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PUMPKIN SPIKING



John O'Leary and Paige Medley carved two small pumpkins on their front porch last Saturday as part of their Pumpkin Spike. The neighbors there invite residents to 'spike' their small pumpkins on the fence at the corner of Soley and Monument Square. Already, they have a pretty great collection left behind in preparation for Halloween.

Trusting who you know

Resilient Remedies touts home grown ownership for marijuana shop

By Seth Daniel

If a marijuana store is going to have to come to Charlestown, then it would be best to entrust that delicately responsibility to someone everyone knows – that was the message iterated several times by Charlestown's Jack Kelly and his Resilient Remedies (R2) team in their online public meeting on Thursday night, Oct. 22.

R2 is proposing to open the Town's first recreational cannabis retail shop on Sullivan Square in the old R. Wesley's Bistro – putting into place what they said

would be a highly-controlled store available at first by appointment only. The plan includes selling all kinds of marijuana products, and it is expected the target audience would be those 40 and over with lots of disposable income – an average of \$106 expected to be spent per transaction and about 240 customers expected per day. The building would also be completely renovated as well, Kelly said.

After some early criticism in the meeting and around the Town that Kelly and his team, which includes former City Hall work-

ers Dot Joyce, Kevin Joyce and former Boston Police officer Dan Linskey, were insiders with and inside track – Kelly said it wasn't true and he was the only one of the two proposals that could be entirely trusted.

A cornerstone of his presentation was that he is the fourth generation to live in Charlestown. He lives on Main Street and his parents live less than a ½ mile from the shop. He said he would be the best person to handle this responsibly for the Town.

"To bring this into my home-

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Here We Go Again!

Redevelopment hits similar bump in process

By Seth Daniel

Something about the general community project review meeting on the Bunker Hill Redevelopment seemed all too familiar to many at the Oct. 21 online gathering.

In fact, the familiarity was that the same large, expansive barrier the project hit years ago when it was paused, a moratorium was placed upon it, and eventually it unraveled into nothing, had become visible again.

The revival of that old project – now brought by Leggat McCall and Corcoran Companies – is at that same precipice that no one on either side of the argument wanted to approach again, but somehow the community is once again there staring over the edge.

Some say it's going too fast, it's too dense and it's too segregated.

Others said to pull the trigger, work out the differences later in the process, and don't lose a chance for public housing residents to improve their deteriorating living situations.

To be fair to all sides, all concerns are valid as the project is a massive fork in the road for the Town – a development that will shape an entire quadrant of the neighborhood for a generation, and bring other smaller effects upon the rest of the neighborhood for even longer. The project will have 2,699 units in total over 16 new buildings on a 13-block area – with 1,010 of those units being new replacements of the existing public housing using a Section 8 voucher-based system. There is more than 70,000 sq. ft. of retail planned, and almost seven acres of landscaped open or green space. The plan calls for 1,379 off-street parking spaces available for a fee, another 482 on-street parking spaces and potentially 244 spaces located on state land under the Mystic/Tobin Bridge. It is about a 10-year, phased build out.

GETTING IT RIGHT,
GETTING IT NOW

Getting it right is essential, and more than a small few believe

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State officials shut down youth hockey for two weeks

By Seth Daniel

State government moved to shut down youth hockey play statewide for two weeks last Friday, Oct. 23, citing that a cluster of outbreaks have cropped up at rinks in various parts of the state – though none of those clusters seemed to be associated with the Charlestown rink or those near it.

Incidentally, figure skating operations were also shut down along with youth hockey. The shut-down did not extend to professional or college-level hockey programs, though.

Many had been on edge in the youth hockey ranks due to the fact that a number of rinks – particularly those in the suburbs – and some elite Club hockey teams were finding it hard to enforce COVID-19 rules. Other states had already shut down youth hockey, such as Connecticut, but Massachusetts

held out hope. That was dashed last Thursday when a letter from Department of Public Health Acting Commissioner Margaret Cooke pulled the plug on all youth hockey statewide.

"As of October 21, 2020, the Department has reported 142,941 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 9,559 deaths among confirmed cases in the Commonwealth," she wrote. "There have been at least 30 clusters of COVID-19 associated with organized ice hockey activities in the Commonwealth. Each of these clusters has two or more confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases, totaling 108 confirmed cases and more than 225 exposed contacts. There is at least one hockey-associated case of COVID-19 in at least 66 cities and towns in the Commonwealth.

"Accordingly...to assure the

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EDITORIAL

BE SURE TO VOTE

Okay -- this is it.

The long presidential campaign has come to an end and it will all be over by the time this newspaper is published next week.

Although a record-breaking number of Americans already have taken advantage of the availability of early-voting and voting by mail, there still are many voters who have not cast their ballots.

So here's a reminder:

-- Early voting in person is available in every city and town in Massachusetts through this Friday, October 30. Each town and city clerk will set its own hours each day for early voting, so every voter should check for their community's early-voting schedule.

-- Those who intend to vote by mail must have their ballot envelope postmarked by Election Day, November 3, AND it must be received by election officials by November 6.

-- For those who wish to vote the old-fashioned way on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, the polls in every city and town across the state will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Our democracy only works if we make it work -- and that means getting out to vote.

IT'S US VS. THE VIRUS

The stunning announcement this week by Trump administration officials that they will be doing nothing to halt the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has grave implications both for the health of every American and for the U.S. economy.

With an average of 1000 Americans dying every day and record-high levels of sickness overwhelming hospitals all across the country, no one is safe from contracting the virus.

What does this mean?

First and foremost, both first and second-level responders -- police and firefighters are in the first category, hospital workers are in the second -- will be at huge risk for contracting the virus. COVID-19 already is the single-biggest cause of deaths among police officers this year and with the pandemic now completely out-of-control, the situation only will get worse.

Second, essential workers, such as teachers and certain retail employees, also will be at high risk for contracting the virus.

Third, senior citizens and those with pre-existing conditions basically will be confined to their homes until they receive a proven vaccine, which is not expected to be widely available until some time next in the late spring or early summer. Family gatherings for the holidays and other occasions simply are not safe for anybody, especially older Americans.

Fourth, the travel, entertainment, and hospitality industry will be all but finished without massive aid from the federal government. Small restaurants and businesses that were able to make it through the summer will face an impossible winter season.

Fifth, unemployment will remain exceedingly high and many Americans will struggle just to feed their families and pay their rent, mortgages, and car payments without massive government assistance.

Sixth, those who need urgent care for other health reasons -- such as heart attacks, cancer treatment, and accidents -- will be placed at risk because ICU and emergency rooms will be filled with COVID-19 patients.

Seventh, state and local governments will be facing huge deficits and will be unable to maintain essential services such as public transportation without massive federal aid.

President Trump has been saying at his rallies in recent days that we are "rounding the corner" in the battle against the virus, a phrase he has been using since last spring.

But at this point, we have rounded so many Trumpian corners, it is clear that we are just running in circles.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

GUEST OP-ED

This November 3, make sure your voice is heard

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

We are slowly approaching the most important day of the year: Election Day. This year, although we'll be voting under different circumstances because of the COVID-19 pandemic, please be assured the City of Boston is doing everything within our power to make sure you can make your voice heard with your vote. November 3, 2020 is a special date. The lives of families, businesses and communities are on the line. Voting is more important than ever before, and we need to elect officials who are able to help ensure Boston's response and recovery from COVID-19 so we can restore our normal lives.

This election includes the following races: Senator in Congress, Representative in Congress, Governor's Councillors, Senator in General Court, Representative in General Court, Register of Probate, and Office of the President of the United States. Additionally, there are two ballot questions: Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Motor Vehicle Mechanical Data & Law Proposed by Initiative Petition Ranked-Choice Voting.

This election cycle, all Massachusetts residents have been given the option to vote by mail, as well as many options to return their ballots either by mail, at an early voting site, or at a dropbox near you. We have had a robust early voting schedule, with dozens

of neighborhood locations open for any Boston registered voter during weekdays and weekends. We even had Fenway Park as one of them, where over 4,000 Bostonians chose to cast their ballots. As of October 26, voter turnout in Boston stands at 24 percent. If you still haven't cast your ballot yet, there's still time: early voting runs through Friday, October 30, and if you have your ballot, you can still drop it off at a dropbox by 8 p.m. on November 3. You can also still vote in person, at your assigned polling place, on Election Day.

All polling locations in Boston are operating under COVID-19 safety guidelines: poll workers will

receive face shields, face masks, gloves, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant spray and hand sanitizer. Cleaning will take place at each site every two to three hours. Voters waiting in line will be instructed to stand six feet away from others and wear a face covering. On Election Day, polling locations are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Every vote counts. I encourage everyone to vote whether by mail or in-person. The City of Boston depends on your vote. For more information on how to participate in this year's elections, please visit boston.gov/elections.

Martin Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.



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LETTERS to the Editor

A REQUEST TO THE CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY

To the Editor:

As one who has followed the Bunker Hill Housing Development, I'm writing to ask that the comment period be extended to the 18 or 19 of November.

It seems there have been changes to the original plans and I believe more time is needed for the community to be informed of this whole virtual process via the newspaper as many do not have the time or are able to follow along using Zoom.

I, myself find the time slot 6-8pm as a deterrent to committing to a Zoom meeting.

It makes me wonder how families are able to tend to their children and tune in to two hours of a virtual Zoom meeting?

The current date of November 2 is not the right time for the comment period to end.

The election, Halloween, changes in the school system and the virus are taxing everyone at this time.

This project is a huge development that requires due diligence by everyone as the impacts on the neighborhood are profound and lasting.

Please do the right thing and extend the comment period, Mr. Duverge.

I have emailed Mr. Paul Duverge from the Boston Planning and Development Agency to delay this comment period.

His email address is paul.duverge@boston.gov.

A delay will give the residents of Charlestown time to read about the latest developments regarding this project and respond with their comments.

Ann Kelleher

EASIER SAID THAN DONE

To the Editor:

If you stayed until the end of the second virtual community meeting for the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment (BHHR) on October 21, you heard Representative Danny Ryan's attempt to rally us all to stand together to get what we want from this project.

