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# CHARLESTOWN

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## THE DEEP END

## Phasing Out

### Edwards Middle to begin closing next year, to be vacant in 2021

By Seth Daniel

Supt. Brenda Cassellius has sped up the process by one year in expanding sixth grades in East Boston, thus opening up the Edwards Middle for more Charlestown seats earlier than expected.

The Boston Public Schools (BPS) announced a plan late last week to expand six East Boston schools to K-6 configurations by the 2020 school year (next September), which is one year earlier than expected. With most students at the Edwards, which is a Grade 6-8 school, coming from East Boston, that opened up

the Charlestown building for local uses earlier than expected. As part of her plan, the Edwards will not enroll a sixth-grade class in 2020.

“Every decision we make must be rooted in community partnership and equity,” said Dr. Cassellius. “These decisions reflect the many conversations I’ve had over the last six months with families, school staff and community members. These changes will provide families with more predictability from Kindergarten to high school graduation and better position our schools to serve our students.”

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Photo courtesy Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston and Gretjen Helene Photography

Celtics 7’5” center Tacko Fall needed a place to learn to swim, and the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club was where he dove in last month. Aquatics Director Colby Cahill (far left) and several beginner swimmers at the Club welcomed Fall and two other Celtics as they learned the backstroke, how to float and how to hold their breath underwater.

## Celtics center enjoys learning to swim on High Street

By Seth Daniel

There are few places in the swimming pool that 7’5” Celtics center Tacko Fall cannot touch, but even so the loveable post player wanted to learn to swim.

So, he came to Charlestown.

In what was a very unexpected turn of events, Fall and some of the Celtics front office were trying to find a place near the Garden where Fall could learn to swim, and they soon learned about the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club and its famed aquatics program. Before anyone knew it, the 7’5”

towering man was side by side with youngsters from the Club learning the crawl, backstroke and floating techniques.

“It all came together very organically,” said Club Director Derek Gallagher, noting that the lessons took place in October. “Just seeing Tacko Fall in a three-foot pool was like us being in a mud puddle. He was there to learn to swim. He learned how to do the backstroke and how to float and hold his breath underwater. He was 100 percent into it and afterward played games like ‘Fishy, Fishy’ and ‘Sharks and Minnows’

with the kids. He was just really, really sweet – getting out in the water with the kids and sincerely trying to learn.”

The situation unfolded with Fall, who is from Senegal, telling one of the Celtics public relations workers that he couldn’t swim despite having gone to college in Florida. She took it upon herself to help him learn to swim, and soon enough she had called Gallagher and arranged for Fall to take lessons. He was fully cooperative, noting that many young

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## HARVEST FAIR



Photo by Keiko Hiromi

Arulo Currie (3) with Alice Currie checking out the jewelry table at the 180th Harvest Fair at St. John’ Episcopal Church on Saturday, Nov. 16. Members and friends of the church gathered for the popular sale, and then enjoyed a turkey dinner afterward. See Page 5 for more photos.

## CNC COMMUNITY CORNER

The monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will be held on Tuesday Dec. 3, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford St. at 7 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

# EDITORIAL

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For decades public health officials and the medical profession have warned Americans that our unhealthy eating habits have contributed to an epidemic of obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and cancer, among other ill-effects, in our country.

The irony of 21st century America is that our wealth does not equal good health. We eat foods that are more expensive to produce, but that are bad for us.

By contrast, the so-called Mediterranean diet, which consists of natural, unprocessed foods, and relies less on meat as a source of protein, has been shown to provide longer and healthier lives for those, regardless of their nationality, who adhere to it, even in the poorest countries of the world.

The hamburger, more than any other single food item, has come to epitomize the American diet. The opening of McDonald's restaurants in foreign countries have been a cause celebre, even in France, the supposed capital of haute cuisine.

So it was with quite a degree of shock to Americans when Burger King launched its Impossible Burger, a plant-based "burger," a few months ago.

However, the seeming absurdity of a hamburger-oriented, fast-food chain offering its customers a plant-based "burger" has given way to a new reality with the announcement this past week by the head of Burger King that the Impossible Burger has become the chain's most successful new product launch in many years.

The Impossible Burger is not your hippy-dippy grandparents' veggie burger. In our home we did a blind taste test, serving real burgers and the Impossible Burger (which we had bought in a grocery store) side-by-side without telling the unwitting participants that one-half (we cut the burgers in two) of what they were eating was not meat.

Not only could they not tell the difference between them (they were unaware that they were eating two different products), but they actually preferred the half that was the Impossible Burger.

Millennials are leading the way in this dietary revolution, but so too are the Baby Boomers, whose decades of bad eating have caught up with us and who must make the shift away from red meat as a staple of our diet to preserve what health we have left.

Not only are plant-based burgers good for us on an individual basis, but by reducing the production of meat, we are benefiting the environment. The Green New Deal put forward by Senator Ed Markey and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez recognizes that animal agricultural production is a huge contributor to climate change.

Just as Americans reduced their consumption of cigarettes in the decades that followed the Surgeon General's warning in 1964 about the ill-effects of smoking, so too, a new generation of Americans is forwarding a healthier lifestyle in terms of our food choices.

If it is true that we are what we eat, this is a change that has been a long time coming.



THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKE OUT... NOV. 21, 2019

## GUEST OP-ED

### This holiday season, let's start the family conversation about health and health planning

By Dr. Talia Lewis

At this time of year, many of us travel long distances to reunite with parents, siblings and extended family. In addition to the meals and celebrations, the annual holiday visit can be a good opportunity to open up conversations about changes we may notice in our loved ones' health status, and overall, how their days are going.

One place to start is with your loved one's mobility. Are they able walk or move around as well or as confidently as when you last saw them? Are they becoming increasingly short of breath, fatigued with their activities? Are they noticeably more anxious or stressed? Also, ask about how frequently your loved one leaves their home to run errands or to meet friends. If there are obvious changes since your last visit, you may be uniquely positioned to notice them and bring them up with your loved one.

