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BLS Senior Jolie Doherty ready to head to George Washington University

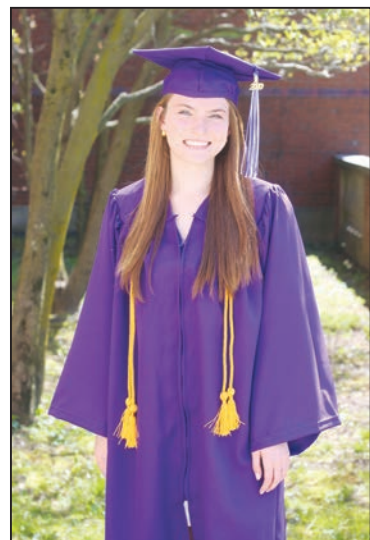
By Seth Daniel

There are a lot of disappointments associated with being in the Class of 2020, what with missing out on most of the fun things traditionally enjoyed by graduating seniors, but Charlestown's Jolie Doherty – who graduated from Boston Latin School last weekend – said she has just made the best of it and focused on the fall.

“I'm to the point where it's an 'it is what it is' kind of thing,” she said. “You can't do much about it. It's probably losing our senior year of lacrosse season that was the hardest to accept. However, you also spend six years at such a rigorous school like Boston Latin and the spring of your senior year is supposed to be the most fun time you have. We didn't get any of that.”

Next fall, it looks like the green

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Jolie Doherty graduated from Boston Latin School last weekend during a first-ever Drive-in graduation. She said she will miss the Charlestown community feel as she leaves to study at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

LAYING OF THE WREATH



On Weds., June 17, despite COVID-19 concerns, the National Park Service and the Bunker Hill Monument Association held a small laying of the wreath ceremony at the foot of the Prescott Statue. Afterward, there was a speaking program at First Church. Pictured from left to right are: John Cunningham, Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard; Daniel Ryan, State Representative; Lydia Edwards, Boston City Councilor; Arthur L. Hurley, Chairman of the Bunker Hill Monument Association; Michael Creasey, General Superintendent of the National Parks of Boston; and Brad Bittenbender, Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard. See Page 7 for more photos.

Public Safety

Councilors Wu, Edwards, and Mejia file ordinance to establish an unarmed community safety crisis response system

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Last week, Councilor Lydia Edwards joined at-Large Councilors Michelle Wu and Julie Mejia to proposed an ordinance that would establish an unarmed Community Safety Crisis Response Team – a trained group of pro-

fessionals that would help divert non-violent 9-1-1 calls for service away from the Boston Police.

As the deaths of George Floyd and many others have highlighted nationwide racial disparities related to public safety practices,

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Al Fresco

Outdoor dining begins at restaurants in Charlestown as interior space becomes available

By Seth Daniel

In the doldrums of COVID-19, restaurants like Monument on Main Street were searching for ways to try to keep afloat with lockdowns in place, no light seemingly at the end of the tunnel and a dining area that was quiet and empty night after night.

Take-out was the norm and it only went so far, but there was a bright light on May 5 – Cinco de Mayo.

“We had to adjust on the fly and find new and creative ways to keep the community engaged,” said Jon Sweeney, managing partner. “We always did take-out and delivery, but expanded those with regards to the City and State

allowing us to sell beer and wine to go. That was extremely helpful...We also did some kids and tried to make sure that if the community couldn't come here, they could bring us to their home. We pre-sold Taco kits and Margarita kits on Cinco de Mayo and it was a tremendous success. I think it was our best night.”

Said Partner Damien Donovan, “Jon and our General Manager Lauren Whalen did a fantastic job with this and being extremely creative with one hand tied behind their backs. They did new things that were hugely successful. From my point of view, looking for the silver lining, I couldn't have been

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Earlier this week, staff members at Monument Restaurant began assembling a patio area for outdoor dining on the sidewalk and street to supplement the loss of indoor dining space. With limited indoor dining allowed on Monday by the state, Monument opened once again on Tuesday.

New casino fund money getting ready for first disbursement process

By Seth Daniel

More than \$2 million has been sitting in a bank account at City Hall for nearly a year waiting for a new process to be agreed upon, and more money from the casino funding to be dispersed in new and different ways around the Town.

For the past several years, the Town's non-profits and organizations have been applying for and receiving grants of up to \$10,000 from a pot of \$1 million paid during the licensing process in 2016. The community has whittled down that pot of money ever since with great success, but now the real money has arrived.

As part of the Surrounding Community Agreement (SCA) with the City of Boston, Wynn Resorts was to pay \$2 million per year into the Charlestown Community Fund starting on the day the casino opened. With it opening one year ago this week, the first payment came in September, and now the City and the Fund's Managing Committee is ready to begin a new process for distributing the \$2 million with new rules and new funding of projects as well – and not just the non-profits who have been the only beneficiary to date.

"This mitigation fund will be a great opportunity to continue to assist Charlestown non-profits while also providing an impetus for larger projects in Charlestown," said Rep. Dan Ryan, "I thank Mayor Walsh's office and other committee members for setting up a process that allow us to get these funds where they belong."

Councilor Lydia Edwards said she hopes the first round of the new money will go towards helping the non-profits and organizations that have been trying to address the impacts of COVID-19 on the community.

"This \$2 million is a welcome investment in the Charlestown community during a time of great need," she said. "I'd like to see most of the money go to non-profits in Charlestown that are doing work on the ground during the pandemic. We've seen people step up to make sure that the food needs of families and seniors are met and children have remote programming to keep them learning and safe. We should make sure they have the resources they need to continue doing this work. I'm also hopeful that water transportation could help revitalize the Little Mystic area and mitigate

some of the traffic impacts of the construction on the (North Washington Street) bridge."

The first step in the new process was to hold a meeting of the Managing Committee. That took place on May 12. A vote was taken at that meeting to approve a proposal for the grant program and move forward with the first grant round for the new money.

Right now, the City is trying to organize how that first round would be administrated. City officials said they are hoping to share the updated plan for the new program, as well as an application for a first Spring/Summer round, in the coming weeks.

This time around, there will be new rules for who can access the funding, as it is not just for Charlestown non-profits now. The four purposes outlined for the money include:

- Supporting Charlestown's non-profits, parks, after school activities, senior programs, job training programs, cultural events and related activities that promote Charlestown's heritage, quality of life, recreational and cultural activities;

- Improvements to the facilities within the City to facilitate water transportation and to fund staffing and other public safety initiatives related to increased use of water transportation in the Boston Harbor related to the project;

- Staffing and other public safety initiatives related to increased pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the City related to the Project following the opening date, and;

- Any other impacts include any transportation infrastructure impacts and the Sullivan Square Infrastructure Project.

Wynn Resorts is scheduled to have to make another payment to the City for the Fund this month, but have until sometime in September to make that payment. Up the road in Everett – where they have a much more robust Host Community Agreement – Wynn Resorts was not able to make a 3rd Quarter payment to the City of around \$6.5 million due to being closed down and continuing to pay employees fully. Instead, they had promised the City of Everett they would pay for the 3rd and 4th quarters by June 30. That is being closely watched.

It remains to be seen if the lockdown and closure of the casino will have any impact on its ability to make the second annual payment of \$2 million into the Charlestown Fund.

That, also, is being closely watched.

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light has been given to her chosen school, George Washington University in Washington, D.C., to open campus. However, her home in Charlestown is not something she leaves without reservation.

"I think the community in Charlestown is so unmatched compared to anywhere else," she said in an interview this Monday. "I don't know if I'll get that in any other place and I won't get that in D.C. That is one reason I want to come back after school. I already volunteer in the summers at the Charlestown Community Center for swimming and at the summer camp too. I hope I can come back in the summers for that as well."

She said she plans to study Business Administration in the School of Business at George Washington, getting on an early track within that program.

Doherty has spent her entire life in Charlestown and attended the Warren Prescott School from kindergarten to 6th grade. After passing the exam school test, she started at Boston Latin School (BLS) in the 7th grade and contin-

ued through to graduation.

"I think BLS was hard in that sometimes it was very demanding and you could not see the end of it," she said. "Overall, it was a wonderful experience. The education you get there is so special and something I couldn't have gotten at a private school or any other public school...I loved the Warren Prescott too. It was fun to go to school with kids that lived in our Town and so close to each other. At Boston Latin, it's kids from every neighborhood, but growing up it was nice to know that most of the kids lived right next to me."

At Boston Latin, Doherty excelled as an athlete on the Swim Team and the Lacrosse Team – being a captain in both sports. Doherty said she was most excited about Lacrosse, having started the sport when she was only a first-grader at the Charlestown Lacrosse and Learning Center. She continued there until 7th grade when the demands of the Varsity BLS squad took over her practice and playing time.

The program at BLS had actu-

ally really matured while Doherty played on the team, going to the State Playoffs for three years in a row. This year, had they been able to play, Doherty said they would have likely done really well in League Play and in State Tourney play.

Doherty said she chose George Washington because she has a relative that attended and graduated from there – and is still in that area. Having visited her relative at the campus many times, she grew comfortable with it. She wanted to go to a school in a major city, and also was drawn to business after enjoying her AP Statistics class at BLS. With a good business school there, George Washington was a great fit – even if it meant leaving Charlestown for a bit.