But if there's one thing I've learned in my almost 40 years living in Charlestown, that's easier said than done. While I truly believe we all want what's best for the town, we have many different views of what that is and how to

get there.

And that what was on display earlier in that long meeting as neighbor turned on neighbor. It's part of a self-defeating pattern that leads to our losing control of our destiny as we fight amongst ourselves. Perhaps if we understood why we each think and feel as we do, we might find common ground to move forward more cohesively. I offer my own view with that hope.

I am currently a member of the BHHR Impact Advisory Group but my involvement with the project goes back to the beginning. I remember the various responses to the original RFP and why the resident association at that time supported the Corcoran-SunCal team. It was the developer's approach and vision for a true mixed income community, One Charlestown, that captured the residents' imagination and led them to reject other proposals that included all affordable buildings.

When the Article 80 process began for that proposal and community opposition about density, among other issues, arose, I advocated for going forward because I thought we could find solutions working with the development team rather than stopping the project or starting over. When SunCal bowed out, I supported not reissuing the RFP but allowing Joe Corcoran to find a suitable new partner because I still believed in the vision.

So imagine my dismay and disappointment to hear from the new Leggat-McCall team at the first and only in-person public meeting at the Harvard-Kent about the proposed five all affordable buildings, housing more than 50 percent of the BHA residents. I felt duped and betrayed. And when I pushed back, reminding them of the original vision, I was told it was financially infeasible. One Charlestown was dead; we now had the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment project.

I and many others have continued to appeal to the developer, City administration and our elected officials about eliminating or at least significantly reducing the number of all affordable buildings, believing to not do so will lead to the segregation and stigmatization of BHA residents. Some have suggested this is just a ploy to delay or worse, to stop the project.

At least from my perspective this is untrue. I agree the BHA development must be replaced as soon as possible. Years of disinvestment and deferred maintenance have brought us to the point

where residents understandably feel this is their only, and rapidly fading, chance for better living conditions. Who could expect them to feel otherwise?

But the project before us is not all it could or should be. Beyond the all affordable buildings, there are other issues that need attention and further work. Questioning and challenging the developers to do what's best for the community is not stalling. It's part of the process and it's our civic responsibility.

In the meantime Plan: Charlestown, a neighborhood-wide planning effort has just gotten underway. While this transformative project has been deemed exempt as it began years ago, decisions made here will undoubtedly set precedents for what happens elsewhere. So it is imperative we use this process to get it as right as possible.

I continue to believe we can get there if we stand together as Danny so passionately pleaded. It will take first being clear about our priorities for this development, within the context of the broader community, then some creative thinking and a willingness to compromise.

But since finding solutions here is politically as well as community-driven, it can't be done without the will and commitment of the key players. Otherwise we will find ourselves once again accepting less than our community deserves or being unfairly blamed for standing in the way.

Joanne Massaro
Cordis Street

THE BUNKER HILL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND WHY YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED TOO

To the Editor:

First off it is with mixed emotions that I write this. Our current deeply affordable housing desperately needs to be repaired and the residents in our community deserve safe, functional, and low-cost housing. But I cannot stand by and let Leggat McCall build a development that does not meet our community needs to be honest will hurt our community. We deserve better and we need the support of our elected officials to ensure the community is heard and not the developer's needs. If we move forward with Phase 1 Leggat McCall has included "Future Framework" which

means we are essentially signing off on the whole project, so it is the most importance the community is aware of what impacts this will have on everyone.

Leggat McCall has had six years to come up with a plan to make this project work and they have failed miserably. There are so many details, but I want to keep this short and focus on the ones that I feel we cannot afford to compromise on.

1. No segregated housing. The community was promised mixed income housing. Currently, Leggat McCall wants to build five taller buildings that are 100% low income housing in the back towards the Tobin Bridge. These buildings will not match the rest of the smaller surrounding buildings that are predominantly market rate. In my opinion, this is completely unacceptable as this development is part of the Charlestown community and we should not be separating them out as Leggat McCall has proposed.

2. 100% replacement of low-income housing. We cannot afford to lose 100 units while over doubling the number of current units. Less units being replaced means that potentially 100 residents or families will not be staying in our community.

3. Density and the type of units offered. I feel that Leggat McCall is not listening to the community. The parcel of land is smaller than the other mixed income housing they have done in the past, yet they want to make it larger than any other project. Leggat McCall is proudly saying that this is going to be the first one of a kind because it will be the largest project of its kind in the Northeast, but our parcel of land is the smallest. I say we are in store for density issues. Finally, the break-down of studio, 1 bedroom, and 2-bedroom units is not geared to our community. We need a project that meets the needs of the community not the profits of the developers. I feel that the community deserves a project that meets our needs.

4. Parking. When new developments/houses are built in Charlestown parking is required. Leggat McCall is not building the appropriate parking for this project. We need to insist that Leggat McCall build the number of parking spaces that is required by the current regulations. Also note Leggat McCall wants to charge for the parking they are building which will impact the low-income residents and not the market rate residents. Again, I feel that this

prompts the question of who will have trouble parking? Will it be low income residents or market residents if payment for parking is required? My answer would be that low income residents will be effected by this.

5. Air quality. 1. Trees. Why is this important and why should be concerned? We can always plant new trees. Here is the kicker you need four trees to replace a mature tree as far as cleaning oxygen. Air quality is a very important topic, especially in the city. Couple this with increasing the density of 1 square mile it is a deadly combination. All the residents of Charlestown deserve to have good air quality. I am not willing to trade off the health of our community because it is easier for Leggat McCall to bulldoze the site rather than find an option that works for the community.

Leggat McCall has delivered on zero items and wonders why the residents have not embraced the plans was one of their ending comments on the Zoom meeting last week. I feel the reasons above are why I have not embraced their development plans. I am calling on our elected officials to help represent us as a community on this project and not the developer who has consistently not delivered on their promises over the past six years.

Megan Barrow

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Bunker Hill Redevelopment will use Urban Renewal zoning tool

By Seth Daniel

The Bunker Hill Redevelopment team and Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) officials told the community at a meeting on Oct. 28 that the massive mixed-income public housing redevelopment would use a rare, but interesting zoning tool from the Urban Renewal plan.

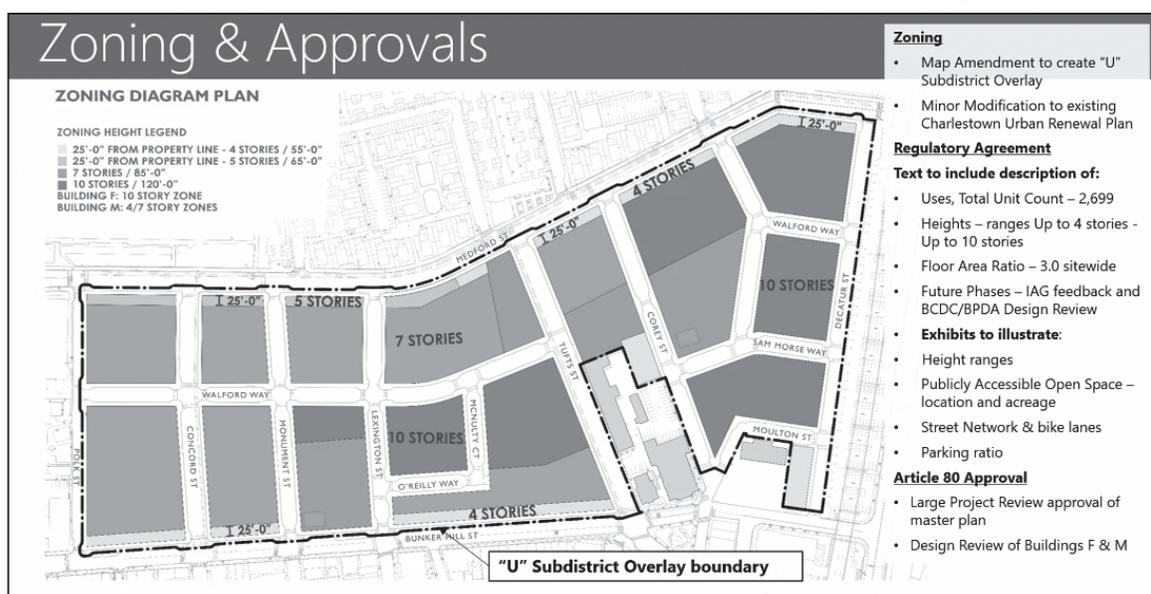
Like most of Charlestown, the Bunker Hill Development property falls into the 1960s era Urban Renewal Plan, and that will allow the developer to access – with approval of the BPDA – the unique U Subdistrict Master Plan zoning tool. That tool would supersede any common zoning restrictions in place, and would allow the developer and the community to basically re-write the zoning for the site and review it with each phase of the project.

“It will allow each of the future phases to come back for design review so we’re checking in as we go,” said David Linhard, a zoning attorney on the project from Goulston & Storrs.

Chris Breen, the BPDA Urban Renewal manager and a Charlestown resident, said they don’t use the U Subdistrict very often, but it can be effective for a large project where community participation is high.

“It can only be used in Urban Renewal Plan areas and it’s a sophisticated zoning tool in an Urban Renewal Plan where a project can be given specific local use controls,” he said.

The BPDA, with the community, he said, would come up with those local use controls for the project boundaries. Those use controls would essentially be a re-write of the zoning for the 13-block boundary of the site – not to include the Kennedy Center property or the NEW Charlestown Health Center. The U-Subdistrict would set new and different land use controls for FAR (density), building height, usable open space, parking and other dimensional controls as well. It will be an important part of the process to shape the phases of the project, Breen said, and it is flexible in allowing the developer and the community to re-convene in



A slide showing the boundaries and possibilities for the unique U Subdistrict zoning tool that the Bunker Hill Redevelopment team hopes to use, a tool that is part of Urban Renewal and would supersede regular zoning within the project boundaries shown above.

future phases to change or modify the controls in any way.

