



# CHARLESTOWN

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## Two developers offer proposals for Building 108 redevelopment

By Seth Daniel

Two qualified developers have submitted very different proposals for the Navy Yard Power Plant (Building 108) property redevelopment – one looking to build on the research and development uses nearby, and they other looking to add a residential complement to the RopeWalk project a stone’s throw away.

The proposals from Power House Partners and Vision Development will be hashed out in a community meeting online Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

“I think we’re excited to be bringing this out to the community,” said Devin Quirk of the BPDA. “We’re also really excited to have a conversation and get

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## THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION



Volunteers Carolina Comella (above right) and Robin Moody hand out rice and pasta, while Bob Burton (photo right) took turkey duty on Tuesday afternoon for the annual Harvest on Vine Thanksgiving Distribution ahead of turkey day. Harvest on Vine Director Tom MacDonald said this year, amidst COVID-19 and the economic fallout, the need was far greater than ever before. This year, MacDonald said they had a hard time simply finding enough turkeys to purchase. He said they went all the way to Fall River and Clinton to secure enough birds for those in need. Former Johnnie’s Foodmaster GM Kevin Perno came through big, he said, as did Sysco.



All in all, more than 16,000 pounds of food were distributed to hundreds of need Charlestown resident Tuesday. See Page 5 for more photos

## Reviving an Industry

### Research restores info about Charlestown pottery

By Seth Daniel

While the Battle of Bunker Hill was a feather in the cap of Charlestown patriots, it was also the absolute death of the famous and burgeoning Charlestown pottery industry – an industry that disappeared after the battle and has only recently been rediscovered through detailed research.

Author and researcher Justin Thomas – with the help of Boston Archaeologist Joe Bagley – has now brought back to life the famed industry that once brought Charlestown renown up and down the coast of Colonial America. Using resources unearthed in

Charlestown during the Big Dig – and never really catalogued yet – Thomas found other examples in other parts of the country and was able to trace trade routes and fine examples of the lost industry.

“There were other endeavors in Charlestown before 1775, but this was the big industry Charlestown was known for,” he said. “Because of the Battle of Bunker Hill decimating the area, that industry was lost to history. I was surprised it took 35 years for people to research and find this and bring it back...It disappeared in 1775, and was unearthed in the 1980s. It had disappeared from history for 200 years.”

Thomas presented his message, and his book, ‘The Dawn of Independence, the Death of an Industry: The Pottery of Charlestown, Massachusetts’ in an online program of the Charlestown Historical Society on Nov. 19, to great interest.

Bringing back the industry involved a labor of love over a period of eight years, Thomas said. He first got permission from Bagley to catalog and photograph thousands of pieces of pottery unearthed in the Big Dig, and heretofore, unexplored by researchers. Thousands of boxes of historical

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## Heritage Club gets unexpected rebuke, rejection from BCB

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Cannabis Board (BCB) pulled a surprise on The Heritage Club last Wednesday, Nov. 18, rejecting their application outright and telling them to go back to the community and do more work on traffic and the Sullivan Square location – which one Commissioner said she felt was not appropriate.

The 5-0 vote featured a round robin of rebukes on the application – the first Charlestown application to go before the BCB – and led to the breakup of the partnership between owners and high school friends Nike John and Maggie Suprey.

“Maggie actually has a different location she’s interested in but

I’m going ahead here in Town on my own,” said John late last week, after the rejection vote. “This time with guidance from the Councilor (Edwards), which I’m excited about.”

Suprey didn’t respond to an e-mail seeking comment on the matter.

The drama couldn’t be more melodramatic for the Town’s first license.

Apparently, Councilor Edwards and John had a lunch meeting just prior to the Nov. 18 BCB meeting without Suprey. Edwards apparently convinced John, who owns 51 percent of the company, to seek a deferral from the vote on Nov. 18 instead of going forward. The councilor supported

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## SWORN TO SERVICE

On Veterans Day week, Liam Nolan was sworn into the U.S. Army and will report to the service when he graduates college in 2022. He is shown here taking the oath last week at The Citadel in South Carolina, where he attends college. Nolan is the son of Gregg and Kim Nolan. His grandparents are Nippy and Ann Nolan and his sister is Abigail Nolan. He has held the rank of Cadre (Leader) and Platoon Sargent at The Citadel. He’s on Deans List and plays for The Citadel Bulldog Hockey team as well.



**The Independent Newspaper Offices will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**

# Have a Happy & Safe Thanksgiving!

# EDITORIAL

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, tracing its roots back almost 400 years to the Pilgrims, long before there was even a thought of a United States of America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, religiosity, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

Even amidst this time of a raging pandemic in our country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of what we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be where we are. Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and inevitably -- at least for some of us -- a post-dinner nap or early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

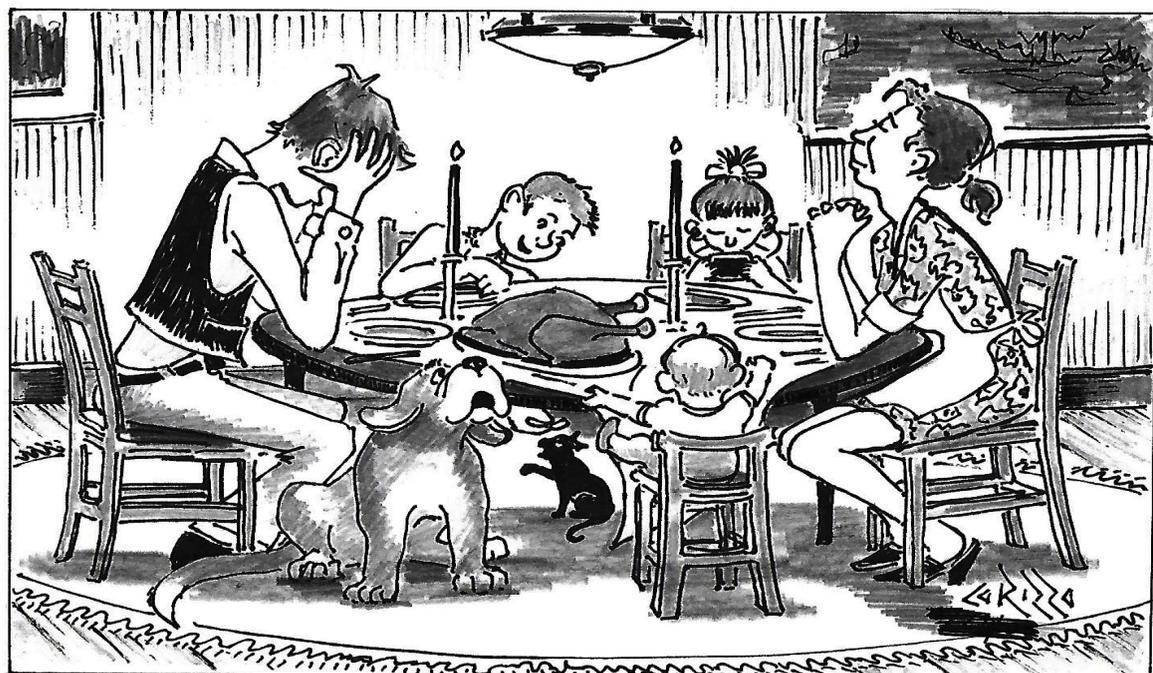
We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.

## ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SAFELY

We would be remiss if we did not remind our readers to enjoy the holiday weekend, but to do so safely.

The pandemic is spreading like wildfire across our nation, shattering previous records of infection on a daily basis and requiring all of us to take every precaution to ensure that we do not spread the coronavirus among our friends and family members.