"There are a lot of things in doubt for colleges, but we just got word that we're going to campus in August and doing a two-week extended move in," she said.

Jolie is the daughter of Joe and Kathy Doherty, and has two siblings – Meaghan and Nolan Doherty.

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more impressed."

Now, however, Monument is preparing to welcome back their patrons to an outdoor patio area they are constructing with the help of the City being flexible on using public and private spaces. They also will have a limited amount of seating inside the restaurant too, but lose the bar area.

It is, Sweeney said, simply nice to be really open.

"We have had to kind of re-arrange some things, spacing out tables and making things safe by installing plexiglass partitions so we can use our booths," he said. "We definitely had to adjust and lose a lot of our tables as well as the bar seating. We won't have anyone at the bar and so we lost that. We have a plan though and we think people will like it."

State Rep. Dan Ryan said the legislature has worked hard to make sure there were concessions for restaurants like Monument, including allowing beer and wine sales to go. He also said there might be some great lessons learned as a silver lining.

"I know a lot of people are hurting right now," he said. "My hope is that we climb out of this as quickly as possible. There were also some positives that came out this too. I enjoyed the different

take-out dining options in our local establishments. I really hope our small businesses can use some of these creative ideas to make them stringer moving forward."

All over Charlestown, many restaurants have adjusted on the fly to install outdoor seating where there was none – such as the fun new patio at the Warren Tavern, which hopes to be able to place some seating on the street adjacent to the front door. Likewise, at places like Brewer's Fork, they are expanding their existing patio and hope to use sidewalk and street space also.

That is a new understanding of the business in that just because some indoor space can be used now, it doesn't mean that the outdoor space is any less critical. In fact, many restaurateurs are looking at the outdoor space as a way this summer and fall to make up for the lost table space inside. It's also less intimidating for people just returning to social life, who may be a little anxious about eating inside.

"The patio was an opportunity we pursued and got approval for a small area on our sidewalk and the street, which is going to be nice," he said. "It is a huge lifeline for us with the reduction we have inside already. Using outdoor seats

will be a huge help."

As the staff set up the patio earlier this week on Main Street in anticipation of the re-opening, Sweeney and Donovan said customers and friends passed by and would give them applause. Everyone was excited to see the re-opening, but also to see the new patio option.

Donovan said it's something that is going to make Main Street a very different place, and hopefully for longer than just this summer.

"As much as having the outdoor seating helps the business, having a patio set up sort of activates Main Street to a degree," he said. "I think as the opportunity opens up and people see others dining on the patio, it will be a great thing for all of Main Street as well."

As they opened Tuesday night, both Sweeney and Donovan said they weren't completely leaving their COVID-19 experience behind. Some things they found worked really well, and they just might continue doing them.

"There are a lot of things we did that worked, and we will probably see if we can keep them around," said Sweeney."

Charlestown Trifecta: Charlestown elected officials unite behind Ryan

After a virtual Bunker Hill week was put to bed, the Charlestown spirit carried over to electoral politics. Attorney General Maura Healey (D-Charlestown), State Senator Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) and District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards (D-East Boston) completed the Charlestown Trifecta and endorsed State Representative Dan Ryan in his re-election bid for the Second Suffolk District. Ryan has held this seat since 2014, when an April special election put him into office the same year in which Maura Healey won her Attorney General seat in November.

2014 was an electoral watershed moment for Charlestown. After nearly 40 years of not having a resident from 02129 serve in elected office, Charlestown residents won two seats in one year -- State Representative and Massachusetts Attorney General.

"Maura Healey is not only the best Attorney General in the country, she is a terrific neighbor and friend," said Ryan. "She is responsible for a statewide constituency, but I see her regularly in the local coffee shops, visiting families after a fire, or, best of all, when she is giving out candy on Halloween. As great of a record as she has as Attorney General, it is that local touch that makes Maura so special. I am honored to have her support."

Attorney General Healey has excelled as the People's Lawyer. She has taken significant action to get dangerous guns off the streets, took on big pharmaceuticals in the wake of the opioid crisis, and utilizes the power of her position to fight for the environment, worker

and consumer rights.

"I'm proud to call Dan Ryan my Representative and my friend," said Attorney General Healey. "Dan is a true partner in the fight to take guns off our streets, help those struggling with addiction during the opioid epidemic, and is a champion for working families on Beacon Hill. Just as importantly, he knows the people of this community and is committed to the level of personal, constituent service that makes sure everyone in our district is represented well."

Senator DiDomenico and Ryan met when they were both legislative aides to elected officials. They now use that experience to work collectively as elected colleagues.

"Sal is a longtime friend and now a trusted colleague," said Ryan. "He is a statewide leader when it comes to helping families on the margins of society. Whether it is lifting welfare caps, or early education funding and other issues that affect our most vulnerable, I always know that his path is the right one. I appreciate his friendship as much as his support. I know we will lean on each other as our state climbs out of this COVID crisis."

Said DiDomenico, "Dan and I work well together. When it comes to issues facing Chelsea and Charlestown, I can always count on him to be on the same page. Same goes for legislation. When a bill needs a little push in our respective chambers, we work as a team. As a Representative, Dan knows how to get things done. As a colleague and a friend I'll be in his corner. It gives me great pleasure to endorse him."

District One City Councilor



The Charlestown Trifecta has endorsed State Rep. Dan Ryan this week in his re-election campaign. Shown here are Attorney General Maura Healey, Councilor Lydia Edwards, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico and State Rep. Dan Ryan.

Lydia Edwards had endorsed Ryan in an earlier edition of the Patriot-Bridge. This week makes it official and completes the trifecta.

"Lydia blazed on the scene while I was still getting my feet wet as a State Representative," said Ryan. "I admire her work. Lydia's relentless pursuit of issues important to her district, and our Town, has made me a better State Representative. I truly appreciate her drive, our friendship and her support."

Councilor Edwards in endorsing Ryan, said, "It's Dan who I look to for the cohesive vision. It's Dan that I listen to when navigat-

ing contentious issues. It's Dan's deep knowledge and historical context that guides my fight for Charlestown. Dan is a bridge and is practical in his approach. Too many people have no clue how many hours he works in the State House, how many calls he takes personally, or who he sees on his walk to work. It's a joy to be his city councilor. It's an even greater honor to endorse him."

Representative Dan Ryan is running for re-election to his fourth two-year term to the Second Suffolk District, which includes the Charlestown neigh-

borhood of Boston and much of the City of Chelsea. Ryan served as Vice-Chair of Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, when he helped to lead sweeping changes to our health care delivery system and judicial system as they pertain to the issues of mental health and substance use with the passage of the Act for the Combating Addiction, Reducing Prescriptions, and Enhancing prevention ("The CARE Act"). Ryan has also received several Legislator of the Year awards for his work on veteran's issues and programing for the developmentally disabled.

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local governments can respond by implementing a more holistic public safety infrastructure that is aligned with public health, they said.

The Boston Police Department routinely responds to nonviolent calls for service involving mental health, homelessness, substance use, and traffic crashes, which are matters beyond the scope of law enforcement's function and would be better served by a public health response.

Edwards said she is getting pushback from some constituents this week about the proposal, but she said it is important to understand this isn't replacing the Police, but helping them. Most responses for such issues are not the core mission of the Boston Police, she said, and there is no danger to the

trained response team.

"If you want to call the police, that's fine, but I don't want to call the police about the drunk man sleeping beside my car," she said. "I don't think he's dangerous or a threat to my life...I don't want to have something escalate potentially. People are right to think that way. A trained professional can de-escalate. I'm not sending someone in naive. We have street workers that go into very hot situations to prevent violent retribution on the streets and they go in unarmed. Let's build on that and make them stronger and maybe even give them a dedicated phone number. This should be a collaborative moment."

The ordinance that Councilors Wu, Edwards and Mejia filed calls for the City of Boston to develop

a systemic Community Safety crisis-response plan for nonviolent emergency calls within 90 days to directly connect people in need to City- or community-based service providers and replace law enforcement presence in nonviolent, non-criminal situations with a range of unarmed service providers, including health care professionals, mental health workers, outreach workers specializing in outreach to residents experiencing homelessness, and other unarmed professionals with specialized training.

The ordinance appeared on the agenda for discussion at the Boston City Council meeting Wednesday, June 24, and was assigned to committee and scheduled for a hearing.

Charlestown High will celebrate distancing graduation Monday

Staff Report

Charlestown High Principal Will Thomas reported this week that the Class of 2020 at Charlestown High will be honored with a drop-in diploma graduation ceremony -- one that has been deemed safe by the City in keeping with COVID-19 regulations.

On Monday, June 29, students are invited to the CHS Track to pick up diplomas and other senior items during the day, and then join their virtual graduation watch party from their homes at 7 p.m. in the evening.

For the in-person portion, they will work alphabetically by last name for the graduates.