And rather than those changes affecting large swaths of the community, it would only affect the project. In some ways, it was described as being similar to an

Institutional Master Plan (IMP) that is often used for hospital and university planning and zoning, though there are key differences.

To get that zoning tool, there would have to be a minor modification and a map amendment

to the Urban Renewal Plan at the BPDA Board and the Zoning Commission. It would also require state Department of Housing and Community Development notification, and City Council notification.

Halloween Plan B: Monument Square 35th annual Halloween update

There will be no Trick or Treating or Parade around the Bunker Hill Monument this year, due to COVID-19, but Charlestown residents will still celebrate a safe, fun, inclusive and memorable Halloween.

The following is an update on the previously reported 'Plan B'

for Halloween.

•Businesses Decorate: Thanks to Jane Gricci, at The Cambridge Savings Bank, Charlestown is getting into the Halloween Spirit at the businesses in Town. Dominick Doyle created a magical Pirates Quarantine Cove in the window at One Thompson

Square. Cambridge Savings Bank is decorated with CSB Bees and Sunflowers. Sorelle’s is hosting ghosts. Charlestown Tea & Treats has a collection of dinosaur skeletons, thanks to Arthur Colpack, and more decor to is coming as well around the Town’s businesses.

•Instead of Candy: Fundraising for the Harvest on Vine Food Pantry continues. The organization is actively soliciting contributions for the Charlestown residents experiencing food insecurity. Please donate online:

<https://mygoodness.benevity.org/community/fundraiser/42637>.

Mount Vernon Street, Monument Square, The Nautica, and Harvard Mall residents have started their outreach for fund-raising.

Harvest on Vine Director Tom

MacDonald extends his gratitude for the generosity of Charlestown residents during this exceptionally challenging time.

•Treat Bags: The organization is working on Trick or Treat bags for Harvest on Vine children who are experiencing food insecurity. Thank you to Monument Avenue resident Ruth Gonzales Vega who is organizing the effort. Thank you to Ann Kelleher who donated Golden Rule Book Marks.

•Onward: Monument Avenue residents Marcia and Ed Katz are members of the Founding Families, who 35 years ago created the Annual Monument Square Halloween, inspired and organized by Maggie Moss-Tucker and Paul Hayes Tucker. Ed and Marcia keep the tradition alive.

•Coloring Books: Judd Katz,

eldest son of Ed and Marcia, trick or treated the first year at the Monument Square Parade in 1985, and many times since. Judd lives in San Francisco now but sends his well wishes by collaborating with Boston designers to create a Halloween Coloring Book for the Charlestown children. The coloring book can currently be found posted on the Charlestown Patriot Bridge website and social media.

•Halloween ZOOM Greeting from the Monument Square Wizard Jim Duane, Paul Revere (Michael LePage), The Tony Barrie Marching Band, and the USS Constitution Sailors is in production, with gratitude to Dan Sargent.

Be Safe. Stay Healthy. See you in 2021.

USS Constitution and Museum Celebrate 223rd Birthday

USS Constitution and the USS Constitution Museum celebrated the 223rd birthday of the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world during a Facebook Live presentation, Wednesday, October 21.

The broadcast will began at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time, highlighting pivotal moments in USS Constitution’s history, launching

a special Museum project with Boston Public School students, announcing a special birthday gift, and concluding with a 21-gun salute fired from the ship.

The event showcased a reversed timeline, as the ship’s Sailors and Museum educators discussed significant milestones in the ship’s history, leading back

to its launch on Oct. 21, 1797.

The live stream will be available on the U.S. Navy’s Facebook page www.facebook.com/usnavy as well as on USS Constitution’s www.facebook.com/ussconstitutionofficial and the USS

Constitution Museum’s www.facebook.com/ussconstitution-museum.



Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a Proposed Cannabis Establishment is scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, October 29th, 2020

Time: 6:00PM

Location: ONLINE: <https://bit.ly/34gB6U5>

Password: 116cambridge

DIAL-IN: +1-408-418-9388, PIN: 173 145 8485

Hosted online per the Cannabis Control Commission 4/27/2020 administrative order

The Proposed Cannabis Establishment is anticipated to be located at:

116 Cambridge St, Charlestown MA, 02129

There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions. Please, test and charge your device ahead of time.

If you have any questions about this meeting or have comments about the proposal please contact:

Quinlan Locke
Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services
Quinlan.Locke@boston.gov
617-635-3549

Please note, the City does not represent the owner(s)/developer(s)/attorney(s). The purpose of this meeting is to get community input and listen to the community’s positions on this proposal. This flyer has been dropped off by the proponents per the city’s request

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the new development team hasn't crossed over into acceptable territory. Many of those folks don't live in the public housing units, though, which have deteriorated into very poor living conditions for elderly, children and families. Those public housing folks, and those who feel the project can be molded in time, feel the keen pinch of "now or never" – understanding a second failed attempt might be the last attempt.

"Our housing is in serious distress," said Charlestown Resident Alliance (CRA) President Nancy Martinez. "One thing that is very urgent for our residents is for this project to be moved forward. Our residents, especially our children and our elderly and our disabled, need and deserve quality housing in the neighborhood we all love and are so proud of."

But there are many – most who don't reside in the development – who feel like the development team is selling the residents short as time runs out – particularly when it comes to including potentially-segregating, all-affordable buildings in what is to be a mixed-income development.

"I'm really concerned that you are not delivering mixed income when that is the designation," wrote resident Don Straus. "This is a real problem - the community shouldn't be designing for segregation. It has been proven not to work for communities like Charlestown...The community rejects segregated housing for deeply-affordable residents who include children, elderly and disabled. The promise is to have mixed (buildings), but this is not mixed."

Said Impact Advisory Group (IAG) member Joanne Massaro, "The project before us is not all it could or should be. Beyond the all affordable buildings, there are other issues that need attention and further work. Questioning and challenging the developers to do what's best for the community is not stalling. It's part of the process and it's our civic responsibility."

Added Charlestown Neighborhood Council member Mary Boucher, who lives across the street in CharlesNewtown, "I am vehemently opposed to five buildings that are 100 percent deeply affordable, especially when you plan to park four of the five along Medford Street across from another deeply affordable development."

Yet, for others that don't live in the development, but have followed the process for years, the time is now to go forward with Phase 1 and try to work out the details and the larger obstacles within the process. The sense of urgency is to not lose the chance to get started, and put the heat on to change or adapt the project once it gets the go-ahead. Many noted this is only an approval for two buildings, not the entire 13-block build-out.

"Enough is enough," said Kim Mahoney, past president of the Bunker Hill Associates. "This has been being talked about for years, and it's time to pull the trigger. BHA residents have been waiting a long time for quality living conditions. Most comments I am seeing are from residents outside of the BHA who want to see delays. I highly encourage these individuals to walk through the BHA and stroll through some of the hallways. In fact, spend a weekend in one of the apartments. It is absolutely outrageous to me that we would delay this any longer. Let's consider the human beings living there."

Michael Parker, a member of the IAG as well, said he felt like it would be appropriate to move ahead with Phase 1, noting that he had clients in the development as far back as the 1990s, and their living conditions then were unacceptable.

"Democracy is mess," he said. "I'm confident we can help build more housing services and operate space to provide quality housing for our neighbors. I know there are concerns about the all-affordable buildings, but let's get moving on this and we can work that out as we go."

Resident Brian Callahan said moving forward with Phase 1 is about thinking of children sleeping in sub-standard conditions every night, and how they have waited for so long with the hopes that they could have a better place to live. Dashing those hopes, he said, would not be the way of the Charlestown community.

"I would have to say we need to move forward because there are families in our community that need our help," he said. "There are children and working moms and dads that are sleeping in the projects tonight in substandard housing...I know everyone has concerns. I don't like cars or traffic either. There are a lot of things about urban living I find annoying



The first building (Building F) on Bunker Hill Street near the Kennedy Center would be part of Phase 1 – a mixed income building that would be from five to nine stories tall and would replace three existing buildings.

and would like to be rid of, but these families need our help. The longer we delay this, the longer the children will have to sleep in poorly ventilated apartments... In the end, we have to ask what will we have done to preserve the Charlestown legacy of working together and helping each other."

PHASE 1

Right now, the development team is only looking to move forward on Phase 1 of the project, which includes two buildings on the Bridge side by and behind the Kennedy Center. One of those buildings is an all-affordable building – not a mixed-income building as the development has been dubbed. That building goes along Medford and Tufts Street and is four stories on the Medford side and six stories on the Tufts side, a design element that brings the height to the center of the project in all phases. The second is a mixed-income building is nine stories at the corner near the Kennedy Center, and goes back from there. Right now, that piece of the development is the only thing being reviewed, though Phase 1A isn't far behind and will be reviewed separately. At this point, the first all-affordable building is the only certainty, and most have said they understand the line of thinking presented by Boston Housing Authority Director Kate Bennett in making that one all-affordable.

At the meeting, she said that was to prevent large numbers of families currently in the development from having to be displaced to other parts of the city.

"We believe we can accomplish mostly one-way moves into new housing," she said of that plan.

ALL-AFFORDABLE

But what comes beyond that is a bigger issue. Some have cited plans for future phases that show four more all-affordable buildings, seemingly housing a majority of the public housing residents.

That's an issue Adelaide Grady, executive director of the Bunker Hill Redevelopment, has explained as a financial problem. She said financing isn't out there to allow for every building to be mixed-income without increasing the density substantially.

Bennett echoed that, noting to get all mixed-income buildings, it would require putting in more than 4,000 total units.

That matter was to be discussed in detail at an IAG meeting on Oct. 28, which came beyond newspaper deadlines.

Beyond the affordable concerns are those of removing existing trees, a dislike with the architecture that appears more modern and doesn't match the historic character of Charlestown – along with the general concerns about height and how the buildings will look coming over the Bridge.

A RALLY CALL FOR UNITY

In the end, it was State Rep. Dan Ryan that gave the rallying cry for unity, for moving forward, and a history lesson into why the development is where it is right now.

