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The annual Charlestown Youth Hockey Association (CYHA) Comedy Night Fundraiser was held at the Charlestown Knights of Columbus Father Mahoney Hall on Sunday, Feb. 23. The fundraiser helps defray the costs of teams going to Springfield for the State Tournament. Pictured are CYHA organizers and volunteers Joe DeRoeve, Joe Flaherty, Jill and Mike Frawley, Tracey Flaherty, Jessica DeRoeve, and Ames Forish. See more photos on Pages 12 and 13.

Leap Year Lady: Charlestown's oldest resident turns...26?

By Seth Daniel

When Charlestown's Irene Morey thinks back through the many years, the sharp-witted woman unlocks memories from times long past – the many decades she's lived through: the presidents, the accolades, the ups and the downs.

As Charlestown's oldest resi-

dent, Morey remembers just about everything, but not all things, of course. It can be hard to recall so many moments when you've lived to the ripe old age of 26.

That's no misprint.

Morey, who by years will turn 104 this Saturday, is only 26 by the calendar – a leap year baby who enjoys life to the fullest in spite of her simultaneous old and

young ages.

"I'm only 26 really," she said, "but I'll turn 104. I was ripped off. There were never any birthdays. I always say I got robbed, but I celebrate in my own way. I've gone down to the restaurant in the Navy Yard every year since I turned 101. I do it my way."

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BPDA receives new documents on Bunker Hill Redevelopment

By Seth Daniel

The new development partnership of Leggat McCall and Corcoran filed its documents with the City – a Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR) – to begin the official reviews of the 10-year, massive, mixed-use, mixed-income public housing redevelopment project at Bunker Hill – a review that could move into the fast lane.

The DPIR is a document the

public has been waiting for over the past year, with the first informal meetings on the new proposal coming last spring, with others last fall. All of those meetings were informal, but now the real review begins with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) process.

"We have filed our Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR)

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DiDomenico's St. Patrick's Day celebration set for March 6

Sen. Sal DiDomenico will once again be hosting the Annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Friday, March 6, 2020 beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus in Charlestown.

This event has become the official kick-off to the Greater Boston St. Patrick's Day season. In addition to a traditional Irish dinner, the night will include Irish music

by Devri Boston, step dancers, bagpipers, videos by elected officials and the annual presentation of the Golden Shamrock Award to a community leader. More than 75 federal, state, and local elected officials are also expected to attend and several of them will try their favorite St. Patrick's Day jokes.

A who's who list of

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Summer School Activities, Summer Camps and more!

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CNC COMMUNITY CORNER

The monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will be held on Tuesday March 3, at 7 pm, in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford Street. Joining us will be the Commissioner of Boston Parks and Recreation, Ryan Wood, and the Executive Director of the Charlestown YMCA, Dru Belli. The public is encouraged to attend.

Residents dissatisfied with current ZBA; City Council working on home rule petition

By Lauren Bennett

Following Mayor Walsh's Executive Order calling for more transparency and ethical standards for the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA), the City Council Committee on Government Operations held a hearing on Jan. 25 to discuss a Home Rule Petition regarding the ZBA.

City Councilor Lydia Edwards spearheaded the hearing as well as the proposed Home Rule Petition, which she said would change the structure of the ZBA. The Home Rule Petition would need to pass both the City Council and at the State House in order to take effect.

The petition as proposed now requires that ZBA members have expertise in areas of affordable housing, civil rights, environmental protection and climate change, urban planning, and design of neighborhoods. Additionally, it would require that both homeowners and renters be on the board and have expertise in zoning and general laws.

"The proposal also includes a provision that prevents members of the ZBA from engaging in the business of real estate construction, development, or purchase or sale within the city while they are members of the Zoning Board, Edwards said. "The proposal also includes a provision that gives the City of Boston discretionary authority to acquire as a condition of appointment that ZBA

members will not be engaged in the business of real estate construction, development, purchase or sale within the City for up to five years after their term of service concludes or set restrictions on activities following a member's term of service."

Additionally, the proposal requires that the ZBA public rules that would discourage "real or apparent" conflicts of interest during or after a ZBA member's term of service, and also requires that the ZBA's standards of review be put into the Boston Zoning Code. Also, the proposal requires that more information be available and easily accessible to the public, including contact information for the board members, a subscription list for notice and advertisement of board hearings, and a record of board proceedings, as well as establishes an Office of Community Council "to assure that people are fully informed and know their rights on the day of the hearings," Edwards said.

Lastly, the proposal establishes term limits board members and requires quarterly reports of variances. Edwards said that the City Council has received support from community organizations across the city, as well as letters of concern from architects who would like to see the requirement of an architect on the board remain.

Public testimony ranged from wanting to make sure technical expertise positions remained on

the board to fully supporting the Home Rule Petition and recognizing the need for an overhaul of the ZBA.

Brian Blaesser, a partner at Dinsmore & Shohl, said that in order to have findings of fact, which is a large part of what the ZBA is based on, technical expertise is necessary. He said that the Home Rule Petition seems to replace "those technical expertise positions with positions of policy," and if the board loses the technical expertise and switches to a focus on policy, it will be unable to apply those technical standards.

Fatima Ali-Salaam of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council said she supports the petition offered by the City Council, but agrees that it "should not exclude those with technical expertise," she said. "We agree with Councilor Edwards; it's a good start."

Elliott Laffer of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay (NABB) said that he has spent a number of hours before the ZBA, and agrees that there should be no conflicts of interest within the board.

However, "the most fundamental problem with the ZBA is not with the board, but how many cases are in front of the board," he said. "We are zoning by exception. If the zoning code was properly written, we wouldn't spend as much time smoothing things out."

He said that most cases that

come before the ZBA are ones asking for variances, and "maybe only two get turned down" out of 40 or 50 cases. "We're doing something wrong in the way we act," he said, adding that he feels the ZBA has a "strong bias" toward approval from the board—many people go in expecting an approval right off the bat.

Raymond Hurteau, a smaller independent developer in the Boston area, said that he does not agree with the zoning code as it is today, and would like to see some of the restrictions lifted.

"We do live in the City of Boston, and it's a city and whether we like it or not, if we aren't thinking towards the future in terms of density and not thinking of the impacts of the added density, we're going to continue to have a supply shortage," he said. He said that if some supply constraints were removed, more units could be developed and prices would fall.

Thomas Schiavoni, a North End resident, expressed frustrations with the ZBA process and hearings themselves. He said that people have taken time off of work, canceled medical appointments, and scrambled to find babysitters so they can come to a ZBA hearing for a project they're concerned about, only to find out at the hearing that the project is deferred. Developers are "more than likely" to be granted requested deferrals, he said, which leads

to frustration in the public.

Additionally, he said that people out in the hallway outside the hearing room can often be loud and disruptive during hearings, making it difficult to hear the current case. "When we don't understand the process, it ends as disrespect for the process," he said, adding that people lose faith in the ZBA system when the process is confusing or misleading.

Luanne O'Connor, a resident from South Boston, said that the City Point Neighborhood Association is also frustrated and upset with the zoning process. "I do think that we need transparency, accountability," she said. "We don't really have a lot of information insofar as statistics." She said that residents are being displaced and the city needs to look into more responsible development.

"If we're going to trust the ZBA, we need to have a process that we can trust," O'Connor said. She also said that she believes the ZBA is currently "disregarding" elected officials, neighborhood associations, and abutters when some projects still get approved despite the fact that large numbers of people are opposed to them.

"I'm very excited for your home rule petition," she told the City Council.

The City Council then spoke with members of the Walsh Administration to ask questions about the current ZBA process and make suggestions to how things might be able to be adjusted moving forward.