The family visit also presents an opportunity to have conversations that are best done in person. For example, ask about what a good day is like for them or, if they are struggling with health issues,

what constitutes a bad day.

Talking about Advance Care Planning

If your loved one has a chronic illness such as cardiac or respiratory disease, and they have yet to start talking about advanced care planning, this may be just the right time to do so.

It can be hard to know where to begin in these conversations, but starting with what your loved one is experiencing on a day-to-day basis and then asking about their values and wishes can be just the right spot. In my daily palliative care consultations, when we pose that values question, each patient has an individual response.

Families may opt to open the advance care planning conversation by asking about a loved one's worries and hopes: I'm worried about you and worried about the future. I'm wondering if you're worried, too?

By acknowledging your individual and shared worries, you express care and concern while keeping the conversation open.

The truth is that your aging loved one may already be worrying about these issues and is relieved when you open the dia-

log. In one survey, 53 percent of respondents want their families to address advance care planning, but 63 percent of families report that they do not have that conversation.

Next, ask about their hopes for the future. Rather than focusing on the time left, focus on their preferences for how they want to spend that time and what, for them, constitutes a good quality of life.

For many of us, the holidays are often busy and stressful, and these conversations may sound like a family downer or an added burden. However, the bigger burden or risk is when we don't know our family members' preferences, and, as their health deteriorates or changes, we are having these conversations during a medical crisis when we are guessing how to honor our loved one's wishes.

Talking about Advance Care Planning at Any Age

Advance care planning is something that we should talk about at any age—while we are healthy and before a health crisis or emergency. Everyone over age 18

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# Charlestown teacher receives funds from SONIC Drive-In

EDWARD MIDDLE (from pg. 1)

SONIC Drive-In concluded its annual Limeades for Learning Fall Voting campaign in support of public school teachers last month, and Charlestown teachers received funding to support their innovative and creative learning projects.

In partnership with nonprofit DonorsChoose.org and with the help of SONIC fans, one teacher in Charlestown received a combined \$2,209 for necessary supplies to inspire learning in their classrooms.

“Our Fall Voting Campaign is a special time for us to celebrate exceptional public school teachers who make a difference in communities across the country, including those in Charlestown,” said Christi Woodworth, vice president for public relations for SONIC.

“With the help of our fans, we donated \$1 million for teachers to have access to different teaching tools that otherwise wouldn’t be provided through traditional funding methods.”

Between Monday, Sept. 30, and Sunday, Oct. 27, SONIC fans voted for projects they found the most inspiring at LimeadesforLearning.com, ranging from pencils and paper to tablets and robotics kits.

In Charlestown, the following exceptional teacher at one school was among the public school teachers whose projects earned funding for much-needed teaching resources as part of the annual Fall Voting campaign:

•Margaret Arlauskas at Harvard-Kent Elementary School for the project “ESL Supplies!”

•Margaret Arlauskas at Harvard-Kent Elementary School for the project “iPad and Supplies for the Classroom!”

•Margaret Arlauskas at Harvard-Kent Elementary School for the project “Reach ESL Materials”

•Margaret Arlauskas at Harvard-Kent Elementary School for the project “Wilson Materials to Support Families and Students at Home!”

Since 2009, SONIC has donated \$14,538,410, supported more than 17,570 classrooms, and provided necessary learning materials and teaching resources requested by teachers to impact more than 3,745,464 students in partnership with DonorsChoose.org.

In Charlestown, the news was greeted with enthusiasm, particularly for parents of young children who are having difficulty landing seats for their children in the two neighborhood schools – the Harvard-Kent and the Warren-Prescott.

Monica Roberts, BPS chief of engagement, said the plan will allow the Edwards to phase out by 2021 – opening up the potential for more elementary capacity in the neighborhood, if that is what the community wants.

“The current would be to phase it out by the end of next school year,” said Roberts. “There would be no sixth-grade class in 2020, and the seventh and eighth-graders would continue to go there in 2021. By the 2021-22 school year, we’ll have the eighth-graders pick a high school and the seventh graders will pick a 7-12 school as part of our new alignment. We hope to be out to the community this winter and next spring to have conversations with the community about the future of the Edwards.”

Roberts said it should come as no surprise that the Edwards Middle would be phased out, as that has been announced previously. However, Supt. Cassellius has made it a priority under her reconfiguration plan to accelerate the plan for expanding East Boston schools to sixth grade. That also moves up the availability of the Edwards School – which

most parents and educators in the Town believe will eliminate the issues with the headaches of school choice in Charlestown.

“We were planning on implementing these changes in 2021-22 school year,” said Roberts. “However, when Dr. Cassellius came on and began talking with the community, she decided she wanted to look at having East Boston move forward. Dr. Cassellius wanted us to continue assessing capacity and we found we were able to accelerate East Boston schools because of the physical capacity in the buildings to do the K-6 extensions. That moved up the plan one year ahead of time.”

Roberts said the Edwards plan would come under the citywide discussions around creating 7-12 school pathways – known as the high school re-design process. That will begin in December, and at that time the question of the Edwards will be brought to the Town.

“During that time, we’ll discuss where the Edwards sits with the K-6 and 7-12 model,” she said. “We’ll be having that conversation with the community then.”

Cassellius was expected to present this plan to the School Committee Wednesday night, which came after deadlines. More information on the process and meetings to come is expected after Thanksgiving.

## SWIM (from pg. 1)

people and adults drown due to not knowing the basics about swimming.

Then he met Colby Cahill, the Charlestown Aquatics director, and she was very interested in helping him and put him in a class with other beginners at the Club.

Gallagher said while it was fun, it was consistent with their mission to teach all kids (and now, Celtics seven-footers) the basics of swimming.

“Our goal at the Boys and Girls Club of Boston is to make sure every kid can swim,” said Gallagher. “It’s a cornerstone of what we do now. We want kids to know that they can have fun in the

water without being scared. Also, we want to be able to give them the skills to be safe if they are swept out at the beach or fall into a pool. It’s huge for our organization and has been for 15 years.”