The virus does not take a holiday -- and each of us must act accordingly.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## GUEST OP-ED

### Thanksgiving 2020; home, but not alone

By Karen Lee Sobol

Has your sense of time shifted lately? Does avoiding people feel bizarre, and has Purell become your new best friend? Do you spot beauty in surprising places, and feel the rhythm of your breath inside your mask?

I've lived through this before. Then, I was solo. Now, I'm one of seven billion, living through it again, with you. Both times, with little advance notice, a deadly disease became a dire threat. Then, in 2005, I was diagnosed with a non-Hodgkin's lymphoma defined as rare and incurable. Now, in 2020, we all risk infection by COVID-19, a wildly contagious novel coronavirus with no known cure. My blood cancer was so rare it's called an orphan disease. COVID-19 is so universal it's called a pandemic.

Thinking about the Thanksgiving holiday usually energizes us. Plans often include travel, time with family and friends, and meals shared. This year, the dangers of spreading or contracting COVID-19 trigger anxiety and dread. What to do?

In 2005, I faced a similar dilemma. I was in the midst of a clinical trial with a monoclonal antibody. Because the drug had annihilated my immune system, every germ and virus, whether it came from another person or naturally lived inside my body or on my skin, could pose a lethal threat. I washed and sanitized my hands obsessively and never touched my

face. Social isolation was self-protection, so I left home only to go to the hospital or take solitary walks, a scarf wrapped over my nose and mouth. Holding a vision of myself as cancer-free and healthy, as though I already were, I felt that a brighter future was just a matter of time.

In a normal year, my family's Thanksgiving tradition might start by serving a mid-day meal to guests at a local shelter, then welcoming family and friends to dinner in our home. But for us 2005 was no normal year and exposing me to other people wasn't an option. Instead, we ordered in dinner for three—my husband, our teen-aged daughter, and me—and felt grateful. We connected with people by phone, and their intangible energy helped sustain my nuclear family through our crisis.

For us all, 2020 is no normal year. Together we face the potentially deadly risk of COVID-19. And we're tired of social isolation. But what opportunities we have, including the opportunity to keep ourselves, our families, and our friends, safe, and to share our resources more widely.

Remember what they say before an airplane takes off? "If the oxygen masks drop down, put your own mask on before assisting others."

This Thanksgiving, if you're lucky enough to have a home, please stay there. Being alone doesn't have to mean being lonely. Consider safe, helpful ways to support and connect with people.

Perhaps order your dinner from a local restaurant to help keep cooks and staff employed. Perhaps donate to a local food bank or shelter so those less fortunate have meals to nourish them. Perhaps, in recognition of the historic roots of the day, contribute to an organization like the Indigenous Environmental Network which provides desperately needed food and emergency COVID-19 relief funds to Native Americans.

With challenge comes opportunity. We have the chance to stem COVID-19's spread, and we have the chance to spread compassion. Compassion nurtures healing and hope. Its intangible energy creates real results.

When the twelve weeks of my clinical trial ended, I was frail and exhausted, but signs of cancer had decreased dramatically, and five months later, the disease was gone. It took two years and four months for my immune system to rebuild and I was able to resume normal life. With the welcome news that a vaccine will likely be available within the next few months, I feel optimistic that our collective timeline will be much shorter.

I believe in medical science and I believe in the power of holding a vision of good health. Now, as then, I think of my favorite equation ever: Hope = Belief + Expectation. I believe, and I fully expect, we can and we will stop COVID-19.

Imagine a world free of COVID-19 as if it already exists, (Op-Ed Pg. 9)



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# CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

## Maranatha

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

From the earliest of times, the Israelite community looked toward the arrival of the promised Messiah. The prayer for the speedy arrival of the Lord was often uttered in two Aramean words, Maran'athah. As time passed, the word continues to be used in song and verse with the meaning, "Come Lord Jesus."

On November 29, we begin the four-week Advent journey toward the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Yet this year the holy season of preparation and waiting seems dwarfed by the crippling effects of the pandemic. Everything that is normative for the Christmas season seems at risk from Christmas parties to visits to Santa. Advent liturgies, Masses, singing, prayer groups and more are all changed to virtual or canceled.

Through the ages, the longing for the Messiah-King was prompted by persecution and suffering.

People looked for one to save, to deliver, to protect and care for them. The greater the suffering, the more intense the longing and hope.

So what about us in this Advent, 2020? Without question our community, nation and world are overwhelmed by this pandemic causing deep suffering among all people, especially the most vulnerable. The prayer, Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus, has never been more timely and needed.

What do you suppose it will look like as The Lord answers that prayer? I do not think it means you will find yourself humming Jingle Bells throughout the day or stringing extra sets of Christmas lights around your home or neighborhood.

Opening our minds and hearts to the Christ Child, the unfathomable mystery of God becoming human and choosing the most

humble of circumstances for His birth, pulls us into the essence of the God Who is Love. Focusing on this truth and mystery not only opens us to receiving the Love of the Child Jesus but also impels us to imitate that love in our lives with one another.

Praying Maranatha is the first step toward an encounter with our Savior, our King and Redeemer. "Going" to Bethlehem and later to Nazareth and throughout Galilee toward Jerusalem will offer each of us everything we need to live fruitfully through this pandemic and beyond.

For me, Maranatha is not a one-time prayer offered as Advent begins. It is a mantra, a simple and profound invitation to the Lord Jesus to accompany me in my days. Join me as together we humbly pray through the crises of these times the prayer that gives birth to Hope. Maranatha.

## Paid advisory board will be part of next Charlestown Resiliency effort

By Seth Daniel

As the City readies to embark on a new effort to look at coastal resiliency in Charlestown this winter, they will be looking for community member to join a new, paid Community Advisory Board (CAB) to champion the cause.

Last month, Climate Ready Boston announced detailed plans from a study they did on downtown Boston, the North End and Dorchester. Now, they are moving on to Charlestown and East Boston – the place where one of the first Resiliency efforts began in 2017. Though that effort focused mainly on the backside along the Mystic River and Schrafft's, Director Peyton Siler Jones said they will now be looking closer at other parts of the waterfront.

"In 2017, Climate Ready did work in Charlestown and East Boston," she said. "That first phase organized around distinct parts of the geography – mostly the coast of the Mystic River. The second phase will focus on the Little Mystic Channel and

up around Menino Park and Charlestown Navy Yard and the North Washington Street Bridge. We'll want to talk about the frequency and locations of flooding with the new CAB, with residents and with those who work there. The idea is to design solutions to protect the neighborhood from sea level rise."

That plan is part of Mayor Martin Walsh's overall directive to activate the water's edge using techniques that also can provide flood storage and protection.

What is extremely new will be the CAB and the top order of business is to get nominations and applications for that new board. Jones said they are budgeting for about 10 members of the Charlestown CAB, and she reiterated they will be compensated.

"Basically, we're adding a new element for the Climate Ready Boston planning process," she said.

The CAB's primary focus would be to advise Climate Ready Boston on engagement, such as moving a meeting from a large Zoom to a

video presentation with a poll that would be available for two weeks. That is just one example, but she said all types of engagement and meetings would be run through the CAB first to make sure it is consistent with the neighborhood needs.

A second part of the CAB would be acting as ambassadors for climate resiliency and the plan unfolding for Charlestown, so any nominee needs to be passionate about this issue.

"We would see the Board members as Climate Ambassadors to the community going forward," she said.

The deadline at the moment for nominations or applications for the Charlestown CAB is Dec. 7. However, Jones said they would be open to taking applications after the process starts due to the fact that in COVID-19 times, many might not have Climate Resiliency as a top priority right now.