"This is the beginning," Councilor Edwards said. She added that the Council will have working sessions moving forward to finalize the language for the home rule petition, and then it can go before the Council for a vote. If passed, it will then move on to the State House for a vote.

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Mayor starts overhaul of ZBA

By John Lynds

In the wake of the scandal that rocked the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) last year, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards called for an overhaul of the city's zoning board.

The John Lynch-bribing scandal trickled down to the ZBA and led Mayor Martin Walsh to call for an investigation into the board.

Lynch, the city's Director of Real Estate, pleaded guilty in federal court to accepting \$50,000 from a developer to sway members of the ZBA on a vote.

Since his plea, ZBA Board Member Craig Galvin has resigned and former ISD Commissioner Buddy Christopher, who has been serving as an advisor to Mayor Martin Walsh, also jumped ship from City Hall. Reports then surfaced that Galvin's real estate company may have benefited from votes he took approving projects that he and his wife later sold.

As the scandal unfolded Edwards filed legislation to modernize and reform ZBA.

On Monday, Walsh signed an Executive Order to establish new, rigorous ethical standards for the ZBA and institute strong policies and procedures that will bring a significantly increased level of transparency, accountability and integrity to the board of appeals.

These important changes are informed, in part, by the findings of the Sullivan & Worcester report and initiate both immediate and long-term changes needed to ensure that best practices, strong internal protocols and policies are in place at the ZBA.

"The ZBA plays a critical role for our city, but to be effective in this role and maintain public confidence, the board must operate at the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and accessibility," said Walsh. "The changes we are making today will go further than state ethics laws that currently govern the board and its members, modernize the function of the board to make it more accessible and transparent to the public, and I will file legislation to change the membership of the board to ensure that it is reflective of our neighborhoods and their concerns. I want to assure the residents of Boston that they can have confidence in the ZBA and that we will continue to protect what we love about our neighborhoods as we grow and evolve as a city."

Through these reforms, Walsh is spearheading the changes necessary to strengthen public confidence in the board, improve their functions and efficiencies, and create a more understandable and transparent process. The changes will include strict standards around conflict of interest, financial and ethical disclosures for both board members and certain applicants seeking project approvals, rules governing business dealings before, during and after projects are considered and approved, enhanced ethical training for board members, as well as technological improvements to bring greater access to the board and its process for the public.

According to the Mayor's Office the Executive Order bolsters the ethics and transparency expectations of its board members by implementing new dis-

closure requirements, prohibiting members from participating in any project in which they have an interest and prohibiting members from having any subsequent business dealings with any project on which they voted. In addition, the order establishes new standards for board members, requiring each member to submit annual statements of financial interest and undergo comprehensive ethics training.

Because changes to the ZBA require state approval, Walsh said he will continue to work with Edwards to craft a home rule petition to the Massachusetts state legislature to change the composition of the board to bring added perspective and expertise.

"It is critical that residents trust and have full and indiscriminate access to 21st century government. Today's executive order takes critical steps by modernizing the Zoning Board of Appeal, promoting transparency and strengthening ethical standards," said Edwards. "As the council moves forward with legislation regarding the Board of Appeal, I look forward to continued partnership with Mayor Walsh."

The Executive Order by Walsh includes many of the overhauls Edwards called for last year.

According to the order, records would be available electronically and in person at City Hall and 1010 Mass Ave., no later than seven days following a hearing. Notices of hearings would be posted and delivered electronically twenty days in advance. Contact information for the board would be posted electronically.

Appeals could be filed electronically, in person at City Hall or at 1010 Mass Ave.

As part of the Mayor's commitment to making the ZBA more accessible to residents, the Executive Order calls for the designation of an ombuds-person to notify the public of their rights during and outside of ZBA meetings and guide residents or appellants through basic procedural steps of appeal. In addition, the Board will be required to work with the Mayor's Office of Language and Communications Access to ensure the provision of translation services is available to residents.

The reforms announced today build on steps that Mayor Walsh took immediately after learning about the allegations of bribery that are currently under inves-



Mayor Martin Walsh signs an Executive Order to begin overhauling the ZBA Monday as City Councilor Lydia Edwards looks on.

tigation, which include ordering a comprehensive, independent review of the practices and procedures of the Zoning Board of Appeal, and a separate review conducted by Attorney Brian Kelly to focus on allegations regarding a specific project.

DEBORAH HADDEN GRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR \$5,000



High school seniors who reside in the City of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop and are interested in applying for the Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship must have community service or work experience and must submit a 1,000-word essay. To be considered, all academic and residency criteria must also be met.

Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020. For more information on the Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship, including an application checklist, please visit www.massport.com/scholarships.



CHARLESTOWN BEAT

Vandalism

02/17/20 - A victim on Samuel Morse Way reported she parked her car and went home for the evening, but when she returned, she observed the gas cap was off and what appeared to be sugar was located around the tank and on the ground. The matter is under investigation.

Burglary - Residential

02/17/20 - A victim on Washington Street reported unknown person(s) forced the front door of the building open, breaking it in the process. At that time, nothing appeared to have been taken, and information received stated someone in the building might have been responsible.

Larceny

02/18/20 - Officers responded to Third Avenue for a group causing a disturbance and were informed that several males refused to leave the premises and had taken a woman's cell phone. Police located the suspects, and an on-scene investigation resulted in two of their arrests.

Larceny

02/20/20 - A victim on Main Street reported a male suspect entered his store and stole several frozen dinners. The suspect had departed the area prior to officers' arrival, but a video of the incident will be made available to police.

EDITORIAL

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD -- VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

The revelation last week by members of our intelligence agencies to Congress that the Russians once again are, and will be, interfering in our electoral process is an ominous portent for the national election in November.

The recent experience of the mismanaged vote-counting at the Democratic caucuses in Iowa has shown the limits of the technology that we have employed to replace paper ballots and its susceptibility to being bungled and hacked.

Even worse, the extreme form of gerrymandering and voter suppression in the Southern states brings into question whether some in our own country even believe in the democratic process.

Together, these developments should give all of us good reason to be fearful about the future of our republic. That may sound dire and overly-dramatic, but it's a reality that we cannot ignore.

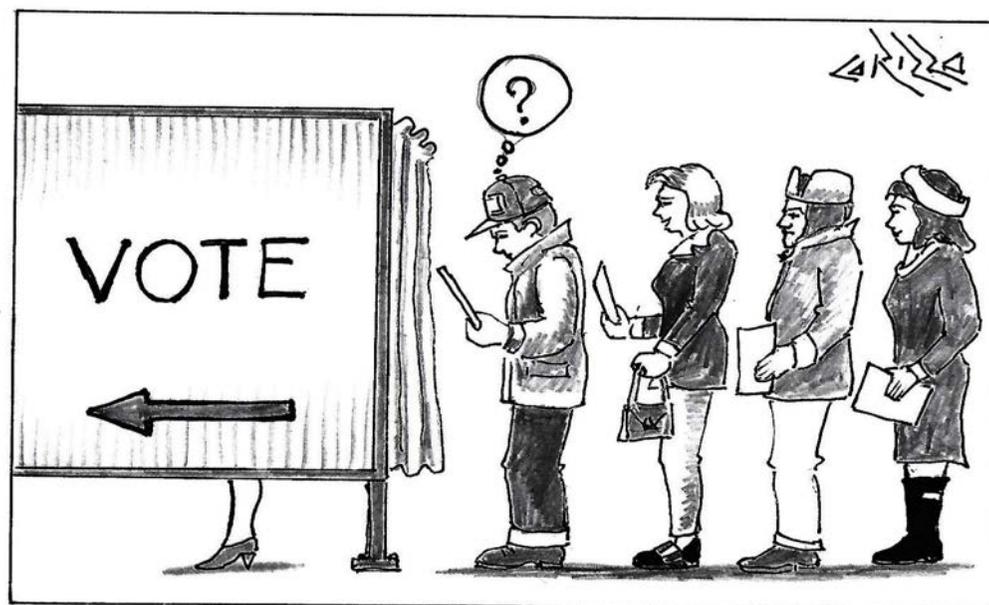
The one thing that had set us apart from every other nation in the world -- the sanctity and fairness of our electoral process -- has been shown to be vulnerable not only to foreign influence, but also to a combination of our own incompetence, our misplaced faith in 21st century technology, and the blatant self-interest of certain political groups.