But one turned into two, as Fall asked if he could come for a second lesson and bring some friends. So, later in October, he came again with Celtics Semi Ojeleye and Grant Williams. Once again, with the young Club members side-by-side, the towering Celtics players learned how to kick off the side of the pool and hold their breath underwater. Some of the younger kids even gave them tips on how to float.

“Colby was so good with them, and really helped them to learn,” said Gallagher. “I have to say, though, when you’re 7’5” and in a three-foot pool playing sharks and minnows, the kids are too successful in getting past you. He was reaching out and tagging them and they couldn’t get by at all.”

Nowadays, Fall has been transferred up to the Portland G-League club, and Gallagher said they helped him find a Boys and Girls Club program up there to continue his lessons. He is currently taking lessons with Club members at the Portland Boys & Girls Club, Gallagher concluded.

## OP-ED (from pg. 2)

should have a designated health care proxy and share their wishes for medical treatment at end of life. In many families, advance care planning is not a one-time conversation, but one that you may need to re-visit again and again.

For families who feel uncomfortable initiating these dialogues about wishes and preferences for health care, I often recommend resources such as The Conversation Project (TheConversationProject.org), a public-engagement cam-

aign that advocates “kitchen table” conversations with family and friends. The Project offers a Conversation Starter Kit in multiple languages. You may also visit our Care Dimensions website and The Learning Institute to access our educational resources, including instructional booklets, videos, community presentations, a webinar and podcast.

In my daily work as a hospice and palliative care doctor, I witness how the end of life holds much potential to be a love-filled

and sacred time. I believe the best way to actualize that potential is to open this conversation and ask the big questions. Then, we will have the best chance of honoring what matters most to our loved ones while they are living.

Dr. Talia Lewis is a full-time hospice and palliative care physician with Care Dimensions, the largest provider of hospice and palliative care in Mass.

Dr. Lewis provides hospital-based palliative care consultations in greater Boston.

## CNC Precinct Elections – Cancelled

Please be advised that the CNC Precinct Elections scheduled for Nov. 23, 2019 are cancelled.

In accordance with the CNC Bylaws, in instances where there is only one candidate for each precinct position, the Chair of the Election Committee will propose to the Council that the

candidates be voted in lieu of a public election. This is the case for Precincts 2,3,4,5 and 7.

In Precincts 1 and 6, the current incumbents have chosen not to run for re-election. As such, anyone wishing to be considered as a candidate for these seats should contact Election Chair Barbara Van Duzer Babin at

617-275-6868, barbarababin@comcast.net, for a nomination sheet. The nomination sheet with signatures from 25 individuals living in the respective precinct will need to be submitted no later than December 13, 2019. Mail to Charlestown Neighborhood Council, PO Box 397, Charlestown, MA, 02129.

## CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

### Weekly Standings November 16, 2019

	W	L	T
MPTA	6	3	0
Bryan’s Pals	5	3	2
Duce 2	3	4	2
A/1 Zume’s	2	6	1

### Players of the week for 11/16/19

- A-1/Zume’s - Jack Hampton, Reese Upton
- Bryan’s Pals - Cora B., Danielle B., Thomas A., Michael B.
- Duce 2 - Jacob Buksbaum, Eli Miller
- MPTA - Noah Fitzpatrick, Luca Kaluski

### PARENTS PLEASE NOTE

There are no games scheduled for Saturday 11/30/19 and games scheduled for 12/7/19 have been cancelled. Games will resume on Saturday 12/14/19. Thank You

# Activists, families hope BPD jail overdose deaths can change policy

By Seth Daniel

One grieving mother and recovery specialists from around Charlestown and around Boston are hoping that shining a light on the overdose deaths of three young men while in custody at the South End D-4 Boston Police station will help to change policies around the city.

Within 90 days last summer, three young men died of drug overdoses while in the lock-up at the D-4 police station. At least one of the men, Shayne Stilphen, was seen on video struggling to stand up at booking, and then put in a jail cell. That video was first reported by Channel 5's Kathy Curran. Later, on the video, he's seen getting pills out of his pockets

and taking them. That is followed by more than an hour of him not moving, while officers allegedly did not check on him while passing by 10 times. When they did go in, it was too late, and Stilphen, 28, had apparently already died of a drug overdose.

The other overdose death at the jail was Cristhian Geigel, and a third young man also died, but his family wished his name to be anonymous.

"The goal here isn't to blame anyone or get anyone in trouble, but to bring attention to this happened and how devastating this is and that it is completely preventable," said Recovery specialist Shannon Lundin, of MGH's Charlestown Coalition. "The families just want people to know

what happened and try to prevent any other families from going through it. There's not blame here, but it could have been prevented, and it's devastating to the families, and maybe this can spark some changes to policy citywide."

Lundin had worked with Stilphen for several years as he tried to sober up in the Charlestown Drug Court program, and became friendly with his mother, Lynnel Cox, of East Bridgewater, while trying to help him. Together, they planned a vigil for the three men on Oct. 26 in front of the D-4 Station on Harrison Avenue.

Lundin, who spoke at the vigil and helped Cox coordinate the vigil, said about 50 people were there to memorialize the men and draw attention to potential policy

change.

"I would think having a medical professional there so when someone is book and are clearly intoxicated, they can be evaluated to see if they need to be brought to the hospital," she said. "He was clearly intoxicated when they brought him in and he couldn't even stand up, which you can see on the video. My position isn't to blame the police, particularly at D-4 which is in the middle of (the biggest problems). He obviously needed medical attention. If someone were there to evaluate him and determine he need medical help, I think that would have been the best outcome."

Lundin said she had been very active in trying to help Stilphen when he was at Drug Court – a

special court program in some district courts like Charlestown that streamlines individuals into treatment and recovery in return for not prosecuting their offense.

She said Stilphen, who grew up in Weymouth, was intent on sobering up, but couldn't turn the corner.

"I advocated for him a lot and was on the phone with him all the time," she said. "He struggled in and out in trying to get it together, but he had a desire to get sober. He was so caught up in that lifestyle that he couldn't ever get out of it."