- 11 a.m. - noon, (students with last name A-F)
- Noon - 1p.m., (students with last name G-M)
- 1 p.m. - 2 p.m., (students with last name N-S)
- 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., (students with last name T-Z)

The schools are not allowed to mail the diploma, so they scheduled the pick-up on Monday. Graduates are encouraged to wear a cap and gown, and pictures will be taken. Graduates are asked to bring back their school-issued ChromeBooks and any other materials like books or jerseys.

For those who cannot make it June 29, there will be another opportunity to pick up diplomas in August.

EDITORIAL

COVID-19 IS A PREDATOR -- AND WE ARE ITS PREY

The media, politicians, and others have likened our ongoing battle with the corona virus as the equivalent of "going to war."

The doctors and nurses in the overburdened ERs in New York City, when its hospitals were being overwhelmed with corona patients in March, put it this way in discussing the stresses and challenges they were facing when they lacked personal protection equipment, ventilators, and other essential medical needs: "It's like going to war, but without being given guns and ammunition."

But as we enter the fourth month since the start of the lock-downs in many of our states, the "going to war" metaphor does not seem entirely appropriate.

Rather, the corona virus, which is stealthy and unseen except under a microscope (it is 1/1000th the width of a hair on our heads), is more like a hunter seeking its prey -- and its main prey is the human race.

We like to think of ourselves as kings of the world, sitting atop the food chain. Even if we cannot match a shark in the water or a lion in the jungle, we have weapons readily at our disposal to cope with any threats we may face from the natural world.

But the corona virus has humbled us. We as a species have proven no match for this pandemic that Mother Nature has thrust into our midst.

As with any predator in the wild, the corona virus seeks out the easy targets, the old and the weak. Per Darwin's theory of evolution, only the strongest survive.

But intelligence also is a key to the survival of members of a species. The pandemic has proven that point as well, also taking as its victims those whose arrogance exceeds their common-sense, and whose folly makes them an easy target for a hunter that fears nothing and that will take advantage of any lapse in judgment.

The early openings in the Southern states, where people have refused to wear masks and do not practice physical-distancing, and where infections now are predictably skyrocketing, have shown the folly of underestimating the power of the virus.

We think a more accurate way for us to view the corona virus is that it has reduced the human race to the equivalent of meerkats. (Timon in the Lion King is a meerkat.) Meerkats, small mongooses, live constantly on alert and retreat to their underground network of burrows upon sensing the slightest threat of danger. If they let their guard down for an instant when above-ground, they can become easy targets for predators.

We too, now find ourselves in a state of existence in which our movement is restricted. We must remain ever-vigilant and be aware that the corona virus is everywhere. As with any predator, the corona virus always is on the prowl and stalking, just waiting for any one of us -- its prey -- to make that one, fatal mistake.

As is becoming clear in the Southern states, we are fooling ourselves if we think that we have outwitted this virus and that three months of lockdown were sufficient to save us from its grip. The reality is that the corona virus never will cease hunting us and that we must devise a new normal if we wish to regain a semblance of our former lives.

Hopefully, our new way of life, whatever that will look like, will be something better than our present meerkat-like circumstances.

GUEST OP-ED

Progressives too, can back the blue

By Councilor Lydia Edwards

Thank you. I haven't said it enough to the men and women in blue that serve our great city. Time and time again they are expected to be at their best when we are at our worst. Whether it was during 9/11, the marathon bombings, or riots, we've seen police officers answer the call and step up to keep our cities safe. They answer the call and show up no matter who is calling and without knowing if they will be coming home. I've personally watched several befriend and mentor our youth, serve food at our soup kitchens, participate in countless peace walks, help seniors with groceries, and sometimes give people rides home to Maine in the middle of a snowstorm. As we begin to have conversations about the role of police in our society, it's important that we acknowledge everything they do and thank them for it. We cannot let their entire role in society be defined by bad actors. I certainly won't.

The best way for us to acknowledge their service is to respect their vision and their experiences and rely on them for their perspective as we seek the changes that many people are calling for. I know that many police officers want to see some of these same changes. The vast majority of officers want nothing more than for the abusive police officers to be brought to justice, for the hotheads at the station to get training and change

or leave, for young people to trust them, and to be the good guys. The vast majority want to see more women and people of all colors be proud members of their fraternal family.

Today, many people are calling for us to change. Let's be clear: it is not just the police but every aspect of our lives that is getting a second look because of the pandemic and because we are in a civil rights movement. Change can be a good thing. What I do not agree with is calls to abolish the police entirely. We need the police. But we also need to need to acknowledge that we are asking them to do too much right now. A lot of police officers are tired and don't want to respond to mental health issues or nonviolent community disputes. There are nonviolent and non-criminal calls for service that we can instead give to an unarmed, trained, community response team. The ordinance that I will be introducing during this week's council hearing will divert these calls away from the police so that they can focus on the violent calls we need them at their best for.

The Globe recently wrote that "other American cities, including Dallas, New Orleans, and Miami, have implemented emergency response alternatives that have reduced arrest rates and homelessness, while cutting costs that are associated with transporting people who are in custody, hospitalization, and incarceration." Over the next few weeks I will

be reaching out to our police and police chiefs around the country to discuss their programs and better understand how this might work in Boston.

I am tired of today's hashtag click bait culture that highlights the worst of every issue and forces people to pick a side. Life isn't black and white and neither is change. You cannot call for inclusion and exclude people that think differently from you. In order for us to move forward from this moment together, we need to learn how to have tough conversations about these issues and we can't let ourselves get distracted by outside narratives. It's possible for us to support our police officers and realize that some change is needed. Recent polling shows that a majority of Democrats, Republicans, and independents all support creating a new agency of treatment professionals that would respond to calls when someone has overdosed or when a family member is having a mental health crisis. If we sit and truly listen to each other, we will find that we have more in common than what separates us.

We want a police force that looks like us, that lives with us, that protects us and so does every police officer I know. I am committed to listening to the police officers in my life, including some of my own family members, about the changes they'd like to see and working to make those happen.

Lydia Edwards is City Councilor of District 1.

LETTERS to the Editor

STREET SWEEPING

To the Editor:

With street cleaning still modified, the streets contain debris packed along the curbs. On scheduled days why not sweep the

debris in front of your house into the street about an hours before the trucks come down your street? Parts of Russell St. do that and the street is clean.

Nancy Gentis
Russell Street

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A Typical Class Schedule in the Time of Covid: One Teacher's Perspective...

By Allen Reitz

Prior to the 2020-2021 school year, all students will be given an A or B designation before the school year begins. Starting this fall only half of our students can attend school on any given day to maximize space (6 feet) between each student's desk in all classes.

Students with an A designation will attend school Mondays and Wednesdays.

Students with a B designation will attend school Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Fridays - A and B Students will alternate on Fridays on a weekly basis starting from the first official week of school.

The days when students are not in school, they are required to participate online between 9:15-12:00, during all teacher guided lessons.

•Student Arrival and Temperature Check In:

7:30 - 8:00: All students that ride the bus, walk, or are dropped off by car are required to wear a mask upon entering the school grounds. Masks must be worn throughout the day. Before entering the building, all students will line up, 6 feet apart, and undergo a temperature check. Students that are shown with a fever will be quarantined in a designated area of the nurse's office and rechecked within a 30-minute time allotment. If the student continues to have a high temperature after the recheck, he or she will be sent home for a minimum of 72 hours (without any high temperature) or they can come back to school if they show a negative test for Covid.

•All Stairs and Hallways are now One-Way Walking Zones

8:00 - 8:30: After temperature checks and using the hand sanitizer stations, all students will follow directional arrows to their classrooms. All stairs and hallways are now one-way walking zones.

•Students Entering the Classroom

8:30-8:45: Upon entering the classroom, all students must put away their backpacks and jackets in their designated cubby, closet or locker. After putting away their things and taking their homework out of their bags, all students must wash their hands.

•Morning Work - Student desks will be 6 Feet Apart - maintained for the year

8:45-9:15: Students to work on morning work while breakfast is provided in the classroom. Sharing is strictly prohibited. After breakfast, students are required to wash their hands.

•Lessons Begin - Students at home sign onto remote learning, which is televised on the classroom whiteboard. Attendance for remote students will be taken.

9:15-10:30: ELA Lesson

10:30 - 12:00: Math Lesson

After 12:00, remote learning ends and students log off.

•Lunch

12:00-12:30: Students that receive a free lunch will walk down the designated stairwell to receive their lunch from the cafeteria. Temperature checks will take place prior to entering the cafeteria. After securing their lunch, they will take the designated stairwell back up to the classroom to eat at their desk. Sharing is prohibited.

•Recess

12:30-12:50: Only two classes can have recess outside at the same time. Students will only have outside recess three days a week, the rest of the week, students will have

recess in the classroom. Students can each bring one ball, toy or object from home that is marked with their name. Students must play with their own toy and can not share. (Throwing a basketball or football back-n-forth from student to student is prohibited, however kicking a ball back-n-forth is allowed).

•Specialist Time

12:50-1:40 - Students will line up under social distancing guidelines and walk to specialist through the designated hallways and stairways. Upon entering the specialist classroom, all students will wash their hands. At the end of specialist time, all students will be required to use antibacterial wipes to wipe down their space in preparation for the next class.