In an era when cynics are proclaiming that we are sliding into the realm of a banana republic, it therefore is essential that all of us who have the ability to vote must do so.

Early-voting already is underway in Massachusetts for the Presidential Primary election, which will be held this coming Tuesday. There are 15 candidates on the Democratic side of the ballot and four Republicans, as well as Libertarian and Green party candidates.

The only way that we can overcome the forces who are seeking to destroy our democracy is to exercise the one thing -- our right to vote -- that has set us apart from every other nation in the world since our founding.

We urge all of our readers to get out and vote -- doing so never has been more crucial to maintaining our democratic principles.



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GUEST OP-ED

The early college movement

By Pam Eddinger

Bunker Hill Community College serves thousands of disadvantaged students each year. While many are successful in starting a career or advancing their education, an unacceptable number leave without accomplishing their goals. No silver bullet can nullify all the obstacles that push them off course. However, I believe the Early Colleges blossoming across the state are as close to a game-changing solution as we will find.

Early Colleges are partnerships between traditional high schools and local institutions of higher education. Over the past five years, Bunker Hill formed Early College partnerships with Chelsea High, Charlestown High, and Madison Park. Other area high schools are eagerly awaiting sufficient funding to sustainably enter into similar arrangements with us.

Bunker Hill professors work closely with high school faculty to align English and math curriculum so that students are prepared for the demands of college-level work by the time they reach their junior year. As juniors, they take college classes with Bunker Hill professors at their high schools. The partners work together to provide tutoring and success coaching to help them acclimate to the pace and rigor of college work. Senior year the students come to Bunker Hill for courses, selecting from the college's extensive catalog.

Intensive advising and career exploration are critical ingredi-

ents. Early College students learn about different professions and the paths they take to rise within them. Through internships and job shadowing, they develop contacts and mentoring relationships.

Early College students finish high school with a substantial number of transferable credits and deeper understanding of the wider world that awaits them. One of the hallmarks of an impactful Early College is a clear commitment to access for all students. These programs do not skim top performers; they raise everyone to the top by creating well-designed and supported pathways. So while the vast majority of Early College students will be the first in their families to attend college, they head to the schools of their choice as well prepared as those with two college-educated parents.

My staunch belief in this comprehensive approach comes from observing the success of hundreds of Early College students at Bunker Hill, as well as the positive results from the Early College movement across the United States. Experimental studies with randomized controls find Early College doubles post-secondary completion rates for low-income students. Among the many interventions to boost college graduation rates that have been subjected to rigorous evaluation, none provide a larger return on investment.

Data presented recently by the Globe show low-income students in Massachusetts are three times less likely to complete college than their more affluent peers.

If we are serious about addressing this unconscionable disparity, we should be laser focused on efforts to build and sustain high-quality Early College partnerships.

The Student Opportunity Act passed by the Massachusetts legislature late last year provides school districts with an infusion of funds to implement evidence-based practices to close achievement gaps. Drawing on his prior experience overseeing the development of the state's largest Early College in Lawrence, Jeff Riley, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, recently issued guidance encouraging districts to use a portion of these new dollars to fund Early College. Working with the Department of Higher Education, Commissioner Riley has also established a robust designation process to ensure that Early Colleges in Massachusetts adhere to quality assurance standards.

The only missing component is adequate funding to cover the expenses public colleges like Bunker Hill face as more high schools seek Early College partnerships. States like North Carolina and Texas, which offer Early College to tens of thousands of students each year, recognize these costs and provide funding to both high schools and their college partners.

Community colleges are notoriously underfunded in Massachusetts. While we are competitive around the nation in aca-

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with the BPDA, which outlines our revised plans for the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment," read statement from the development team. "This filing kicks off the next phase of our community outreach as part of the Article 80 process. We are currently meeting with the residents of the Bunker Hill development and will begin public meetings within the next month to answer questions and discuss more specific topics such as open space, construction impacts, and transportation."

Much of the project is as advertised, with 2,699 units (1,010 being replaced on-site public housing that already exists) and 70,000 square-feet of commercial space, along with a 14,000 square-foot community center, up to 1,300 spaces of off-street parking and ample open space. However, the time line might be sped up significantly.

The first phase of the project may come much sooner than anticipated, with the development team requesting a waiver for Phase 1 – which includes two buildings, one of which is only public housing units – that potentially could forego a lot of the initial reviews by the City and the community.

"In conjunction with this (filing), and in accordance with (state law), the Proponent is requesting a Phase I Waiver be issued in order to allow for the immediate construction of Buildings F and M and associated infrastructure improvements," read the filing.

While the project has experienced years of delays due to a re-start of the entire process and a change in the development team two years ago, there has been a sense of urgency in the informal meetings. At the same time, there was no discussion of a waiver of review for Phase 1.

That is controversial because the first two buildings were a sticking point with the community and some elected officials last fall. Many neighbors and residents of the existing development were uneasy about having one entire building made up of only low-income housing – which many felt would nix the entire concept of a mixed-income development and possibly create a stigma.

The development team, in early meetings, said the financing just wouldn't allow them to mix the incomes so much in the early stages, but that future phases would include a much more integrated mix of low-income and market-rate units. When informal meetings concluded last fall, there was hope that the situation would be altered.

It is, in fact, the same.

The Phase 1 program includes two buildings (Buildings F and M on the new Master Plan), and they make up 376,400 sq. ft. of development, or about 10 percent of the entire project. The first building (Building F) includes a 10-story mixed-income building with 286 units and 86 parking spaces fronting Decatur Street and Samuel Morse Way. However, the second building (Building M) is tabbed as a four to six-story building with 102 units of low-income housing only and fronting Corey, Medford and Tufts streets.

Those two buildings would contain mostly one and two-bedroom units, with 200 of the 358 total units in Phase 1 being market-rate.

Beyond that sticking point, there is a highlight in the community center concept that has been better detailed. That would include supporting a robust community services and programming piece to enhance and sustain the neighborhood. The developer has pledged to devote \$1.1 million of the operating budget for the project to funding the center and the programming. There have been hints, though nothing official, that the Charlestown YMCA could be the provider that would operate the new community center concept.

Some of the other development highlights in the filing are:

- Construct sustainable, Passive House certified buildings employing ultra-low energy design, thereby contributing to the City of Boston's goal of making Boston carbon neutral by 2050;
- Introduce 6.74 acres of landscaped open space (a half-acre larger than the riverfront park at Assembly Row);
- Enable an activated public realm to knit this new neighborhood into the rich public realm context of Charlestown;
- Integrate building forms and urban design into an evolved urban fabric that builds on the legacy of historic Charlestown;
- Reduce the Site's physical, social, and economic isolation from the larger Charlestown neighborhood;
- Enable sustainable transportation and access through adequate, adaptable parking, pedestrian permeability, bicycle accommodations and enhanced transit access;

MGH INSTITUTE STUDENTS HOLD FREE HEALTH FAIR



More than a dozen students from MGH Institute of Health Professions recently held a Health Fair at the Robert A. Georgine Towers elderly housing at 100 Ferrin St. Graduate students in nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, and speech-language pathology – representing the Charlestown school's interprofessional Sanders IMPACT Practice Center -- provided residents and visitors with health and wellness information as well as performed blood pressure, balance, and vision screenings. Residents also participated in hearing tests and discussed home-safety strategies. Julia Burton has her blood pressure checked by MGH Institute nurse practitioner student Doriann Amadi at the school's recent free health clinic.