Eventually, Stilphen dropped out of the program, and the next time Lundin heard about him was after he had died at the D-4 lock-up.

## TOWNIE SPORTS

### CYHA UPDATE

#### •AA SQUIRT

Jack Chardavoine scored four goals and Jack Daley Demerle and Sam Johnson both posted two assists in Charlestown's 6-2 victory over Danvers on Nov. 3. The team also added a hard-fought win against Arlington on home ice Nov. 10, taking it 4-2.

#### •SQUIRT A2

Gavin Tucker wore the hat and added an assist and Jazper Belaney and Kingston Prinn both scored twice in Charlestown's 9-1 victory over Methuen on Nov. 2. The team also prevailed twice over Brookline in recent weeks, 9-2 on home ice Nov. 9, and 9-0 at Warrior Ice Rink in Allston.

#### •PEEWEE A

Lucas Wheeler clicked for 2-1-3 and Alex Puopolo had two assists in Charlestown's 6-3 win over Newton, MacLeod with two goals in the loss – and Wheeler scored four goals in a 6-4 win over Beverly on Nov. 3. On Saturday, Nov. 16, they prevailed over Lexington with a big, 7-0, win at the Revere rink.

#### •BANTAM AA

Billerica scored with 7:35 left on Nov. 2 to give Billerica a 2-1 decision over Charlestown in a close contest. Mike McLaughlin wore the hat and had an assist and Joe Arria two assists in Charlestown's 5-3 victory over Brookline on home ice Nov. 3. Since then, the team lost to Lexington, 3-0, and beat Triboro 6-4, both games on home ice at Emmons Horrigan O'Neill.

#### •MIDGET

Will Killoran scored twice as Charlestown trimmed Newton 3-1 on Nov. 1. On Nov. 10, in

Malden, they beat Waltham 7-2, and then dropped a close one to Woburn on Nov. 17, 0-1.

•MITES...The Mite 1 team continued its winning ways in a dazzling win over Needham, 5-4, on Sunday, Nov. 17. They'll have a big test against Brookline next Sunday, 11:20 a.m. ...The Mite 2 team scored a great first win over Medfield on Sunday, Nov. 17, by a score of 6-3. They will face Somerville next Sunday at 10:10 a.m. ...The Mite 3 team also joined the win column for the weekend with a decided first win over South Boston, 11-4. Always feels good for Charlestown to beat Southie!...The Mite 1 team took a tough loss on Sunday to Dorchester, 10-0, but were coming off a big win against Belmont the previous week. They will take on Natick next Sunday at 9:10 a.m.

•GIRLS U12B...The team took a tough loss to a speedy Methuen U12 team on Saturday, Nov. 16, at Emmons Horrigan O'Neill – losing 5-0. They'll try to rebound with two games this coming weekend against Natick and Masco.

•GIRLS U12...The upper level 12s fought to a tie with Winchester at HockeyTown on Nov. 16, finishing 4-4. After a break, they will face Andover at Essex Sports Arena on Nov. 30.

•GIRLS U14...The U14s skated to a dazzling win over Melrose, 2-1, on Nov. 16, taking the win on home ice and getting ready to Nashoba in Woburn this weekend.

•GIRLS U18...It's always a battle when Winthrop faces Charlestown, and that was no exception for the U18s on Nov. 9, when they played to a tie in Winthrop, 3-3. The team travels



**REDLEGS TAKE THE TROPHY:** The Redlegs hockey team took championship in the annual Veterans Day weekend tournament in Las Vegas. It was the 17th annual Armed Services National Hockey Tournament. Charlestown residents Jamie Chambers, Nolan McLaughlin and Charlestown native Dan Doherty played in the game. Chambers said the championship game was hotly contested, with Doherty assisting McLaughlin for the winning goal in an old Charlestown scoring connection.

to Andover this weekend as they wrap up their regular season. They are 4-3-2 on the fall season so far.

### MATTY ICE SCORES TWO-GOAL NIGHT

Charlestown's Matt Grzelcyk got exorcised the Devils on Tuesday night with his first two-goal game of his career in New Jersey. The third-year player scored in the first and third periods, and seems to be on a top-level trajectory this year. His teammates gave him the puck for the effort, and he has reportedly worked a lot on his shot this year. That is evident as he helped the hot Bruins escape a mini-slump.

### CHARLESTOWN VS. CHARLESTOWN

BC senior wing Bridget McCarthy and Northeastern sophomore wing Micaela Sindorn caught up on the latest "Townie" talk before squaring off on the ice. The #4-ranked Lady Huskies (11-1-0) bested the #6-ranked Lady Eagles (11-2-1) by a score of 3-0 in an early season showdown.

### "TOWNIE" SWIMMERS SHINE IN STATES

Boston Latin senior Jolie Doherty and junior Victoria Taieb, once again, rose to the occasion and posted career bests in every event they competed in at the MIAA State Swimming Championship held at MIT. The

Lady Wolfpack posted 9th place in both the 200 Medley Relay and 200 Freestyle Relay with Jolie and Victoria anchoring the two and three spots in both contests. Individually, Jolie finished 20th with a time of 2:08.30 in the 200 Freestyle, and 11th in the 100 Freestyle with a time of 1:14.31. Victoria finished 20th in the 200 Medley with a time of 2:23.94 and 25th in the 100 Backstroke with a time of 1:06.24.

#### TOWNIES

In gridiron action, Nichols (6-4) senior receiver Eddie Evers hauled in 2 passes and added a solo tackle in the Bisons 35-7 setback to Endicott...On the ice, Worcester

# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HARVEST FAIR A TIMELESS TRADITION

St. John's Church 180th Harvest Fair took place at St. John's Episcopal Church in Charlestown on Saturday, Nov. 16. Many guests came to enjoy arts and crafts, toys, and silent auction items – all followed by a wonderful turkey dinner and fellowship.