•Sanitize Time and Staggered Dismissal

1:40-2:15 - In preparation for dismissal, all students will be required to wipe down their spaces using antibacterial wipes. Once sanitized, all students will be allowed to secure their backpack. Classes will be dismissed in a staggered approach to limit the amount of time students and staff are congregating in the hallways together. Parents whom are picking up their students after school will have to wait in a designated pick-up zone.

Again, this is one teacher's unsubstantiated opinion of a typical school schedule in the fall of 2020. Keep in mind, these ideas are being discussed among different school administrations. I am also a parent of a teenaged boy and a pre-teen girl, and as such, we have to keep an open mind of what "the new normal" will look like come September.

Allen Reitz is a Full Inclusion Public School Teacher - 4th Grade

Charlestown sees 34-percent increase in Part One crime from last year

By Dan Murphy

As the first half of 2020 was drawing to a close, Charlestown had seen a 34-percent spike in incidents of violent and property crime from last year.

According to Boston Police, 175 Part One crimes were reported in District A-15 between June 1 and June 14 of this year as opposed to 131 during the same timeframe last year.

No murders were reported in either 2020 or 2019 while the rate of rapes and attempted rates remained steady at one incident each this year and last.

Robberies and attempted robberies saw a 150-percent increase as the number climbed to five from two in 2019.

On the other hand, incidents of domestic robbery were down around 36 percent as the number fell to 9 from 14 last year, while incidents of non-domestic aggra-

vated assault dropped 38 percent, with eight this year, compared to 13 last year.

While the rate of commercial burglaries was constant, with two each both this year and last, residential burglaries were up around 64 percent as the number climbed to 14 from five last year.

No incidents of other burglaries were reported either this year or in 2019.

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle were up more than 148 percent as the number climbed to 77 from 31 last year, while in contrast, incidents of other larceny saw a slight decline as the number dropped to 53 from 51 last year.

Auto theft saw a 20-percent reduction, with eight this year, compared to 10 in 2019.

Citywide, Part One crime was down 1 percent as the number of incidents fell to 7,029 from 7,079 last year.

USS Constitution Museum celebrates Fourth of July virtually

The USS Constitution Museum and USS Constitution will celebrate Independence Day with virtual experiences for all ages. A special Fourth of July webpage offers visitors access to activities, programs, and videos.

The Museum's featured activities and programs include:

•Alka-Seltzer Cannon Kits - Want to create your own personal salute to the nation for the Fourth of July? The Museum is selling activity kits to make and fire your own Alka-Seltzer Cannon at home. Each \$5 kit includes printed directions, two 35mm film canisters, eight Alka-Seltzer tablets, and three American flag temporary tattoos. This interactive family activity is available for curbside pickup.

•"Old Ironsides" Cruises - Watch previously recorded videos of USS Constitution cruises and enjoy viewing America's Ship of State underway.

•Aim a Cannon Game - Firing the cannons was not an easy task; it took teamwork and patience. Lead your team to victory in this target practice game from the Museum's A Sailor's Life for Me online game.

•Constitution & the Fourth of July - Learn more about the history of the Fourth of July under-

way tradition through a series of Museum blog posts.

USS Constitution will also feature special programming on July 4 streamed live from its Facebook page.

Activities include:

•A 21-gun salute
•Trivia contest
•Climbing demonstrations
•Special Ship tour with Carl Herzog, the Museum's Public Historian and host of the Historian at Home video series.

"While visitors can't visit USS Constitution or the USS Constitution Museum this Fourth of July, we can bring virtual celebrations and activities to them," said Museum President & CEO Anne Grimes Rand.

USS Constitution Museum Independence Day content is currently available at usscm.org/july4.

The Museum's virtual Fourth of July is part of an overall museum initiative to serve the public at home. It includes a robust outreach and visitor engagement plan, offering videos, blog posts, collection highlights, and more. Every day the virtual Museum disseminates dynamic content through its social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, and website usscm.org.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

GRACE O'NEIL NAMED TO THE CURRY COLLEGE SPRING 2020 DEAN'S LIST

Curry College is proud to announce that Grace O'Neil of Charlestown has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester. O'Neil majoring in Nursing, is among the roughly 1,000 students that have received the distinction, a marker of academic excellence and high

achievement.

To earn a place on the list, full-time undergraduate students - those who carry 12 or more graded credits per semester - must earn a 3.3 grade-point-average (GPA) or higher.

About Curry College

Founded in 1879, Curry College is a private, four-year, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Mass. Curry extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth,

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Mass Alliance endorses Vidot for state rep.

Mass Alliance, a coalition of a wide range of political organizations dedicated to making Massachusetts more progressive, is proud to announce its endorsement of Damali Vidot, candidate for State Representative of the Massachusetts Second Suffolk District, covering all of Charlestown and most of Chelsea, Massachusetts.

"Leadership is doing what's right for the people even when it's not easy. To take on ExxonMobil for polluting the Mystic River, to hold the MBTA accountable to riders, or to organize against Eversource when they tried to build a dangerous high-voltage electrical substation next door took a lot of courage." Jordan Berg Powers, Executive Director of Mass Alliance said. He continued, "That is the type of leadership we need in the State House. We are thankful she is stepping up once again because if we are going to make it through this crisis it's with leadership that puts people first."

Mass Alliance is a coalition of 28 political and advocacy groups that fight for a more progressive Massachusetts. Its member organizations advocate for a wide variety of issues, including civic participation, civil rights, economic justice, education, environmental issues, healthcare, reproductive rights, immigrant rights and the rights of workers. Through their PAC, Mass Alliance, cultivates and empowers progressive leaders and assists them in ultimately winning their elections.

Damali Vidot is a mom, community advocate, and an At-Large

City Councilor in Chelsea. Today she is running for the office of State Representative for the Massachusetts Second Suffolk District, which includes most of Chelsea and all of Charlestown. Damali is driven by a call to uplift and authentically represent the voices of her community, which are often excluded from life-altering political decisions.

Currently serving her third term as City Councilor, Damali made history by becoming the first woman to lead the City as Council President for two consecutive terms following her role as Vice President in her first term. She has used her platform on the City Council to consistently center the most vulnerable residents by passing legislation to protect tenants and homeowners from being displaced out of her rapidly developing city; co-sponsoring and passing a wage theft ordinance; and, most recently, rallying nonprofit leaders, Chelsea government officials, medical professionals, to demand and obtain critical resources from Governor Baker in the peak of Chelsea's fight against COVID-19.

Regarding the endorsement, Vidot expressed: "Thank you to Mass Alliance for this endorsement and your belief in me. I am honored and energized to receive the endorsement from Mass Alliance, which has been a consistent beacon for progressive policies in the Commonwealth. I'm ready to work together to bring transparent, community-driven change for the residents of the Second Suffolk District. Let's get to work."

Parents, school leaders find their stride with online learning

By Seth Daniel

At the Eliot School, Principal Traci Walker Griffiths and her school staff had already done a Herculean effort to get some online learning together and running by the April Spring Break.

However, that was also a moment when they had a turning point in taking online learning from adequate to excellent, she said, and finished up the school year this Monday with a full online learning plan.

And parents at the Eliot K-8 – which hosts kids from Charlestown, North End and Beacon Hill – have noticed, saying their children have not had the backsliding in learning or lack of teacher time they expected.

"Our goal has always been to keep children at the center of the work," she said. "I would have never been able to tell you 13 weeks ago the highlight of the year would be our joyous June and end of year celebrations being held on Zoom. Not many parents would have told you 13 weeks ago they would be teaching reading and math and setting up asynchronous videos for their kids...When I look at where we are now – making that big shift after April vacation – it was that family feedback was heard and the wanted teachers to

be part of the process."

That shift marked Phase 2 of online learning, and the Eliot was ahead of most public schools in Boston as it was the first to close down when the pandemic hit in March. Early on, some parents were worried about the slowness to roll out a full plan, and whether or not kids would be hurt by not having teacher contact.

Charlestown parent Joe DeRoeve said he was worried at first, but couldn't be happier with where the year has ended. He noted that not only has the school found success in the core subjects, but also they have been able to add in the electives like the EPIC program.

"I could not be happier with the Eliot and what they've been able to do in the last three months," he said. "What started out as an emergency response has turned into a fully adapted virtual student experience. I still fully believe in the structure of the school system of student and teacher interaction. It's irreplaceable, but they have unearthed an opportunity to leverage this in the future...Our family couldn't be happier with the way program from the Eliot School."

State Rep. Dan Ryan, who has two children at the Eliot, was interviewed in a previous story several months ago about starting

the online learning journey. He had planned to take piano lessons from his daughters and to be very involved in their education. His job at the State House, though, was much more demanding, but he said his kids adapted to the technology well.

"Well, my piano lessons came to a screeching halt," he said. "I should have anticipated how much legislative and community work needed to be done as the shutdown prolonged. But, in terms of the school year, I think the children adapted well. They got accustomed to the remote learning and really looked forward to the Zooms with their friends. The teachers were great."

The focus now is on next year, Walker Griffiths said, and the schools – while celebrating the end of a challenging year – are also planning to work overtime through the summer planning for the fall and communicating a lot more than usual over the summer.

