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City's 3-1-1 system becomes a life-line for residents with questions

By Seth Daniel

There's no telling what kinds of questions might come over the phone lines or the online application for 3-1-1 workers during the COVID-19 crisis, but rest assured those operators are – as is often said in TV commercials – “standing by for your calls.”

The COVID-19 pandemic, and the advisories for so many of the City's residents to stay home, has elicited many more calls to the 3-1-1 system each and every day, said Neighborhood Services chief Jerome Smith. It is the first widespread catastrophic event in the city where the modern 3-1-1 system is available, and Smith said

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Bunker Hill redevelopment will postpone online workshops

By Seth Daniel

Facing mounting difficulties as the COVID-19 outbreak response continues, the development team for the Bunker Hill redevelopment project said they will put the review of the project on pause rather than continue with online meetings.

In a letter to the community, and after reaching out to key stakeholders as well, the team said they are still committed to a formal process for the review, but will pursue that when things normalize rather than in an online format.

“A full and thorough in-person community input and permit-

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Charlestown's Jesse MacDonald was one of more than 1,000 volunteers that (carefully) blanketed the streets of Boston on Saturday, March 21, as part of a tremendous literature drop mobilization. Volunteers in Charlestown hit every doorstep on every street – including separate volunteers for the senior and Boston Housing Authority buildings. At a time of great misinformation, the well-printed document gave accurate information on the COVID-19 virus and the best precautions to take.

City mobilizes volunteers across Charlestown, every Boston neighborhood

By Seth Daniel

No one had ever attempted in modern memory to blanket the entire City of Boston with printed literature in just a few hours' time, but that's exactly what happened on Saturday, March 21, as volunteers fanned out all over Charlestown and the rest of the City to drop accurate COVID-19 printed information on every doorstep.

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“This has never been attempted before except for maybe in a political campaign, but even something like that has never been seen on this scale,” said Charlestown Mayoral Liaison Quinlan Locke early on Saturday in Doherty Park. “Our goal is to get this out to every resident in Boston today, including every resident of Charlestown. We are responsible

Still Building State bridge and highway work continues amidst COVID-19 response

By Seth Daniel

State construction projects like the North Washington Street Bridge will continue, state officials said on Monday, despite the shutdown of many other construction projects throughout the city.

Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack said in a virtual meeting on Monday, March 23, that they would keep state road and bridge projects moving ahead during the pandemic, including the Tobin Bridge, the Chelsea Curves and the North Washington Street Bridge.

While work sites all over Boston and Charlestown have ground to a halt on the order of Mayor Martin Walsh, state Department of Transportation (MassDOT) said they had been advised by the Centers for Disease Control

(CDC) that outdoor construction was a low risk.

“We do plan to work on critical transportation infrastructure projects during this period, though that could change at a later time,” said Pollack. “Work on these critical road and bridge projects are continuing right now. We are working closely with the contracting companies and making sure they are practicing the proper social distancing and hygiene on their sites...It will be a project by project decision, though. There are projects where it might not be possible to fulfill the social distancing and hygiene requirements.”

One such place is at a project on Worcester, where they will not continue work, unlike here.

On the Tobin Bridge and

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SANITIZING



Parks Department employee Al Hanscom, a Charlestown native, sanitizes the playground equipment at Doherty Park on Saturday, March 21. All playground equipment and tot lots in Boston were closed down last week as an expanded response to the COVID-19 virus. With parks being a major spreading point in other countries for the virus, Mayor Martin Walsh moved to close them and clean them. See more photos on Pages 10 and 11.

For the latest news in Charlestown that you need to know, check charlestownbridge.com

Baker, Walsh continue to update residents as stay at home advisory is in effect

By Lauren Bennett

On Monday, both Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Marty Walsh provided updates to the public regarding the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. At press time, Boston had 197 cases of the virus, and the state has 1159. Two people have died in Boston, and 11 statewide. Mayor Walsh said that 21 people have made full recoveries.

After several states have issued what they call “shelter in place” or “stay at home” orders, Governor Baker directed the Department of Public Health to issue a stay at home advisory that began Tuesday, March 24th at noon and will last until Tuesday, April 7th at noon. Residents are advised to stay at home and avoid unnecessary travel and other unnecessary activities during the advisory. He also said that those over the age of 70 or who have underlying health conditions should especially limit social interactions.

The order also limits gatherings to 10 people during the state of emergency, a change from the previous 25 that were allowed.

“This includes community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based events, and any similar event or activity that brings together more than 10 persons in any confined indoor or outdoor space,” according to a release from the state. Gatherings of 10 or more people in an outdoor space such as a park or athletic field are not prohibited by the order.

“The Baker-Polito Administration does not believe Massachusetts residents can be confined to their homes and does not support home confinement for public health reasons,” the release states, though some people have written to the governor asking him to put a stricter order in place.

Governor Baker also issued an emergency order “requiring all businesses and organizations that do not provide ‘COVID-19 Essential Services’ to close their physical workplaces and facilities to workers, customers and the public as of Tuesday, March 24th at noon until Tuesday, April 7th at noon,” the release states. A list of designated businesses that are allowed to remain open can be found at mass.gov.

Businesses that are not on this list are encouraged to continue their work remotely, the governor said. Restaurants are permitted to continue offering food for takeout and delivery as long as social distancing protocols are followed.

“People will not lose access to food or medicine,” Baker assured

residents. Additionally, he said a goal for the state is to be testing people for the virus “at a significantly higher level.”

Mayor Walsh spoke to Boston residents on Monday and Wednesday as well, announcing that one Boston Police officer and one EMT have tested positive.

The pause on nonessential construction began on Monday, Walsh said, as did daycare closures statewide with the exception of some that remain open for the children of healthcare professionals and first responders.

Walsh once again thanked the healthcare workers for being on the frontlines and helping those who are sick, and reiterated that practicing physical and social distancing is of the upmost importance to stop the spread of the virus and not overwhelm hospitals.

“There is no reason to panic buy or hoard items,” he also told residents, adding that Boston water is safe to drink and people should not be hoarding plastic bottles of water from the store.

As the governor said, restaurants can continue to offer takeout and delivery, and the City is offering a guidebook on how to set it up for those who do not currently offer it. A directory for residents of which restaurants are open and offering takeout and delivery will also be available, the Mayor said.

Walsh reminded those waiting for takeout to practice social distancing and to not gather in large groups.

Walsh announced that the Boston Resiliency fund has surpassed the initial \$20 million in a little over a week, and is still accepting donations. He said that the money is already been used to buy thousands of Chromebooks, and \$5 million in grants will also be released for organizations such as the Greater Boston Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Fresh Truck, Community Servings, Project Bread, Boston’s Healthcare for the Homeless, Pine Street Inn, and more.

Walsh also announced that he has lifted the ban on plastic bags, and essential businesses that remain open will be allowed to distribute goods and food in plastic bags without charging people the typical five cents.

“Our businesses need flexibility right now to serve their customers,” Walsh said.

Walsh said that the city will continue to be in touch with seniors, the homeless population, students who need free lunch, and other vulnerable residents. He also said that there is now a team of experts

reviewing emergency management plans for the city.

When asked about plans for helping people with their rents and mortgages, Walsh said that a lot of landlords and tenants are currently struggling, and getting them help is something that will require action.

“This is uncharted territory,” Walsh said, adding that he is “grateful” for the support of this team.

Boston Public Schools remain closed, and Walsh said that around 15,000 Chromebooks have been distributed to students across the city so they can continue their learning from home. Additionally, free meals for students are being distributed at 70 locations across the city.

Walsh also said that homeless shelters remain open, and the city is erecting facilities for screening, testing, and isolating patients, including the first tent that opened on Saturday afternoon with room for 18 individuals.

“To date, no one has the coronavirus in the homeless population,” Walsh said. The city is also hiring candidates for homeless councilors, public safety officers, and more.