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Massachusetts political figures will be joining the festivities including Gov. Charlie Baker, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, Attorney General Maura Healey, State Auditor Suzanne Bump, Cambridge Mayor Sumbul Siddiqui, Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, Middlesex

County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, and many more. There will also be a special surprise guest and some of Boston's well know comedians as well. This event is one of the most popular St. Patrick's Day traditions in the Greater Boston community and Senator Nick Collins, the host of the South Boston St. Patrick's Day Breakfast, will also be at the event.

For tickets and event information, please call (617) 387-3327. Proceeds will go to The DiDomenico Foundation, which funds educational scholarships for high school students, as well as a large toy drive during the holiday season for domestic violence and homeless shelters throughout the Greater Boston area.

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demic innovations, the lack of funding to scale solutions that work keeps us behind. The consequences of neglecting public institutions that serve the largest numbers of disadvantaged students are readily apparent. Growth in income inequality has outpaced

most other states. Massachusetts' high-paying tech sector lacks diversity, and employers increasingly struggle to fill open positions.

Over my career, I have watched community College educators try with all their might to help more

of their students succeed. We have finally hit upon a formula that works. With an extremely modest investment, Massachusetts can reap the rewards.

Pam Eddinger is President of the Bunker Hill Community College.



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MOREY (from pg. 1)

Morey grew up in Lowell, but came to Boston many moons ago to take a job as a nurse at the old Boston City Hospital – never really returning to Lowell. As a kid, she said they never really celebrated her birthday – maybe because it was on leap year, maybe not.

“A lot of people in that era didn’t know anything about leap year,” she said. “I never celebrated my birthday. As a kid, I had no birthday parties. We didn’t celebrate that much in those days anyway to tell the truth. In fact, I don’t recall celebrating my birthday until I turned 100. In fact, no one really knew me or knew I existed until I turned 101. Then I was famous all the sudden.”

The fact that Morey’s birthday

is on leap year is quite fitting for her energetic and quirky personality. A true Old Bostonian who lived through so many years in the City, marrying a Townie years ago and getting close to the late John F. Kennedy and his family.

“Every time I get up, I put my feet on the ground, raise my hands up to God, and say ‘Thank you,’” said Morey.

It is her faith, a belief in meditation, her art and a devotion to Sudoku that she says keep her young – thought her genes seem to run in the family as she has siblings that are 102, 96 and 92.

“Every day I do charcoal drawings,” said Morey, who at one time was a painter accepted into the Copley Society. “I do those draw-

ings with my eyes closed though. It’s meditative. I don’t know what it’s going to be until I open my eyes. The Sudoku keeps my mind sharp and I do Tai Chi here too... The most important organ in your body is your brain. When it’s gone, you’re gone. I keep busy.”

It’s those things that the Navy Yard resident does that has made here one of the darlings of the City’s Age Strong Commission, and also landed her on Chronicle last year.

But her life had many exciting twists before she hit 100.

She met her late husband, Bob Morey, in North Station on a whim while she was waiting for a train to go the City Hospital. She was having coffee, and the Charlestown gentleman approached her and asked her for her number. Although she thought he would never call, Morey did. After a few dates, they were kindred spirits.

Bob Morey grew up in Charlestown and attended the Frothingham School, and was cousins with former Patriot publisher Jim Conway. Morey was a talented painter as well, studying under a Dutch master on the South Shore in his youth.

However, a defining moment for Irene and her husband was when he met John F. Kennedy early in the legendary politician’s life. Morey and some friends went to a church in Chinatown to see him speak. Afterwards, JFK asked him for support.

“JFK told Bob he was looking for some quality guys from Charlestown,” said Morey. “He wanted Bob to work for him.

He asked my husband and Billy Sutton, also from Charlestown, for help. My husband stayed with him from that day on.”

That led Irene and their family to be able to see the famed Kennedy Inauguration, and her husband became a U.S. Marshal working out of Boston – a job that also allowed him to use his artistic talents to design and paint the official seal of the U.S. Marshal Service. That seal is still used today, and Morey recently flew to Ft. Smith, Ark., for a private ceremony to celebrate a new museum for the Marshal Service, one that is adorned with Bob Morey’s seal.

A key to Morey’s life has been her artistic side, she said.

After a horrific snowstorm when she was working at the Marine Hospital in Brighton nearly alone, Morey said she threw in the towel on nursing after 30 years and went to art school in the 1950s. The only adult studying at Mass Art, Morey said it was the best thing she ever did.

“I became a painter and I went to art school,” she said. “My husband was already an artist and he had a studio in the Back Bay. It was the best part of my life. I was working alongside young kids and they wore cut-off shorts, but I had to do it.”

Morey moved back to Charlestown many years ago, and enjoys her neighbors and her daily life of meditation and contemplation – as well as her sojourns with Age Strong. It’s an active life at the ripe old age of 26, but it’s one that she said has been fulfilling – a treasure trove of memories.

“Everything in moderation,”



Navy Yard resident Irene Morey has the distinguished title of the oldest person in Charlestown, and this Saturday, Feb. 29, she will turn 26. The leap year baby is actually 104, but with her energy and personality, one could easily mistake her for the younger of her two ages.

she said. “It’s all in the attitude. If you want to be a grouch, get off my couch. I came up with that one. Honestly, I could be complaining that my knee hurts, but I don’t. I haven’t been to the doctor in 16 years. I don’t take any medications. I only take vitamins. All of them. Whatever. If your knee hurts, I say deal with it. What do you think? You’ll go through life without any pain? Get over it. Live life. I’ll go to bars and restaurants. I go to Sully’s and I go to the Ritz. Whatever.”

Morey plans to celebrate with friends in the Navy Yard this Saturday, when she’ll turn 104, or 26. Whatever!

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Rollins invites nonprofits to apply for grant funding

District Attorney Rachael Rollins today invited nonprofits to attend an information session on her Community Reinvestment Grant program, which last year delivered \$100,000 to local nonprofits working with youth in Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop.

“So much of the work that my staff and I do takes place outside of the courthouse. We are indebted to our amazing nonprofit partners who help keep our communities safe and healthy by providing mentoring, educational opportunities, and positive social programming as well tools and strategies to combat violence, trauma and addiction,” District Attorney Rollins said. “I’m proud

to offer this funding to show my Office’s support for this important work.”

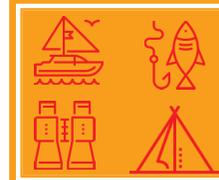
Organizations interested in applying for a Community Reinvestment Grant are invited to attend an information session on February 26, 2020, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Perkins Community Center, 155 Talbot Ave., in Dorchester. The event will allow nonprofit leaders the opportunity to ask questions about the application process and to become familiar with the grant program’s priorities.

The request for proposals (RFP) can be found here; application materials will be made available on February 26, 2020. Proposals are due no later than March 30,

2020, and applicants will be notified of a decision on April 22, 2020.

Last year, District Attorney Rollins awarded a total of \$100,000 to 21 nonprofit agencies.

“This grant program allows my Office to invest in our values and give back to the community through organizations that work each and every day to provide the services that Suffolk County residents of all ages, and especially our young people, need to thrive,” District Attorney Rollins said. “The funding allows these institutions to continue their vital work in the community, and it helps strengthen my Office’s bonds with our nonprofit partners and the community at large.”



