting for 10 Austin St.

A meeting to discuss a proposal to build a roof deck on an existing rubber roof.

Where: 10 Austin St.

When: Thursday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m.

•Abutters Meeting for 15 Prospect St.

A meeting to discuss a

proposal to amend ALT943748 to erect a roof deck, per plans.

Where: 15 Prospect St.

When: Thursday, November 21, 6 p.m.

•Abutters Meeting for 24-26 Elm St.

A second community meeting to discuss a proposal to change occupancy from a 2-family dwelling to a three-family dwelling. Also, to renovate the building, including a rear addition.

Where: Warren Prescott Modular Classroom (adjacent to School St Parking Lot), 50 W School St.

When: Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m.

•City of Boston's Landlord Resources Fair

What: The City of Boston's Office of Housing Stability will be hosting this Landlord Resource Fair to provide an opportunity for small property owners to large-scale property managers to come together for networking and resources from

various city agencies that will make tenancies sustainable and profitable.

Where: Bruce C. Bolling Building, 2300 Washington St, Roxbury

When: Tuesday, November 19, 6-8 p.m.

•HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM PROPERTY

Since taking office in 2014, Mayor Walsh has made fixing quality of life issues a priority in his administration. From investing in Public Works to making sure community policing is a staple in every neighborhood, we are making sure every neighborhood is clean, safe and a great place to live and work in. Unfortunately some properties in Boston need more help than others, and that's why we are here. If you know of a property that fits one of the following criteria: multiple calls to 911, one that's blighted or just a general concern, we encourage you to reach out to your neighborhood liaison.

## USS Constitution Museum honored Gov. Charlie Baker, Medal of Honor recipient CAPT Thomas G. Kelley, USN (Ret.)

On Wednesday, Oct. 30, over 700 guests honored Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker and Medal of Honor recipient CAPT Thomas G. Kelley, USN (Ret.) for their dedication to community and service at the USS Constitution Museum's A Salute to Service Gala.

Gov. Charlie Baker received the Charles Francis Adams Award, named for one of the Museum's founders, which is given annually to a person who has contributed extensively to the betterment of the community. Gov. Baker has made historic investments in K-12 education, increased support for vocational and technical schools, and expanded early college opportunities for high school students. Gov. Baker has put Massachusetts at the forefront of fighting the opioid and heroin epidemic, doubling spending on prevention, education, treatment, and recovery and signing two major bills that have served as models for other states. Confronted with the challenges of rising energy costs and a changing climate, Governor Baker has taken nation-leading steps to diversify the Commonwealth's energy portfolio and secure progress toward greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Governor Baker reflected on the history of Constitution and the commitment and sacrifices made by generations of her sailors. "That's what makes the USS Constitution Museum so special and so important," he said. "For me, this award is especially poignant and appreciated."

The recipient of the USS Constitution Museum Lifetime Achievement Award was CAPT Thomas G. Kelley, USN (Ret.). This award is given to a person whose distinguished contributions to our nation embody the Museum's mission and inspire excitement about naval service, maritime heritage, and the American experience. On June 15, 1969 he led eight river assault craft boats on a mission to extract a U.S. Army infantry company from South Vietnam under heavy fire. For his "extraordinary courage under fire, and his selfless devotion to duty" he was awarded the Medal of Honor from President Nixon in 1970. Despite receiving serious head wounds which included the loss of an eye, CAPT Kelley remained on active military duty and later served as Chief of Staff for the commander of U.S. Naval Forces in Korea and Secretary of

the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services. In retirement, CAPT Kelley continues to advocate on behalf of veterans, notably serving as Past-President of the Medal of Honor Society.

CAPT Kelley thanked the Museum for the award, and for "carrying on this tradition of educating the American public about why this country is a bright and shining light as a beacon for the rest of the world."

USS Constitution Museum president Anne Grimes Rand described the Museum's work engaging visitors in the stories of "Old Ironsides," naval service, maritime heritage, and the American experience, as well as a look ahead at what's to come. "We have an exciting vision for the future. We are not resting on our laurels; instead we are challenging ourselves to build a better Museum," she said.

Paul George, the Museum's chairman of the board, welcomed the group and acknowledged the honorees and special guests, including Stephen Brodeur, the chair and founding sponsor of Mayflower Sails 2020. "From Mayflower to USS Constitution to 2019, Boston's maritime heritage contin-



From left, USS Constitution Museum president Anne Grimes Rand, board chairman Paul George, CAPT Thomas G. Kelley, USN (Ret.), and Gov. Charlie Baker

ue to shine. The values represented by 'Old Ironsides' – courage, leadership, teamwork, perseverance, ingenuity, and service – endure today," said Mr. George.

The event, held at the Seaport World Trade Center, was both the highest attendance ever for a USS Constitution Museum Gala and raised gross revenue surpassing \$650,000, a record breaking amount. The 146 sponsors included: Presenting Sponsors Nancy and Rick Kelleher and Sherry and Alan Leventhal; Leading Sponsors Aon | Reinsurance Solutions, Eileen and

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