For seniors, Walsh said that the Age Strong Commission “is here for you,” and is conducting phone calls in multiple languages to keep seniors up to date.

Walsh encouraged families experiencing financial hardship to reach out to their banks, as many are putting products and information out there about reworking mortgages and working out payment plans for credit cards.

He is also looking for donations of gloves and masks from nail salons, construction workers, and other businesses who use that equipment, as hospitals are in dire need of these supplies.

“These are extraordinarily difficult times,” Walsh said. “We’re going to see numbers increase because of testing made available.”

Residents who are feeling alone, scared, or anxious are urged to call 311 to be connected with an anonymous counselor. “We are here for you, Walsh said. “We are going to get through this together, one day at a time.”

Walsh said that there is no “safe date” where everything will return to normal, as no one can predict what will happen. He said that he hopes that cancelling the St. Patrick’s Day parade as well as postponing the marathon will make an impact and help prevent the spread of the virus, and reiterated the importance of staying inside and away from others so life can return to normal as soon

as possible.

Baker Update March 24

On Tuesday afternoon, Baker announced that the state is continuing to ramp up testing capabilities, including adding 10 additional labs in addition to the state lab and other private labs that have been processing COVID-19 tests. At press time, Baker said that almost 9000 tests have been completed in Massachusetts, up from 6,000 on Sunday.

Baker advised people who are showing flu-like symptoms to first contact their healthcare provider before going anywhere. “We need to keep people who don’t need to be in our hospitals and medical facilities out,” he said. The state has expanded telehealth services to make it easier for people to call and video chat with healthcare providers, as well as made it easier for nurses who are licensed in other states to work in Massachusetts.

As of Tuesday morning, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has made 89 deliveries of personal protection supplies, including over 750,000 masks, face shields, masks, and pairs of gloves from the strategic national stockpile. He also said that the dental community has donated masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer as well, and similar outreach to other communities like the construction community have gone out too.

Baker said that the only things people should be going out for are groceries, medications, and for some fresh air, but physical distancing should be maintained.

The state has also announced its own text alert system. Baker said that while the state is not looking to inundate people with even more information, they felt

it was important that people are getting information from trusted sources, and only one or two notifications would be sent out per day.

The service would provide latest news and updates, public health tips, information on social and physical distancing, personal hygiene, and more. To sign up for the service, text COVIDMA to 888-777.

“It’s a great way to stay in touch with the Commonwealth,” Baker said.

When asked about relief for rent and mortgage payments, Baker said that it is hard for the state to know what to do without clarity from the federal government. He said that it is not possible to foreclose or evict without going to court, and courts are currently closed. He said they are talking about what the state could do on this matter, but he said in MA, under existing state law, it takes 90 days to cure on mortgages and 60 days on rent, and this law will be enforced.

The Baker administration also announced new legislation that would cut down on some of the “bureaucratic processes for local governments,” Baker said.

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito said that the package includes things like giving local governments more flexibility on collecting taxes from taxpayers, working with project proponents on local projects and permitting processes, and giving local businesses who are offering takeout and delivery services permission to include beer or wine in a sealed container with meals. For more information on the legislation, visit mass.gov.

“We know that we will all do better when we work together,” Polito said.

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ting process, which has currently paused, will resume at a later date to be set by the City once we move through this unprecedented time,” read the letter. “Once the formal process resumes, we are committed to taking no shortcuts and will reschedule workshops and meetings as soon as we are able to meet in person again. We will continue to be engaged and working in earnest in our planning efforts.”

Originally, like many development efforts around the City, the

team had scheduled three online workshops to communicate with the public despite the COVID-19 response. Those three workshops (March 18, March 25 and April 1) have been rescheduled to a later date, not yet determined, and will likely be in person.

To remain communicative, neighbors can reach the team through email at info@bunkerhillhousing.com. They can also visit the website at www.bunkerhillhousing.com.

Visit www.charlestownbridge.com

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it has been a life-line for so many people to hold onto during the crisis.

On Monday, after Gov. Charlie Baker announced his stay-at-home advisory, the call volumes spiked, which has been a pattern at the Center following any major announcement or press conference.

“We’re up to 2,200 calls already today (Monday) and it’s only 3 p.m.,” said Smith, who manages the Center. “We have put an increase in staffing for 3-1-1. We’re also transitioning some neighborhood liaisons to help out as well during off hours. We’re at an 84 percent service rate, which means around 80 percent of the time we’re returning or answering a call within 5 to 10 seconds.”

Mayor Martin Walsh has been big on telling residents to call 3-1-1 during the COVID-19 response for things other than emergencies, so that the 9-1-1 operators can be reserved for critical response if need be. By and large, the public has gotten the message.

“The most calls we’ve gotten during a normal busy period at 3-1-1 is 2,100 calls for 24 hours,” he said. “So having 2,200 calls by 3 p.m. is a good influx. It’s mostly people listening to the news and having questions and calling 3-1-1.”

Many people call about the symptoms they appear to have, and wonder if it’s consistent with COVID-19. Others want to know about whether they need to pay a City bill, and others want to know about getting birth certificates. There are questions for Public Works on normal things like trash, and for Boston Transportation as well. Others have called about the schools, including meal distribu-

tion sites and overall closures.

In addition, they get a lot of calls about things people cooped up at home simply see from outside their windows.

“Right now, it’s amazing we have a lot of eyes on the street and residents looking at what’s going on,” he said. “What I see in the calls is a lot of residents point-

ing out things their neighbors are doing. There are a lot of calls like that of people pointing out things people shouldn’t be doing like congregating. It’s funny when

we tell everyone to use 3-1-1 and residents call about a lot of things. There are some interesting calls coming in.”



DND Affordable Rental Opportunity

Talbot Commons- Phase 1 - Multiple Addresses in Dorchester, 02124:
14 & 18 New England Ave, 15 & 17 Mallard Ave, 207 Norfolk Street, 4-6 Norfolk Terrace

40 Income-restricted Units

19 New Construction and 7 Moderate Rehab to be rented through lottery

14 units are currently occupied with no waiting list. Filled on turnover by this lottery

Number of Units	Number of Bedrooms	Rent	Maximum Income in AMI
3	2-Bedrooms*	up to 30%household income	30% AMI
6	3 Bedroom*	up to 30%household income	30% AMI
3	1-Bedroom	\$1,359	60% AMI
25	2-Bedroom**	\$1,530	60% AMI
3	3 Bedroom	\$1,359	60% AMI

*The three 2 bedrooms and one 3-bedroom units are Homeless Set-asides filled through direct referral from HomeStart. For more information, please visit <https://www.homestart.org/bostonhsa> or call 857-415-2139

**Two of these units are built out for people with mobility impairments + one is built out for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing

Maximum Yearly Income based on Number of People in Household (2019 limits, provided by DND)

Number of People in Household	30% AMI	60% AMI
1	\$24,900	\$49,800
2	\$28,450	\$56,880
3	\$32,000	\$64,000
4	\$35,550	\$71,100
5	\$38,400	\$78,800
6	\$41,250	\$82,500

Minimum Yearly Income Based on the Number of Bedrooms

Number of Bedrooms	30%	60%
1	No Minimum	\$41,133
2	No Minimum	\$49,371
3	No Minimum	\$57,024

Minimum Incomes do not apply to households with housing assistance like Section 8, MRVP, Vash

Applications are available **March 30, 2020** through **April 24, 2020**

After careful consideration and an abundance of caution, the City of Boston has decided to cancel the in-person application distribution period.

To request an application online please go to: <http://bit.ly/talbotcommons1>

If you cannot complete the application online (recommended), please call us at **(617) 287-9580** to request that we mail you one and to ask for any guidance you might need to complete the application.

When you call, you will be asked for your full name, complete mailing address, and phone number. This is a City and HUD requirement.