To apply for the CAB go online to [www.boston.gov/departments/environment/climate-ready-charlestown](http://www.boston.gov/departments/environment/climate-ready-charlestown).

## POTTERY (from pg. 1)

artifacts still exist at Bagley's office and have yet to be fully explored. Thomas set out to find examples of Charlestown pottery, which he did, noting that "this stuff was pretty distinct."

Then he was able to get a log book from the most famous maker in the Town, John Parker. He was able to use the log book to track the locations of the pottery kilns, what was being made and where it was shipped. The log book covered 14 years of business and was very telling of the export routes that Charlestown pottery traveled.

"I was able to document pottery going to Nova Scotia and down to South Carolina and all points in between," he said. "Most of the stuff was destroyed in the Battle of Bunker Hill. Because of the archaeology records we discovered, we were able to identify pieces elsewhere that actually survived."

Charlestown actually was originally laid out in an English fashion to accommodate a major pottery industry. Kilns were hot and so they were spaced out from one another and from residences. Most of the pottery industries were located along the waterfront in the Navy Yard and Paul Revere Park.

In the Town were stores where they would sell the pottery locally, including in City Square near the Three Cranes Tavern – which is where a lot of the unique pieces of pottery were found during the Big Dig.

"There were dozens of pottery businesses in Charlestown and all had their own docks to ship it," he said. "It was going all over New England. Parker's was the biggest operation. It is noteworthy that he did use African American and Native American slaves to make his pottery."

What was mostly made were items of utility in a distinct style with a red and yellow glaze and wavy markings with circles. The items most commonly found were chamber pots, pans, jars, pitchers and crocks.

Thomas said the pottery has now become known as Charlestown Redware, and there has been a find recently in the North End. That said, he said Charlestown is unique because people in the Town find the pottery in their backyards all the time.

"It's hidden beneath the ground all through Boston," he said.

### The Dawn of Independence, the Death of an Industry

The Pottery of Charlestown, Massachusetts



Justin W. Thomas

Researcher and author Justin Thomas has brought back to life the Charlestown pottery industry in his new book. The industry was destroyed during the Battle of Bunker Hill and was lost to history for 200 years.

PLEASE RECYCLE

# USS Constitution Museum will be temporarily closed for Thanksgiving

The USS Constitution Museum temporarily closed Saturday, November 21, and will remain closed through Sunday, November 29 in response to the rise in coronavirus cases and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation not to travel over Thanksgiving weekend. USS Constitution closed to the

public earlier this week.

"The USS Constitution Museum proudly continues to fulfill its mission to engage all ages in the stories of 'Old Ironsides' through its Virtual Museum," said Museum President & CEO Anne Grimes Rand. "Whether you're a curious student or an armchair sailor, we offer compelling content

that's sure to educate and entertain."

The Museum's online audience can play A Sailor's Life for Me, an award-winning dynamic game and educator resource that gives people of all ages a chance to step into the shoes of an 1812 sailor. Students, families, and educators are invited to join the fight for freedom on

the high seas when they virtually enlist as sailors on board USS Constitution and travel back in time to prepare for the War of 1812.

Families at home can also enjoy hands-on activities on our "Fun + Games" page, including the Museum's "Old Ironsides" Activity Book, which utilizes the rich illustrations of

renowned artist Stephen Biesty and lively text of award-winning author Richard Platt.

Virtual Museum visitors can explore more on its social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, and website usscm.org. The content includes programs, activities, videos, and blog posts.

## BCB (from pg. 1)

that move, and John made the request last-minute to the Board ahead of the meeting.

It was to no avail.

In a meeting that saw busy locations on Boylston Street (Little Steve's Pizza) get an up vote despite wide community opposition – including Mayor Martin

Walsh's office – the BCB was not about to grant the deferral and instead called the Lost Village location inappropriate and chose to reject the proposal altogether.

That action came as a surprise to many after the quiet and somewhat muted deliberations of the BCB at the applicant's hear-

ing on Nov. 12 – where BCB Commissioners asked standard questions and didn't seem surprised by any of the answers. There was, however, wide community opposition at that hearing, as well as a now-famous and animated speech in opposition by Councilor Lydia Edwards – notably opposing an equity applicant for which she has helped to craft special rules that give preference to such applicants.

Chair Kathleen Joyce said she was aware of the deferral request, but preferred to reject Heritage and ask them to return to the community to gain more support.

"Our staff reached out last week (Nov. 12) and offered them a deferral before they even appeared before us for last week's hearing," she said. "They have met requirements of ours for filing a complete application...There are significant concerns in the neighborhood about traffic. There are more concerns about an emerging industry like this and the impact it will have on this neighborhood. These are real quality of life issues. I think this application presents an opportunity to better understand what these impacts would be on this neighborhood and I think that would be solved by a Traffic Study. Not all applicants that appear before us need to have a Traffic Study, but this location the traffic issues we heard about and the traffic we know about in this area, I feel it's absolutely within our purview that the applicant go back and do the Traffic Study."

Joyce added that Heritage needed to do a better job with their process. Their time from application to hearing took only three months, she noted, while other applicants on the agenda Nov. 18 had been in process sometimes for two years already.

"I do think the process they went through in the last three

months can be improved," said Joyce. "I think that requires more community process. I think there are real significant differences between what we've seen in their application, what we heard last week and those of the other equity applicants we've had before us in the last couple of months."

Commissioner Darlene Lombos said a Traffic Study isn't something they usually require, but said it did make some sense here.

"I was going to ask about the Transportation Study because we haven't required that before, but it does seem like there is a need for it given all the public comment about it," she said.

She also said she felt there was probably wisdom in rejecting the matter and sending it back.

"Similarly, I think it would be good to go back and talk to community members about it and in particular the Councilor (Edwards)," she said.

Member Alejandra St. Guillen said she agreed with Joyce, but also wanted to clarify the new concept of requiring a Traffic Study, as it's something that could be requested of nearly every applicant in many of Boston's congested neighborhoods.

"There were a lot of positive aspects of this application, but definitely thought in a location like this a traffic study would be necessary and moving forward, it might be something for the Council to decide who and when and where Traffic Studies should be required. I think there are a lot of areas in Boston where it would be necessary to make sure it would work for the community."

Joyce was also adamant about the ownership situation with Heritage, and said it would likely be an example for all equity applicants to spell out exactly what their ownership situation is and what they hope it to be. She called

for filings that would explain it in depth and consistently so it doesn't feel like the Board is hearing one thing, and the community is hearing another thing.

She also said she felt strongly about not giving the deferral.

"I feel very strongly they have to go back and meet with the community again and figure out what we find out from the traffic," she said. "They were given the opportunity to defer until they had that info before and they chose not to defer and I think based on these things – and it's not in a putative way – but I feel really strong about the community meeting."

She made the motion to reject without prejudice, and that was approved. The action means that Heritage – if they get their ducks in line very quickly – could be in front of the Board again in December given they are an equity applicant. If things take more time, that could drag out into 2021 some time. Heritage, however, will be moving on with just John at the helm taking direction and queues from Councilor Edwards, she said, and they will have to submit a new application to the BCB

One other comment by Joyce served as a warning to Heritage, and also to the other applicant on Cambridge Street – Resilient Remedies brought by Jack Kelly and investors Dot Joyce and Kevin Joyce. Commissioner Kathleen Joyce finished her comments by saying the Cambridge Street location wasn't a good location. Given that both Charlestown applicants find their home on Cambridge Street, it was certainly noteworthy.

"I'm not convinced this location is right for this type of business," Joyce said.