He said many years ago when federal HOPE VI funding became available in the 1990s for public housing and developments across

the city – such as in Mission Hill, Roxbury and East Boston – got re-done, Charlestown couldn't get it together. The political will wasn't there and no one could agree. So, nothing got built and conditions continued to decline.

"I watched as other communities that had two or three city councilors living there, a Congressman living there, rolled out redevelopments," he said, noting he worked for former Congressman Mike Capuano at the time. "They got the money that should have been Charlestown's money. It's time to take that back. It's our turn now."

He said it's time for the community to finally come together to address the substandard housing, alleviate concerns, and move forward.

"There are people in substandard housing living in our Town and it needs to be addressed," he said. "I have a lot of concerns about this project, sure...If we can stick together as a community to get a moratorium on this like we did, and which I didn't support, we can stick together as a community to tell the developer what we want. It is time for us as a community to come together and get housing for our neighbors that they deserve."

The comment period, which has been open since February, does close on Monday, Nov. 2, and Project Manager Raul Duverge didn't indicate there was much of an appetite to extend it – as it has been extended four times previously, he said.

COVID-19 continue to spike in Boston; Charlestown's positive test rate drops 2 percent

By John Lynds

After Charlestown posted a 176 percent increase in the neighborhood's COVID-19 positive test rate the numbers have dropped slightly but still remains above 4 percent.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) of the 7,388 Charlestown residents

tested for COVID-19, 4.6 percent were found to be positive by last Friday--down from the 4.7 percent that was reported two Fridays ago by the BPHC. The citywide average is 7.8 percent of those tested--a 36 percent increase over the course of last week. .

Earlier this month, only 1.7 percent of Charlestown residents were testing positive for the virus but that number jumped dramatically as cases spike in the city.

The data shows that overall since the pandemic began 3.9 percent of Charlestown residents tested were found to be COVID positive.

The COVID-19 infection in Charlestown increased 5 percent last week but still remains below the citywide average.

According to the latest BPHC data released last Friday the neighborhood's COVID infection rate went from 132.8 cases per

10,000 residents to 139.5 cases per 10,000 residents. The citywide average is 281.3 cases per 10,000 residents.

Over the week 13 more Charlestown residents became infected with the virus bringing the total number of cases in the neighborhood to 271.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down

the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus rose by 5.5 percent last week from 18,834 cases to

19,880 confirmed cases. So far 17,122 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus. The total number of fatalities in the city remains at 777.

MWRA's COVID Resurgence Study sees alarming trend

By John Lynds

Not everyone gets tested for COVID-19 but everyone goes to the bathroom and scientists studying the recent data at the MWRA's Deer Island's waste treatment facility in neighboring Winthrop are seeing an alarming trend.

In June, the MWRA Board of Directors approved the award of a \$200,000 contract with Biobot Analytics, Inc. for a six-month pilot study of wastewater at the Deer Island Treatment Plant as an early warning system tracking trends and potentially predicting a second wave of COVID-19.

The Deer Island plant treats wastewater from 43 communities in eastern Massachusetts, including Boston, which have been representing 40 to 50 percent of the COVID cases in Massachusetts.

Infectious disease experts like Ashish Jha are seeing a dramatic spike in traces of the COVID-19 virus in wastewater at the Deer Island plant, numbers that have not been seen since the pandemic began in March.

"Every day, I stare at this wastewater data from Massachusetts and get more and more concerned," said Jha on Twitter this week. Jha is dean of the Brown University School of Public Health, "This is not about testing or cases. This is about how much infection there is in the community. In March, we could be excused for being blindsided. What's our excuse for inaction now?"

MWRA's COVID Resurgence Study consists of analyzing wastewater samples from flows coming into Deer Island from the north and south of the service area. Samples are collected three times a week with rapid analysis followed by upstream samples in order to inform public health officials if an increased signal for the virus that causes COVID-19 is detected.

Analysis of wastewater for the genetic signal (viral RNA) of the SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19 is proving to be a cost-effective approach to providing population-level screening for outbreaks of COVID-19. The first published report of this approach came from

the Netherlands, where the analysis of wastewater was able to detect the genetic signal in advance of any known cases of COVID-19 in two cities.

Biobot Analytics released the first demonstration of this approach in the United States, using data from courtesy samples provided by MWRA in early March 2020. Subsequent studies from locations around the world have demonstrated the effectiveness of wastewater analyses to provide an early warning of COVID-19 outbreaks by up to seven days in advance of confirmed cases showing up in the public health data.

This pilot program will take this approach a step further by continuing the regular analyses of the wastewater and trending of the signal from the MWRA service area through the end of the year. MWRA will likely use the lessons learned from this pilot program to establish a long-term program for 2021 and beyond for as long as COVID-19 continues to be a public health threat.

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town and open a cannabis shop is a responsibility I understand," he said. "I am 1000 percent the right person to open up a cannabis shop in this community. I'm going to be there...I'm a resident and I'm your ally. Whether you like me or not, there are a lot of developers that specifically don't want me on that site. They know I will be on your side...This is exactly why I got my social equity license to bring this into my community. My name counts. I don't get anywhere in life without my name. If I don't have my name and reputation, I have nothing."

His confidence wasn't shared by everyone though, including some of the neighbors in the Lost Village who aren't happy about locating any "pot shop" on Cambridge Street.

Christopher Worsham, a physician that lives on Brighton Street, said there is already a shop in East Somerville a few blocks away, and another proposed a few blocks away in the other direction. That would leave three in their neighborhood, though each would be in a separate municipality.

"I would like to express my opposition to this store," he said. "As they said, they are still learning best practices as they go and that's not acceptable to me and my family and my neighbors to experiment with where we live... There is already one pot shop in East Somerville three blocks from here, and another proposed two blocks from here. How many do we need here? The answer is we need zero, but we have one that's open and that should be enough in this area."

Meanwhile, Elaine Donovan, of Russell Street, said she supported the measure because she trusts that Kelly and his team will be responsible and careful due to the strong ties to the community.

"It makes a huge difference to me that we're going to have 52 cannabis dispensaries in Boston,"

said Donovan. "As someone who has seen a lot of addiction, I know people have a lot of anxiety about it. I have fear as well, but if it's going to be here, I'd rather it be someone from here. Jack's feet are so firmly placed in this soil...He's the one I would trust to open the first cannabis dispensary in the Town. I think the word I have for it is 'trust.'"

Ann Marie Callahan, who lives near the dispensary, said she would like to see more discussion with neighbors in the immediate area.

"We've had a lot of discussion about pot shops in our neighborhood," she said. "There are two different operations now looking for a spot here. We're concerned about traffic...I'd like to see more conversation with people in this neighborhood (Lost Village) from this group about how our concerns will be addressed before you open."

Linskey said there would be a vigorous 'trespass' system in place to protect the neighborhood. He said every customer would have to sign a 'Code of Conduct' agreement with R2, and violators would not be allowed to come back. That would prevent customers from going to Ryan Playground to use the product, or standing outside, or distributing it to children.

"If anyone sees someone smoking at the playground or something, snap a picture and send it to my cell phone," he said. "We'll review our surveillance video and if we ID that person as a customer, we'll trespass them."

The matter will now continue down the path of trying to open on the site, but they will face the competition of the Heritage Club at 116 Cambridge St. Both are being reviewed at the same time, and due to the half-mile buffer zone implemented in zoning, both cannot open.

HOCKEY (from pg. 1)

maintenance of the public health during the continuing public health emergency, I issue the following order," it continued. "Indoor ice rinks, and indoor ice skating and hockey facilities may not host games, practices, or any other on-ice hockey or skating activities for the period beginning 5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2020 and ending at 12:01 am. on November 7, 2020."

Cooke also cited that there have been clusters of COVID associated with youth hockey in other states too. In Tampa Bay in June, people attended a youth hockey game, and 13 tested positive for COVID afterward. New Hampshire also recently paused youth hockey when they experienced 158 cases among 23 different teams.

The Charlestown Youth Hockey Association (CYHA) Board issued a letter announcing the news last Friday.

"We are disappointed to share the news that the Governor has suspended indoor hockey activities in Massachusetts for at least two weeks due to an increase in COVID-19 cases," read the letter. "Beginning (Friday), all Charlestown Youth Hockey teams and programs cannot play games or practice in a rink until the suspension is rescinded."

The rink in Charlestown had experienced no cases since opening earlier this month, and the CYHA has had no issues to speak of since beginning play in late September. The CYHA and the rink have a very strict policy of players, coach-

es and observers wearing masks at all times - even when playing on ice. There are also protocols for entering and exiting the rink, and locker rooms have been closed since the rink opened.

The suspension could be lifted earlier by Gov. Charlie Baker, but at the same time, it could be extended by the governor as well.

"We fully expect hockey to return this season and are hopeful that the suspension is rescinded on November 7 and our players can get back to playing the sport they love," read the letter from the CYHA Board.

There are more than 250 players in CYHA this year on numerous boys, girls, and co-ed teams.

Friends of Charlestown Navy Yard win BPD community group of the year

By Seth Daniel

The National Night Out festivities last August were called off due to COVID-19, and a reconvening of that fun night in October isn't happening either, but Boston Police Department (BPD) officials didn't want to neglect giving out a kudos to neighborhood groups that have gone above and beyond.

This year, BPD officials came together for a small presentation last Friday afternoon to the Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard (FCNY) for all they've done to unite the community during the pandemic.

"In March of 2020, Boston was faced with a worldwide pandemic that shut down almost every aspect of life," said Kerry Ryan, BPD director of Community Engagement. "Our country was forced to limit their social interactions and work remotely from home until further notice. The FCNY did not miss a beat when this happened. Not only did they quickly move to hosting meetings via Zoom, they thought of creative ways to keep residents connected and informed during an extremely uncertain and scary time. They used their e-mail chain to highlight

their neighbors and business owners to showcase their incredible contributions to their communities. They hosted a photo contest and various speaker series to keep residents engaged and updated on a variety of topics. For these reasons and more we'd like to honor the FCNY with the 2020 Crime Watch of the Year."

FCNY President Michael Parker said he and the group were humbled by the award, and he said he was inspired by the boots-on-the-ground work that so many organizations in Charlestown pulled off in the pandemic surge of April and May. He said it was a community award.

"Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard is honored to receive this recognition from the BPD and the women and men who strive to do their job better every day," he said. "This is truly a community award. There are so many other organizations and individuals who have done so much during these challenging times who are more deserving, Bunker Hill Associates, Kennedy Center, Harvest On the Vine, Turn It Around, Boys and Girls Club, Charlestown Y, Charlestown Mothers, Boston Resiliency Fund,



BPD Community Relations Director Kerry Ryan presents the 2020 Crime Watch of the Year Award during a small ceremony at The Anchor in the Navy Yard last Friday.



Celebrating the FCNY award were residents Alexis Tkachuk, Pat MacAlpine and Michael Parker.

teachers, health care professionals, news providers, frontline workers, clergy, businesses, and everyone else among us. Charlestown is one of Boston's finest communities and Friends of the Navy Yard is happy to do its small part along with everyone else."

Ryan said they will strive to host their annual National Night Out next summer, and at the time they will have a special slide show to honor those that won in 2020 and weren't able to celebrate in the traditional way.



Officer Longo, Officer Moy, FCNY President Michael Parker, FCNY Member Alexis Tkachuk, FCNY Member Pat MacAlpine and Mayoral Liaison Quinlan Locke.

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crisis. Longtime partner Rafanelli Events creatively transformed the classic children's tale "Rainbow Fish" to the screen, as logged-on guests were entertained with carnival booth games, a special visit and performance by James Taylor, and auction. In these unprecedented times, MGHfC is extremely grateful for this year's generous support and the chance for donors and friends to connect through the power of Storybook Ball, a favorite of the community for over twenty years.



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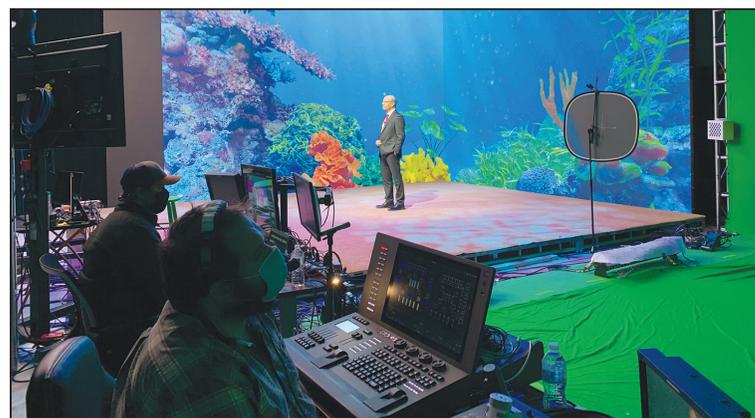


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Harvard Kent Parents Association looking to raise \$20K in virtual fundraiser

By Seth Daniel

The fall fundraiser for the Harvard Kent Parents Association is always one of the highlights of the year for the school community, and it raises much needed funds to support the diverse and high-achieving students in the school.

However, the fundraiser will have to go online this year, but it doesn't mean they don't expect to have fun and raise some money at the same time.

The two-week fundraiser will come to an end on Oct. 31, and there are four small-business packages being given away in a raffle. The drawing will be at 9 a.m. on Nov. 1.

"Our goal is to raise \$20,000 which is \$50 a student to support the Harvard-Kent students," said Becky Adamonis, president of the HKPA.

She said the fundraising will help kids at the school in terms of supplementing technology, headphones, stylus pens, masks and other things that are in demand.

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Early voting last weekend proved popular once again

By Seth Daniel

Duplicating the excitement of early voting in the September Primary Elections, Charlestown came out in large numbers last Saturday and Sunday for the neighborhood's only early voting opportunity – logging about 10 percent of the total early votes on either day citywide.

Early voting has been a new addition to the last several elections, but it has been immensely popular this year citywide and in Charlestown due to the desire to spread out and not wait in long lines on Election Day due to COVID-19 concerns.

Of course, on the ballot for the Nov. 3 General Election is the hotly contested presidential election – which drove turnout even higher in the Town.

The following are the turnout totals in Charlestown last weekend, compared to citywide turnout on the same day.

•Saturday, October 24 at Harvard/Kent School: 977 out of 9,303 citywide that day.

•Sunday, October 25 at Harvard/Kent School: 752 out of 7,927 citywide that day.

Overall, since early voting started on Oct. 17, there have been 43,910 votes cast as of Monday, Oct. 26. The early-voting period for the Nov. 3 General Election will end on Friday, Oct. 30.

For those who missed the Charlestown dates, there is still an opportunity to vote in person at the City Hall early-vote polling place.

The dates and times for City Hall voting are:

- Thursday, Oct. 29, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Polling places in Charlestown will be open as usual on the Nov. 3 General Election day. Those polling places are open, with socially-distant protocols and other sanitization protocols in place, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. They are:

- 2-1 – (Zelma Lacey House)
- 2-2 (Harvard-Kent School)
- 2-3 (Zelma Lacey House)
- 2-4 (Harvard-Kent School)
- 2-5 (Edwards Middle School)
- 2-6 (Edwards Middle School)
- 2-7 (Golden Age Center)

SPIKE YOUR PUMPKIN ON SOLEY STREET AND MONUMENT SQUARE

What to do about Halloween? Neighbors on Soley Street and Monument Square decided to invite folks to spike their pumpkin on the wrought-iron fence along the Square. Last Saturday and Sunday, many of the little pumpkins were brought up and there's still room for more.



These two pumpkins found a nice home on the fence.



Sydney Hanson and Corey Pappel monitor the pumpkin spike last Saturday, and added some of their own creations as well.



John O'Leary puts his own pumpkin on the fence at Soley Street and Monument Square.

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Stories from the Shipyard: USS Hartford

By Mike Manning, Chair -
Friends of the Boston Harborwalk

In terms of notoriety, the USS Hartford is one of the best known vessels constructed in the Boston Navy Yard (in Charlestown). The Hartford was launched on November 22, 1858 and commissioned approximately six months later. She was the first US Navy ship named for the city of Hartford - the capital of Connecticut and was rated as a "sloop-of-war."

Sloops-of-war were a class of vessels with a displacement less than that of ships-of-the-line and frigates. This class of warships was designed and built with three masts (fore, main, and mizzen), square-rigged sails, and a single gun deck. The Hartford was manned by a crew of 300 officers and enlisted men - her gun deck typically armed with 26 nine-inch caliber cannon.

Sloops-of-war, in the mid-1800s, were typically hybrid vessels with both sail and steam propulsion. Of additional local interest, the Hartford's twin coal-fired steam engines were designed and built by Harrison Loring at his City Point Iron Works in South Boston.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, the Hartford was ordered to Philadelphia to be outfitted for wartime service. Here, she became the flagship of Flag Officer Admiral David G. Farragut, commander of the newly created West Gulf Blockading Squadron. The squadron's initial mission was to blockade Confederate ports along the Gulf Coast and prevent commerce and trade.

The mission was altered in late 1861 when the Union high command decided on a plan to capture the strategic city of New Orleans. The Union plan consisted of a northward drive of squadron warships with a simultaneous southward drive by the Union Army - the army advance to be spearheaded by a flotilla of armored gunboats. In April, 1862, the squadron crossed the mud flats at the mouth of the Mississippi River and began to fight its way up-river against fierce Confederate resistance.

Just south of New Orleans, the river was blocked by a row of sunken hulks connected to each other with very strong barrier chains. Beyond this obstruction, the Confederate Navy awaited the Union squadron. The Confederates had assembled a diverse fleet consisting of ironclads, two wooden ships of the Louisiana Navy, a number of



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The USS Hartford forces its way past Fort Jackson - New Orleans.

fire rafts, and a group of converted river steamers named the Confederate River Defense Fleet. In a daring move, a Union vessel managed to cut the chain and create an opportunity for the rest of the fleet to sail northward. At this point, while dodging an attack by the Confederate ironclad ram, the CSS Manassas, the Hartford ran aground. The Confederates immediately seized this opportunity and sailed fire rafts directly towards the Hartford. One of the rafts rammed the Hartford and she was engulfed in flames. Without Farragut's decisive command and the bravery of the firefighters on-board, she might have been lost in the maelstrom. All during this time, her gunners had continued to fire cannons against the Confederate forts lining the Mississippi's riverbanks. Once the on-board fires were extinguished, the Hartford was able to reverse direction and free herself from the mud flats.

With the chain barrier removed and the Confederate naval force defeated, Farragut's squadron of a dozen or so vessels sailed upriver to New Orleans. The city was completely defenseless. Farragut's vessels anchored off New Orleans on April 25th and the city surrendered on the 29th. Once New Orleans was secured, the squadron continued its northward campaign with Baton Rouge and Natchez surrendering in early May.

The Union's next objective was Vicksburg - this siege lasted approximately six weeks. In a similar fashion to the Battle for New Orleans, the Union planned a combined army-navy attack to capture the city. While primarily an army siege attack, the Union navy did play a critical role in blockading desperately needed Confederate supplies from reaching Vicksburg. The city surren-

dered on July 4th, 1863.

In her final action of the Civil War, the Hartford led a fleet of four ironclads, two gunboats, and 12 wooden vessels in a plan to capture Mobile, Alabama. The Confederates assembled a scant fleet of an ironclad ram and three side-wheel gunboats - these vessels were aligned with fort cannon along the banks of the Bay. The naval battle began on August 5th, 1864 and lasted for approximately three hours - with an intense exchange of cannon fire. The battle culminated with the surrender of the CSS Tennessee - a casement ironclad ram (similar in design to the CSS Virginia). Fort Morgan, under siege for weeks, eventually surrendered on August 23rd.

After the Civil War, the Hartford experienced a series of decommissions and recommissions until 1890. For the next ten years, she was based at Mare Island, California - during which time she underwent a substantial overhaul. During these years, the Hartford was specifically exempted by Congress from the limits imposed on expenditures for maintenance and repair of wooden vessels - undoubtedly in recognition of her significant status as a result of her Civil War service.