Application must be submitted online OR postmarked by April 24, 2020. Reasonable accommodations made.

Selection by Lottery. Income, Asset, & Use Restrictions apply. Preferences apply. For more information, language assistance, or reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities please call or email.

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EDITORIAL

THANK GOODNESS FOR DR. FAUCI

Watching the daily press briefings of the White House Task Force on the current corona virus crisis, we know we speak for all Americans in being thankful for the calming and professional presence of Dr. Anthony Fauci, who has served as the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) since 1984.

It's hard to believe that Dr. Fauci is 79, not only because of his energy, but also because of the spot-on answers he has for every question from the press, which often includes having to make sense of the typical off-base pronouncements from President Donald Trump.

It is fair to say that there are few in the entire world who has Dr. Fauci's breadth of experience and expertise in the realm of infectious diseases. If there is one person who is irreplaceable in our government at this critical time, that person is Dr. Fauci.

We know we join with all of our fellow citizens in thanking Dr. Fauci for his many years of service to our country and for all that he is doing today in order to help us through these difficult times.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES, TOM

For the past 20 years, there has been no public figure in New England who has been more well-known, and more idolized, than Tom Brady. Regardless of whether you are a football fan, male or female, young or old, everyone knows who Tom Brady is.

Up until this season, the thought of Tom Brady not finishing his career as a Patriot was unimaginable.

But this past week, Brady's departure for Tampa Bay was the emotional equivalent of a bucket of ice water in the face. The young man who grew from a last-round draft pick into a legend, both on and off the field, has left us with an ache in our hearts, even for those of us who don't know a first down from first base.

Tom Brady never has been the most athletic person on the gridiron, nor did he possess the strongest arm. But what he demonstrated during his 20-year career is that hard work, dedication, and mental toughness matter far more than natural ability.

It is a lesson that transcends the game of football and that constitutes the essence of what made Tom Brady the GOAT.

In the vein of the maxim, " 'Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all," even though it may take another 20 years for the Patriots to get to the Super Bowl, the six championships that Tom Brady brought our region will forever be inscribed in our collective memories.

Thanks for the memories, Tom.

GUEST OP-ED

Through every challenge, Boston stands together

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

The coronavirus is a serious public health crisis that is affecting every aspect of life in our city. I know that the changes have been disruptive, and the cancellations have been disappointing. Some working people are losing paychecks, worried about bills, and struggling with childcare. And through it all, many of the people we want to wrap our arms around the most, are the very people we must keep at arm's length, for their own safety. I want you to know that the city is working around the clock to slow the spread of the virus, keep people healthy, and make sure that our city can return to normal as soon as possible.

The City of Boston is committed to keeping all residents informed and up-to-date. Here are the facts. The common symptoms of coronavirus are fever, coughing and shortness of breath. Most people recover by managing their symptoms at home. But for some, especially older people and those with medical conditions, it can be a severe illness. If you think you are getting sick, isolate yourself from others, and call your healthcare provider, or call 3-1-1 to talk to the Mayor's Health Line. You can learn more, including the latest updates, at boston.gov/coronavirus.

Here are the preventative measures that public health officials and healthcare workers have been recommending: Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue

when you cough or sneeze. Wipe down surfaces that you frequently touch with disinfectant. Practice social distancing by avoiding crowded places, staying at least six feet away from others, and staying home as much as possible.

What I want people to remember is that these steps aren't just about keeping yourself healthy, they are also about protecting the most vulnerable in our community, including people who have weakened immune systems and our older residents. No one wants to be isolated, especially during these times of stress and uncertainty, but the steps we take now will slow the spread of the virus, and will help all Bostonians in the long run. A lot of people are asking what they can do to help at a time like this. Staying home, and minimizing contact with others, especially those who are most vulnerable, are the best things you can do. I also encourage people to check in on one another. Sometimes, a phone call, an email, or a smile across the hallway or the yard can go a long way. If you are able, I encourage you to donate to the Boston Resiliency Fund, a new resource we created for local families in need. You can donate or learn more at Boston.gov/BostonResiliencyFund.

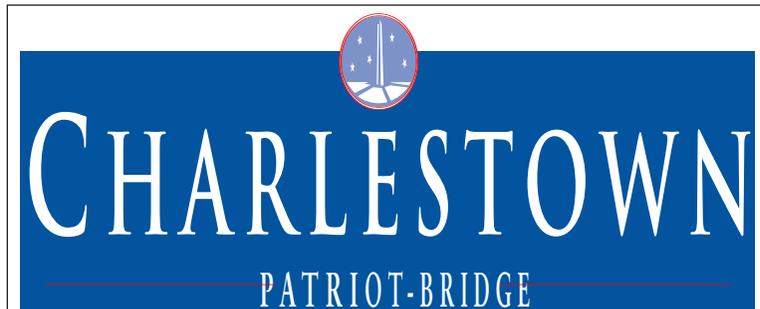
As a City government, we have taken bold and aggressive action to protect all residents. We closed the Boston Public Schools, with plans to re-open on April 27. If it is safe to re-open our schools sooner, we will do so. And we created a plan to keep all 53,000 students fed and engaged with learning activities for up to six weeks out of school. To protect our families, we closed all our City gyms, pools,

and community centers. We closed all Boston Public Library locations. The BPL offers thousands of ebooks, audio books, and movies that you can access for free online. Visit BPL.org to learn more. To protect workers, we've ordered a pause to construction, with the exception of essential safety related projects. Restaurants are closed for dining-in, but we are lifting regulations to allow all restaurants to offer take-out and delivery. And we're ready to help any establishment get set up with a delivery service. We have worked with the Boston Housing Authority and private property owners to stop eviction proceedings until the crisis is over.

At City Hall, we will only have employees on-site who are critical to the operations of the City. We're maintaining essential City services in order to keep our government running, including public health and public safety; trash and recycling; and more. We will also continue to provide essential and emergency support for seniors, children, veterans, immigrant communities, and people experiencing homelessness. Our first responders are working and on duty, because safety is always our top priority.

When we have been challenged in the past, the City of Boston always works together. We have proven that we are Boston Strong. With vigilance and patience, with empathy and love, we will get through this together. I want to thank all the people of Boston for their strength, their understanding, and their support at this critical time.

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.



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BPDA Board approves new lease terms for RopeWalk project

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved a change of lease for the RopeWalk project in the Navy Yard at its monthly Board meeting on Thursday, March 19.

The RopeWalk was supposed to be substantially occupied and generating rental revenues by January, but delays in construction and financing over the years had led to that not happening. With the

project 90 percent complete, the developer was going to run into a default on its lease if the BPDA began charging rent.

On Thursday, after a careful investigation over the last few months by a consultant, the BPDA Board approved a change in the conditions to allow the project to move forward and become occupied, while delaying rent payments to the BPDA for three years.

“Approved by the BPDA Board earlier this month, the amended ground lease for the BPDA-owned

Ropewalk Complex builds on the Agency’s commitment to use public land for public good by creating more affordable housing opportunities for the neighborhood,” read a statement from the BPDA.

Charlestown real estate professional Grace Bloodwell has been representing the project locally and is in the process of leasing the 97 units that are soon coming online.

“We are excited about the collaboration of Ropewalk and the BPDA, as well as the recent

agreement,” she said. “We look forward to a continued partnership as we work towards completion. Our work with BPDA is just one of the components that makes this an exceptional project.”

BPDA officials, for their part, did require some positive public amenity for the change in terms of their lease. That came in the form of lifting the affordable housing percentage from 13 percent to 25 percent. Now, there will be 25 affordable units in the RopeWalk project that will be phased in over

a number of years on a prescribed schedule.

BPDA officials said enforcing a default on the lease would have benefitted no one, as a nearly finished project would have no value to any other developer – particularly a challenging development like the RopeWalk building.