Heritage Club did have the support of Mayor Walsh's Office.

## ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Request for Proposals for the sale and redevelopment of Parcel C-2A-5 in the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-55, located at 516R 522 Main Street & Main Street, Charlestown**

The Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA"), doing business as the Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA"), is soliciting responses to a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for the redevelopment of Parcel C-2A-5, vacant land located in the Charlestown Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-55 (the "Property"), and also referred to as 516R 522 Main Street and Main Street (Assessor's Parcel Identification Numbers 02-02624-000 and 02-02624-040), Charlestown. The Property is approximately 6,126 square feet. This public offering is made available to all interested parties who have the ability to undertake the redevelopment and complete it without undue delay. The most advantageous proposal from a responsive and responsible proponent, taking into consideration price and other evaluation criteria set forth in this RFP, shall be recommended to the BPDA Board for Tentative Designation as the redeveloper of the Property. This RFP offers proponents an opportunity to submit proposals to redevelop the Property for the creation of a mixed-use development consisting of housing and commercial and / or retail space; any proposal must include the core and shell of space compatible for government or community use that shall be delivered to the BPDA at no cost. A disposition price of the higher of \$1,225,000 or \$200.00 per gross square foot developed, which is the appraised value, is being sought for the Property. The Property is being offered as is, without warranty of any kind, express or implied. If concerned about the Property's condition, legal or physical access and the maintenance thereof, property lines or boundaries or any other matter affecting the Property, prospective proponents should investigate and conduct whatever due diligence and inspection they deem necessary.

RFP availability: The RFP package will be available starting Wednesday, November 25, 2020 on the BPDA Procurement Portal at [www.bostonplans.org/work-with-us/procurement](http://www.bostonplans.org/work-with-us/procurement); if unable to access the RFP package through the BPDA Procurement Portal, contact Reay L. Pannesi, Senior Real Estate Development Officer, at (617) 918-6239 or via email to: [reay.l.pannesi@boston.gov](mailto:reay.l.pannesi@boston.gov) in order to make alternative arrangements.

Completed proposal applications must be submitted as instructed and returned directly to the attention of: Teresa Polhemus, BPDA Executive Director / Secretary, c/o Municipal Protective Services Desk, 12 Channel Street 1st Floor, South Boston, by Friday, April 23, 2020, no later than 12:00 PM. Late proposals will not be accepted.

Proposal submission fee: A Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000.00) submission fee is required, payable by certified/ treasurer/cashier check; made payable to the Boston Redevelopment Authority; and enclosed with the submitted proposal.

**For more information about this Request for Proposals contact Reay L. Pannesi, Senior Real Estate Development Officer, at (617) 918-6239 or via email to: [Reay.L.Pannesi@boston.gov](mailto:Reay.L.Pannesi@boston.gov)**

Brian Connolly, Chief Procurement Officer

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# ANNUAL HARVEST ON VINE THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION



Volunteer Trisha Butler fills bags with coffee for those in need.



Volunteer Pat Cohout was an expert at moving heavy boxes and getting things organized.



Volunteer Nancy Martinez, president of the Charlestown Residents Association (CRA).



Chris Breen of the BPDA and Chris Smith of Sen. Sal DiDomenico's office.



Colin Whitley breaks into another pallet of onions.



Councilor Lydia Edwards and State Rep. Dan Ryan were on potato duty.



Volunteers Ryan Walsh and Richard Johnson were ready to lend a helping hand.



Volunteer PJ Preskenis with Director Tom MacDonald.

## I WANT TO WISH ALL BOSTONIANS A HEALTHY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING.

While this year the holidays will look different than what we are used to and our gatherings will be smaller than usual, we are all still in this together. This has been a year that gives us a new perspective on gratitude, and I am more grateful than ever for this City's ability to come together even while keeping our distance in the battle against COVID-19. Today, let's all take time to honor the frontline workers who have fought to keep our City safe and moving forward through this pandemic. Let's show them thanks by wearing our masks, practicing social distancing, washing our hands, and getting tested. I know that if we stay vigilant this holiday season, we'll be able to fit all of our loved ones around the table at this time next year. I wish everyone a safe and healthy Thanksgiving, and I am thankful for our everyone who has kept Bostonians safe during this pandemic. Together, we will get through this stronger and more grateful than ever before.



# USS Constitution Museum honors first woman USAF Thunderbird Pilot, COL Nicole Malachowski

The USS Constitution Museum honored Colonel Nicole Malachowski (USAF, Ret.) at Salute to Service, a virtual Leadership Speakership Series Event, on Wednesday, November 18, in an online forum.

During her exemplary career, COL Malachowski broke barriers as a combat jet fighter pilot and the first woman USAF Thunderbird pilot, and now she serves as a speaker and advocate for veterans and patients suffering from Lyme disease and tick-borne illnesses.

“Colonel Malachowski’s life is full of inspiration, not just for her

achievements, but her resiliency in the face of challenges and her advocacy on behalf of veterans and those battling serious health issues,” said USS Constitution Museum President & CEO Anne Grimes Rand. “The USS Constitution Museum is proud to honor COL Malachowski and have the opportunity to share her stories with our community.”

The program included remarks from Ms. Rand, Museum Chairman Paul George, and an introduction from COL Malachowski’s friend and 74th Commanding Officer of USS Constitution, CDR Robert S.



TSgt Justin Pyle, USAF photo

First Woman USAF Thunderbird Pilot, COL Nicole Malachowski (USAF, Ret.).

Gerosa, Jr. (USN, Ret.).

This event was made possible by presenting sponsor Liberty Mutual Insurance, along with many generous companies and individuals, including Asurion, Cognizant, Commodore Builders, Eaton Vance, EY, MathWorks,

McKinsey & Company, TigerRisk, and Willis RE.

Colonel Nicole Malachowski is an inspiring veteran, advocate, and pioneer. She breaks barriers – as a combat jet fighter pilot, first woman Thunderbird pilot, White House fellow, and speaker. While

recovering from a debilitating tick-borne illness in 2017, she regained strength in Boston and regularly visited USS Constitution for inspiration. With indomitable spirit, she exemplifies leadership, resiliency, and determination.

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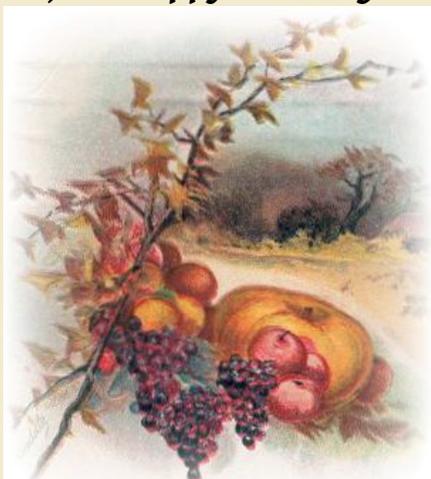
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# HarborWalk on Pier 6 to close during winter for repairs

By Seth Daniel

The owners of the Charlestown Marina reported they will be closing the HarborWalk on Pier 6 – between Piers 7 and 8 – beginning Dec. 7 for major repairs to the walkway.

Ann Lagasse of the Marina said they wanted to do the work in the winter and hopefully re-open with a brand new Boardwalk on April 1- of course contingent with what they find beneath the surface.