"That consistency over the summer is going to be important because of the way we're ending the school year," she said. "We have more questions than answers. It will be important for us to communicate things this summer. It has to be a constant connection. It has to be a summer consistent in communication with families."

Charlestown to celebrate lgbtq+ pride month

In an effort to be inclusive and welcoming to all Charlestown residents, Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards and Representative Dan Ryan are partnering with the Flatley Company to host the 2nd annual flag raising at the Schrafft's building. This year's event is changed to an outdoor ceremony only with socially-distant precautions due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"As we celebrate LGBTQ+ pride month, it's important to celebrate our neighbors here in Charlestown who have only made our community better and bright-

er," said Councilor Edwards. "It's important that we intentionally create space in today's political climate to celebrate love, progress, and inclusivity. I look forward to the ceremony and thank the Flatley Company for hosting."

"I want to thank Councilor Edwards and the LGBTQ community within Charlestown for initiating this event last year," said Rep Ryan. "Folks in Charlestown have a deep history of supporting their neighbors. That admirable trait needs to extend to everyone. This week's Supreme Court decision is a great example of how

important these events are and the united message it sends."

"The Schrafft's City Center is pleased to participate and hoist the annual LGBTQ flag for the Charlestown community," said Bill Bush Vice President of the Flatley Company.

The event will take place on Friday, June 26, at 12:30 p.m. outside the Schrafft's Building located at 529 Main Street near the fire station. Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, access to the Schrafft's building is prohibited and the ceremony will take place outside.

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THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL COMMEMORATIVE EXERCISES

On Weds., June 17, despite COVID-19 concerns, the National Park Service and the Bunker Hill Monument Association held a small laying of the wreath ceremony at the foot of the Prescott Statue. Afterward, there was a speaking program at First Church.



Capt. Tom Coots of the Charlestown 1st Militia welcomed everyone.



A prayer by Reverend Garret Lear, Chaplin of the John Stark Society.



John Benda, Commander USN, Commanding Officer of the USS Constitution addressed those in attendance last Wednesday morning at the 1st Church in Charlestown.



Boston City Councillor Lydia Edwards added a personal touch to her remarks at the Bunker Hill Exercises.



King Solomon's Lodge members were on hand for the services at First Church, then heading to the Bunker Hill Memorial to place a wreath at the cornerstone, where the replica of the original monument is kept. Sr. Warden, John Kenezierski, Master, Zach Atwell and Jr. Warden, Mark Aubuchon and Park Ranger, Ethan Beeler.



Master of Ceremonies, Chairman Arthur Hurley.



The Invocation by Reverend Erik Maloy.



From the Massachusetts House of Representatives, State Representative Daniel Ryan addressed the gathering in Charlestown.



Members of the Col. Henry Knox Regimental Color Guard gather in front of the Monument and wreath.



From the Charlestown 1st Militia Company 1775, Russ Cumbee, Andrew Coots and Paul Lane outside the First Church on Green Street.

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New zoning ordinance makes historic splash for development requirements

By Seth Daniel

Councilor Lydia Edwards is championing a zoning victory this week, noting that it is a behind the scenes change that would look to make the City a more equitable and fair place moving forward into the “new normal.”

The Fair Housing amendment has been accepted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) after a working session last week at the City Council, and Edwards said it is an historic first.

She said, in short, it will require developers coming into a community like Charlestown to demonstrate their project is helping the community become more integrated, more diverse, more friendly to seniors looking for homes, and a host of other requirements that will be part of any standard development review.

So, now when a developer is going through the Article 80 process for zoning and such, not only will they have to satisfy reviews for transportation and design, but also for equity and fairness.

“This is the first time we’ve required that from a developer and it is historic,” she said. “It’s taking the community review process and

making developers prove they are making the City better. Zoning has done the opposite. It’s made us more segregated...Our zoning policy in the past has made us less integrated and has concentrated resources in one place while leaving others to the winds. It’s the first in the country to do that and it’s extremely important to my district.

“Monument Street is two different planets and it has everything to do with zoning and planning – or lack thereof,” she continued.

The BPDA said it will codify requirements removing barriers to housing choice, affirmatively furthering fair housing, and addressing displacement. Councilor Edwards first introduced such an amendment in April 2019. When approved by the Zoning Commission later this year, the amendment will be the first of its kind in the country.

Edwards said this new policy, upon being adopted, will apply to the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment, the PLAN Charlestown process and any other development coming into the Town.

She said one important caveat for Charlestown is that it

will apply to large Planned Development Areas (PDAs) like Hood Park. When they come back in to build more within their plan, they will have to go through the Fair Housing process.

“They always come back for a change and when they come back for a change, they will have to do this analysis,” she said.

In 2017, the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Community Advisory Committee

was established to examine the city’s efforts to further fair housing opportunities. On June 6, 2020 the committee held a town hall during which it released its report after three years of research. One of the group’s recommendations was codifying equity into the zoning code.

“This has been a long time coming for many advocates who have fought this fight for many years,” said Lincoln Larmond, a member

of the committee and a member of the Boston Tenant Coalition. “This is a big victory for the City of Boston. Inequity has previously been codified through zoning. This amendment is an opportunity for us to begin to correct that.”

Another working session will be scheduled in the coming weeks to finalize the amendment after which the City Council will vote on it and send it to the Zoning Commission for final approval.

COVID-19 Statistics for Charlestown

Citywide Cases as of June 24: 13,353

Citywide Deaths as of June 24: 900

Numbers of Charlestown Cases:

- As of June 18: 189 confirmed positive cases in Charlestown with an infection rate of 97.4 per 10,000.
- As of June 11: 187 confirmed positive cases in Charlestown with an infection rate of 96.3 per 10,000.
- As of June 4: 182 confirmed positive cases in Charlestown with an infection rate of 93.7 per 10,000.

Testing Statistics in Charlestown: (as of June 18)

- Number of residents tested: 1,526
- Testing Rate per 10,000 people: 786.0
- Percent Positive in testing (cumulative): 12.5%
- Percent Positive in testing (current week: Less than 1%



In the Historic Building of the month article on June 18th, this photo should have been labeled, *Second Charlestown High School 1870*. Our apologies for any confusion this may have caused.

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Councilor Vidot centers community voices, advocates for students in municipal budget process

At-Large Chelsea City Councilor Damali Vidot has spent the last week engaging in the City of Chelsea's budget process, which involves providing final approval over the Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) budget. Over the past two weeks there have been 3 budget hearings with one additional hearing scheduled for Thursday, June 24.

"Budgets are moral documents that reflect what we value for our city and our society," said Vidot. "It would be nice to foster an environment where the people are more involved in this process. What is most important to us?" As the conversation across the United States has shifted to evaluating

the budgets of law enforcement departments, Councilor Vidot believes we need to better understand the needs of our community members to prioritize the services that would best serve those needs. "We need to reimagine what public safety looks like. What would it look like if we offered more mental health supports for people in need? What if licensed social workers could be part of our first response team, especially for non-violent situations? They could help manage the urgent situation the person is facing, and then connect them to the resources that will help them get back on track."

Councilor Vidot's leadership has always been centered on

standing up for what is right and building the coalitions within and beyond her community that are required to affect change. "We must build our collective power based on shared values. As an advocate for affordable housing, I worked with councilors in Boston, Somerville, Cambridge, and other cities. The issues that face Charlestown and Chelsea don't end at our cities' borders, so there are always opportunities to work across communities to solve our interconnected problems."

As part of this community work, on Tuesday Councilor Vidot joined over 120 elected officials, superintendents, educator union presidents, and other

advocates in asking the Legislature to fully fund state aid to school districts across Massachusetts. The signatories largely represent the cities that have been hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, whose schools have also been severely underfunded for years. "Public schools in Boston and Chelsea have been struggling for years due to deep underfunding. When we don't fully fund our schools, students can't grow into the leaders we know they can be." The letter goes on to propose how the state could raise revenues to fund our schools even during this pandemic. "Multi-millionaires and corporations should pay their fair share so that every student in

Boston and Chelsea can have an enriching education. We should use our "rainy day fund" to invest in our students."

"It's time for us to reimagine what our future will look like. We have to invest in our schools because our kids are the future of our cities. Our city budgets allow us to make sure that we prioritize the resources that will help our constituents most. Residents want and deserve affordable housing, reliable transportation, and a healthy environment. Those should be our priorities."

Traffic will shift on temporary North Washington St. Bridge July 13

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation invites everyone to a virtual public information meeting addressing upcoming work on the North Washington Street Bridge. To provide ample opportunity for the public to participate, three meetings will be offered on June 30, July 1, and July 2.

All three meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

The North Washington Street Bridge Project is entering a new phase of work. In July, traffic on the permanent bridge will begin shifting onto the temporary bridge. The traffic shift is currently slated to occur during the week-end of July 11-12 with all traffic shifted to the temporary bridge by July 13.

The three virtual meetings will provide the public with an opportunity to learn how the traffic shift will occur. The meetings will also offer users of the bridge insight into what they should anticipate when using the temporary bridge. In addition, the project team will give an overview of what to expect as demolition of the old North Washington Street Bridge begins. Following the presentation, audience members will have the oppor-

tunity to ask questions and offer comments.