Construction continues on the RopeWalk, and it is expected to be completed very soon.

USS Constitution Museum goes virtual

To serve students at home and the public working remotely, the USS Constitution Museum has launched a robust outreach initiative where it is turning the Museum “inside-out” and creating digital opportunities for visitor engagement. The Museum is drawing on its leadership in audience engagement and its expertise as the definitive source for information related to USS Constitution and the Ship’s crew.

“We are offering compelling educational materials for curious students and armchair sailors,” said Anne Grimes Rand, Museum President & CEO. “Whether it’s students who cannot attend classes, educators looking for ideas, or adults with a penchant for learning about Constitution, we remain committed to delivering interesting and informative content during this difficult and uncertain time.”

Every day the Museum disseminates dynamic content related to Constitution through its social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, and website usscm.org. Through new blog posts,

in-depth research publications, artifact highlights, crew profiles, original videos, and interactive and educational webpages, the Museum continues to seamlessly engage with its virtual audience in new and exciting ways.

The weekly social media schedule includes, but is not limited to:

Monday: Research publication and LEGO® Ship Shape Competition

Tuesday: Blog post
Wednesday: Hands-on family activity

Thursday: Artifact highlight
Friday: Meet a historic sailor from “Old Ironsides”

Saturday: Notable event from Constitution history
Sunday: Video feature

Additionally, USS Constitution is hosting daily virtual tours using Facebook Live at 1 p.m. ET.

•Families at home can enjoy hands-on activities through an engaging resource now available digitally, including the Museum’s “Old Ironsides” Activity Book, which utilizes rich illustrations of renowned artist Stephen Biesty and lively text of

award-winning author Richard Platt. Families can also participate in the weekly LEGO® Ship Shape Competition on Facebook. Each Monday at 12 noon ET the Museum will post a new contest with a Thursday at 2 p.m. ET deadline. The winners are determined by online voting.

•New interdisciplinary educator resource kits have also been assembled that include primary sources, lesson plans, and at-home activities organized by major themes – Design and Construction, Life at Sea, Meet the Crew, War of 1812, and USS Constitution legacy. Staff from other museums and libraries can review the Museum’s website engagefamilies.org, which features extensive research and strategies for family engagement.

•On April 1, the Museum will launch A Sailor’s Life for Me, a dynamic online game and educator resource that allows people of all ages to step into the shoes of an 1812 sailor and take on the tasks and challenges of life at sea, including scrubbing the deck, whacking rats in the hold, and sailing the ship at sea.

Encore Boston Harbor donates food to local pantries

By Seth Daniel

With Encore Boston Harbor’s many restaurants and snack bars closed down for at least 30 days, the resort donated 40 pallets of food to local food pantries last weekend.

Encore was ordered to shut down all operations by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission on March 14 for at least two weeks, and that left a lot of supplies on the stockpile that likely would not be used.

Turning to partners like the Greater Boston Food Bank, Encore

donated all of that food for people who are struggling in the midst of the COVID-19 response.

“In the past few days, we have donated 40 pallets of food to local food pantries, including (Malden) Bread of Life, Everett Grace Food Pantry, and the Greater Boston Food Bank,” said Spokesman Eric Kraus. “A majority of the items were vegetables and fruits, dairy, meats and shrimp. We continue to evaluate ways for the company to contribute during this unprecedented time.”

Beyond that, on March 17, Encore announced that all current

Encore Boston Harbor employees, full-time, part-time and tipped, would have payroll coverage for the next 30 days as they anticipate a longer shutdown.

“A big thing for us that a lot of companies aren’t doing is we’re paying all full-time, part-time and tipped employees for 30 days,” said Kraus. “Then we’ll reassess. CEO Matt Maddox was bent on continuing to pay employees. He wanted them to stay home with their families, and stay healthy. Then, when we re-open it gives us a chance to have another grand opening here.”

Massachusetts National Guard activated for COVID-19 response

On Thursday, March 19, Gov. Charlie Baker activated up to 2,000 Massachusetts National Guard members to assist with the State of Emergency declared on March 10, 2020 as the region continues to respond to the spread of the coronavirus.

The Massachusetts National Guard said in a release it is ready to assist local communities and to react to requests for assistance through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). Some of these requests could include, but are not limited to: medical, transportation, and

logistics. “Throughout our 383 years of existence, the Massachusetts National Guard has been faced with many challenges, some of which helped form our nation,” read a statement from the Guard. “The Massachusetts National Guard is prepared and committed to answer the requests of cities and towns in the Commonwealth.”

More information on the scope and nature of the Massachusetts National Guard’s response support missions will be released as the situation develops.

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2	\$63,450
3	\$71,400
4	\$79,300
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Income Minimums*

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Applications are available from March 30th, 2020- April 10th, 2020

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Equal Housing Opportunity

Researchers at the South End's NEIDL have started working to find COVID-19 treatments

By Seth Daniel

One researcher at Boston University's National Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory (NEIDL) in the South End of Boston has received samples of the COVID-19 virus late last week, and has permission to begin working to find a treatment for those

with the virus – with the NEIDL being one of only about 10 places rushing for a breakthrough therapy.

Professor Robert Davey, PhD., said the NEIDL started on Thursday, March 19, growing the virus in the Level 5 biolab with samples of the COVID-19 collected from the first patient that died

in the United States, a man from a nursing home in Washington state.

With the virus samples in their possession, Davey said the entire scientific community in Boston and at the NEIDL is invigorated to begin working in combination on a successful treatment for a sickness that has rocked the entire globe off its normal axis.

“That’s why it’s great working in Boston because you have all this great stuff going on here,” he said, noting that he worked in Texas for about 20 years before being recruited by the NEIDL in 2018. “That’s how great science is done and how you find great treatment...All the schools and universities here have come together to try to nail this. That is very invigorating and exciting.

“Otherwise, scientists tend to be stuck to their own thing,” he continued. “I have my niche and exist in that niche. I might practice my science and do great work, but usually there isn’t everyone coming together at once like this. I’m looking forward to doing our work and seeing if we can make an impact on this outbreak.”

Those helping Davey in the testing will be Harvard University, MIT, the Broad Institute and other industry partners.

Samples came in just in the last few days, and Davey said they are growing the virus right now in the lab to be used in testing over the next month. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) had taken samples from the first man in the U.S. that died in Washington state on Feb. 29. Those specimens were sent to the University of Texas where they have a repository for infectious disease samples. From there, they were sent to the NEIDL this week, along with about 10 other places.

Having all those places working at the same time is a strategy similar to taking as many shots at goal as possible, with the idea being that one will eventually get through for success. He said that



The Boston University National Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory, known as the NEIDL, is one of only a few sites in the country moving fast to find a treatment for the COVID-19 virus. Researchers received samples of the virus late last week, and began growing samples of it in their lab on Thursday, March 19, for testing.

having 10 places is not a lot of places nationwide, so they do consider it an honor to be part of the group looking for a successful treatment.

“Finding an effective treatment is much like finding a needle in a haystack,” he said. “To swing the odds in our favor, you need to throw a lot of needles into that haystack and you’ll find one that works. With our testing, it’s like taking as many shots on goal as you can and by doing that you’ll have a greater chance of success.”

The NEIDL will be testing small molecules on the virus. Small molecules are drug treatments that have been made by chemists as potential treatments to a virus of this kind. They will test these small molecules on tissue samples infected with the virus with the goal of finding something that stops the virus from replicating. Once they find a “hit,” they would begin testing it on lung cells that are in the possession of the lab – as lung cells are most relevant to what the virus attacks.

To get to that point, they’ll be using 20,000 small molecules produced by their partners.

“We are expecting to test 20,000 small molecules,” he said. “A (typical) pharmaceutical company (trial) would test one million, but this is a very directed session.”

Finding one of those small molecules that work is the first step, Davey said, to identifying a treatment.