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Beacon Hill Nursery School is excited to announce its annual summer programming for 2020, packed with creative learning adventures for children ages 2 to 6. The program offers eight one-week sessions from June 15-August 14 (no camp June 29-July 3) for Toddlers (children ages 2-2.8) and Mixed Age (children ages 2.9-6), from 8:30-1pm. An extended day option is available until 3:30pm for children 2.9-6. In addition to the Mixed Age program for children ages 2.9-6, we are offering four one-week Specialty Camps (8:30-2pm) culminating in a showcase for families at 1:30pm on each Friday, as follows: Spanish Camp (June 15-19), Yoga and Mindfulness Camp (June 22-26),

Theater Camp (July 6-10), STEM Camp (July 13-17). Please do register for our waitlist if a week is currently full, as we do see movement throughout the spring into the summer and we actively manage the waitlist.

This unique summer program is staffed largely with the school's own EEC qualified teachers and offers a stimulating and nurturing environment. Children enjoy spending their days exploring our two natural playscapes, discovering science and nature, participating in music, art, and yoga, and engaging in water play and outdoor activities. In addition, a wide variety of in-house field trips are part of the summer program experience, including visits from places such as The Museum of Science, Barn Babies, and the New England Aquarium. Utilizing the school's outdoor natural playscapes, the program integrates exciting opportunities for young children in the city to engage with nature-based activities. Please visit our website (www.bhns.net/summer-program) to register now!

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Belmont Day School's Summer Camp combines the best of summer fun with enriching programs for children entering pre-K through Grade 9. At Belmont Day, summer is about making new friends, pursuing interests, and gaining independence. Activities include archery, movement, sports, art, nature and much more, with daily swimming lessons and a free swim period. Belmont Day summer programs are led by dedicated and experienced counselors. Be part of the Belmont Day community where kids explore, play, and grow. For more information visit www.belmontday.org/summer-discoveries.

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Summer Fun Program
 The Boston Children's School Summer Fun Program celebrates its 37th year of providing exceptional summertime experiences and academic enrichment to children between the ages of 3 and 10 years old. The Summer Fun Program at The Boston Children's School is conveniently located at Charles River Park, in the historic West End section of Boston. The location is fully air-conditioned. The school has its own private playground, which allows chil-

dren to play outdoors away from the noise, congestion and traffic of the city streets. The location also allows children to explore the cultural richness of the City of Boston through field trips to museums, theaters, libraries and historic sites. The Summer Fun program is organized by age. Each age group is supervised, taught and nurtured by certified teachers, along with teacher interns from local area colleges. All activities are designed to be developmentally appropriate for each age group. Children can use the pool areas, on a daily basis, at The Clubs at Charles River Park. The Summer

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Fun program also offers children music appreciation, gymnastics, field trips, arts and crafts, tennis, and interactive storytelling. Parent involvement and participation are always a part of the program, which begins June 22 and ends Aug. 21.

If you would like your child to become part of the 2020 Summer Fun Program at the Boston Children's School, call Judy Langer, Program Director, at 617-367-6239.

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Program tuition includes two snacks and lunch every day, ferry and admission tickets and all activity fees. As a non-profit organization, Boston Explorers is committed to providing opportunity to all children. Financial aid is available based on need. Session 1: July 6 – 17, Session 2: July 20 – 31, Session 3: August 3 – 14 Bike Week (Ages 10+): August 17 – 20 Tuition: \$1,250 per session Bike Week tuition: \$500 (4-days)

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The Teen Young Leaders Program for ages 13-14 runs 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Teen Evening Program for ages

13-18 are from 4:00 - 8:00pm

Summer Camp is July 6th - August 21st

Mini Camp - July 6th - 10th

Session 1 - July 13th-24th

Session 2 - July 27th - Aug 7th

Session 3 Aug 10th -21st

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Students of the Beacon Hill Nursery School during yoga class.

Week one is about our Avian Friends (August 17-21) and Week 2 takes us to the open fields of the Savannah (August 24-28). You won't want to miss these great fun-filled days.

Camp times are from 9AM to 3:30 PM each day, with after-care available, as well. Each week has a field trip off-site to add to the fun. Camp is open to children entering first grade in fall and goes up to fifth grade. As ever, at Science and Discovery Program, the days are full -- conducting experiments, building models, observing live specimens, artistic opportunities, etc. – there's something for everyone at “e” inc.!

For more information visit: www.einc-action.org and click on the camp tab for information, sign-up papers, etc. We look forward to exploring these new frontiers with you.

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Ask about our after school Art Club for ages 4-10, and April Vacation session as well!

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Boston Explorers helps kids explore their interests, and their city

By Seth Daniel

When Alphonse Litz was growing up in Syracuse, there wasn't an historic site or a walking trail that his working class family didn't visit and learn about. It was a way for them to experience their surroundings, and occupy their time on a fixed budget.

But, he said, it was so enriching for him growing up, that he was surprised after many years of being a Boston Public School teacher that many kids in his classes and under his guidance had never seen Boston's rich historic trails or experienced its lush amenities. It was with that in mind – and some disappointment as an educator existing in the standardized testing era – that he set out to found a program to let kids explore their interests and the historic city they live in.

That's when he founded Boston Explorers – a summer and school vacation program that has grown from 11 kids in the basement of a South End Church in 2011 to more than 275 kids in three two-week camp sessions (plus February and April School Vacation weeks).

"I was going into a third grade classroom carrying a large stack of MCAS tests into the room, and one of the third graders said, 'There's the man that brings the

tests,'" said Litz, a long-time resident of the South End and former public school teacher in Mission Hill. "I was devastated. I had been about radical changes in education and focusing on kids learning, and then that came out. I went home and told my partner Bob about it and it had been the most depressing day I'd ever had. That's when I started to launch Boston Explorers. It wasn't a question of if, but when. I had the luxury of being able to go out and start the camp in 2011. We started with 11 kids in the church basement and we explored the entire city."

In addition to visiting places like the USS Constitution, historic homes like the Nichols House or Otis House, the Public Gardens, rowing on Boston Harbor and figuring out how to travel on the MBTA – the camp also features a time of reflection for kids where they can choose to do things they like, but in a non-electronic environment.

That could mean building something in the wood shop, playing Foosball or bumper pool, jumping rope, building with Legos or quietly reading. The four goals of every day, Litz said, are to explore Boston, have fun, be kind to everyone and make things with their hands.

"We try to do those things every



Boston Explorers is a camp that brings kids front and center with the historic sites in the City that often elude those who live here, and it also allows kids to explore their own interests in a non-electronic environment. The camp has grown from 11 to 275 per year since 2011.

single day," he said. "I want to get kids back to working with their hands, learning like I did from my father, who was a carpenter. I want to share that. Kids don't miss the phones. Some of the feedback I've gotten is that even the older kids don't mind leaving the phone behind because they can really just be a kid again...So much play is scripted by adults like in sports or ballet or music lessons. This is a place kids can go to have full choice over what they want to do. They are guided by adults, but kids have room to choose and

learn."

That's where it becomes what Litz and Assistant Director Sakura Tomizawa call a throwback kind of summer camp.

"This is the kind of camp your grandmother would recognize," said Litz. "The kids value the freedom...It's a child-centered program really all about play and exploration. We have turned down grants because we don't want to do education. It's about play, exploring and learning through that. Kids love it and we keep on exploring."

Boston Explorers is tailored to kids age 6-14 in a mixed-age camp that features numerous staff members and older teen trainees. Campers are well-supervised on the trips through Boston, and many of those supervisors are former campers too.