PHOTOS BY KEIKO HIROMI



Local Artist Winnie Burns sold greeting cards and artwork at the Harvest Fair.



Maureen Gardener, Eileen Kirk and Pat Doherty.



Jenn Di Manno and Niccolo Inbrogiano.



Talia and Mateo Silvia Santisteban.



Laura Scoville and Laurel Nyhan (both 15) enjoyed the Harvest Fair.



Beverly Anderson and Lurette Bourne.



Stratton and Robin McCrady, Alice Krapf, Stephen and Dan Spinetto prepare the turkey dinner at the 180th St. John's Harvest Fair and Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 16.

# CHARLESTOWN GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS BANQUET

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The 2019 Charlestown Girls Softball League held its annual awards banquet at the Knights Of Columbus Hall on Nov. 14. It was a celebration of an excellent year of youth sports that builds confidence and character in the girls of Charlestown. Awards were given, memories shared, and tears shed for the 18-year-olds that see their softball days come to a close before college begins.



Grace Tinlin, one of the 18-year-old girls moving on to college, offers heartfelt remarks in the turning point in her life ahead.



2019 Charlestown Girls Softball U12 Summer Team All Stars: Sportsmanship Award recipient CK Arias, Most Improved Award recipient Alexis Copithorn, Unsung Hero Award recipient Mollie Mahoney, and MVP Award recipient Ryleigh Williams-Arroyo. The 2019 Charlestown Girls Softball U12 Summer Team won the League Championship and were given sweatshirts to honor their achievement.



2019 Charlestown Girls Softball U10 Spring Team.



2019 Charlestown Girls Softball Winter Team All Stars: Sportsmanship Award recipient Serina D'Amico, MVP Award recipient Rebecca Donovan, Unsung Hero Award recipient Maddie Rodriguez, and Most Improved Player Award recipient Myer Riley.



## SCHOLAR ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

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**VALENTINA YEE**  
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Basketball



**HASSAN ABDI**  
Charlestown High School  
Football & Basketball



The U10 All Stars: Ryleigh Jones, Lilliana Telesford, Hannah Flynn, Ava McCue, Ashlin Brady, Karen Allen, and Roxanne Webbe with coaches Justin Flynn and Jack Sindoris.

Scholar Athletes, established in 2009, supports academic achievement through athletics.

# CHARLESTOWN GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS BANQUET



2019 Charlestown Girls Softball U18 Summer Team All Stars: *Unsung Hero Award* recipient Caroline "Binge" Conroy, *MVP Award* recipient Carleigh Schievink, and *Sportsmanship Award* recipient Felicia Burgos. The 2019 Charlestown Girls Softball U18 Summer Team won the *League Championship*, with a record of 11-3, and were given sweat-shirts to honor their achievement.



The family of Joseph D Hayes: Janet Hayes, Jane Porter, Jim Hayes (5th from left), and Judy Hayes (5th from left) with Coaches: Billy Nugent (3rd from left), Justin Flynn (4th from right), and Jack Schievink (far right), winner of the Joseph D Hayes award CK Arias, and nominees Ashlin Brady, Karen Allen, Roxanne Webbe and Caroline Conroy.



The U8 All Stars: Thora Hamill, Bronie Rondash, Taelyn Donahue, Carloine Bressler, Peyton King, Destiny Patrone, and Jenelle Mays.



Coach Billy Nugent congratulates CK Arias for winning the Joseph D. Hayes Award recognizing sportsmanship, teamwork, and achievements on and off the field.



Peyton King proudly holds her trophy for her participation in the U8 team with her equally proud mom, Stephanie (center), and little sister Sadie (far left), who can hardly wait to get one of her own.



Charlestown Girls Softball head coach Jack Schievink reminds the departing, college-bound 18-year-olds that college doesn't run in the summer, but softball does.

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# Good Shepherd School celebrates 10th Anniversary

Photos by Marianne Salza

By Seth Daniel and Marianne Salza

There can be no better endorsement for a pre-school than when the young students don't want to leave.

That's what many parents have experienced over the last 10 years at the Good Shepherd School on Warren Street, a school within St. Mary's Church that celebrated its 10th anniversary on Monday.

For parents Aleta Mustone and Matt Engler, both of their children – Sebastian and Theo – were hard to pry away from the school at pick-up time each day.

"The teachers and staff are genuinely loving and nurturing; they knew our kids so well and were able to work with their strengths as well as address any challenges in the most positive, supportive way," said Mustone. "The boys had fun every day - often wanting to stay 'just a little bit longer, please, please.' I wish every child could have such a positive start to their school experience."

That was a common thread this week as students, parents, alumni and even Cardinal Sean O'Malley came to celebrate the Good Shepherd's 10th anniversary.

"One of the reasons the school exists is to pass on faith to generations," declared Cardinal O'Malley, who first visited the school during its dedication 10 years ago. "Science can help us understand the world around us, but it's our faith that allows us to discover what our mission is. This is what a Catholic education is about: making the discovery that everything is a gift."

The Good Shepherd School, an independent Catholic school, is one of the only Catholic pre-schools in the diocese, and it's a credit to the community and Father Jim Ronan – who founded the school after careful study.

Ronan said after coming to St. Mary's Church in 2004, he saw that Charlestown Catholic was closing, and there was a risk that there wouldn't be a Catholic school presence at all in the Town. He embarked on several studies, looking at data and feasibility studies for the needs of the community.

"It became clear the best course of action was to support the biggest need, and that was a pre-school," he said. "We were early on thinking outside the box on that – particularly a Catholic School with faith formation for little ones would be part of the curriculum."

With some planning and a great



Jessica Maxwell, director of the Good Shepherd School, first joined the school in 2011 as a teacher.

fundraising effort, they were able to gut and build out the school in the basement of St. Mary's, creating a model area for early childhood education. Ten years ago this month, they hired their first faculty and enrolled their first class – expanding out one year at a time. Now, they have four classrooms serving ages 2-5 under the direction of Jessica Maxwell.