The testing, he said, would likely last for about a month. However, any success they have would then have to be run through testing with mice, then to Phase 1 clinical trials and finally to licensing with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). There is no sense of how long that might take, but the FDA has said it is focusing all its resources on approving anything that is successfully produced at the NEIDL or any of the other approximately nine sites across the country.

Davey clarified they are only working on a treatment for those who already have the COVID-19 virus, but there are others within the NEIDL preparing to work on a vaccine for COVID-19, which would be given to those who are not yet sick in order to prevent them from getting sick.

“There are other groups here doing vaccination development, and in the near future you will hear about them,” he said.

As he and his team began to prepare for the work of finding a therapy, he said he did feel a sense of extreme purpose.

“It’s important to be part of a team effort contributing to trying to find a cure,” he said.

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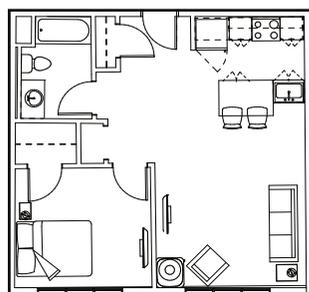
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	4	\$130,350
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	6	\$151,250

Minimum Incomes do not apply to households receiving housing assistance, for example, Section 8 Voucher, MRVP, VASH. Selection by Lottery preference given to right-to-return lease-compliant Whittier Street Apts tenants relocated due to the redevelopment activities associated with the Whittier Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant. Preference for households of at least one person per bedroom.



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Courts continue emergency-only operations

The Massachusetts Trial Courts will remain closed to the public except for emergency matters, after more than a week of closure already.

Gov. Charlie Baker on Monday issued an order minimizing non-essential activities outside of home for effect on Tuesday, March 24 at noon.

The Order confirms that it does not apply to the Judiciary.

However, as detailed in a Supreme Judicial Court Order and Trial Court Standing Orders issued on March 17, 2020,

courts continue to operate on an emergency-only basis. Courts are closed to the public but are staffed to enable the handling of emergency matters. Whenever possible, these emergency matters, such as restraining orders and juvenile protection cases, are being conducted by telephone or videoconference.

Court leaders are coordinating emergency staffing levels and Court Officers are ensuring public and staff safety through a variety of measures. Court Officers are screening the public at courthouse

entrances to provide guidance on emergency court matters and assess the level of risk posed by individuals arriving at courthouses across the state. Courts have created designated six-foot distance boundaries from any counters. Facilities are cleaned thoroughly each day with industrial cleaning supplies.

All updates regarding the court system’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic are available on the court’s website: <https://www.mass.gov/guides/court-system-response-to-covid-19>.

CONSTRUCTION (from pg. 1)

Chelsea Curves, she said they have been working with the contractor to eliminate some functions or practice them differently. One thing they do routinely is use two people very closely together in a bucket guiding steel into place from a crane.

Highway Director Jonathan Gulliver said they are treating those situations like a haz-mat response.

“What we’re requiring contractors to do is outfit their workers differently and that might mean they would have to adopt a dif-

ferent protocol and approach that kind of work as if it were a haz-mat situation with workers wearing heavy personal protective equipment...It isn’t enough to shut down a major job, but there will be a slowdown to adjust to these new directions.”

Pollack said projects like North Washington and the Tobin have been working over the winter, and already have protocols to button up a project quickly in case of a blizzard. Those same protocols

will be used on these projects if a sudden closure of work is required.

She said MassDOT is also at the point in the year when they begin to think about the spring and summer construction season and give orders to proceed with work. That’s a decision that will be made case by case and at a later date.

•DRIVER’S LICENSES AND INSPECTION STICKERS

To keep everyone from going

out during the pandemic, the Registry has given a 60-day extension to anyone whose regular driver’s license expires in March or April. The same is being done for anyone that has to renew their inspection stickers in March or April.

Officials said no one needs to go out to a gas station to get an inspection or to the RMV to renew a license during the next 60 days.



State road and bridge projects like this one at the North Washington Street Bridge in Charlestown have been deemed a low risk and will continue on for the time being amidst the COVID-19 response. While many construction sites have been shut down, contractors at these projects are working to teach workers to keep their distance and perform proper hygiene on the site.

State issues order to ensure continuity of waste and recycling collection

The Baker-Polito Administration on Monday announced the issuance of an emergency order to ensure that intrastate waste and recycling collection and disposal will continue uninterrupted during the COVID-19 emergency.

Due to the essential nature of these services and anticipated impacts due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Administration’s order provides relief from state and federal requirements that govern the hours of service allowed for commercial vehicle operators involved in waste and recycling transportation and collection, while maintaining important safety protections and measures.

“As Massachusetts continues its comprehensive response to the COVID-19 outbreak, it is imperative that residents across the Commonwealth be able to rely on key services such as waste and recycling collection and

disposal,” said Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Martin Suuberg. “By issuing this emergency order, we can better protect public health by ensuring that residents are able to maintain proper hygiene, cleanliness, and social distancing in their homes while navigating these new and challenging circumstances.”

The Administration’s action will help support continuity of waste and recycling operations by helping to ensure availability of adequate staffing resources throughout this emergency, and is consistent with the State of Emergency declared by Governor Charlie Baker on Tuesday, March 10.

The order will remain in effect until April 12, 2020 unless the Administration determines otherwise.



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Studio	\$33,750	1	\$55,550
		2	\$63,450
		3	\$71,400
1-bedroom	\$39,540	4	\$79,300
		5	\$85,650
		6	\$92,000

**Minimum limits do not apply to households that receive housing assistance like Section 8, VASH, MRVP*

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VOLUNTEERS (from pg. 1)

for Charlestown and we're going to go to every door we can."

Volunteers in Charlestown gathered at Doherty Park and the Harvard Kent School. They were provide gloves, hand sanitizer and a bag of literature – which was a full-sized pamphlet of accurate COVID-19 information printed in five languages. Each volunteer worked at a distance with a partner to drop the literature on each door, but without really engaging closely with anyone they encountered.

Resident Rose Lincoln said she decided to come out on Saturday despite the worry of the pandemic because her City needed her.

"I heard the mayor on the radio speaking on Friday," she said. "He seemed overwhelmed and stressed with all of this. He mentioned this effort and I figured I could help him in this way. I think it is invaluable."

Meanwhile, on Auburn Street, Russell Street and Oak Street, resident Jesse MacDonald said he wanted to support the leaders in Boston who were trying their best to do the right things to keep people safe and healthy.

"The City and state are doing

the best they can given these circumstances," he said. "I think we have an obligation to help each other out. There is plenty of information out there, but not everyone is connected to the Internet. Those who are might be getting misinformation. There's plenty of that out there. With all the criti-

cism we give out politicians and municipal workers, theirs is the job no one wants right now. No one would want to do what they have to do now. Given that, it's just an obligation I felt to help. I love this city."

State Rep. Dan Ryan said he was grateful for the effort by

the mayor and his team under extreme circumstances.

