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Mayor Martin Walsh poses with Charlestown Residents Alliance (CRA) officers Phil Rodgers, President Nancy Martinez, Tina Goodnow and Karla Wert in an April 2019 announcement about Bunker Hill. Martinez and the CRA say this week that their well-being has not been considered in recent discussions about saving trees.

Monument Diner proposal to go back to Licensing

By Seth Daniel

The proposal for Monument Diner on Bunker Hill Street was continued at the License Board on March 3 to continue speaking with the community, and is to be back before the Board on March 31, according to License Board officials.

The proposal had an online public airing late last month on Feb. 28, and was met with a good amount of support, but also some real concerns by neighbors about the 1 a.m. closing time and the addition of the all-alcohol restaurant license.

Proposing the venture are the owners of Monument Restaurant on Main Street, and their reputation and track record were cited numerous times at the meeting as proof that they would run the establishment responsibly.

Monument co-owner Jon Sweeney said the neighborhood has supported them well over the last four years, and especially

during COVID-19. That has given them confidence to try to create a new concept on Bunker Hill Street where the former Grasshopper Café was.

Sweeney said he lives two blocks from the site, and knows the area well.

“We know the location very well and we feel it’s an under-served part of the neighborhood,” he said. “We’ve heard a lot from people that they hope this remains a restaurant. So that’s our goal is to open a restaurant there in the spirit of the old location serving breakfast and lunch with the addition of dinner and the addition of a liquor license attached to it.”

Sweeney added that the liquor license is necessary to compete and stay in business, which is why it’s being added – and that they don’t intend to create a bar atmosphere or all-day drinking spot.

“We really need to have a liquor license there to compete,” he said. “Much like the Monument, this

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What about us?

Bunker Hill residents say they’ve been lost in the trees

By Seth Daniel

The old saying goes that one cannot see the forest for all the trees, and in the emerging tree discussion regarding the Bunker Hill Housing Re-Development, current public housing residents say they are the forest, and they’re concerns are being missed by advocates who want to slow down

the start of the re-development in favor of saving more existing trees.

The Charlestown Resident Alliance (CRA) Board and its president, Nancy Martinez, said this week that residents from outside the development are controlling the narrative about trees within Bunker Hill, and it’s coming at a cost to the low-income humans

that live within that very development.

In a word, they feel invisible, or erased, in favor of saving trees.

“What is clear is that the loudest voices in the room have been from people who do not live in the development,” said Martinez this week, on behalf of the Board.

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Lease terms

BPDA looks to delay discussions of rent increase for Marina watersheet

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) will request its Board to delay discussions of terms on a new lease with the Charlestown Marina for a large tract of watersheet that was to get a new lease this spring.

“BPDA staff recommends that Lease terms be amended to extend the market adjustment date to May 1, 2022 in recognition of the current economic instability,”

read the Board memo. “In the meantime, Charlestown Marina will continue to pay base rent of \$35,000. BPDA and Charlestown Marina will negotiate a new base rent for Board consideration by February 28, 2022. All other terms conditions of and the Lease will be unchanged.”

The Water Parcel D was a nearly 175,000 sq. ft. watersheet in the Navy Yard that has no direct access to land and is only accessible from the Charlestown Marina.

The first lease came in 2015 and came as an incentive to entice the Marina to redevelop Pier 6 and the infamous Shipyard Quarters that closed in 2014 in a hail of turmoil.

To incentivize the Marina to lease Parcel D for 45 years, and recognizing the huge up-front costs that were required to fix Pier 6, a flat fee of \$35,000 per year was granted for the first five lease years.

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33 YEARS OF SERVICE



Charlestown Community Service Officer Robert Luongo retired on February 19 after 33 years of service as a Boston Police Officer. “It has been a true honor working with Officer Luongo for the last 13 years, first as a colleague at A1 and then as a key stakeholder within the Charlestown Coalition. His dedication and commitment to community health and public safety was unparalleled. I have learned so much from him and truly appreciate his support, humor, friendship, and his tireless commitment to bettering the Charlestown Community. He will be greatly missed and we wish him all of the best as he enters into a well-earned retirement,” said Coalition Director Sarah Coughlin, who is pictured next to Luongo at the Bunker Hill Mall in 2019.

EDITORIAL

WHAT ARE THEY THINKING?

Patrick Henry, the fiery American patriot and orator during the American Revolution, famously said, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

However, Republican governors in some of our Southern and Midwestern states have, under the guise of "freedom," given that phrase during the current pandemic a 21st century twist:

"Give us liberty AND give us death!"

Ever since COVID-19 first was discovered, there have been a lot of unknowns about the disease and how it is transmitted. Scientists and medical professionals still are discovering new things about this bug and no doubt will continue to do so for years to come.

However, there is ONE thing about which there is now universal acceptance: Masking is THE most effective means we have for stopping the spread of this terrible disease.

Some Republican governors have refused to order public mask mandates for reasons that clearly are about politics and have nothing to do with the health and safety of their citizens.

They make the argument that they want to reopen their states because the economic benefits outweigh the potential negative health consequences. That, at least, is a debatable point.

However, the need to wear masks during a pandemic that features a virus that is spread by airborne particles from our noses and mouths is not debatable. More to the point, requiring citizens to wear masks is not inconsistent with "reopening" states' economies. A state can still allow all of its businesses to operate fully AND also require that everyone wear masks at all times.

President Joe Biden remarked that these governors, mostly notably Bill Abbott of Texas and Kristi Noem of South Dakota, are "neanderthal" in their thinking. Although the pundits quickly joked that Biden gave the Neanderthals (who became extinct, by the way) a bad name, it is no laughing matter that their dangerous policies will lead to entirely preventable deaths in their states, exposing front-line workers, first-responders, and healthcare providers to unnecessary risk of harm.