In late 1899, she was recommissioned and reassigned to the Atlantic coast as a training ship. In 1912, the Hartford was transferred to Charleston, South Carolina and utilized as a training ship. She was decommissioned one final time in August of 1926 and remained in Charleston before being towed to Washington, D.C. in 1938. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a former navy undersecretary, wanted to create a naval museum to showcase the Hartford, the USS Olympia, and a

School Committee approves new, one-year Exam School admissions process

By Seth Daniel

In a meeting stretching well past midnight, the Boston School Committee voted 7-0 on Thursday morning, Oct. 22, in the wee hours for a plan that would – for one year at least – scrap the exam school test and institute a new way of apportioning seats and choice for 80 percent of the seats at the City's three exam schools.

The plan also awards seats city-wide to the top 20 percent of students by Grade Point Average (GPA) right off the bat not using geography, though the remaining 80 percent fall into the new zip code and income-based process.

For Charlestown families, the plan will likely mean less access to seats at the City's three grade 7-12 public Exam Schools, as the plan shifts seats to lower-income neighborhoods with large numbers of children and away from higher-income neighborhoods like Charlestown that have a low school-age population.

Hundreds spoke on the plan at the online, Oct. 21, School Committee meeting Wednesday – some for and some against – in the hours and hours of testimony and discussion. The plan was laid out earlier this month, and due to COVID-19, suspends the use of the exam school test this fall for 6th, 8th and some 9th graders looking for entrance into Boston Latin School (BLS), Boston Latin Academy (BLA) and John D. O'Bryant High School. Suspending the test is a huge development for parents in the Town, but the second piece of the plan – and one that will affect Charlestown the most – is that the plan will make seats available by zip code based on school-age population from the US Census. In Charlestown, the school-age population is low, at 3 percent, and the percentages of seats now by Charlestown students outsizes that number.

Now comes the nitty gritty in

the next several weeks of figuring just how many of the 80 percent of 02129-based seats there will be. Those numbers haven't been revealed yet by the Boston Public Schools (BPS). The Patriot-Bridge has put in a request for those numbers to BPS, but by press time they hadn't been received. Last week, BPS provided the most recent percentages of students from each Boston zip code, including Charlestown, to the paper. It showed that the Town has more total 7-12 seats in BLS (5.2 percent) than school-age population, but that's just a small piece of the giant puzzle that makes up an invitation to join the school.

Late last week, the newspaper received data from BPS on invitations by school and neighborhood.

According to those numbers, there were 107 applicants for an Exam School seat for the current school year in Charlestown, and 56 received invitations to attend one of the three schools. That was 5.5 percent of the total invitations citywide, keeping in mind Charlestown has 3 percent school-age population. Some 34 invitations were to BLS (7 percent of the total invites), 15 to BLA (4.5 percent of the total invites), and 7 to O'Bryant (3.4 percent of the total invites).

The Warren Prescott School received 28 of the invites, and there were 58 invites coming out of the Eliot K-8 School in the North End, which serves Charlestown. The Harvard Kent did not have a sixth grade until this year, so no students there were eligible to apply for an Exam School.

There is no certainty now just what the new system for this year will mean for the class entering the three schools from Charlestown, but it certainly does mean a reduction of seats and more competition within the neighborhood students for those zip code based seats as determined by a ranked list of GPAs from last fall and winter.

Some have postulated it could mean a reduction of approximately 40 percent of the total seats in the Town. One reader pointed to a blog published by the Shah Foundation and written by Ross Wilson – a form BPS staffer, that postulated a total of 21.6 seats going to Charlestown under the formula. Rounding down to 21, that would mean a loss of 35 seats in the Town for the coming year – though it cannot be discounted that some seats might come to the Town from the first 20 percent set aside for the highest achievers.

Nothing, however, is certain until BPS reveals its official numbers.

The new plan had wide-spread support from City leaders at the Oct. 21 meeting, and from education reform organizations and social justice organizations – a measure of support that has been solidified well before COVID-19 when the Exam School Admissions Working Group was formed over a year ago to devise a more equitable way to admit students to the three schools.

The Working Group's plan also received major support from Civil Rights and racial justice organizations in the city, 13 of which signed on to a letter Oct. 21 that endorsed the plan eventually voted

in by the Committee.

"Amidst these trying times, the exam school admissions proposal is a sensible and equitable way to recognize our highest performing students," read a portion of the letter. "For the last 20 years, invitations to Boston's exam schools have been awarded based on a combination of students' grades and performance on a test. With coronavirus infection rates increasing and few students allowed to return to schools, now is simply not the time to administer an in-person examination to thousands of students. Nor would an examination be an accurate measure of a student's worth given the trauma caused by the pandemic."

Numerous parents, however, spoke against the plan – which uses Grade Point Average (GPA), zip code, area median income by zip code – to determine available seats and the order of selection (lower income zip code students would have first pick of the schools and higher income zip codes the last pick in a 10-round selection process for those invited). Families around the city often employ tutors years in advance at a great expense to prepare for the material on the exam school test, most of which is not covered in the regular BPS curriculum. Those

parents' investment and preparations are now null and void, many said.

Supt. Brenda Cassellius and Mayor Martin Walsh favored the plan, along with all members of the School Committee.

"It would not be fair or just to ask a child to come to compete on an exam whose life has been turned upside down due to the parents losing their home, losing their jobs, or close family members losing their life," said the mayor in the online meeting.

The approved plan has a caveat of just being for this year due to the inequities that have surfaced in the student population due to COVID-19. However, the Working Group continues its inquiry into the process and some aspects of this plan will likely endure in a future, permanent recommendation, members have told the newspaper in the past.

The second piece of the plan is the order in which students get to pick their school invitation, and Charlestown is likely to see a difference there as that process is done according to median income per zip code. The lowest income picks first, and the highest last. Charlestown has the third highest Median Household Income in Boston at \$118,226.

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SHIPYARD (from pg. 10)

World War I destroyer. However, when Roosevelt died in April of 1945, the plan for a museum was abandoned.

In October, 1945, the Hartford was hauled to Norfolk Navy Yard and classified as a relic. Unfortunately, the vessel was allowed to deteriorate and tragically sank at her pier in November, 1956. Naval engineers determined that she could not be salvaged and was dismantled. The Hartford

was stripped of most metal fittings and hardware along with some intact wooden objects.

These artifacts are on display in a least dozen states – most notably at the U.S. Navy Museum in Washington, D.C. and the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Virginia. Inexplicitly, none of the Hartford's surviving artifacts are on display in the Charlestown Navy Yard - or in Massachusetts for that matter.

U.S. Attorney Lelling hosts Project Guardian roundtable

United States Attorney Andrew Lelling hosted a roundtable discussion last week on reducing gun violence and enforcing firearms laws.

As part of this effort, the U.S. Attorney's Office recently charged 21-gun related cases in support of local police departments across the state and their efforts to curb violence, with one of those cases coming in Everett.

Project Guardian is a Department of Justice initiative that emphasizes close coordination among federal, state and local law enforcement to enforce federal firearms and background checks laws, including illegal possession of a firearm, straw purchasing (lie and buy), attempted straw purchasing (lie and try), firearms trafficking and dealing firearms

without a license.

"Even amidst a global pandemic, our local law enforcement partners are working harder than ever in major cities like Boston, Brockton and Springfield. However, despite their best efforts, repeat offenders continue to mock the criminal justice system," said U.S. Attorney Lelling. "COVID has almost certainly emboldened violent offenders who think that the criminal justice system is closed. My office will be working closer than ever with our local and state partners to combat the surge in violent crime."

U.S. Attorney Lelling hosted last week's Project Guardian Roundtable to discuss law enforcement's collective efforts to reduce gun crime in Massachusetts. Law enforcement leaders participat-

ing in the event included Kelly Brady, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Boston Field Division; Boston Police Commissioner William Gross; Brockton Police Chief Emanuel Gomes; Springfield Police Commissioner Cheryl Clapprood; and Brian Kyes, Chelsea Police Chief and President of the Massachusetts Major City Chiefs of Police.

U.S. Attorney Lelling highlighted law enforcement's ongoing commitment to focusing on individuals and groups who represent the greatest threat of violence to our communities, and announced that his office has charged 24 defendants on firearm-related charges:

- Kyle Evans, 34, of Everett,

charged with being a felon in possession of ammunition;

- Caio Costa, 25, of Tewksbury, charged with armed bank robbery/using a firearm during commission of a crime of violence;

- Tevin Abercrombie, 25, of Boston; charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition;

- Daiquan Lucas, 28, of Boston, charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition;

- Tyrone Goforth, 40, of Boston, charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition;

- Kenji Ingram, 42, of Boston, charged with being a felon in possession of firearm and ammunition;

- Tevon Ngomba, 27, of

Somerville, charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition and possession with intent to distribute;

- Charles Baker, 44, of Charlestown, charged with being a felon in possession of firearm and ammunition and dealing in firearms without a license; and

- Tylor Szaljeski, 24, of Charlestown, charged with dealing in firearms without a license.

- Plus 12 cases from South Shore communities like New Bedford, Taunton, Brockton, Avon and Plymouth.

To learn more about Project Guardian, please visit: <https://www.justice.gov/projectguardian>

Walsh announces Good Neighbors program fulfills more than 4,500 requests

Mayor Martin J. Walsh on Monday announced the Good Neighbors program, a partnership with Nesterly that connects older, at-risk individuals with volunteers to help with basic needs, has fulfilled more than 4,500 requests for food delivery and friendly check-ins since its creation at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Food deliveries and check-ins continue to serve residents who are at highest risk for severe illness from COVID-19 and homebound.

"We have seen the best of Boston with residents looking for ways to volunteer and support those in need," said Mayor Walsh. "I am proud that in the few months since this platform launched, nearly 1,000 Bostonians have helped our older residents get groceries, medication, or just a friendly phone call

check-in. I want to thank everyone who is volunteering to help others during these trying times."

In April, Mayor Walsh joined the Age Strong Commission, the Housing iLab, and Nesterly, to launch Good Neighbors. To date, the new program has fulfilled more than 4,500 delivery and social support requests, older Bostonians, or those housebound. Requests have been fulfilled in every Boston neighborhood by 980 volunteers.