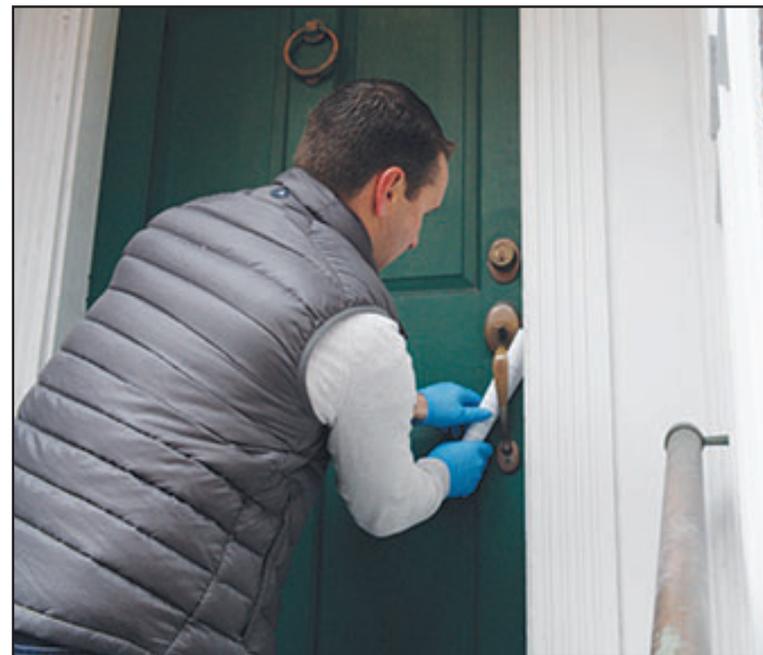
"I want to thank Mayor Walsh and his team for coordinating such an effort under the circumstances," he said. "People are feeling the need to help their neighbors. Last Saturday provided an opportunity to volunteer

in a controlled and responsible manner. Residents need consistent information from reputable sources. They now have that with very limited human interaction. This crisis has changed dramatically even in the last five days, however.

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State Rep. Dan Ryan looks over a map of the Main Street area with Quinlan Locke before heading out to make literature deliveries.



Jesse MacDonald carefully placed a COVID-19 information packet at a door on Auburn Street.



"I almost wish I didn't hire Jillian and Steve to sell my place in Charlestown. They did such an amazing job and now I am living in the burbs. I'd never recommend leaving Charlestown, but if you must, I'd definitely recommend having these two sell your place."

— Adam Hawk, Co-Owner
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VOLUNTEERS (from pg. 8)

Government and the medical community need to be trusted right now. Stay home, tune in or out, but use the structured resources provided to you as a guide for your actions. Do not listen to my, ‘brother-in-law got a friend who said [fill in the blank]’”

Jerome Smith, chief of Neighborhood Services, said last week they were watching so much misinformation spread about COVID-19, and also were encountering a lot of people who didn’t have access to information channels. Working with Mayor Martin Walsh, they decided to try

to mobilize City government and volunteers to combat that problem in the response chain.

“We were seeing so much bad information out there and hearings tons of misinformation in particular about the City shutting down and the state shutting down,” he said. “The mayor said we just had to get information out. We had put information on Facebook and on the web every day. Ultimately, the mayor and I agreed we just needed to go door-to-door but not have groups going door-to-door. We needed to hit every door and we began to make

it happen. In one week we had two printers working on the pamphlet and looking for volunteers.”

At first, he said they were nervous about volunteers. They were worried they wouldn’t get enough to carry out the job, and they were also worried they would have too many volunteers – thus violating the social distancing advisory. All of the effort, of course, had to be done in tandem with other people, but not at a close distance.

“We wanted 1,000 volunteers and we put out the word that’s what we were looking for to hit the whole city,” he said. “In one

day, we had 500 volunteers sign up. After hitting city councilors and elected officials and their networks, we were able to easily get our 1,000 volunteers. It turned into a great thing.”

While volunteers from the City, state and community hit the streets with the literature, pre-arranged employees from senior housing developments and Boston Housing Authority (BHA) properties took delivery of the pamphlets and delivered them door-to-door in all of those buildings. That effort finished up late on Monday

afternoon.

“It really has been a different experience for me, but an amazing experience too,” he said. “We were able to get the entire city dropped by 3 p.m. From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. we used volunteers to fill in the gaps. I appreciated all the coverage we got and especially our volunteers. We really have to do this together. To combat misinformation residents need to go to trusted sources...We needed to provide that in print and we did. It was very important.”



Brian Callahan, with Grace and Kathleen Callahan, signed up at Doherty Park Saturday morning as volunteers to deliver one area of Charlestown.



Mayoral Liaison Quinlan Locke explains the route to Shoeb Mogal and Rose Lincoln.



Marius Gallitano headed off to deliver his section of the Town.

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Mayoral Liaison Quinlan Locke explained that no mobilization like this had ever been attempted before, but was being undertaken to get the best information to everyone – including those who may not have digital access.

VOLUNTEERS HELPING AROUND CHARLESTOWN

Photos by Seth Daniel

All over Charlestown this week, there have been signs of life, but not much in the same way as it had been only three weeks ago. Volunteers rushed to help in any way possible, while most were urged to stay home if they could. Libraries and parks were closed, and people struggled to stay sane without being able to see friends, relatives and – sometimes – parents and grandparents.



Even the mail was suspect, as some residents asked Postal Carriers to leave letters in boxes rather than putting them directly through the mail slot.



The Charlestown Library had its doors closed last week on March 16, leaving a big void in the neighborhood as yet another thing was eliminated from normal life.



Volunteers (including State Rep. Dan Ryan) gathered with Supt. Brenda Cassellius at Charlestown High School to hand out meals to students and families on March 17 – the first day that school was out.



A Parks Department employee washes and sanitizes playground equipment in Doherty Park.

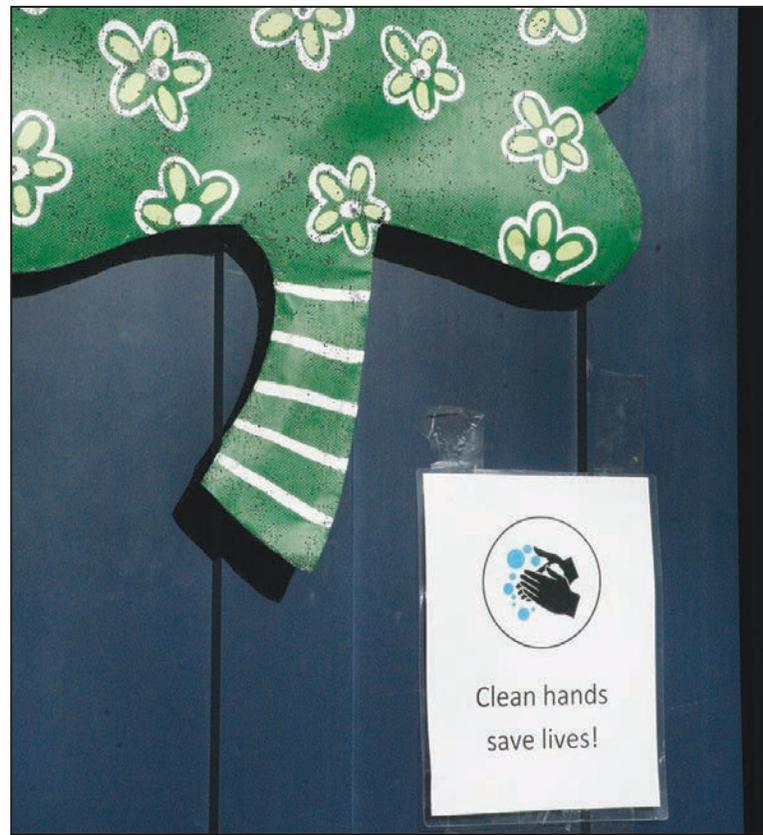


Children played in the usual places, but in smaller numbers and isolated from one another.

VOLUNTEERS HELPING AROUND CHARLESTOWN



Food Corps volunteer Leilani Stacy, Kennedy Center's Crystal Galvin, and Food Corps volunteer Shannon Timlin helped to distribute meals to students and families – in addition to backpacks and fun packs from the Constitution Museum.



A message on a door near at Oak Street rang true of the times.

NEW Health continues support of food insecure children

New Health would like to remind the community they are working daily to ensure to meet the needs of patients and the community. If anyone is experiencing a cough, fever or other flu-like symptoms please contact a primary care physician by phone. Please DO NOT come to the clinic without calling ahead of time. The main concern remains caring for patients and providing them the support they need while limiting the risk of transmission.