Due to the Commonwealth's response to COVID-19, this meeting is occurring virtually. All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend remotely. Audience members will be able to utilize the virtual platform to engage with the project team by asking questions and offering feedback in real time.

To attend remotely, please register by using the following links:

- Tuesday, June 30th, 2020 at 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, July 1st, 2020 at 6:30 PM
- Thursday, July 2nd, 30th, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Registration is free. Registration requires sharing of a first name, last name, and email address. This data is only gathered to allow sending of a confirmation email and is only shared with MassDOT. Registered attendees will be entered into the project's email database to receive construction updates. All three meetings will provide the same content and are offered to ensure the public flexibility in terms of attending and learning about the upcoming changes given existing health conditions.

Governor Baker issues proclamation marking Juneteenth

Gov. Charlie Baker on Friday issued a proclamation declaring June 19, 2020 as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Celebrated each year on June 19, Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States, and is an opportunity to reflect on the need to continue working toward racial justice.

"Juneteenth is a chance for us all to reflect on this country's painful history of slavery and the systemic impact that racial injustice continues to have today," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "It is also an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the goal of creating a more equal and just society. As our country continues the nation-

al conversation around racial injustice, it is especially important that we recognize Juneteenth. I look forward to working with our legislative colleagues to recognize this important day more widely going forward."

Juneteenth is recognized each year on June 19. On that day in 1865, Major General Gordon Granger and his Union troops landed in Galveston, TX and announced that the Civil War had ended. Major General Gordon read a proclamation declaring that all enslaved people were free. The first Juneteenth was celebrated a year later in Texas and today is recognized across the country to mark this important milestone.

State Law states, "The gov-

ernor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the nineteenth of June as Juneteenth Independence Day, to be observed on the Sunday that is closest to June 19 of each year, in recognition of June 19, 1865 when Union General Gordon Granger announced freedom for all slaves in the Southwestern United States and in recognition of the end of slavery in the United States as well as the significant contributions individuals of African descent have made to the Commonwealth and to the United States and recommending that said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people."

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Gov. Baker files Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Investment Plan

Gov. Charlie Baker and his administration released its Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Capital Investment Plan on June 17.

The spending blueprint maintains existing investments and enables the Administration to continue working with stakeholders across the Commonwealth to support ongoing capital projects. The plan will ensure Massachusetts is well-positioned for short, medium and long-term COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

The capital plan also provides future flexibility by holding on pursuing new programs or funding sources due to the COVID-19 public health crisis and the related uncertainty. This purposeful investment strategy will also afford the Administration the flexibility to revisit the capital plan as the full economic and fiscal impacts of the public health and economic crisis become clear.

The FY21 plan provides capital investments in all regions throughout Massachusetts in critical areas such as transportation, housing, support for cities and towns, health and human services, higher education, and public safety. The plan also continues the administration's commitment to integrating climate change preparedness into its capital program and it considers the environmental impact and resiliency of all investments.

"During the unprecedented COVID-19 public health crisis and the resulting economic uncertainty, our administration is sustaining support for existing projects and investments while maintaining flexibility in our capital program," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This responsible strategy will allow us to maximize response and recovery efforts, and continue working towards key priorities in transportation, housing, health and human services, and climate change."

The \$2.46 billion capital plan is fiscally responsible and demonstrates careful long-term plan-

ning, and is informed by numerous factors including the Debt Affordability Committee.

As with previous plans, the FY21 plan focuses on six major themes: asset stewardship, supporting local communities, economic opportunity, value optimization, customer orientation, and climate resiliency.

These six priorities continue to be important in the era of COVID-19 amid the response to the public health crisis. By maintaining parks and green spaces, increasing access to broadband internet, promoting economic opportunity and job creation, and investing in health and human services infrastructure, the Commonwealth is continuing to provide resources and accommodations that ensure the health and safety of the people of Massachusetts.

Responsible Asset Stewardship
Since taking office, the Baker-Polito Administration has prioritized the maintenance of the Commonwealth's existing assets and the prudent investment of capital funds, investing billions to upgrade and modernize existing infrastructure. From road and bridge maintenance to the renovation of aging court facilities to the repair of dams and seawalls, investing in maintenance allows the state to tackle infrastructure repairs in accordance with best practices, system-wide prioritization, and a comprehensive plan before they become costly emergencies.

The plan funds:

- More than \$3.7 billion in investments in the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure
- Six major higher education projects authorized through the DCAMM higher education capital plan in FY19
- \$95 million to support maintenance and improvements at local housing authorities
- The new, state-of-the-art long-term care facility for veterans at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea

Supporting Local Communities
The Baker-Polito Administration continues its strong partnerships with the Commonwealth's cities and towns through the capital program. More than 20 programs funded in the plan provide grants to municipalities to support important local infrastructure including roads and bridges, parks, economic development initiatives, and environmental improvements. The FY21 plan continues funding for the Body Armor Replacement program, which provides a state match to federal funding and helping cities and towns purchase bulletproof vests for police officers at no cost to the community.

The plan also funds:

- \$200 million in Chapter 90 funding for local road and bridge repairs
- \$10 million for the Municipal Small Bridge Program
- \$10 million for the Complete Streets Program
- \$3 million in Community Compact information technology grants
- \$2 million for the Municipal ADA grant program, which enables cities and towns to improve accessibility to municipal facilities for people with disabilities

Economic Opportunities for All

The plan provides critical investments that help encourage economic growth across Massachusetts, including:

- \$100 million for the MassWorks program, which funds local infrastructure improvements that pave the way for major economic development projects
- \$40 million for the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center capital program
- \$11.3 million for the final phase of a major harbor dredging project in New Bedford
- \$9.7 million for the Broadband Last Mile infrastructure program, for Western Massachusetts towns that lack residential broadband

service

Customer Orientation

Through capital investments in MBTA infrastructure, affordable housing, recreational trails, public parks, rinks and playgrounds, the Baker-Polito Administration has worked to prioritize projects that provide direct, tangible value to people across Massachusetts. The Commonwealth also continues to make significant technology investments to improve the customer experience at various agencies such as the Registry of Motor Vehicles, where technology improvements are helping optimize appointment-based operations.

The plan funds:

- \$42.5 million for infrastructure transformation and modernization, in order to transform and improve IT networks and better deliver government services
- \$27.6 million to improve and maintain Department of Conservation and Recreation facilities
- \$6.7 million to continue implementing a new technology platform at the Registry of Motor Vehicles, improving customer service for residents and businesses across Massachusetts

Value Optimization

The FY21 plan supports construction and maintenance across various infrastructure, grants and programs that impact every municipality. Throughout all of these initiatives, the Administration remains committed to investing strategically and sustainably, using data, collaboration, leverage from additional funding resources, and planning to provide a holistic approach to solving problems and preparing for the future in partnership with cities and towns.

The plan funds:

- \$16.3 million for the Massachusetts Manufacturing Innovation Initiative, a matching federal grant program that supports research centers around emerging manufacturing technology

• \$15 million in Workforce Skills Capital Grants, awarded to educational institutions that demonstrate partnerships with local businesses and align their curriculum with industry demand

• \$1 million for the Massachusetts Food Trust program, which leverages private funding to expand healthy food access in underserved communities

Preparing for a Changing Climate

The Baker-Polito Administration is committed to carefully addressing climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency throughout its capital planning program. The FY21 plan makes considerable investments in Commonwealth-owned assets to ensure they are more resilient to climate change. As our local cities and towns are on the front lines in the fight against climate change, the Administration is continuing to take a communities-first approach. The capital plan continues to make state-owned facilities more efficient by supporting energy projects at hospitals, public colleges and universities, public safety facilities, and office buildings. These investments will help to put the state's assets on a path to meet the Governor's newly announced goal of net-zero emissions by 2050.

The plan funds:

- \$12 million for the repair of Inland Dams and Seawalls
- \$11 million for grants to cities and towns to help plan for climate change resiliency and implement priority projects through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program
- \$5 million for sustainability and resiliency improvements in public housing
- \$3.3 million for the Greening the Gateway Cities tree-planting program

To view the full FY21 Capital Investment Plan, visit: www.mass.gov/capital.

JRI Health wins nearly \$1 million federal grant for at risk youth

JRI Health will receive nearly \$1 million from the federal government to support its work to help Suffolk County youth who are at risk of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS.

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will grant JRI Health nearly \$200,000 a year for five years for the JRI Positive Pathways Project.

The Project will work with racial and ethnic minority youth, ages 13 to 29, with a focus on LGBTQ youth, as well as those who inject drugs, have HIV, and are experiencing housing instability, mental illness, and/or sexual exploitation.

The assistance will range from environmental strategies, such as online awareness and educational campaigns, to one-on-one inter-

ventions addressing HIV and substance use disorder and care.

JRI Health, a division of Justice Resource Institute (JRI), is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of underserved individuals and communities living with and at risk for HIV and hepatitis C. They offer a continuum of services to mitigate the social and health determinants while incorporating state-of-the-art best prac-

tices and standards of care.