"We've seen the power of community engagement as evidenced by the thousands of critical requests completed through Good Neighbors," said Noelle Marcus, founder of Nesterly. "We're incredibly thankful for the commitment and generosity of our volunteers."

"Every day, we hear from older

Bostonians in need of assistance," said Age Strong Commissioner Emily Shea. "Whether it's by delivering groceries or making meaningful check-in calls, the Good Neighbors program and their team of volunteers has made a difference in the lives of our older residents."

The program will continue to serve Boston residents in need. An older Bostonian, or someone on their behalf, can submit a request, either by phone at (877) 958-8785, online, or email, for delivery of groceries or a prepared meal, a wellness check-in call, or written correspondence. All volunteers go through a background check and receive guidance regarding personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety protocols while completing deliveries.

"The recipient of the food order did not speak English, so I had to communicate with them in Spanish," said volunteer Antonio Xu Liu. "It reminded me of all the people in my life who helped my family and I when we first moved to the United States. It felt really good to be able to give back to a community that I myself represent: immigrant and of Hispanic background."

"I couldn't believe that a stranger was going to come and do for me what my loved ones and friends couldn't do, and so diligently, carefully and respectfully," said Jannie Dorsey, a client of the Good Neighbors services and resident of Hyde Park.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the city's Housing Innovation Lab, a department dedicated

to finding innovative solutions to housing challenges in Boston, developed a pilot program with Nesterly for an intergenerational homeshare program. In 2017, the City of Boston and Nesterly launched the pilot that matched households with a spare bedroom to students who were seeking an affordable place to stay during their studies, as well as an opportunity to engage with the local community. The program is aimed to encourage age-friendly development along with alternative housing options by connecting older homeowners with spare rooms with people who need to rent a room.

Greater Boston Food Bank, Citizens, and Boston Medical Center team up to 'Stop Hunger Now'

Proceeds from a new Massachusetts charity license plate now available at www.stophungerma.org will benefit the Greater Boston Food Bank, and Boston Medical Center. The plate, sponsored in part by Citizens, features an image of a stop light - formed from healthy fruits and vegetables - which is designed to highlight the hundreds of children and families who go hungry every day.

Charity license plates can be pre-ordered online at www.stophungerma.org.

"The 'Stop Hunger Now' license plate will provide essential support to BMC's food and nutrition programs at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic is causing even more families to struggle with



hunger," said Kate Walsh, President and CEO of Boston Medical Center Health System. "BMC started the first hospital-based food pantry in the nation two decades ago because many of our patients needed food as much as medical

care to stay healthy. Thanks to our partnership with the Greater Boston Food Bank, we can focus on ways to improve health and eliminate hunger."

Revenue from the plate will be split evenly between the two orga-

nizations. A charity plate costs an additional \$40 above the standard registration fee. Of the initial \$40 fee, \$28 will be retained by the charities, with the remaining \$12 going to the RMV. When the plate is renewed, the entire plate fee goes to the charities.

"The launch of the 'Stop Hunger Now' license plate is extremely timely," said GBFB President Catherine D'Amato. "Because of the economic impact of COVID-19, the need has never been greater. With winter approaching and the crisis lingering on, we hope that people will consider purchasing a plate to not only support our collective efforts, but as a way to remind others that hunger is an ongoing, urgent problem in our

state."

Though its Citizens Helping Citizens community engagement platform, Citizens continues its support to end hunger and drive awareness of the urgent need for food security for all our neighbors.

"Working with the team at Boston Medical Center and The Greater Boston Food Bank was a natural progression of the collaborative work to fight hunger that we embarked on together many years ago," said Jerry Sargent, President of Citizens in Massachusetts. "By association, this stop light image will remind drivers of families who go hungry every day, and hopefully encourage them to act, and give, and join us in the fight, so that one day we beat this."

USS Constitution Museum acquires rare collection of early U.S. Navy documents

The USS Constitution Museum recently acquired at auction an outstanding collection of significant correspondence related to the first years of USS Constitution's career under sail. The collection, encompassing more than 150 individual documents, sheds light on the fledgling U.S. Navy's participation in the nation's first international conflict, the Quasi-War with France. This lot has remained in private hands for over 225 years. It is exceedingly rare, and both the size and scope of the collection are extraordinary.

The papers cover a diverse array of topics, including the construction of the first six frigates of the U.S. Navy, strategic plans in the Caribbean, and secret signals used between the U.S. Navy and friendly British ships. The documents offer an opportunity to pursue previously unaddressed questions and fill in large gaps in current knowledge of Constitution and

her sister ships.

This acquisition is the largest the USS Constitution Museum has made in nearly a decade. "I have been looking for collections for this Museum for over 30 years and have never seen anything like it," said Museum President & CEO Anne Grimes Rand. "The USS Constitution Museum is actively pursuing its mission in tough times by acquiring these documents that shed light on previously unknown aspects of the construction, outfitting, and first movements of USS Constitution."

These documents will be unveiled during the virtual celebration for the Ship's 223rd birthday on Facebook Live, Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 12:30 p.m. ET. This free virtual birthday party is open to the public. "This is the best birthday present for the Ship and Museum we could have imagined," said Rand.

This collection belonged to

Capt. James Sever, first commander of USS Congress, one of the other initial frigates constructed at the same time as Constitution in the 1790s. Sever had supervised construction of Congress and was deployed with the ship to the Caribbean to protect U.S. merchant ships from French privateers. "Old Ironsides" served alongside USS Congress in the conflict, and this collection includes correspondence and papers from Constitution's commander, Silas Talbot. It is also possible (though not confirmed) that Captain Sever christened USS Constitution before the Ship's launch.

The collection includes handwritten correspondence and documents from:

- Henry Knox, appointed Secretary of War by George Washington, who oversaw the appropriations for the construction of USS Constitution and the

other frigates.

- Timothy Pickering, Knox's replacement, who oversaw the final construction and launch of the original frigates, shaping how they were outfitted.

- Benjamin Stoddert, Secretary of the Navy who led operations during the Quasi-War and in the process shaped the future direction of the U.S. Navy.

- Toussaint Louverture, the formerly enslaved leader of the early Haitian Revolution, who corresponded with U.S. Navy commanders on station about U.S. support of his government.

- Dr. Edward Stevens, U.S. consul-general in St. Domingue, who represented U.S. interests and encouraged Haitian independence from French colonial rule.

- Captains Edward Preble, Silas Talbot, and Thomas Truxtun are among the many other naval officers whose correspondence and/or papers are also included.

Vice Admiral George W. Emery, USN (Ret.), a Museum Life Trustee, noted the rarity of such an acquisition. "This may be the best 'find' the Museum has ever, and will ever, discover," he said.

The USS Constitution Museum will publicly share collection documents via email newsletters and social media posts. These papers are also being processed into the Museum's archival collection. Digitized copies and a full finding aid will be available on the Museum's website usscm.org.

The USS Constitution Museum is currently open to the public Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Museum is also offering digital experiences in its Virtual Museum through its social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and the website usscm.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

FCNY OCTOBER VIRTUAL EVENT

Join Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 29th for a virtual evening with Elizabeth Cohen, author of *Saving America's Cities: Ed Logue and the Struggle to Renew Urban America in the Suburban Age*. The discussion will be moderated by Boston Globe Metro Columnist, Adrian Walker. You can purchase the book at [amazon.com/dp/0374254087?tag=macmillan-20](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0374254087?tag=macmillan-20). To receive information on how to join the zoom discussion email friendscny1@gmail.com.

FREE VIRTUAL ART STUDIO TRIAL

Essem Art Studio launches a virtual art studio with monthly subscriptions to continue sparking joy and cultivating creative power in little artists (age 2-10) and families with young children. The virtual art studio provides engaging virtual art labs and resources for parents and families who are looking for ways to introduce more art and creative practices at home. Every week, new art labs and creative prompts are added to the growing online catalog. You can enjoy a free 7 day trial of the virtual art program now. Visit [essemartstudio.com](https://www.essemartstudio.com) for more information!

"E" INC. SLIME O' TREAT! DRIVE BY TRICK-OR-TREAT

On Halloween Eve, October 30 e-Inc hosts a drive-by trick-or-treat outside Building 114 16th St, in the Navy Yard from 5-7pm.. Drive up to the building and call: 617-242-4700. Each child can receive one free container of slime! Make sure to be masked, and a member of staff will come out to your car wearing gloves, a mask, and with your unopened slime. Happy Halloween!

FALL PREVENTION WEEK AT MGH

During the week of October 26 to 30, MGH HealthCare Center, 73 High St., will host virtual Fall Prevention topics via their Facebook page @MGHCharlestownRSLC. Join in to learn fall prevention tips and what to do if you have a fall. For more information contact: Sarah Avery: savery2@partners.org

MICRO HOCKEY IS BACK!

Charlestown Youth Hockey has opened registration for Micro Hockey, which is a Learn-to-Play Hockey program for boys and girls that are five to eight years of age, who have not yet played organized team hockey. Only basic skating skills are necessary. Younger players may qual-

ify after a coach evaluation. For Discounted Equipment Package, you must register ASAP. The program will run on Saturdays from 10:15am to 11:45am. The first session will begin on November 14th and run until March. Space is limited. To register, go to WWW.CYHA.COM and click on the MICRO HOCKEY tab. Email questions to MICROHOCKEY@CYHA.COM.

LEARN TO SKATE!

Charlestown's Learn-to-Skate program begins November 14th and runs to mid-March. The program is on Saturdays from 12:25pm to 1:15pm. It is open for children ages 3 and up. On ice instruction will be staffed by Charlestown Youth Hockey volunteers. For more information and to sign-up, visit the Charlestown Youth Hockey website at WWW.CYHA.COM and click on the Learn-to-Skate tab.

HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY APPEAL

The Food Pantry has had a great need at this time as it has been very busy serving many more residents in town and providing more frequent distributions. 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.

THE ANCHOR IS OPEN!