Over time, Boston Explorers has moved its base camp from Union United Church in the South End to the Rafael Hernandez School in Jamaica Plain. From there, they start and end their days, but have excursions that include visiting historic homes, or leveraging partners like Emerson College to get a behind the scenes tour of the Majestic Theatre.

It's literally like a buffet of activities – going so far as to include African drumming with the Hyde Square Task Force partner from Jamaica Plain.

Ironically, many of the kids in the camp have never been on the Freedom Trail or contemplated the statues in the Public Garden. For a lot of kids in Boston, those things can seem like parts of the city that are only for tourists – not for children growing up here.

At Boston Explorers, Litz said, the City is in their hands.

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- Session 1: June 22-26
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- Session 3: July 6-10
- Session 4: July 13-17
- Session 5: July 20-24
- Session 6: July 27-31
- Session 7: August 3-7

*Session 2 is only 4 days due to the July 4th holiday.

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Hill House Summer Camp

By Marianne Salza

Hill House Summer Camp is an opportunity for children to be kids in a fun and safe environment. From skipping through the Alford Spray Deck, playing games on Teddy Ebersol's Red Sox Fields, and creating art at the Mount Vernon Street Firehouse, campers will have an action-filled summer from June 15 through the end of August. Hill House is encouraging families to register soon, as almost all of the weekly sessions are 80 percent full.

"Kids love our summer camp because it is a place for them to hang out with their friends," said Lauren Hoops-Schmieg, Executive Director. "Many of our kids go to different schools. Hill House tries to keep that neighborhood feeling. Kids can hang out with their next door neighbors and be outside."

Day Campers, ages 5 to 12, enjoy arts and crafts at the Firehouse, and playing field games on the Esplanade. Children attend

educational and fun field trips to the New England Aquarium, The Arnold Arboretum, space centers, farms, Canobie Lake Park, and Sky Zone. Several days a week, campers swim at The Clubs at Charles River Park, where they are staffed by American Red Cross-certified lifeguards, as well as Hill House staff; and nearly every day, they frolic through the Esplanade's spray deck.

"The spray deck is a great asset because on a hot day in the city, there is nothing better," Schmieg explained.

Kiddie Campers, ages three to five, explore a variety of art mediums and outdoor athletics on the Esplanade and Boston Common to build confidence and friendships. The New England Aquarium will visit with touch tanks, and farmers introduce children to animals at the Firehouse, where little ones can enjoy puppet and magic shows.

"We try to make a comfortable and safe place for them to explore and build social skills," explained

Hoops-Schmieg. "We have a lot of sensory activities."

When children graduate from Day Camp, they can participate in the Leaders in Training (LIT) program, for teenagers, 13-15-year-old who wish to continue at Hill House, but with a new dimension: being a mentor. This is the third year that Hill House has offered LIT for children to explore beyond their comfort zones, build their strengths, and self-reflect. They learn conflict resolution, how to play with children and have first aid training.

"There aren't a lot of opportunities for 13-15-year-olds. This program challenges them and builds their critical thinking skills," said Hoops-Schmieg. "This is a way that they can explore what their own capabilities are. It's learning by doing and being around their peers."

Teenagers gradually transition from campers to counselors as they take part in leadership workshops, in addition to planning and



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Teenagers in the Leaders in Training program learn to become counselors.

assisting camp activities. The LITs also participate in community service projects throughout the three-week program.

"The most successful Leaders in Training are those willing to be vulnerable and learn about themselves," described Hoops-Schmieg, who spent many summers at an overnight summer camp where her mother served as a director.

Schmieg describes camp as being her first love. From age three-24, Hoops-Schmieg has been a camper, advancing to a counselor-in-training, to a counselor, and then administrative staff member. She was also the former director

of a summer camp in the woods of Rhode Island.

"I am passionate about summer camp because you have the room to physically and mentally explore and become a full person," explained Hoops-Schmieg. "Camp helps you be a kid, develop interests, and gives you freedom of expression."

Register for Hill House Summer Camp and learn more about the weekly sessions by calling (617) 227-5838, visiting www.HillHouseBoston.org or the Firehouse, located at 127 Mount Vernon St.

Register online today for:

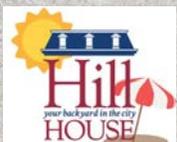


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For the Record

•Warren Prescott School Dates:

*March 11:
School Site Council Meeting
*March 21: Spring Fling 2020

•Harvard Kent School Dates:

*Feb 10-April 3: K2 and All other Grade Priority Registration

•BPDA: Urban Renewal Community Meeting

The Boston Planning and Development Agency invites the surrounding community for a meeting to provide feedback regarding any potential updates to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan.
When: Thursday, Feb. 27, 6-8 p.m.
Where: Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford St, Charlestown

•Charlestown Neighborhood Council

The monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, Charlestown's local community group. Joining them will be the Commissioner of Boston Parks and Recreation, Ryan Wood, and the Executive Director of the Charlestown YMCA, Dru Belli.

When: Tuesday, March 3, 7 p.m.
Where: Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford St.

•WARD 2 TO ELECT DELEGATES TO DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Registered Democrats in Ward 2 will hold a caucus on Thursday March 12, at the Charlestown Branch Library to elect Delegates and Alternates to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the caucus beginning at 6 p.m.

This year's state convention will be held on May 30 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, where thousands of Democrats from across the state will come together to discuss Party business and celebrate our successes

as we prepare for upcoming elections. Voting participation at the caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Ward 2, but all are welcome to attend.

•The Charlestown Mothers Association is pleased to offer up to \$15,000 in college scholarships, to men and women who have been residents of Charlestown for at least five years, and will be attending college full-time this fall. The amount of each scholarship awarded will be determined by the CMA Scholarship Committee. Last year, CMA awarded 10 scholarships. Copies of the application are available at the "Scholarship" tab on the CMA website, www.charlestownmothersassociation.org, and also at the Charlestown Branch Library at the circulation desk. The completed application is due by April 24, 2020.

•Mayflower 2020 volunteers: Mayflower Sails 2020 needs volunteers. The Mayflower 2 will be sailing into the Charlestown Navy Yard from May 15-19, 2020. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the webpage located at MayflowerSails2020.com or write to info@mayflowersails2020.com.

In the comments section state that you live in Charlestown.

•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.

Pinto participates in production

Emerson Stage members recently participated in a production of "Good Breeding" at the Semel Theatre during its run from Feb. 20-23 at Emerson College in Boston.

"Good Breeding" is a contemporary retelling of "The Oresteia," where Aeschylus' timeless trilogy of revenge and justice meets our current collective unconscious. The language shifts seamlessly between poetic Greek in translation and "action-movie" catch phrasing, allowing the audience to travel between these two contrasting worlds. The adaptation stays true to the original story's central conflict between humanity and the gods while wrestling with the concept of divine intervention and abandonment in surprising, highly theatrical, darkly comic, and often

brutal ways.

Among those involved was Amy Pinto of Charlestown, who was credited as Costume Designer in this production. Pinto is pursuing a degree in Design/Technology and is a member of Emerson College's Class of 2020.

At Emerson Stage, students in the Department of Performing Arts apply skills learned in the classroom to fully produced performances. The next generation of actors, designers, stage managers, technicians, administrators, and educators work alongside distinguished faculty, professional staff, and visiting artists to perfect their skills, build their resumes, and deepen their understanding of their craft and the role theater plays in enriching communities.

LOWELL L. RICHARDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR \$5,000



High school seniors who reside in the City of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop and are interested in applying for the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship must have community service experience and must submit a 1,000-word essay. To be considered, all academic and residency criteria must also be met.

Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020. For more information on the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial scholarship, including an application checklist, please visit www.massport.com/scholarships.