It has become increasingly important for NEW Health to support the community they are a part of. Since September 2016, NEW Health has been addressing the issue of food insecurity for children in the Charlestown and North End communities. Due

to the lack of convenient access and/or ability to afford healthy nutritious food, many people are unable to provide their families with a balanced diet. Monthly, NEW Health raises the money through staff fundraisers to deliver 60 bags of fresh produce to the Harvard-Kent School and 20 bags to the Eliot School.

Due to the emergency orders to cease physical classes many children are left without their main, and in some instances, their only source of meals.

NEW Health is currently working with Eliot Principal Traci Walker-Griffith and Harvard-Kent Principal Jason Gallagher to provide students and their families with gift cards to local grocery stores. These gift cards will allow

families to purchase the fresh produce essential to their healthy diets.

Given the difficult circumstances and lack of school meals, NEW Health will be increasing the frequency of its food insecurity donations to at least twice a month.

“We would like to invite the surrounding community to support our fight against food insecurity,” they said. “With your donations, you’d be helping provide the much-needed nutrition to children who otherwise wouldn’t receive it.”

Anyone who would like to support NEW Health’s efforts to ease the burden of food insecurity for children, please contact Mary Wright at 617-643-8064 or Luisa Siniscalchi at 857-238-1176.



Harvard-Kent Principal Jason Gallagher and a student earlier this year during a food delivery from NEW Health.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENT NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST FOR FALL 2019 SEMESTER

Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.3 or better in the semester with at least

12 credits of study which award a letter grade. A total of 556 students representing 22 states and 5 countries received this honor.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following student has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Daniel Bryan of Charlestown who is majoring in Politics and will graduate in 2023.

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

ALL PUBLIC FACILITIES AT NATIONAL PARKS IN BOSTON TO CLOSE UNTIL APRIL 6

Following guidance from the CDC and recommendations from state and local public health officials, all public federal facilities at the National Parks of Boston are temporarily closed. The open-air parks and exterior of historic sites remain open, as with many other organizations.

This temporary closure of all public facilities consists of a cancellation of programs and events within those facilities, including the Saturday in the Park program at Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center.

Updates will be posted on www.nps.gov/BOST, www.nps.gov/BOAF, www.nps.gov/BOHA and on park social media platforms.

The temporary closure of visitor facilities is effective on Monday, March 16 and will extend to Monday, April 6, 2020.

For any additional questions, please contact angela_allison@nps.gov or 617.947.0356.

VIRTUAL TOURS OF USS CONSTITUTION

USS Constitution has begun offering virtual tours of the ship via

Facebook LIVE. As of Saturday, March 14, the ship is closed to the public until further notice to reduce exposure to the coronavirus. Take a virtual tour here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AFU7ETWRd-PDxiipr5zyNMMS2eAT22XEc/view?usp=sharing>.

THE CHARLESTOWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CLOSED

The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club will be closed until March 27; there will be additional information available in the following days and weeks.

OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOYS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association is offering a number of scholarships to high school senior boys who will be entering college, preparatory school, or technical school this year. Scholarships will also be awarded to college students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year. Awards are open to any Charlestown schoolboy who is a senior in high school who has been a Charlestown resident for 4 or more years and will

be entering college, preparatory school or technical school this year. Applications may be obtained at the Charlestown Public Library and the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, St. Mary-St Catherine of Siena offices, St Francis de Sales office, St John's and First Church of Charlestown office. Because of school closings, for this year, school transcripts are not required. Please fill out scholarship application and mail it in before April 15. If you have any questions, please call Jim O'Brien 617-543-5384.

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Charlestown Old Schoolboys Association

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR CMA SCHOLARSHIPS

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, the 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.

MICHAEL P. QUINN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE, ANNUAL DINNER DANCE CANCELLED

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 twelve thousand (\$12,000.00) 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, 2020. If there are any questions, please call Ronan J FitzPatrick at 617-242-5493. The Annual Quinn Scholar

Dinner Dance has been cancelled for 2020.

CHARLESTOWN GIRLS SOFTBALL CANCELLED

All Charlestown Girls Softball clinics are canceled until further notice. Registrations are still open online on their website charlestowngirlssoftball.com. Instructional cost \$50 and 10u and 12u = \$100. If anybody has questions or concerns, contact Jack Schievink at 617-201-4507 or Billy Nugent at 617-447-3106 or via email at charlestowngirlssoftball@gmail.com.

HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY APPEAL

Since the start of the school year, the Food Pantry has had a great need for cereal to include in its distribution. At this time donations of all non-perishable foods 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.

TOWNIE SPORTS

CHARLESTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE START POSTPONED TO MAY

Little League International has extended the delay of the start of our season until May 11. MLB also cancelled all local Pitch/Hit/Run competitions and Home Run Derbies. The League will update families again around May 1 with team assignments and an updated schedule. Please everyone stay safe and healthy.

Practices were originally expected to begin in early April.

CHARLESTOWN SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Charlestown Softball League is still scheduled to start their spring season in the last week of April. League Coordinator Jack Schievink said things could change,

but as of now the season schedule remains the same. Practice schedules will be adjusted.

YOUTH SPORTS AND THE 99 RESTAURANT

Youth sports families have been offered a generous offer from the 99 Restaurant in the Bunker Hill Mall. During the time they must be closed for the COVID-19 response, they are providing a 20 percent reusable coupon, and family deals, where one can combine the discount. Order by calling 617-242-8999 or order online at: www.99restaurants.com. It is available through April 26 on to-go orders, which are available through the usual curbside pickup program. Go online to the Youth Hockey or Little League websites or Facebook pages to get the coupon.

April 15 becomes July 15 for Tax Day: Treasury, IRS extend filing deadline and federal tax payments

Staff Report

The Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service announced March 21 that the federal income tax filing due date is automatically extended from April 15 to July 15.

Taxpayers can also defer federal income tax payments due on April 15 to July 15 without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax.

Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief. Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the July 15 deadline, can request

a filing extension by filing Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software or using the Free File link on IRS.gov. Businesses who need additional time must file Form 7004.

The IRS urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible. Most tax refunds are still being issued within 21 days.

"Even with the filing deadline extended, we urge taxpayers who are owed refunds to file as soon as possible and file electronically," said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig. "Filing electronically with direct deposit is the quickest way to get refunds. Although we are curtailing some operations during this period, the IRS is continuing with mission-critical operations to support the nation, and that includes accepting tax returns and sending refunds. As a federal agency vital to the overall operations of

our country, we ask for your personal support, your understanding – and your patience. I'm incredibly proud of our employees as we navigate through numerous different challenges in this very rapidly changing environment."

This announcement comes following the President's emergency declaration this month pursuant to the Stafford Act. The Stafford Act is a federal law designed to bring an orderly and systematic means of federal natural disaster and emergency assistance for state and local governments in carrying out their responsibilities to aid citizens. It was enacted in 1988.

Treasury and IRS will issue additional guidance as needed and continue working with Congress, on a bipartisan basis, on legislation to provide further relief to the American people.

Banks will remain open: Consumers strongly encouraged to bank electronically

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Bankers Association announced on Monday that banks throughout the Commonwealth will remain open while keeping their customers and employees safe.

According to Gov. Charlie Baker's order issued earlier today, financial institutions such as banks are considered essential services and will not be subject to the closure.

"While we strongly encourage all Massachusetts residents to heed the Governor's stay at home advisory and use online or mobile banking, consumers will continue to have access to banking services during the mandatory non-essential business closure," said Daniel J. Forte, MBA President & CEO.

U.S. Attorney Andrew E. Lelling issues stern warning regarding scams and other crimes related to the Covid-19 outbreak

The US Attorney for Boston said on March 19 the federal government would prosecute any and all scams related to the pandemic – including treatment scams and investment scams that have popped up recently.