JRI is a social justice organization that works in partnership with individuals, families, communities, and government to pursue the social justice inherent in opening doors to opportunity and independence.

For more information about the JRI Positive Pathways Project, contact Mio Tamanaha, mtamanaha@jri.org.

JRI is a social justice network of organizations that help underserved individuals, families, and communities with compassion and dignity. JRI provides foster care, help for children who have suffered trauma as a result of abuse and neglect, shelter for homeless families, assistance for people with disabilities, education and residential services for youth in crisis, and a range of other services.

Walsh gives COVID-19 update on BPL, testing, business assistance

By Lauren Bennett

Mayor Walsh held a press conference on June 18, where he gave an update on COVID-19 as well as the reopening plan.

He said that as of last week, the overall positive test rate is down 19.6 percent, the “first time our positive test rate in the city has fallen below 20 percent.”

Last week, pop up testing sites were opened for those who attended large gatherings such as recent protests. Walsh said that nearly 1300 people were tested, and the positive test rate was one percent.

“Any time that I see a protest, I’ve seen a high rate of face covering,” Walsh said. He also thanked the Boston Public Health Commission for handing out masks and sanitizer at many of the protests.

He said that while these positive numbers are encouraging, he still “encourages everyone to continue being safe as you make your voices heard,” and more test sites will continue to open, including

at Brookside Community Health Center in Jamaica Plain for those who have attended large gatherings.

Walsh also said that the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021 includes an additional \$13 million for the Boston Public Health Commission to fight COVID-19, health inequalities, and mental health issues throughout the city. “That focus on public health is essential in Phase Two of the reopening plan,” Walsh said.

“I want to urge everyone to remain cautious,” he said. “If you don’t take this virus seriously enough, we can and will get spikes.” He said that this means to continue wearing face coverings, washing your hands, and cleaning surfaces.

Walsh also recently announced a \$41 million increase in funding to provide 8,000 youth jobs and other opportunities this summer, and the jobs have been modified to fit the guidelines set forth for the virus to ensure that teens are able to gain experience safely.

The Boston Public Library

(BPL) is now offering “BPL to Go” at select locations, which began on June 22. BPL cardholders, including e-card holders, will be allowed to pick up physical materials that are reserved ahead of time online. There will be return bins outside of the libraries where the materials can be returned. The program will first be offered at the Copley branch, the Codman Square Branch, the East Boston Branch, the Jamaica Plain Branch, and the Mattapan Branch, and will slowly roll out at other locations.

Walsh also said that more than \$13.5 million has been provided to small businesses during the pandemic, and \$5.9 million has been distributed by the Small Business Relief Fund to more than 1600 businesses such as restaurants, retail stores, hair and nail salons, gyms, childcare providers, home health aids, and more. The Reopening Boston Fund has also provided money for things like PPE, partitions, and cleaning supplies for businesses, he said.

Walsh also said that there is

a list of resources at boston.gov/reopening such as a directory of open businesses and restaurants as well as guidance for different types of businesses.

The City Council has introduced a home rule petition for 184 new liquor licenses for restaurants across the city, as well as 15 set aside exclusively for minority owned businesses. The state must approve the introduction of new liquor licenses.

“We need to continue to give our restaurants every opportunity to recover and succeed,” Walsh said.

On the housing front, Walsh said that the Boston Housing Authority is “working with hundreds of families of children on permanent rental vouchers to lift them out of homelessness.”

He said that construction has resumed on 3,000 affordable homes and last week launched the ONE+ Boston Mortgage Fund using CPA funds. The fund offers low interest rates and helps families buy their first home to build their own wealth.

Walsh also said that several public art projects are moving forward, including 24 new projects which have received grants. He said that 61 artists will be painting utility boxes as part of the PaintBox program. New murals will also be worked on this summer.

“When you see the artists, please be respectful,” Walsh said, and “maintain physical distance.”

He added that “we look forward to seeing these projects... revitalize our neighborhoods.”

Walsh also said that the Boston Resiliency Fund “continues to get resources to communities in need.” More than \$32 million has been raised, and a little over \$20 million has been distributed into the communities in the form of COVID-19 testing expansion, meals to Greater Boston Food Bank and Lovin’ Spoonfuls, gift cards for families to buy groceries, 20 minority owned restaurants paid to cook meals for distribution, and various nonprofits.

MGC approves health and safety requirements for casino reopening

On Tuesday afternoon, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) voted unanimously 5-0 to approve detailed guidelines, outlining the minimum requirements for the reopening of the state’s two resort-casinos and single slots facility.

During a remote public meeting, the five gaming commissioners adopted health and safety rules that Encore Boston Harbor, among others, must meet in anticipation of the resumption of casino operations, scheduled for Phase 3 of the Commonwealth’s phased-in reopening plan.

That part of the re-opening was touted as potentially being on June 29, but there is some doubt about being able to carry that out in such a short period of time – it being only a few days away. Most observers believe Encore could open its doors sometime in July after trainings and safety measures are fully completed.

The minimum requirements adopted by the Commission address key areas, including Cleaning and Sanitization, Social Distancing, Guest Screening, Occupancy Limits, and Reporting

Measures, among others. Each licensee will be required to submit a detailed plan at least 7 days in advance of reopening. The licensee plans must identify the steps and measures taken to achieve compliance with the guidance and protocols issued by the CDC, the Department of Public Health, the Board of Health in the host community, the Baker-Polito Administration, and the guidelines adopted by the Commission.

MGC Chair Cathy Judd-Stein said, “The MGC is working to ensure a safe and sustainable reopening, issuing guidelines today that will no doubt shift to reflect the changing public health data over time. We are confident that our three licensees will work in good faith to implement and enforce these measures. We also know that the success of a reopening will require the casino patrons’ cooperative efforts, thoughtful awareness, and empathy for one another and the greater community.”

The guidelines require the casino properties to sanitize routinely and in compliance with CDC guidelines. Guests will be screened

upon entry and required to wear face masks, which will be provided if needed. Employees will also be subject to screening procedures including temperature checks and will be required to wear face masks.

The Commission agreed that all three casinos will promote social distancing of slots play by either maintaining a minimum of 6’ distance between operating slot positions or by installing plexiglass dividers not less than 6’ high between operating slot positions.

For table games at Encore, licensees will install plexiglass dividers at Blackjack-style tables no less than 5’10” tall separating dealer from player positions and between player positions. There will be no more than three player positions at each Blackjack-style table, with chairs for unavailable positions removed. The Commission also ruled that there will be no poker, craps or roulette until further notice.

Each licensee will be required to limit occupancy based on its number of gaming positions available multiplied by three plus gaming area employees of the licensee

and the MGC and capacity of open amenities (utilizing the occupancy limits set by the Governor’s guidelines for each amenity).

Lastly, the required minimum health and safety standards put forth in this guide are subject to adjustment or modification based on evolving information and/or mandates from the state.

The Commission held three

open meetings (on Thursday, June 11, 2020; Wednesday, June 17, 2020; and Tuesday, June 23, 2020) to discuss minimum requirements for the initial reopening of casinos. Each of these open meetings included extensive input from the MGC executive staff, the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau, and the Commission’s three licensees.

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"E" INC. PRESENTS: DISCOVERY PLANET

"e" inc - the planet science learning & action center based in Charlestown offers up Earth Science based enrichment for kids on their YouTube channel, "Discovery Planet." The content is set up for Grades 3-5 or for younger children Grades 1-3, but are upbeat and entertaining for anyone. Check them out at this link https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvjTh5UNEVSSa9NGK9fo_JQ or search for eInc on YouTube.

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CHARLESTOWN LIBRARY IMAGINE YOUR SUMMER STORY 2020

This summer the Charlestown Library will be partnering with the Essem Art Studio. The Art Studio will feature an art project based on the book from story time. Prizes will be awarded. The story time reading and art project will be featured on the library facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/bplcharlestown> and Essem Art Studio page at . This year the library's activity sheet can be found at <https://www.bpl.org/imagine-your-story/>. Grand prizes will also be awarded for completed activity sheets. Please contact Eileen Whittle at ewhittle@bpl.org or Sophia Moon hello@essemartstudio.com for any questions

FREE WELLNESS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

ASANA Charlestown is now offering free live-streamed Yoga, Meditation, and Barre classes to Health Care Providers. The virtual studio's aim is to offer a new way for people to sustain their wellness practices from home. If you or someone you know would like

more information on this initiative, please visit www.asanacharlestown.com/health-care.

DAILY VIRTUAL TOURS OF USS CONSTITUTION

USS Constitution is hosting daily live tours via Facebook Live at 10 a.m. The virtual tours are available at www.facebook.com/usconstitutionofficial. During the virtual tours, the ship's active-duty Sailors take viewers through the ship, to include several areas normally closed to the public, and provide an opportunity to ask live questions. The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by collecting, preserving, and interpreting the stories of "Old Ironsides" and those associated with her. To serve students and the public who are working remotely, the Museum is providing complimentary access

to additional content on its digital platforms. For more information, visit www.usbcm.org.

HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY APPEAL

The Food Pantry has had a great need at this time and has been very busy serving many residents in town. Donations of all non-perishable foods are 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. They are also looking for volunteers to assist with distribution. For more information, call Tom MacDonald 617-990-7314.

Pics in the Parks challenge now online

Are you looking for a creative way to explore the great outdoors this summer? The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites you to participate in Pics in the Parks, a series of virtual photography clinics for individuals of all ages and skill levels. Explore the features of your digital camera or smartphone while learning the technical elements of photography. Weekly challenges will be released every Tuesday throughout the summer.

Open to amateurs and professionals alike, Pics in the Parks encourages participants to explore their local open spaces while safely following social distancing guidelines. Visit your favorite green space or expand your horizons by exploring a new one.

Participants will learn techniques for taking impressive photographs of Boston's scenic parks and Urban Wilds with a focused theme in each session. Select photos will be chosen on Monday of the following week and added to our Pics in the Parks online gal-

lery (by submitting photos, participants agree to allow future use by the City of Boston).

Check out our posts every week on Tuesdays through September 1. Submit your photos from the week's challenge to Steve. Kruszkowski@boston.gov to be considered for our Pics in the Parks gallery.

Follow us on social media or visit the Pics in the Parks page on the City of Boston website (boston.gov/picsintheparks) to find each of the weekly challenges. Then join the fun by sharing your photos on social media using the #PicsInTheParks hashtag and tagging us on Facebook @BostonParksDepartment, on Twitter @BostonParksDept, and Instagram @BostonParksDept.

Include the location and keep in mind that submitted photos should be of City of Boston parks only. For a list of Boston Parks and Recreation Department properties please visit the Pics in the Parks page.

For the Record

From the June 30 Zoning Board Appeals hearing, 10 a.m., via WebEx:

•67 Pearl St. Applicant: William Mohan Purpose: Remodel existing 2 family home, drop floor of basement.

BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE ON PERMITS

Due to the harsh economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses, the Boston Fire Department is extending the expiration date on all existing Place of Assembly and Annual Permits from June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020. Any issued Place of Assembly Permit or Annual Permit stating an expiration date of June 30, 2020 will now automatically be valid in the City of Boston until September 30, 2020. The

invoices for renewal will be mailed out in mid-August, and the permitting cycle for both Place of Assembly and Annual Permits will become October 1 to September 30 of the following year from this point forward.

REPORTING WORKPLACE SAFETY CONCERNS

•Workers in any size organization have options if they feel they are being pressured into an unsafe situation. Attorney General Maura Healey has created resources for workers to report safety concerns during reopening. They include an online form at the Attorney General's website and a dedicated Fair Labor hotline at 617-727-3465. People can also find those resources by calling 311.

•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.

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DPH offers summer safety tips

With the arrival of summer weather, and as COVID-19 related restrictions on daily activities begin to lift, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) reminds residents of the recommended precautions to keep families, including young children, safe this summer.

Prevent Tick Bites

Ticks can make you sick when they bite you. They are most commonly found in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas. They only attach when you come into direct contact with them — they cannot jump or fly. Follow these steps if you live, work, or spend time in areas where ticks are present:

- Check yourself for ticks once a day — it's the single most important thing you can do.

- Use repellents that contain DEET on your exposed skin and those that contain permethrin on your clothes.

- When walking or hiking, stick to main pathways and the center of trails if you can. Brushing against tall grass and bushes will increase your exposure to ticks.

- Weather permitting, wear long-sleeved, light-colored shirts and long pants tucked into socks. This will help keep ticks away from your skin and make it easier to spot ticks on your clothing.

Because dogs and horses are particularly susceptible, talk to your veterinarian about the best ways to protect your animals from tick-borne disease.

Prevent Mosquito Bites

The 2019 mosquito season was an active season for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in Massachusetts. This mosquito-borne illness appears generally in 2-3 year cycles, traditionally peaking during August.

While the risk for human infection of EEE or West Nile Virus won't happen until later this summer, people have an important role to play in protecting themselves from these illnesses which can be very serious. To prepare for mosquito season:

- Drain standing water in and around your house or yard to prevent mosquito breeding.

- Repair window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.

- Use a mosquito repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient according to the directions on the label.

- Wear clothing to reduce exposed skin when weather permits.

To learn more, watch this 3-minute video narrated by State Epidemiologist Dr. Catherine Brown about the mosquito-borne virus and how to protect yourself and your family. For more information about preventing mosquito and tickborne illness, visit www.mass.gov/mosquitoesandticks.

Water and Pool Safety

Drowning is a leading cause of death among young children, both nationally and in Massachusetts, with backyard pools posing the highest risk for children under the age of 5. To help prevent water-related injury and drowning:

- Children should be supervised in and around water at all times.

- Whenever infants and toddlers are in or around water, including the bathtub, an adult should be within an arm's length at all times providing "touch supervision."

- Completely separate the house and play area of the yard from the pool area with a fence. Consider automatic door locks or alarms to prevent access.

- Remove floats, balls, and other toys from the pool after use so that children are not tempted to reach for them. After the children are done swimming, secure the pool so they cannot get back in.

- Keep rescue equipment (such as a shepherd's hook or life preserver) and a phone by the pool.

- For children who cannot swim, use a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket. Do not use toys such as "water wings" or "noodles" in place of life jackets. These are not designed to keep swimmers safe.

In public swimming areas:

- Be sure to practice social distancing from others before and after you swim and wear a cloth face covering or mask when you cannot maintain 6 feet of distance from others.

- Select swimming sites that have lifeguards whenever possible, and swim only in designated swimming areas.

- Always swim with a buddy.

Window Safety

Falls are the leading cause of injury to children, and falls from windows involving young children are especially serious. Window falls are preventable. Screens are not strong enough to protect children from falling out of windows. In order to prevent window falls, parents and caregivers should:

- Keep furniture – and anything a child can climb on – away from windows.

- Open windows from the top, not the bottom, when possible and lock all unopened doors and windows.

- Be sure children are always supervised.

- Install quick-release window guards which can be found in most hardware stores.

Additional tips on preventing falls among children can be found on the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention fall prevention website.

To learn more about childhood injury prevention, visit the DPH injury prevention and control program website.

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Navy Yard resident finds fun second career in photography

By Seth Daniel

Somewhere in Europe on a backpacking trip, Charlestown's Ryan Pettaway discovered his love

for photography using a very simple camera and capturing amazing moments.

As a Systems Application Engineering Technician by day, he

has transitioned to a very successful side career as a professional photographer on the side as well.

"I am from Annapolis and have been in Boston coming up on seven years," he said. "I have loved my time here and love living in Charlestown the last four years. I am a Systems Application Engineering Technician, but I've become a photographer too the last four or five years. That all started with a European backpacking trip...The photography business just exploded for the last four or five years. It's been a great hobby turned profession."

While Pettaway practices some serious computer engineering during the daytime hours at his regular job, he said he meets with photo clients one or two times a week – his business being named RyArt.

Pettaway said he had some experience in high school with photography, working in the darkroom with film, but now uses digital Sony PSLR and several other lenses and pieces of equipment.

After catching the photo "bug" after his backpacking trip, Pettaway said he moved into street photography and slice of life type of work. That morphed

into food shots, business corporate photography and portraits. At the moment, he has parked his side career on portrait work, which he has come to love.

"Right now, I've started doing studio photography," he said. "It's been very fun and my pleasure to work with so many people in the city. It's turned into portrait work now and photographing people doing the things they love...I do a lot of fitness photos. People in Boston are very intensely into fitness and health. I just really love connecting with people in that process and capturing what they hold dear and enjoy."

Having begun serious photography on the street level, he said he got used to people yelling at him or anticipating the moment. Now, however, he finds a great deal of satisfaction in the controlled environment of a studio – where he can connect more easily with his subjects.

"Portraiture is all about providing direction and giving the model feedback," he said. "I find that to be a little more challenging."

In his spare time, he also assists other professional photographers on their shoots and participates in Boston Photo Workshops also.



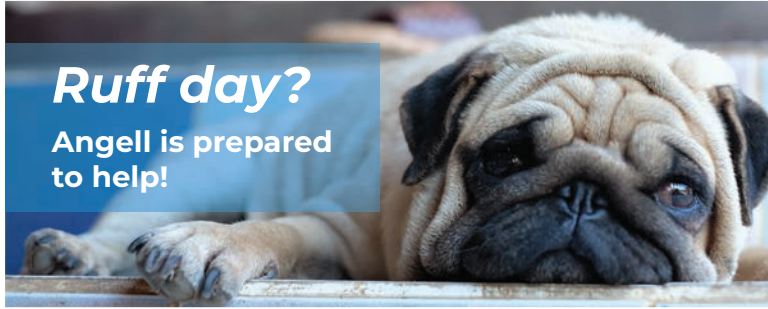
'Zakim Bridge' by Ryan Pettaway.

Recently, Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard President Michael Parker reached out to Pettaway to oversee a COVID-19 photo contest. The theme is, "Showcase What You Hold Dear in Your Community."

"I thought it was a fantastic idea to get people together and excited during these times," Pettaway said. "I'm excited to see what the photos will look like."

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