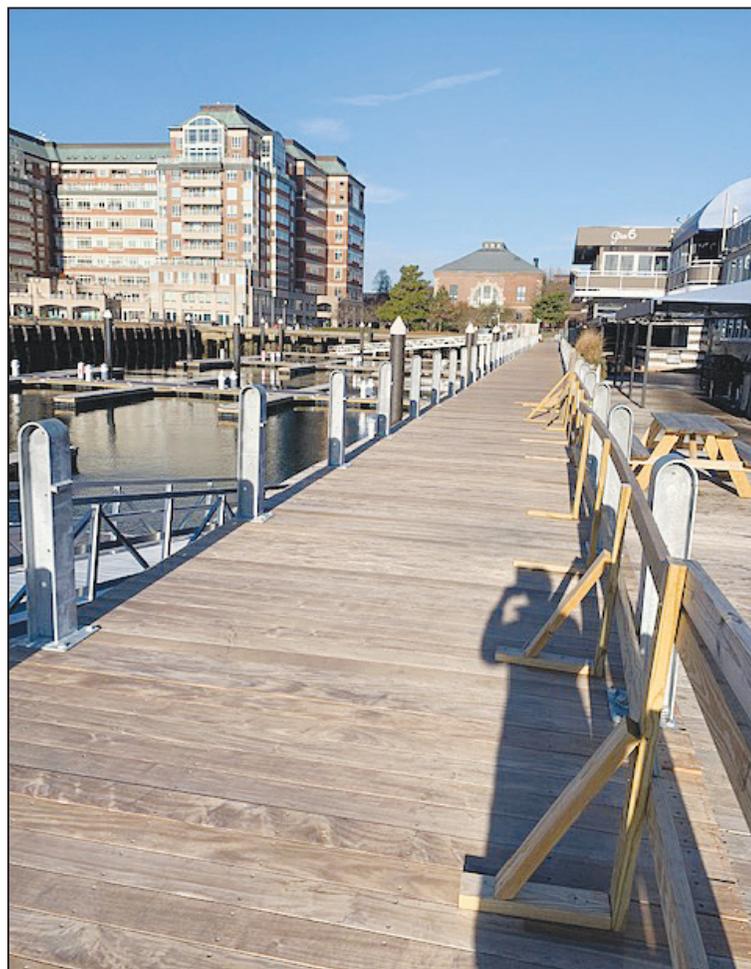
“Is it ideal to do it in the dead of winter? No,” said Lagasse. “But we know it’s so heavily used that we didn’t want to do this work at any other time. We’re going to rip it up and look at what’s going on under there...Part of the HarborWalk is over water and we don’t know what the underpinnings are going to look like.”

The HarborWalk on the south side of Pier 6 has been mostly completed, and Lagasse said the Pier 6 portion will look the same. While the goal was to have the new Pier 6 Marina project and HarborWalk done by late summer, supply issues and COVID-19 delays kept them from meeting that goal, she said.

Also, recently Pier 6 restaurant owner Charlie Lerner informed Lagasse that his restaurant will hibernate for the winter, re-opening in April. So, Pier 6 will also be closed during the winter to allow for a staging area to complete the HarborWalk construction.

There will be a detour around the construction taking pedestrians from Pier 7 to Pier 8 away from the waterfront. It is the first upgrade to this part of the HarborWalk in at least 40 years.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Marina Manager Chris Giroux at 617-242-2020. The marina office is open Mon- Sat 9am-5pm.



The finished product for the HarborWalk between Piers 7 and 8 will look much like the new HarborWalk on Pier 6.

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## ABCD kick off annual Fuel Assistance program in Charlestown with plea for additional funding

By John Lynds

With temperatures in Charlestown expected to dip into the 20s at night this week and not exceed 50 degrees for the next few days many residents and seniors will find it hard to pay their heating bill this winter.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused even more uncertainty in the neighborhood as job loss, food insecurity and loss of income has become more prevalent in recent months.

However, there's relief from paying those high New England heating costs for hundreds of low-income residents in the neighborhood.

At the beginning of November, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) kicked off the annual Fuel Assistance Program at ABCD's 55 Bunker Hill St. office and the John F. Kennedy Family Services Center at 23 Moulton St. in Charlestown and workers say that the program is in full swing and are encouraging residents to sign up.

ABCD administers the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for income-eligible residents in Boston, Brookline, Newton and seven communities north of Boston. Last year ABCD provided fuel assistance to more than 25,000 households.

According to ABCD President John Drew, this year the need for heating assistance is greater than ever as COVID-19 continues to take a huge toll on low-income neighborhoods and communi-

ties of color where long-standing health disparities make residents highly vulnerable to the virus

Drew said escalating unemployment has led to mounting distress as many make the decision to either buy food, heat their home or pay for necessary medications.

Drew said on November 5, the federal Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) released \$3.36 billion to fund LIHEAP nationwide. Massachusetts received \$123 million - up about \$9 million from last year. Federal CARES Act funding designated for fuel assistance increases the Massachusetts allocation to \$150 million.

Right now the maximum fuel assistance benefit is \$600 for Charlestown families, with benefits scheduled to be increased soon. Last year the maximum benefit was \$1,140.

"We thank our Congressional delegation for their tireless advocacy for fuel assistance and appreciate the work of HHS in getting the funds released as bitter cold descends on America's northern tier," said Drew. "With COVID-19 surging and no sign of Congress passing a second sweeping virus relief bill that would keep unemployed workers and small businesses afloat and make it possible for struggling families to survive, the elders and families served by ABCD face a desperate situation."

ABCD's Fuel Assistance Program opened for applications on November 1 and takes applications through April 30. There is a wide range of eligibility based on income and number of household members. The eligibility guide-

lines can be found at <https://www.masscap.org/eligibility-requirements-heating-assistance/>.

For example, Charlestown families living at or below the federal poverty level of \$26,200 for a family of four would receive the maximum fuel assistance benefit of \$600. A person living alone at or below the federal poverty level of \$12,760 would receive that same benefit.

But those with incomes above poverty level are also eligible.

Drew said years ago the state expanded eligibility levels in order to keep those slightly above poverty from slipping through the cracks. For example, under the current benefit levels, a family of four earning 60 percent of the state's median income or \$75,200 can receive \$430 in fuel assistance. A single person earning \$39,105 also receives \$430.

ABCD also offers qualifying families a comprehensive range of energy services to keep families warm, safe and healthy including repair and replacement of inoperable or highly inefficient heating systems, utility discounts, weatherization, programs to improve energy conservation, and much more.

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## Golden Age Center taking appointments for in-person assistance

Staff Report

Golden Age Center Director Meaghan Murray announced this week that she has been approved to take appointments for in-person assistance to senior citizens at the Main Street facility.

The appointments would be for one person at a time, and there will be no walk-ins allowed. All social distancing precautions will be taken and masks are required, Murray said.

The approval marks a milestone as the Center hasn't been able to have any programming or help seniors with issues since March. After asking recently to be able to help seniors in-person with paperwork, applications and other issues in the office, it was approved.

"Now I do have approval to have in-person advocacy by appointment," she said. "If someone needs to fill out an application, MassHealth paperwork, Medicare forms - any kind of the advocacy I used to do in person before we closed - I can now take in-person appointments to do now. That's kind of huge... We want people to know the Golden Age Center is still here for them."

One of the unheralded disasters of COVID-19 has been the isolation and loneliness for senior citizens who are trying to keep safe and staying at home for long periods of time. Murray said they haven't been able to do anything in person, and they have been trying to do things online for seniors. However, many don't have computer access or training to be able to get online for those resources.

That is exactly the issue with advocacy as well, she said.

"The advocacy piece is so important now," she said. "Now City Hall can be a challenge because so many departments are closed or by appointment only. Even getting a residential parking sticker is difficult to do... We have tried to do things over the phone with seniors, but it's nearly impossible to do over the phone. Most of the applications are based on personal information and you need signatures too."