"As our communities take extraordinary measures to confront the coronavirus outbreak, some may view this as an opportunity to prey on the public's fears and anxieties. The Department of Justice is now focused on cyber-crime, sale of counterfeit goods, treatment scams and other health-care and investment scams arising from the pandemic. My office will aggressively prosecute anyone engaged in this kind of activity," said U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling.

"With the outbreak of COVID-

"The safest place for your money right now is in your local bank where it is insured up to \$250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Many Massachusetts banks also have excess insurance to protect your funds."

Consumers needing access to banking services should check with their institution, as many banks have closed branch lobbies, reduced hours or shifted to drive-through only at some locations in an effort to protect their customers and employees. However, bank staff are available to serve customers and answer questions. In addition, access to funds through online and mobile banking, ATMs and at Point of Sale transactions remains available during this time.

19, scammers have found a platform that preys on people's fears and could make them more likely to be victimized," said Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division. "We want you to avoid falling prey to these scams and help us stop them by reporting it at ic3.gov."

Massachusetts residents who believe they are victims of fraud or other criminal activity related to the pandemic should contact the United States Attorney's Office at USAMA.victimassistance@usdoj.gov or call 1-888-221-6023 and leave a message. Members of the public can also contact the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) by visiting www.IC3.gov. If you or someone you know are in immediate danger, please call 911.

For the Record

•Warren Prescott School Dates: School has been canceled until further notice.

•Harvard Kent School Dates: School has been canceled until further notice.

•The Charlestown Neighborhood Council meeting, scheduled for Tuesday April 7, has been cancelled in alignment with the Mayor's guidelines for meetings in the City of Boston at this time.

From the March 25 Board of Election Commissioner meeting, Conference Call:

- Certification of Nomination Papers
- Other Election Matters

From the March 26 Public Improvement Commission meeting, (social distance):

•There were no local applications before the PIC on March 26.

•PIC COVID-19 Update, Temporary Practices - With the ongoing public health concerns surrounding the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the Public Improvement Commission (PIC) will be taking the following temporary steps to promote social distancing and to comply with federal, state, and local directives:

•The PIC hearing scheduled for April 9 has been canceled.

•The PIC hearing scheduled for March 26 will be held as scheduled with the following changes to the physical location of hearing participants: Commissioners/City support staff: City Hall room 801 (typical hearing room); Presenters/project team members: City Hall room 900 (BPDA Board Room); Members of the public: 26 Court Street, 1st floor (Winter Chambers).

•Other future PIC hearings will tentatively be held as scheduled. PIC staff will be present during hearings at all three aforementioned locations until further notice.

From the April 1 Conservation Commission Meeting, Via online Zoom only, 6 p.m.

([HTTPS://ZOOM.US/J/6864582044](https://zoom.us/j/6864582044)):

•Request for an Extension to the original Order of Conditions for DEP File No. 006-1502 for the Charlestown Marina project located at Pier 6, 9th St, Charlestown.

From the April 7 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, City Hall Rm. 801, 9:30 a.m.:

•11 Prospect St. Applicant: Owen McCosker Confirm occupancy as 3 family. Full gut renovation of a three family as per plans. Selective demo of existing building. Provide electrical, heating, plumbing. Install blue board and insulation. Install new kitchens and bathrooms.

•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.



Community Feedback

Building 108: Share your feedback!

Project Proposal:

Charlestown Navy Yard Building 108 Disposition Planning

Description:

The BPDA released an RFP for the ground lease and redevelopment of Building 108 in the Historic Monument Area of the Charlestown Navy Yard in November 2019. One responsive proposal was submitted.

We invite community members to review the proposal and share your feedback.

Please visit bit.ly/building108 to access the proposal and submit comments online.

mail to: **Morgan McDaniel**
Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
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phone: 617-918-6250
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Life-threatening car crash on Bunker Hill Street March 19

An horrific three-vehicle crash unfolded on Bunker Hill St. near Hays Square on Thursday, March 19, around 1:42 p.m., and the injuries to some victims were life-threatening.

By press time on Wednesday, March 25, none of the victims had died of their injuries, however.

Crews were still on the scene past 5 p.m. Thursday.

Boston Police said the accident happened near 105 Bunker Hill St. at 1:42 p.m. and involved three cars that were extensively damaged. One of the vehicles damage, but not as severely, was the Junebug store's delivery van. Two other black sedans were completely totaled and one person had to be extracted, according to reports from the scene.

Police said full notification for a potential fatal collision was called for, and that meant the injuries were life-threatening.

There were no further updates by 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19.



Police on the scene of Thursday's three-car life-threatening car crash.

Photo by Mike Layhe

Baker files bill to address to-go alcohol sales, MCAS and other local matters

Staff Report

On Tuesday, Gov. Charlie Baker filed An Act to Further Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and School Districts Resulting from COVID-19, which would provide administrative relief to state and local government entities impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, including modifying local permitting processes, enabling municipalities to extend tax and finance deadlines, and extending deadlines for certain education requirements.

Full details on proposed changes in the legislation include:

- Suspending the cap on hours and compensation for retired employees collecting a pension for hours worked during the state of emergency, allowing municipalities to tap qualified workers when their workforces might be disrupted.

- Permitting establishments licensed to sell alcohol for on-premises consumption to sell wine and beer by take-out and delivery, provided that the wine or beer is sold in the original sealed container, is sold in the same transaction as a purchase of food and is not over certain volume limitations.

Modifying the local permitting process during the state of emergency by:

- Providing that no permit is automatically granted, approved, or denied because a local permitting authority is unable to act within a time period required by law.

- Providing that any permit that is currently valid will not lapse or expire during the state of emergency and suspends any time lim-

itation on such permits during the emergency.

- Allowing applications for permits to be filed electronically, to eliminate the need for in-person filing.

- Suspending any requirement that a hearing on a permit application be held within a certain period until 45 days after the end of the state of emergency.

- Extending municipal tax deadlines by allowing municipalities to waive late-payment penalties for 4th quarter tax bills, which are due May 1. In addition, municipalities could change their tax bill due date from April 1 to June 1.

- Allowing municipalities to extend the deadline for property tax exemptions and deferrals. The current statutory deadline is April 1, and this would allow municipalities to extend it to June 1.

- Permitting Regional School Districts to suspend the statutorily-required vote on the approval of their fiscal year 2021 budget and allowing the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to certify an amount sufficient for the operation of the district, until a budget can be adopted.

- Modifying the MCAS by permitting the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to modify or waive the required competency determination for high school graduation. The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education would also be allowed to modify or waive the MCAS

testing requirement.

- Extending a Student Opportunity Act deadline by permitting the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to extend the April 1, 2020 deadline for each district to submit its first 3-year plan to

address "persistent disparities in achievement among student subgroups."

- Permitting electronic signatures for search warrants and criminal complaints. Allowing electronic signatures in these situations would result in less traffic in

courthouses and reduce in-person encounters, while still allowing the criminal process to continue.

- Extending the dates by which the MBTA must approve a preliminary budget and submit a final budget to better align with the Commonwealth's budget process.

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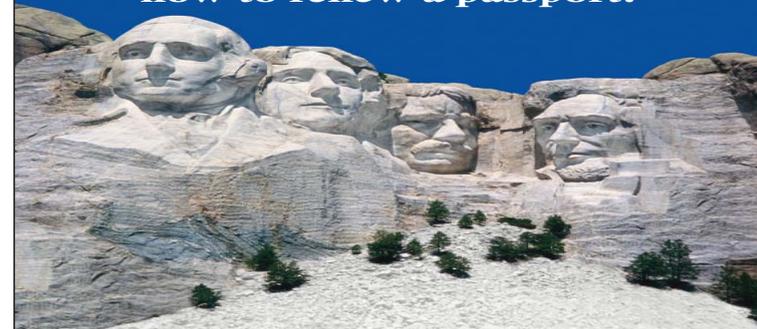
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