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CHARLESTOWN YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Charlestown Youth Hockey Association (CYHA) held its annual Comedy Night fundraiser at the Knights Of Columbus Hall on Sunday, Feb. 23. Youth Hockey is an important element in Charlestown and the Association is a 100-percent volunteer organization. They are appreciative of the participation and support from the players' families, Knights of Columbus Hall for the venue, the Bacon Truck from offering food for the gathering, and of course Comedian Tony V and his friends for offering their talents to support a Charlestown institution.



Kathleen and Mark Chardavoyne.



Carrie and Keith Orlowsky.



Tony V opens the comedy show.



Coach Melissa Richard, Jen Rossi, and Ruth Vega.

USS Constitution to hold Change of Command on Saturday

The crew of USS Constitution is scheduled to host their Change of Command Ceremony Saturday, Feb. 29, on the ship at 10 a.m.

Constitution's current Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Nathaniel R. Shick, will be relieved by Cmdr. John A. Benda – a Massachusetts native hailing from Dedham.

USS Constitution will be closed during the ceremony, but will open to the public after the event at 2 p.m. and will close at 4 p.m.

Cmdr. Shick, USS Constitution's 75th Commanding Officer, previously served as the Executive Officer aboard the Ticonderoga-class, guided-missile cruiser USS Normandy (CG 60) and support-

ed Operation Inherent Resolve.

"The opportunity to command is a signal honor," Cmdr. Shick said. "To command Constitution is an exceptional chapter in my naval career. It is with heartfelt gratitude that I give due praise for our achievements to my outstanding crew and the dedicated government and community

organizations which support our mission to share America's naval heritage with the world."

Cmdr. Benda previously served as USS Constitution's Executive Officer before being selected to serve as the ship's 76th Commanding Officer.

"It is the honor of my professional life to be named the next

Captain of Old Ironsides—to be the face of the United States Navy, to get the opportunity to lead the finest crew of sailors, and to work with the incredibly supportive Boston community," said Benda.

USS Constitution remains undefeated in battle at sea, defeating her opponents in 33 combat engagements.

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Location: Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center.

This program is part of the

Saturdays in the Park series.

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the local crowd during the "off season". For full list see the park calendar <https://www.nps.gov/bost/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>

All programs take place in the Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center.

All programs are free and open

to the public.

The Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center can be reached by public transportation: bus #93, Charlestown Water Shuttle, and walking distance from North Station (Green Line, Orange Line, and Commuter Rail).

CHARLESTOWN YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT



Coach Todd Maynard and his wife Charlotte (right) with Lindy Williamson.



Comedienne Christine Hurley was one of the featured acts.



Deanna and Ryan (right) Sutton with Mike Frawley.



James Collins and Ann Marie Kelly get some chuckles from Jim Colotin's act.



The laughs were provided by comedians Steve Calechman, Steve Bjork, Christine Hurley, Tony V, and Jim Colotin.



Stephanie Katsompenakis, Robert Manning, and Emily Synk.

Cassellius supports Charlestown High to go 7-12

By Seth Daniel

Supt. Brenda Cassellius said in a recent interview that she would be supporting the idea of adding a middle school to Charlestown High and making it a clear pathway encompassing Grades 7-12, a vision that is shared with Charlestown High Principal Will Thomas.

At the current moment, Cassellius and the School Committee are working out an innovative School Budget proposal for the coming fiscal year, starting on July 1. However, once that is ironed out, a bigger discussion about high school re-design will commence, and Cassellius said she will support a middle school addition for Charlestown High.

“Charlestown High School is really going to be a wonderful school and we are really going to invest in it,” said Cassellius. “I do want to make it a 7-12 school. I have been pretty public about that (at School Committee meetings). The larger open high schools are going to need future investments.”

The current budget proposal focuses on 33 very high-need schools throughout the City, with one of them being Charlestown High School. Those investments include bringing in new services and social services as well. Year two of that process will be all about high school re-design, she said, and that will include conversations about Charlestown High expansion and the future uses of the Edwards Middle School – which is being phased out.

Principal Will Thomas said they have been thinking about the idea for the last four or five years, as

it was once floated by a previous superintendent.

“We had been considering it and thinking about it since then and our staff would welcome it if it comes,” he said. “It’s up to the superintendent and we go by what she wants to do. We do welcome the idea though. We do feel a little sympathetic for the Edwards School. When a school is shuttered, it’s never a happy thing. We want to figure out what’s best for students...I think that could be a great idea, as long as we do it in an equitable way and distribute the resources to the highest need.”

Thomas said the physical plant of the high school is massive, and once held up to 1,200 students. This year, they are hovering around 900 students, so there is ample space for any expansion to a modest, separated middle school of between 100 to 200 students.

“If we were able to hold 1,200 students at one time, then there should be room for another 100 to 150 kids,” he said. “I think there’s a way to do it.”

Any expansion would require buy-in from the Charlestown community of parents, which is rather unheard of today. Most of the Charlestown High community comes from Mattapan, Dorchester and Roxbury. Only about 10 percent or less of the students actually hail from Charlestown. Few parents in Charlestown now even consider the local high school as an option – and that has been the case for decades, a remaining vestige of busing era.

Thomas said he still envisions his school as being an open enrollment school that is open to, and attracts, a diverse student body

from all over the City, including Charlestown. He said they have made major strides in the last few years with their early college program at Bunker Hill Community College and Cambridge College, and he believes that could be attractive to parents in the Town – and could be expanded down to any new middle school.

Right now, the pathway programs include technology, business, and health careers. Freshmen in the program currently have an exploratory year at the high school, but sophomores make a decision on their pathway and Bunker Hill professors come to the school to teach the classes. By 11th-and-12th grade, students are going to Bunker Hill and taking classes alongside college students – giving them the ability to earn an Associate’s Degree by the time they graduate high school. That ends up saving a boatload of money once students move on to a traditional college, transferring the credits, getting ahead on their schooling and getting acclimated to college work.

In an expanded middle school, Thomas said he could see expanding those pathways to seventh-and-eighth graders and attracting new students to the school who want to get ahead with early college. It is one of the few schools in the City with such a robust early college partnership.

“I could easily see expanding the exploratory year to seventh-and-eighth grade to expose students to the pathways and they could do an optional extended day program for students who can stay until 4 or 5 p.m. for tutoring and sports,” he said.

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Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor Docket No. SU19P2844GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 In the interests Of: Evalise B. Pamiias Of: Charlestown, MA Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 12/23/2019 by Victoria S.

Pamiias of Charlestown, MA will be held 05/20/2020 8:30 AM Review Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02114 - Courtroom 2. You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a

right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard. A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court

papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: February 20, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 2/27/20 CT

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU20CO037CA In the matter of: Joseph Robert Sugrue A Petition to Change

Name of Adult has been filed by Joseph Robert Sugrue of Charlestown, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Joseph Newman Flanagan Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/05/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 13, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 2/27/20 CT



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TOWNIE SPORTS

MCGONAGLE/MCGOFF COMING THIS WEEKEND

The Charlestown Youth Hockey Association will host their annual McGonagle and McGoff Memorial Hockey Tournament on Friday, February 28, Saturday, February 29 and Sunday, March 1 at the Charlestown Rink. Games will begin on Friday evening and will continue through the weekend. There will be many raffles and great prizes throughout the event.

The community is invited to come down to the rink to support Charlestown Youth Hockey and enjoy the hockey.

CHARLESTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE WINTER WORK

Winter Clinics: Tuesdays 6-8 p.m., at Harvard-Kent School gym, Jan 7- March 17. 6-7pm for tee ball and Rookie Ball/Coach Pitch; 7-8pm for AAA and Majors. There will be no clinics when Boston Public Schools are closed for vacation, holidays, or snow days.