Appointments can be made over the phone, and those coming in will have to participate in a brief screening and masks are required. There are no walk-ins, she reiterated.

To make an appointment, call (617) 635-5175.

# Nonprofit Fresh Truck in Charlestown on Thursdays

By John Lynds

Fresh Truck Program Coordinator Stephen James was motivated to help families take on personal challenges with the philosophy of starting each day with proper food access to live a healthy lifestyle.

In Charlestown and across Boston, James helps the Fresh Truck, which is in the neighborhood on Thursdays, connect with volunteers, customers, and many partners in the community.

James was at a community meeting recently to discuss Fresh Truck and promote it as another option for those facing food insecurity.

“We are a mobile market that is currently stocked with over 30 fruits and vegetables,” said James. “We are another resource for families like local farmers markets and grocery stores and my goal here tonight is to share this information and even if you are not food insecure you may know someone in the community that may be in need.”

James pointed out that food insecurity in Massachusetts has doubled from 8 percent to 16 percent due to the COVID-19 pandemic so the more food access options out there for families the better.

One program Fresh Truck participates in is the state’s Healthy



Fresh Truck is in Charlestown on Thursdays at 38 O’Reilly Way.

Incentives Program (HIP) for EBT/SNAP clients.

James explained that the HIP program helps families or individuals buy more fruits and vegetables for their household through an incentive program.

Residents can use their SNAP benefits to buy fruits and vegetables from a HIP authorized farm or vendor like Fresh Truck and they will receive \$1 for each dollar spent on eligible fruits and vegetables, up to a monthly limit.

“Any family or individual that has an EBT/SNAP card is already

enrolled in the program,” said James.

The Fresh Truck is at the Charlestown Boston Housing Authority at 38 O’Reilly Way on Thursdays from 2:30 pm-5:00 pm.

Fresh Truck was started by Josh Trautwein while he was working as a health educator at the MGH Charlestown Healthcare Center. He kept hearing from his families that it was difficult to shop for healthy food — at that time, the only grocery store in the neighborhood was shutting down for a year-long renovation. The health

center had no way of solving for the fact that patients didn’t have access to the food they needed to stay healthy. It was this experience that inspired Fresh Truck to rethink the traditional grocery store model, make it mobile and bring food closer to the people that need it the most.

In 2018, Fresh Truck expanded its efforts to address health disparities by developing Fresh Connect, a platform that makes it possible



Fresh Truck Program Coordinator Stephen James.

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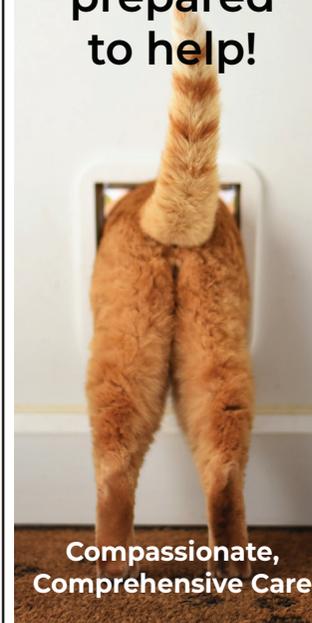
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We tell Elisabeth Marra’s story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don’t give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth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



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# Bunker Hill developers pledge \$1 million to fund future solutions

By Seth Daniel

In an effort to get things started without delays, the development team for the Bunker Hill redevelopment pledged \$1 million in two funds to help support non-profits, parks and to study future transportation solutions to mitigate the project in future years.

In the category of 'don't bite off more than you can chew,' the developers first pledged \$500,000 towards an Additional Transportation Study and Improvement Fund in order to identify other ways to mitigate potential traffic caused by the massive development – improvements that they said would take too long to hash out in further depth prior to Phase 1.

"We just don't have time to figure all these things out and not delay the start of the project," said Adelaide Grady, executive director of the Bunker Hill team.

That fund could potentially look at a coordinated, consolidated shuttle service to Community College T Station, pilot studies to improve peak service on the #92 and #93 MBTA bus routes, and a proposed Transit Signal Priority system at the City Square traffic lights. Other things could also be suggested to explore with the

money as well. That, however, would be a decision for another day, Grady said.

The other \$500,000 would come in the Community Benefits Fund, provided by the developers and handed over to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). That fund would be split in half, with 50 percent used for improvements to parks within one-quarter of a mile from the development – with Barry Field (The Oilies) identified as a potential target for the money. The other 50 percent would be for off-site public amenities – like the community center pool – and non-profits within a half-mile of the project.

"That's \$1 million together and it would be administered by the BPDA with the community and the BPDA deciding how it would be spent," said Grady. "We can be a part of that, but we don't have to be. The goal is to empower those who make these decisions and who are most impacted. It's just important we don't delay getting a shovel in the ground while we debate the merits of several worthy causes... This is all our cards on the table and this is what the project can support given the restrictions."

The pledge came at the Nov. 18 Impact Advisory Group (IAG) meeting, which was held online

by the BPDA. It was the fifth and final working meeting of the IAG, with a wrap up meeting scheduled for early December. The comment period has been extended to Dec. 1, and the developer hopes to get approvals soon that would allow the first two buildings in Phase 1 to start in the summer of 2021.

## COMMUNITY CENTER COULD COME SOONER

Another amenity to the community as part of the project includes a 14,000 sq. ft., \$7 million community center slated to be built in Phase 4. That Center would be within the development, but open to the entire community. It is funded through payments into a fund as units are brought online – which is why they have slated it to start construction in Phase 4. That, Grady said, is when they felt they would have enough money in the "kitty" to fund the Center.

"By Phase 4 we believe we'll be able to leverage that money that gets put into the kitty to construct that community center," she said.

Recently, however, there has been some major pushback by the Kennedy Center to get the Center constructed or programmed earlier in the process. The Kennedy Center said two weeks ago they believe they would be a great fit for the lead agency at the new

Center, and hoped the development team would designate them now to give some level of certainty to their organization. They have been operated out of temporary spaces for their social services and COVID responses due to COVID restrictions at the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) building they used for years. That building is slated to be demolished in a future phase, giving a level of uncertainty to the Kennedy Center about where they will operate that half of their services.

Grady said they would look to speed that up and put it into earlier phases, but made no promises.

"We are looking at ways to do that sooner," she said. "We've been looking at things with the CRA and BHA to try to find ways to finance it so we can do it sooner. It's a \$7 million contribution from the project."

In addition, the Center would have a set programmatic budget amounting to \$1.1 million per year in contributions from the project annual. Each unit contributes about \$420 per year for the duration of the 99 year lease, and that number does increase annually for cost of living increases.

"For 99 years, this is a significant investment going back into the community for this Community Center operations and programming," she said.

## SAVING THE TREES

Through strong advocacy from the community, in particular resident Johanna Hynes, scores of trees on the site will now be saved. Hynes and a number of residents were unhappy at several meetings about the lack of interest in saving

several mature trees on the Bunker Hill site.

The initial filing with state environmental regulators called for saving 12 trees on the site, and now they have looked more carefully and found ways of saving 81 trees. In particular, they will be able to save some quality trees on Medford Street.

"Because of your advocacy, we did look more closely at the trees here and were able to make a modification to the open space to preserve more trees than the previous plan allowed," said Grady.

Arborist Andrew Arbaugh said a study by Bartlett Tree Service showed 340 trees on the site, with 81 tagged for removal. Of those remaining, 109 were in good condition, and 133 in fair condition.

Of those 81 that were saved, much of that came through shifting open space in Building L on Medford Street from one side to the other. In doing so, an additional eight trees were saved.