The Anchor, in The Charlestown Navy Yard, is now open 7 days a week until 11pm. The Anchor has

an enhanced garden and waterfront patio, over 300 new pieces of furniture, brand new menu, rotating

brews and curated wine and bubbly. With ample room and different styles of seating, social distancing is easy in its outdoor and breezy environment. Now offering a Sunday Jazz & Soul Brunch

with a fun menu and different music every week.

CHARLESTOWN BRANCH LIBRARY OPEN FOR PICKUPS

Although the library is closed to the public, it is open for scheduled contactless pickups and returns of library materials Mondays-Thursdays from 2-6 pm and Fridays from 1-4 pm.

Notification emails will have a link to schedule pickup. For notifications received by phone or for help scheduling a pickup, call the branch at 617-242-1248. Masks are required. There is a returns bin at the entrance available when the library is open. For further assistance email: Adults Librarian Kathy Kire at kkire@bpl.org, Children's Librarian Eileen Whittle at ewhittle@bpl.org, or Branch Librarian Maureen Marx at mmarx@bpl.org, or call 617-242-1248.

FREE FALL STORY + ART FOR CHILDREN

The Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library and Essem Art Studio are happy to present a FREE Fall Story + Art series. Children's Librarian, Mrs. Eileen Whittle will read a selected book and local artist, Sophia Moon, will present a family/sibling friendly art project that can be modified for little artists as young as 2 years old (with adult guidance). Every Wednesday at 10am, the installation will launch on the Facebook page of the Charlestown BPL, and on Essem Art Studio's virtual Art Studio ([tv.essemartstudio.com](https://www.tv.essemartstudio.com)).

PLEASE RECYCLE

School Committee Chair resigns over comments during hearing

By Seth Daniel

School Committee Chair Michael Loconto resigned last week following comments he made during the marathon Exam School hearing that seemed to mock the names of Asian parents testifying against the change to the process.

Loconto resigned on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 22, and issued an apology over the weekend.

"I want to apologize for the comments I made last night," he wrote. "It was not ever my inten-

tion to mock anyone. I know what was in my head and in my heart, but I make no excuses. I know how my words were heard and how they hurt. I have always tried to lead my life, publicly and privately, by treating people with dignity and respect. To those who I offended, I offer again my sincerest apology and ask for your forgiveness."

The matter was first pointed out online by Councilor Annissa Essaibi George, who was watching the hearing live and questions what was just said. By Thursday morning early, the councilor had

called on him to resign.

"Mr. Loconto's behavior last night was unacceptable," said Essaibi George. "I'm deeply appalled, personally offended, by his words. I watched and heard it live. It is unconscionable that he would mock and disparage our families. Our school communities and our City deserve more. It's time for his resignation."

The comments came at around 11:30 p.m. in a meeting that began at 5 p.m.

When three speakers against the plan were announced, two of them with Asian names, Loconto

appeared to allegedly mock their names in introducing them – though he disputed that later in the meeting saying he was referring to a children's book character in a light moment.

"So, that was Shinya Shan Shan na and boo boo and David," he said according to the live transcript.

Later a letter signed by 17 Boston elected official, including Councilor Lydia Edwards, decried the incident.

"This type of discrimination cannot and will not be tolerat-

ed from any leader who has the privilege of serving our communities, especially at a time when we should all be coming together to solve the crises stemming from this pandemic," read the letter. "Mr. Loconto's resignation is a step in the right direction. But we must not lose focus. We must restore trust with BPS families, and urge action to ensure accessibility, inclusion, and equity in all decisions in the City of Boston, Suffolk County, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

New England Development shuts down rumors

By Seth Daniel

Since the competition started between two marijuana companies looking to locate on Cambridge Street in the Lost Village section of the neighborhood, one rumor popping up frequently is that New England Development – owners of the Bunker Hill Mall – had some interest in one of the marijuana proposals and the land surrounding it.

New England Development told the Patriot Bridge this week that is not the case, and they have no ownership stake in the Heritage

Club proposal at 116 Cambridge St., and are not pursuing the land around it for development.

Deborah Black of New England Development said they had conversations with the owners of the Heritage Club company early on, but didn't pursue it any further. They are no longer involved in anything involving the proposal, she said.

"Senior executives of New England Development have had conversations with Nike John and Maggie Suprey regarding their proposal to open Heritage Club Marijuana Store and Delivery Service at 116 Cambridge Street in Charlestown," said Black.

"However, as a company, New England Development has no planned real estate or other interests with this proposed cannabis business or in any of the property adjacent to this location. As of today, no one affiliated with New England Development has an ownership interest in this venture."

John or Suprey did not immediately respond for comment.

Those rumors had percolated as the two competing projects squared off against one another this month, with Heritage Club having a meeting with the community tonight, Oct. 29. They, however, do not appear to be accurate.

FUNDRAISER (from pg. 8)

is one of the most diverse schools in BPS, we have a high percentage of families with economic challenges," she said. "So, we're looking to support so many of our families with the fundraising and that's why we hope to reach our goal of \$20,000."

Jimmy Lister Jr. said the fun in the matter deals with the raffle, an attempt to help local businesses that have helped the school in year's past. The raffle includes four packages worth \$800 in value each. One is the Bunker Hill/Medford Street package, with gift certificates to Brewer's Fork, Jenny's and others.

There is the Freedom Trail Package, with gift certificates to the Warren Tavern, Elements Day Spa and Tea and Treats.

The other two packages are the Navy Yard/Bunker Hill package, and the Main Street package. Each contains at least \$800 worth of gift certificates.

"We looked for any way to support them in any way we could, because they have been there for us, supporting the school, over the years," he said.

To buy a raffle ticket before the deadline of Oct. 31, go online to the following locations:

- <https://www.harvard-kent.org>
- <https://go.rallyup.com/598352>

For the Record

•SUPER SITES FOR BPS MEALS

Beginning October 26, BPS Super Sites open for Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. BPS families can pick up free breakfasts and lunches. Some locations also provide free toiletries and free groceries on select days.

*Edwards Middle School – 28 Walker St.

*Harvard/Kent Elementary – 50 Bunker Hill St.

•WARREN PRESCOTT SCHOOL

*Warren Prescott Parent Association Virtual Meeting, Monday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m. Details to come.

•HARVARD KENT SCHOOL

* This year the HKPA Fall fundraiser looks a little different but our goal remains the same - to support and enhance the quality of education our children receive. This will be the only fundraiser of the school year, and will help the school continue to support initiatives to help the Harvard-Kent Community. The Parents Association has put together four amazing prizes each with a \$800 value. In addition to supporting HKPA we are also supporting local businesses.

To purchase a raffle ticket(s) or to

make a donation please visit here: <https://go.rallyup.com/598352>. Raffle tickets are available through Oct. 31 at 11:59 p.m., and the drawing will take place on Nov. 1 at 9 a.m.

•There will be a virtual community outreach meeting for a proposed cannabis establishment on October 29 at 6 p.m. The Proposed Cannabis Establishment is anticipated to be located at: 116 Cambridge St, Charlestown.

•The Mayor announced an extension of the Outdoor Dining Program beyond its original end date of October 31. Restaurants using private outdoor space can continue to do so for the duration of the public health emergency. And restaurants using public space on streets and sidewalks can continue until December 1. The City will also waive application fees for the use of outdoor propane heaters in dining areas. Restaurants will still need a permit from the Fire Department, and safety regulations around their use will remain in place. Restaurants can use electric heaters without a permit, as long as no cords are crossing sidewalks.

•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.

Find more information on HKPA and link in bio on our instagram page @harvardkentparents or email us harvardkentparents@gmail.com.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE. AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



The Anchor in the Navy Yard schedule Halloween events

The Anchor in the Navy is hosting the following Halloween events:

- Open daily through November 3rd
- Visit The Anchor's Apple Orchard, Spooky Shipyard and the city's largest, urban Pumpkin Patch featuring over 400 traditional and specialty pumpkins on display!

Pumpkin Painting Parties

- Monday, October 26th, 5pm-7pm
- Join us to customize and decorate your very own sugar pumpkin! Everyone will receive a sugar pumpkin to decorate and a one-time use art supply kit.
- Space is limited - choose from two dates! Sign-up by emailing: anchor@theanchorgroup.com to reserve your spot!

Dia De Los Muertos Paint Party

- Wednesday, October 28th, 6pm-8pm

• Join us for a freestyle painting event! Create your own sugar skull just in time for Halloween! Everyone will receive a brand new skull to decorate and a one-time use art supply kit.

• Space is limited - reserve your spot by emailing anchor@theanchorgroup.com!

Anchor Trick or Treat

- Saturday, October 31st, 11am-1pm
- Halloween may be a bit different this year, but that doesn't mean your favorite spooky traditions have to go away! Join us on Halloween Day for an all-ages socially distant trick or treat around The Anchor!
- Stick around afterwards to enjoy a specialty Halloween brunch with family and friends.
- Space is limited - please reserve your time slot via this link: www.theanchorboston.com/trick-or-treat.

CHARLESTOWN BEAT

Attempted Robbery
10/20/20 - A victim on Union Street reported while she was walking her dog, a male suspect approached her, brandished a knife and demanded her wallet.

The victim replied she didn't have any money and ran away. The suspect gave chase and caught with her, brandishing a black handgun and again demanding her money.

As the victim was running

away, she encountered two men, who called 9-1-1 for her.

The suspect fled the area. Officers searched to no avail, and the matter is under investigation.

Attempted Breaking and Entering

10/22/20 - A victim on O'Reilly Way said she heard her the sound of her window breaking, and when she got up to investigate, she saw a man running away

down the courtyard. No entry was made, and a search of the area for the suspect to no avail.

Breaking and Entering

10/24/20 - A victim on Medford Street reported unknown person(s) cut the lock off the gate to a construction site, entered the fenced-in area and stole a white flamethrower. The incident might've been captured by video cameras in the area.

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Docket No. SU20CO325CA
In the matter of: William Portorreal-Moronta
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by William Portorreal-Moronta of Charlestown, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: William Vizcaino
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appear-

ance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/27/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
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Date: October 22, 2020
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