"The school is now an independent school," said Ronan. "It has its own Board of Directors and is not part of the Parish, but it is a Catholic school under the direction of the Archdiocese of Boston. However it is a free-standing school that pays rent to the Parish."

Ronan said the Good Shepherd School was a response to the changing demographics of the Town – where newer people are moving in and staying to be part of the fabric of the community.

"The reality is the demographic of the Town has changed radically in the last 15 years," he said. "The preponderance of people then were primarily Townies and a small number of new arrivals. That's flipped around. I think the minority now are Townies and the new people are the majority. A lot of residents are young and have young families. You see the baby strollers every time you go out for a walk."

He added that there are more weddings and baptisms, and attendance is up throughout the Parish – in addition to the numbers at the school.

"The numbers are much higher in 2019 than in recent decades," he said. "It's a new face on the Town."

Cardinal Sean O'Malley, who presented a homily to the community, hopes that the school will inspire children with the love of God, and encourage them to give back to their neighbors, and exercise forgiveness.



Cardinal Sean O'Malley, presenting his homily about the importance of faith formation.



Cailyn Aria Tang, 3, and her mother, Colleen Tang.



Rebecca Santosuosso reciting the responsorial psalm.



Father Jim Ronan, Pastor of St. Mary's Parish, discussing the image of Jesus as our Good Shepherd, who calls us all by name.



Cardinal Sean O'Malley with Good Shepherd School teachers, students and families.

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# North Washington Street Bridge (Charlestown Bridge) Construction Look-Ahead:

## TRAVEL IMPACTS

**•N. Washington Street Inbound:** Off-peak daytime lane reductions will continue across the bridge to Keany Square. One of two lanes and all turn movements will be available from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on weekdays and overnight on 11/17, 11/18, 11/19, 11/25, and 11/26.

**•N. Washington Street Outbound:** Off-peak daytime lane reductions will continue across the bridge to City Square. One of two lanes open and all turn movements will be available from 7 a.m.–2 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays.

**•Charles River Dam Pedestrian Walkway Closure:** Starting on Tuesday, November 19, and continuing through Thursday, November 21, the pedestrian walkway over the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)-controlled Charles River Dam locks will close for necessary

maintenance at the DCR facility.

## DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

•Construction of bridge spans and supports for the temporary pedestrian and vehicle bridge and utility bridge including installation of bridge spans and supports, welding, and excavation at the north and south ends of the bridge.

•Utility work by Eversource and National Grid includes running cables underground and over the temporary utility bridge.

## WORK HOURS

•No work will occur on Thursday, November 28 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

## TRAVEL TIPS

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.

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 days include events scheduled at the TD Garden:

- Bruins: 11/21 at 7 p.m., 11/23 at 7 p.m., 11/29 at 7 p.m.
- Celtics: 11/25 at 7:30 p.m., 11/27 at 7:30 p.m.
- Concerts and Events: 11/22 at 7 p.m., 11/24 at 7:30 p.m.

# Kennedy Center kicks off holiday gift drive for those in need

Staff Report

Help Charlestown children this holiday season, by participating in the Kennedy Center's Annual Holiday Drive. Each year, the Center receives more than 300 requests for holiday assistance from families throughout Charlestown. For a small amount of money, one could dramatically improve the holiday season for an entire family. Many of the families served by the Kennedy Center are surviving on extremely limited incomes and struggle to afford even the most basic necessities. The holiday season can be particularly difficult for these families.

Help us keep the holidays joyous for all by sponsoring a family or making a monetary donation. All proceeds go directly to Charlestown families in need. If interested in sponsoring a family, Kennedy Center staff will send information on a sponsored family as well as a brief description of their circumstances. The items purchased will be distributed to families by Kennedy Center staff. After the holidays, those involved will receive a formal thank you letter and donation receipt for tax purposes. Monetary Donations

and gift cards are also accepted. Cash will be used to purchase gifts for any wish lists that were not sponsored.

Please mail checks to John F. Kennedy Family Service Center

Attn: Holiday Gift Drive  
23A Moulton St. | Charlestown, MA 02129

Online gifts can be made at [www.kennedycenter.org/donate](http://www.kennedycenter.org/donate).

Please note the deadline to drop off gifts is Monday, December 16.

"We simply cannot do this work without the support and generosity of our community," read a statement from the Center. "On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and families we serve, thank you. We encourage you to spread the word about the wonderful programs and services the Kennedy Center provides the community, and thank you in advance for your consideration and continued support."

To learn more about the programs and services the Kennedy Center provides, or to make a donation today, please contact Crystal Galvin at (617) 241-8866 ext. 1352 email [cgalvin@kennedycenter.org](mailto:cgalvin@kennedycenter.org) or visit [www.kennedycenter.org](http://www.kennedycenter.org).

## CHARLESTOWN BEAT

**POLICE/COMMUNITY MEETING:** Meet the police & discuss public safety issues on the last Wednesday of every month at the police station, 20 Vine Street, at 6:00 p.m., 2nd floor, community room.

**POLICE RELATED INFO:** Contact the District A-1 Community Service Office at 617-343-4627.

**REPORT DRUG DEALING:** Contact the District A-1 Confidential Drug Line at 617-343-4879.

**CHARLESTOWN POLICE STATION:** Contact at 617-343-4888.

**RESERVE THE COMMUNITY ROOM:** Contact Christine Vraibel at [christine.vraibel@pd.boston.gov](mailto:christine.vraibel@pd.boston.gov).

### Larceny

11/04/19 – A victim on Washington Street reported she gave her friend money to go shopping, but her friend never returned, and attempts to contact her were to no avail. Complaints may be issued.

Street reported when she returned to her motor vehicle, she observed that the roof of her car had been slashed.

The owner of the car will also be cited for allowing an improper person to operate it.

### Larceny

**Violation of the Auto Laws**  
11/09/19 - As a result of a motor vehicle accident in City Square, an individual will be summonsed to court for operating a motor vehicle without a license.

11/10/19 – A victim on Green Street reported unknown person(s) entered his motor vehicle and stole several packages, as well as a phone charger. There were no signs of forced entry.