"There are some major honey locusts and elms on that site," he said. "It's not just preserving more trees but we're getting better trees and it's one place we identified that can make a big difference."

Through the entire project, more than 500 trees will be planted and in a fashion that will allow them to grow to full health and maturity. That, however, will take 15 to 20 years for them to grow to maturity.

"Ultimately this urban forest will benefit from the care we've taken in planning here and that will allow them greater growth," said Grady.

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A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Candida M. McCarthy of Roslindale, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal

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**PROPOSALS** (from pg. 1)

BPDA. “We’re also really excited to have a conversation and get feedback. Before we get into our evaluation, we want to hear community feedback. That will be the purpose of this meeting.”

Quirk and Project Manager Morgan McDaniel said the BPDA would be approving a contract at its December meeting to go forward with the remediation and demolition of the Power Plant site – which has significant contamination issues. The BPDA will likely approve the \$5 million cleanup effort and start the job in December, with the goal of having it all removed this summer. That will clear the way for picking a preferred developer and starting the Article 80 public review. The hope is that by 2022 one of the projects would be able to break ground on construction.

Getting two good proposals is a victory, Quirk and McDaniel said, as they had put out an RFP in 2019 and got one applicant – which was later deemed not to have a good enough inclusion and diversity plan.

After the re-issue this year of the RFP, Power Plant came back with a better proposal and Vision submitted its first effort. Both have been deemed qualified.

Power House is a group made up of Conroy Development (Geoffrey Lewis and Louis Cabral), Bruner/Cott Architects, Lee Kennedy Construction and Dain-Torpy-LeRay-Wiest & Garner attorneys. They have done previous work in the Navy Yard and are proposing a 67,000 sq. ft. building with active uses at ground level and research and development in the space above – building on the research and development uses by Mass General nearby.

“Power House Partners’ proposal is heavily influenced by the presence of the existing uses in the Navy Yard, including Partner’s Healthcare and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital,” read their submission letter. “The pro-



A development group known as Power House Partners is proposing a research and development use for the Power House (Building 108) in the Navy Yard.

jected strong market demand for R&D and Lab space, in close proximity to the finest healthcare institutions in the world, strongly supports our proposed redevelopment use and program for the site.”

While housing has been popular in the Navy Yard, and needed in Charlestown, the development team said they were confident research and development was the right approach for this property.

“When making this decision, the Team took into account recent and nearby residential development such as Navy Yard 33, the Starboard at 45 First Avenue, and the Ropewalk; in addition to several recent developments and proposed projects in the Charlestown neighborhood,” read the filing. “Most significantly, the opportunity to acquire Building 107 from the National Park Service creates the opportunity for additional residential development to balance the commercial growth created by Building 108.”

The program would include 28,015 sq. ft. on the first floor with a restaurant/retail spaces occupying about 18,000 sq. ft. and 10,000 sq. ft. being used for research and development. The second floor (28,015 sq. ft.) and third and fourth floors (both 5,400

sq. ft.) would be fully research and development uses.

There is no parking associated with the proposal, but it is eligible to use the Building 199 garage.

The Vision Development (Robert Shaffer and Clayton Turnbull) proposal seeks a residential use and comes from the development team that is at the moment bringing the RopeWalk building, located next door, to the market for unique apartment rentals. By acquiring the building, they would be able to create a campus of residential uses and outdoor courtyard spaces as well – potentially also acquiring Building 107 from the National Parks Service and looping that in as well.

“Our proposal will not only meet but exceed where possible the BPDA’s stated development objectives and design guidelines for the Building 108 site through shared objectives, including promoting residential and commer-



The developers of the RopeWalk building next door to Building 108 are proposing 78 units of housing and an extensive outdoor courtyard campus in Building 108 to complement what they have already done.

cial activities compatible with the Charlestown Navy Yard and the waterfront; building for balanced growth along Boston’s shoreline; and creating public spaces and pathways that encourage an active and thoughtful connection between the Charlestown Neighborhood and the Boston Harbor.”

The Vision proposal looks to build a new apartment building abutting the RopeWalk that would have 78 units of housing, with 12 units being affordable. There would also be 5,200 sq. ft. of new ground floor commercial space, and 44 parking spaces on two levels.

The exterior plans, however, are the heart of the project for the public, though, the plan stated.

Outside, the Company will create a welcoming, beautiful, and visually interesting courtyard providing an attractive outdoor public pathway and activation space

that also serves as a connector to Building 107,” read the letter. “The public courtyard is envisioned to be a communal outdoor space for personal reflection, meeting neighbors or small activations such as art installations or outdoor exhibit space.”

The total development program consists of 120,494 sq. ft. of new space.

Both concepts will be premiered at the meeting on Dec. 3, and Quirk and McDaniel said one thing to note is that both developers came in with extensive diversity and inclusion plans that raised the bar.

“I think we’re excited to report that request and the message was received,” Quirk said.

Said McDaniel, “I think developers want to be committed to this ideal of diversity and inclusion and we needed only to be clear about our expectations for that.”

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# Stories from the Shipyard: USS Monadnock

By Mike Manning - Chair -  
Friends of the Boston Harborwalk

In terms of name recognition, the USS Monadnock is a lesser known vessel but represents a significant first at the Boston Navy Yard (in Charlestown). The Monadnock, named after the Abenaki word for "isolated mountain", was launched on March 23rd, 1863 and commissioned on October 4th, 1864. She was the first ironclad built in the Boston Navy Yard - but not the first ironclad built in Boston. That honor goes to the USS Nahant built a year earlier in South Boston.

Designed by John Lenthall of the US Navy's Design Bureau of Construction and Repair, the Monadnock was one of four Miantonomoh-class monitors commissioned by the US Navy

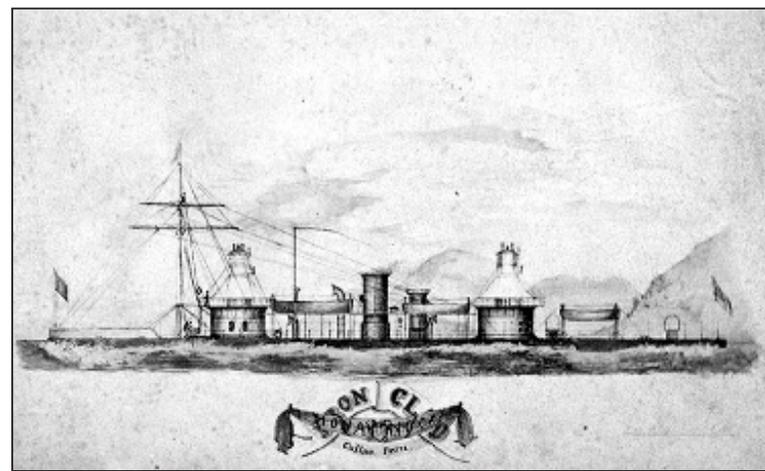
during the Civil War. These warships were named after the chief of the Narragansett - a native American tribe of New England. These were the only ironclads built in US Navy shipyards and not at privately-owned shipyards.

After the pivotal and industry-transforming battle of ironclads at Hampton Roads, Virginia in March 1862, shipyards were scrambling to build these new state-of-the-art warships. The Monadnock and her sister ships were constructed with wooden framing and hull, sheathed with 12- to 14-inch thick wooden planks, and armored with multiple layers of one-inch thick wrought-iron plates. Whereas previous models of ironclads were built with single turrets, this class of monitors had two - each turret housing two 15-inch caliber Dalgren cannon. The redundant propulsion system, designed to improve reliability and speed, powered each monitor with

twin 1,400 horsepower coal-fired steam engines. These engines were built by John Ericsson, the designer and builder of the US Navy's first ironclad, the USS Monitor.