March 24 and March 31 will be mandatory player evaluations for all (current and new) AAA players (6-7pm) and Majors players (7-8pm). Tee ball: ages 4-7 years (for those just starting baseball and cannot hit a pitched ball) Rookie Ball/Coach Pitch: ages 5-7 years (must be able to hit a pitched ball) AAA: first level of player pitch: second-and-third-graders graders Majors: fourth-and-fifth-and sixth graders.

Player registration and volunteer sign-ups will be available on line soon- stay tuned!

LITTLE LEAGUE

REGISTRATION Registration for the 2020 season is now open! \$85 for the first child in a family for Rookie ball/AAA/Majors, \$35 for siblings. \$40 for tee ball. Registration after March 1st will be \$100, so register early! Please also register as a volunteer to coach or help with events- any help is appreciated!!

Here is a quick link to our website- register on line and read about the schedule and division levels here:

We hope to start outdoor practices on April 11, weather permitting. The Opening Day parade will be on April 25, with the MLB Pitch/Hit/Run competition that day instead of games, since it is the last day of April break. Other important dates:
 • Dick's sporting good Charlestown Little League shop weekend March 21-22 at the Medford and Saugus locations- 20 percent off everything.
 • Mandatory player evaluations for AAA (6-7pm) and Majors (7-8pm) at Harvard-Kent on March 24 and March 31.
 • Picture Day June 6
 • End of regular season June 20

WINTER SOFTBALL CLINICS

The Charlestown Girls Softball team winter clinics will take place for girls ages 4-18 (as of Jan. 1) from 6-8 p.m. Clinics started on Monday and will continue each Monday through March 30.. Spring registrations will also begin for instructional through 14U.

Contact Jack Schievink at (617) 201-4507 or Bill Nugent at (617) 447-3106.

CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Don't wait! Be kind now!

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

When the clerk at the cash register advised me that the item I was buying was on sale and therefore was less than I was prepared to pay for it, well, that was a happy surprise. And when she rang up the new price, a \$5 coupon came out. So she said that amount also could be deducted from the price of the item. Now I was doubly surprised!

Isn't it amazing how these little surprises just pop up in life without any expectation and forewarning. It is the experience of a person being especially kind and considerate of another. Doing so always means choosing to go out of one's way, somehow, to the amazement and delight of others. Doing something that has no obvious payback and benefit simply because it is thoughtful and kind is a joy to experience, both for the receiver and the giver.

In May, 2013, George Saunders offered the commencement address at Syracuse University. In widely viewed remarks, Saunders commented on what it was that

he regretted as he looked back on his life. He related a powerful story about a new girl who came into his grade school who was shy and awkward and an easy object of cruel comments from others. He confessed that he regretted not being kind to her. As he drew the story and lesson out he offered different insights about how and when we are kind or unkind.

Professor Saunders is not a theologian, and Syracuse is not a denominational university. However, his well-received talk points to ways of living that are known by everyone. For example, he suggests if one were to think back in life to those we hold in the highest esteem, it is likely because they showed kindness to us. And we know, too, that the obstacle to kindness is often our own self-centeredness.

Maybe one reason Saunders' speech received such notoriety is because it is, in essence, spiritual. He is speaking to that part of the human experience that nourishes the soul. He is identifying another

angle of a beautiful paradox of how in giving, one receives and in dying, one finds life. It is the fundamental Christian paradox and is the antithesis of the dominant values of our consumer driven culture. Saunders explains that achieving an integrated life of kindness and love for others is more commonly associated with being older. Therefore, he urged the graduates to "hurry up, don't wait until you are older - practice kindness now!" An indispensable admonition to us all.

"My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness."

Dalai Lama XIV

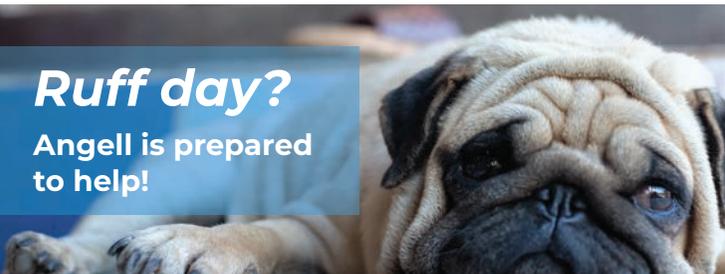
"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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MICHAEL P. QUINN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The 2020 Michael P. Quinn Scholarship will be awarded to a student who is a resident of Charlestown for the past four years (minimum) and will graduate with the Class of 2020. This scholarship is for \$12,000 for the recipient's first year of

college only. Applications can be picked up at Guidance Dept. at Charlestown High, Boston Latin, Boston Latin Academy and Boy's & Girls Club, Charlestown Library and Malden Catholic High School. Application deadline is April 15. If there are any questions, please call Ronan J FitzPatrick at 617-242-5493.

BURN, BOSTON, BURN BOOK PRESENTATION AT THE LIBRARY

"Burn Boston Burn: the Largest Arson Case in the History of the Country"; book presentation by former ATF Federal Agent Wayne M. Miller @ Charlestown Branch Library -- Thursday, March 5. More details in upcoming editions of The Charlestown Patriot-Bridge.

AGC SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

Artists' Group of Charlestown, established in 1997, is seeking new board members to continue and expand its presence in Charlestown and beyond. Their mission is to promote artists members' work while incorporating local and emerging artist from other groups and organizations, by spon-

soring community events at the StoveFactory Gallery. The 501C3 organization is looking for Board Members who are committed to the future of AGC, and its partnerships in the local arts community as well as reaching out to emerging artists, schools and agencies. The AGC needs your imagination, vision and enthusiasm! The "volunteer" board meets once monthly, first Wednesdays at 6:30-8 p.m. at the StoveFactory Gallery. R.S.V.P. to attend the March 4 meeting by emailing to: daraeve@comcast.net or send a note to AGC PO 290164 Charlestown, MA 02129.

CHARLESTOWN WORKING THEATER Winter PANTO 2020

CWT's Artist in Residence imaginary beasts present a Winter Panto 2020: Hansel and Gretel! at the Charlestown Working Theater. Performances run through March 1.

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COMMUNITY ICE SKATING DAY - MARCH 8

Christ Church Charlestown is sponsoring a Community Ice Skating Day on Sunday, March 8 from 2-4 p.m. at the Union/O'Neil Memorial Rink at 46 Union St. Skate time and skate rental are free to the community. Please be advised, parents, that this event is not a drop-off event. If you have questions, email us at info@christchurchcharlestown.com or call at (617) 580-2912.

CHARLESTOWN BY MAP AT THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCH

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SPRING (AND WINTER) LACROSSE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

ALL ARE WELCOME. The Charlestown Lacrosse & Learning Center has opened registration for its main Spring season & for its Winter skills seasons. The CLLC teaches the great game of Lacrosse to a diverse group of boys and girls, Grades K-8th. New players are always welcome regardless of skill level and scholarships are always available. We believe in the power of Lacrosse, as it is the great equalizer in the sporting world. You don't need to be tall,

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CHARLESTOWN GIRLS SOFTBALL

Spring Registration and Winter Clinics will be held at the Harvard Kent School Gymnasium, 50 Bunker Hill Street from 6 - 8 p.m. on the following dates: March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Birth Certificate required for first time players, ages eligible 4-18 years old as of Jan. 1, 2020. Contact Jack Schievink, charlestowngirlsoftball@gmail.com Phone: 617-201-4507 or Billy Nugent, bcbc8120@gmail.com, 617-447-3106.

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