### Vandalism

11/05/19 – A victim on Park

# Real Estate Transfers

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Floor, Richard J	Byrnes, Brendon	36 Austin St #3	\$660,000
Vignone, Lindsay A	Petito, Marc	242 Bunker Hill St #2	\$1,199,900
Hernandez, Joseph B	Broderick, Marianne E	44 Green St	\$900,000
Kenneth C Stone LT	Cox, James B	47 Harvard St #A112	\$977,000
Holstein, Andrew	Howe, Wayne	7 Lexington St #1	\$905,000
Campbell, James M	Gregg, Charles	36 Mount Vernon St #3	\$949,000
Roman, Marisa K	Loughlin, Christine	76 Sullivan St #76	\$775,000
Ahern, Meghan E	Smith, Robert D	3 Wall St	\$1,200,000

## MALDEN CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL

Malden Catholic Honor Roll students from Charlestown - Fall 2019

Gavin Kelly – Grade 11  
Colin DelValle – Grade 12

Malden Catholic High School students have completed the coursework for the first quarter for the 2019-20 academic year. Malden Catholic divides honors into three levels: Headmaster's List, First Honors and Second Honors.

Headmaster's List – Scores of 90 and above in all classes

First Honors – Scores of 85 and above in all classes

Second Honors – Scores of 80 and above in all classes

The following students at Malden Catholic are Charlestown residents and have achieved the following honors:

First Honors  
Nora Reilly – Grade 9

Second Honors  
Daniel Bethlency – Grade 9

Founded in 1932, Malden Catholic offers a unique Codivisional model among Catholic schools in the greater Boston area. Codivisional education is an educational model that offers children the best of both worlds, rigorous single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. With 565 students currently enrolled in the private, Xaverian-inspired educational institution, Malden Catholic boasts a proud history of academic excellence and leadership. It has graduated a Nobel Laureate, a U.S. Senator, business leaders, and students who have gone on to attend Harvard, Cornell, Columbia, the University of Chicago and Georgetown in recent years.



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# Walsh awards \$500,000 to support Boston's youth

Building on his commitment to investing in positive pathways for residents in the City of Boston, Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced 20 organizations have been awarded funding through the 2020 Positive Youth Development Fund and Young Adult Development Fund, increasing the availability of development programs and providing positive opportunities for Boston youth and young adults.

"Community programs

throughout the city provide opportunities to guide young people in a positive direction and away from violence," said Mayor Walsh. "By supporting their needs and future aspirations, these nonprofits help to support our young Bostonians' futures, and improve the quality of life in our city and public safety in our neighborhoods."

Funding priorities for this cycle were given to programs that demonstrate understanding and use of the positive youth devel-

opment framework and those that support marginalized youth populations that need specialized programming and services. This year, \$400,000 was collectively awarded to further these programs in individual awards of \$25,000.

The following Charlestown organization was granted the Youth Development Fund awards:

- Charlestown Lacrosse and Learning Center - Youth Mentoring Workforce.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**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-rfq-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.  
Brian Connolly, Director of Finance / Chief Procurement Officer  
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### LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

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or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/19/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
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# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

## 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, December 7-8, and December 14-15, 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.

## FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

On Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, Santa will take a quick break from his Christmas preparations for a pancake and sausage breakfast at the First Church at 10 Green Street. Everyone is invited to this community event, bring your camera for photos and don't miss the Holiday inflatable extravaganza!

## Townie Tidbits

stairs at the old Harvard School (renamed the Mary Colbert Apartments). My parents loved this tradition and felt like they were still a vital part of the community as they aged. I delivered meal after meal over those first years and saw folks on the receiving end smiling with joy, just knowing they were being remembered.

Too often, good things eventually come to an end, and this is what happened to Townie Santa, too. He stopped coming to Charlestown, but the memory of all those good folk who shared their time to help others only makes us all happier. Charlestown was, is and will always be a special community that truly cares about others around them.

My friend Kim Mahoney from the Bunker Hill Associates and the Warren Tavern said: "We are bringing back Townie Santa this year...Charlestown shines when we do things like this. It's the way the community comes together...that's the fabric of the commu-

## 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.

nity."

I can still the faces of all community folk back who created Townie Santa almost 40 years ago because they knew the community needed it, and today, it is needed even more as more and more people seem to fall between the cracks.

I believe I was part of the last Townie Santa Christmas several years ago, and there were so many names I still remember who worked together year after year to make sure no one was forgotten during the holidays.

I hope a new generation of Townies can pick up the mantle of what worked so well, and I will be back doing my part again, a little older, as they say, but still there.

With the help of many, I'm sure the spirit of Townie Santa will rise again, and that the spirit of those who have left us will be with this year's volunteers. And surely those of us still here will join in with all the newbies kicking off Part 2 of Townie Santa.

## TURN IT AROUND CHARLESTOWN FOURTH 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).

## For the Record

•Warren Prescott School Dates:

\*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.

•Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing

•From the Nov. 20 License Board hearing, City Hall:

\*Tatte Holdings, LLC. D/B/A: Tatte Bakery and Café, 40 WARREN St.

Has applied for a Common Victualler License to be exercised on the above - First floor: kitchen, restrooms, and counter service with seating approximately 3,934 SF. 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon. Fri., 8:00 AM opening on Sat., 7:00 PM closing Sun. Manager: Tzurit Or. Hours of Operation: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

•From the Dec. 3 Licensed Premise Inspection hearing, City Hall Rm. 809a, 10 a.m.:

Courageous Sailing, 1 First Ave.

Date: 08/03/2019: Failure to post One Time Liquor License. Premise hosting event with DJ + live band not on one time Entertainment License.

•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.

• Abutters Meeting for 6 Mount Vernon Ave.

What: A meeting to discuss a proposal to remove portion of front roof to create inset roof terrace. Remove portion of rear roof to construct new shed dormer with roof deck on portion of dormer roof as shown on the drawings.

Where: 100 Ferrin St., Community Room.