After commissioning, the Monadnock steamed to her home base at Port Norfolk, Virginia as the port had been re-captured by Union forces in May 1862. In mid-December, she was assigned to the North Atlantic Blocking Squadron and steamed towards Fort Fisher - just south of Wilmington, North Carolina. The squadron consisted of a wide array of nearly 60 Union warships.

With Port Norfolk in Union hands, the port of Wilmington had become one of the most strategic ports for the Confederacy. British smuggling vessels called "blockage runners" brought shipments of munitions, armaments, clothing, textiles, and foodstuffs and were exchanged for cotton and tobacco. These vessels coming from British



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USS Monadnock

colonies, such as Bermuda or the Bahamas, were forced to avoid the Union naval blockade barring entry to all major southern ports.

On Christmas Eve, 1864, the Monadnock and other squadron vessels began shelling the fort. Unfortunately, the gunfire was ineffective as most shells flew

harmlessly over the fort and landed in the Cape Fear River. A landing of Union troops was equally unsuccessful. A second bombardment began on January 13th, 1865 and continued without interruption for two days. At this point, most of the fort's main cannon had been silenced. In a coordinated effort, Union forces landed at multiple points around the fort. In what may have been the largest amphibious assault by Union forces to that date, nearly 10,000 marines and troops came ashore, seized the fort, and accepted its surrender on the evening of the 15th. Fort Fisher's surrender in effect closed the port of Wilmington, the last port available to the Confederacy, for the remainder of the war. The South was now cut off from all global trade - its lifeline from the beginning of the conflict.

After her successful mission at Fort Fisher, the Monadnock was transferred to the South Atlantic Blocking Squadron and steamed to Charleston, South Carolina. The city surrendered a month after her arrival. Once the city was secured by Union forces, she took part in the final assault on the Confederate capital - Richmond, Virginia, which surrendered on April 3rd, 1865. In less than a year's service, the Monadnock had fought in three significant land-sea battles culminating in the capture of the heart of the Confederacy.

After her service in the Civil War, the Monadnock left Philadelphia on October 5th with the USS Vanderbilt, USS Tuscarora, and USS Powhatan. This was an incredible voyage since the ships' top speed was a paltry 10 knots. After stopping at various South America ports-of-call, the Monadnock maneuvered through the Strait of Magellan in March 1866 and continued northward to Valparaiso, Chile and finally Acapulco, Mexico.

## 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. Thanksgiving schedule applies this week.

\*Edwards Middle School - 28 Walker St.

\*Harvard/Kent Elementary - 50 Bunker Hill St.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS WORKING SESSION:** A working session on Dec. 1, 12:30 p.m., regarding an ordinance establishing a Civilian Review Board in Boston. This matter was sponsored by Councilors Andrea Campbell, Ricardo Arroyo, and Julia Mejia. It was referred to the Committee on July 29, 2020.

From the Dec. 1 Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, 2:30 p.m., online via Zoom:

- Review list of applicants to interview
- Interview applicants for one four-year term beginning on 1/4/21 and for the remainder of the term of Michael Loconto (term expires 12/31/21)
- Public comment
- Discuss candidates and interviews

From the Dec. 2 License Board Hearing, 1 p.m., online via Zoom ([HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/87184178172?pwd=Y2ZzVU1LYXhOU2JMS0JXk0TZWWDHUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87184178172?pwd=Y2ZzVU1LYXhOU2JMS0JXk0TZWWDHUT09)):

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**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS HEARING:** The Committee will hold a Dec. 3, 10 a.m., hearing for a special law re: Preference for Boston High School Graduates for the Position of Police Officers in the City of Boston. The Chair of the Committee is Councilor Lydia Edwards. The sponsor of the docket is Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

•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 side-

walks 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.

# NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

## Friends of the Navy Yard host virtual discussion with Jim Aloisi

Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard invites you join us on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 for a virtual talk with Jim Aloisi, former Massachusetts Secretary of Transportation, to discuss the current state of the MBTA, its proposed reduction in service, and thoughts on how the T can move forward beyond the pandemic. Jim is a Lecturer of Public Policy and Planning at MIT and a writer, transit advocate and strategic consultant. He played a central role in the creation of Boston's Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway. In addition to serving as Secretary of Transportation in the Administration of Governor Deval Patrick, Jim's public service includes service on the Boston Human Rights Commission, the Massachusetts Transportation Finance Commission, and the Massachusetts Port Authority Board. Jim is the author of

SHIPYARD (from pg. 14)

She arrived at her final destination, San Francisco, in early June 1866.

After her relatively short service life, the Monadnock was decommissioned on June 30th. She remained at the Mare Island Navy Yard, just north of San Francisco, and was regrettably allowed to deteriorate at her pier for the next eight years. At this point, she was beyond repair. The vessel's wooden framing and hull, not her layers of armor plating, set in motion her eventual demise. In 1874, the Monadnock was broken up just ten years after her initial commissioning.

However, on paper, the Monadnock remained on the active naval vessel register. A new vessel, of the same name, began to take shape at a shipyard in Vallejo, California, under the guise of "repairs" to the original vessel of 1863. The Navy Department evaded the Congressional refusal to order new ships by claiming that the Civil War-era ship was being repaired while building a new monitor of the same name. This subterfuge lasted throughout the building of the "new" Monadnock. She was launched in 1883 but languished through multiple construction starts and stops. This "new" Monadnock was eventually commissioned in 1896 and saw service in the Spanish-American War.

four books, including The Big Dig, The Vidal Lecture, and Massport at 60, and is a regular contributor to Commonwealth Magazine. He serves on the Board of TransitMatters, a Boston based transit advocacy group. You can purchase The Big Dig here <https://www.amazon.com/Big-Dig-Remembers-Robert-Allison/dp/1889833827>. For details on how to join the talk, email [friendscny1@gmail.com](mailto:friendscny1@gmail.com).

## "E" Inc Emporium – Cyber Monday Launch

On Cyber Monday, November 30th - "e" inc. EMPORIUM will be unveiling its fantastic holiday merchandise that includes many great new purveyors and a slew of hands-on activities, games, kits, etc.

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All the funds "e" inc. collects at the Emporium are used for its mission to teach children and youth the science driving the planet and the skills to make a difference. "e" inc. students have been helping the planet for over 15-years. Thanks to all of the new shoppers during our sale. Your gift shopping helps to support this local non-profit. Visit the "e" inc. Emporium online at: [www.einc-action.org](http://www.einc-action.org).

Click on the Science Emporium on the "e" inc. home page and you're there!

## Winter Clothing Drive

As temperatures drop, please help people in need. In Memory of John Collier, Sr., The Charlestown Coalition and Turn it Around are having a winter clothing drive. There will be a donation box at Monument Restaurant & Tavern, 251 Main St. until November 28th. Collecting:hats, scarves, gloves, socks, masks and toiletries. Please only make donations of brand new items.

## Free Fall Story and 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](http://tv.essemartstudio.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](http://essemartstudio.com) for more information!

## Charlestown Solidarity on Zoom

The 6th Charlestown Race and Equity Discussion will take place virtually on Zoom on Monday, November 30th at 5:30p.m. Join City Councilor Lydia Edwards, neighbors, youth and police for the continuing discussion on race, policing and equity in the neighborhood. For the zoomlink please email Gabriela Coletta, closer to the date at: [gabriela.coletta@boston.gov](mailto:gabriela.coletta@boston.gov).

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