When: Monday, November 25, 6 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.

By Sal Giarratani

## RETURN OF TOWNIE SANTA WARMLY WELCOMED

I was so glad to hear that Townie Santa, which was MIA for several years, is returning to brighten up the lives of so many homebound elderly folks.

A number of volunteers from many community organizations are uniting to bring back this Charlestown tradition that started back in 1982 when Gloria Conway from the old Charlestown Patriot got together with a number of community activists in the Town. Together, they wanted to do something for those who often feel so alone and forgotten during the Holidays, since so many only have memories of Christmas Past.

I was there at the inception of this Christmas gift to older Townies who could use a little company, a few presents and a nice hot meal, and we weren't going to let them be forgotten.

I remember meeting down-

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# Taking Care: Murray takes the reins at the Golden Age Center

By Seth Daniel

When Meaghan Murray returned to become the administrative coordinator of the Golden Age Center on Main Street, it was like a family reunion of sorts.

The born-and-raised Charlestown woman had an amazing Town pedigree and a large contingent of friends and family to match, so it was a seamless fit for her to take over after the long-successful run by Beverly Gibbons at the Golden Age.

"I've been working at the Age Strong Commission for a while, but Charlestown is my passion, my heart and my neighborhood," said Murray, 38. "As soon as Beverly retired in January, I thought it was the best fit for me. It made sense. These folks here all knew my grandparents. My grandmother is my favorite person in the world. I used to come down here with them and it just felt like home.

"I had a sense of what it would be like working day-to-day in a center, and I wanted to be more full-time in one spot and wanted to be in my neighborhood and help these folks – many of whom are my friends' grandparents and aunts and my aunts and family,"



*Meaghan Murray recently took over as the administrator of the Golden Age Center on Main Street, and said she is excited to return to her home neighborhood to serve those she has known all her life.*

she continued. "I couldn't have asked for a better job."

Murray started the job on the most sacred day in the Town, Bunker Hill Day, this year. However, before that she had been working as an advocate around the city to help seniors with social services, home visits, and pretty much any other thing they needed. The logical next step was to direct a center, and what better place

than in her home neighborhood.

Kelly is the daughter of Mick Murray and Maribeth Kelly – with Maribeth also working at the Age Strong Commission and active in about everything in Town. She grew up on North Mead Street off Bunker Hill and attended St. Francis School (a Father Mahoney product, she says), Charlestown Catholic and Matignon High School.

Murray was a pioneer girl hockey player in the Charlestown Youth Hockey Association (CYHA), one of only two girls in the early days of the emerging girls hockey program.

"Back then, it was me and one other girl – Erin Brennan – and it was just the two of us and we would have to change in the referees room," she recalled. "We played with the boys, but we also played Little League with them too."

She took a post-graduate year at Hebron Academy in Maine, and then played hockey at New England College.

Beyond that, she said she attended the Boys & Girls Club of Charlestown, the Community Center and the Teen Center. She also was a lifeguard at the

Clougherty Pool, and worked all the City summer jobs. It was a true Town upbringing for certain.

However, within that busy schedule, she said it was her grandparents that ignited her passion for working with older adults.

"My grandparents were a huge influence in my life," she said. "Being able to help people is good, but to help somebody's quality of life – to help them stay in their community is very rewarding. I think the reason I wanted to work with older people was because of my grandparents. My grandmother worked at the Kennedy Center for years and I saw what the neighborhood did for her and that probably started my love for this work."

She also had a great example in her mother, Maribeth, who has been helping people in and around the Town for decades – something that Murray said she learned by example.

Now, administering the Center, which is one of only three free-standing senior-only programs in Boston, she said it's been interesting learning the varied needs of those that come.

"It's been interesting because we have age 65 to age 99 here," she said. "It's not one size fits all. You're dealing with a group where

some are very computer savvy, have iPhones and can use Uber. Then you deal with certain groups that wouldn't know what to do with a smart phone and maybe struggle with a flip phone. It's a lot of one-on-one. Sometimes just helping someone charge a phone can be very helpful to them. The great thing about this place is the younger folks are very good at helping the older folks. They do help each other."

In addition, they have added Tai Chi, chair yoga and a Memory Café.

"We've been able to do a lot of new stuff down here, our attendance is up and we're adding more," she said. "The younger group wants classes, book clubs and field trips. The older adults sometimes just want to play Bingo and that's ok too. It is varied and we are trying to bring services to everyone."

Murray said they are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and have lunch at noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. She said she hopes to fill the shoes of those who came before her.

"I have huge shoes to fill because Beverly did an amazing job," she said. "She was an unbelievable advocate for the neighborhood and I hope to do the same."

## SPORTS (from pg. 4)

St. (4-1-0) sophomore wing Will Ahearn tallied a goal and 2 shots on net in the Lancers 5-3 triumph over UMass-Dartmouth... Salem St. (1-3-1) senior wing Rose Sullivan rifled 2 shots on net in the Lady Vikings 5-2 setback to Johnson & Wales... Amherst (1-0-0) sophomore wing Sean Wrenn tallied an assist in the Mammoths 5-2 victory over Hamilton...

### TOWNIE ROOTS

On the hardcourt, Southern NH (3-1) freshman guard Adriana Timberlake tossed in 14 points and added 6 assists, 5 rebounds and 3 steals to lead the Lady Penman past Staten Island by a score of 91-50... On the ice, Stonehill (1-3-1) sophomore wing Charles Page scored a

goal and blasted 4 shots on net in a 3-3 tie with St. Anselm... UMass-Lowell (7-3-4) junior wing Connor Sodergren notched a goal in the River Hawks 3-3 deadlock with UConn...

### FANTASTIC FINISH

With a considerable "Townie" cheering section turning up the decibels, Nichols (6-4-0) senior wideout Eddie Evers wrapped up his Bison career by hauling in two passes for 11 yards and adding a solo tackle in a 35-7 setback to Endicott. A Dean's List student, Eddie has been a fantastic ambassador as an alumni of the Charlestown Youth Football program.

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