Ms. Noem's state of South Dakota for example, has the fifth-highest COVID death rate and second-highest infection rate among the 50 states.

Every state has speed limits, stop signs, and red lights on its highways. Every state requires every citizen to wear pants in public at all times. The suggestion that a mask mandate during a public health crisis represents an impingement on personal freedom is absurd on its face (no pun intended).

We are fortunate that in Massachusetts and surrounding states, masking at all times has been widely-accepted since the beginning of the pandemic. We have a governor and a public health infrastructure that have left no doubt about the need for everyone to wear masks while among others.

There may be a lot of unknowns about COVID-19, but the efficacy of wearing masks is not one of them.



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GUEST OP-ED

The Bunker Hill Monument: An appreciation

By David Lowe Cozad

I grew up in the suburbs of Portland, Oregon, which is about as far away from the Bunker Hill monument as one can get while still standing on American soil. As I assume may be the case with many born on the other coast of the country, my knowledge of Bunker Hill did not expand far beyond what was covered by my history teachers.

Since moving to Charlestown, I have become enamored with the monument that many have cherished for so long. My nightly walks around the grounds with my wife and dog led me to do some further research on the battle itself and the lasting impact it left. I recently read Nathaniel

Philbrick's book *Bunker Hill*, and my reading, well, it led me right back to that hill. Back to the granite obelisk at the heart of our town. Back to where it all began.

Coming off of a year that was often bleak for so many Americans, we should take comfort in the hope that the monument represents. If only those citizen-soldiers Philbrick writes about so eloquently could see Bunker Hill today. They would experience the chirping of birds, the panting of canines, the socializing of adults, and most importantly, the laughter of children. If only they could see the fruits of their sacrifice. They would see a community — where once there was a war. And that is something we should all take pride in and do our part to

ensure it endures.

Documentarian and fellow proud New Englander Ken Burns calls our national parks "America's best idea." Thanks to the numerous park rangers and volunteers who make it all possible, we can see first-hand every day in Charlestown why that statement rings true.

Even though our formal day of Bunker Hill appreciation is still a few months away — we can, and should, no matter the day, appreciate just how lucky we are to have this beautiful monument right in our own backyard.

David Lowe Cozad is a local writer. You can find his short stories, book reviews, and other works on his blog www.libraryeighty.com.

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GUEST OP-ED

Rollins in Support of H.R. 1280 – George Floyd Justice in Policing Act

By DA Rachael Rollins

America as a whole is just beginning to recognize what Black and brown people have known for generations – that law enforcement and the criminal legal system do not treat all people equally. As leaders and elected prosecutors work to create more just and equitable systems at the local level, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021 is working at the national level to do the same. This legislation is an important step toward addressing systemic racism and abuses as a country while striving to build greater trust in our criminal legal system and helping acknowledge our

nation’s painful origins and history of targeted harm and oppression. This bill improves the ability of individuals and communities to seek accountability for abuses of power and civil rights violations committed by members of law enforcement. It reinforces the core belief that those who serve in positions of authority should be held to a higher standard. The majority of the police officers and law enforcement partners that my staff and I work with everyday meet this high expectation. They represent their agencies and their badge with honor, exhibiting cultural competence and restraint in all of their encounters with community. This federal legislation takes steps to address the actions

of the outliers, those officers who display malice, hate, violence, and escalation in their encounters with poor, Black and brown communities. By acknowledging the systemic racism built into the very fabric of our criminal legal system and the law enforcement agencies that are entrusted to serve and protect every community, but often have tensions within diverse communities across the country, we have begun walking the long path to reconciliation and healing. I want to thank the Massachusetts congressional delegation for unanimously supporting this bill, and I urge the Senate to take swift action and send it to President Biden’s desk.

GUEST OP-ED

World Water Day 2021: Cleaner Rivers for Massachusetts

By Julia Blatt

As Massachusetts observes World Water Day this year, our state’s communities have particular reason to celebrate. The Massachusetts legislature recently enacted (and Governor Baker signed into law) a state sewage notification bill. This important new law has been a long time coming.

World Water Day falls on March 22nd of each year. Since it first became a United Nations Observance Day in 1993, World Water Day has served as a time to think about, and take action to address, the water crisis. In 2021, World Water Day focuses on the environmental, social and cultural value people place on water. The day provides Massachusetts residents an opportunity to consider the importance of clean water. Clean water is not something to take for granted.

On this year’s World Water Day, Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, the Voice of Massachusetts Rivers, is celebrating a major step the state has taken toward ensuring safer rivers. For years, Mass Rivers led advocacy efforts with many partners to pass a state law requiring sewer operators to establish a notification system. The goal was to let the public know when there is a sewage discharge into a public waterbody, so residents could avoid contaminated waters.

Fecal bacteria poses many public health threats, including ear

and eye infections, skin rashes, hepatitis, and inflammation of the intestines. Emerging research also suggests that fecal bacteria can spread COVID-19.

Many cities in the Northeast combine sewage and stormwater collection systems, a relic of long-ago urban engineering. These systems are designed to bypass wastewater treatment facilities if the volume of water is too much for the facilities to handle. For these aging systems, heavy rain sends a mixture of untreated sewage and stormwater into local waterways. Until now, there was no way for the public to know when these discharges occurred, leaving people downstream at risk of contact with contaminated waters.

In 2018, an especially large volume of sewage pollution was discharged into the Merrimack River. As a downstream community, Newburyport bore the brunt of all this sewage winding up in their waters.

The problems experienced in Newburyport, however, are not unique. Sewage discharges regularly harm water quality in our state. In Massachusetts, there are 181 combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfalls, and 24 CSO permittees. In a typical year, Massachusetts’ waterways receive almost 3 billion gallons of untreated and partially treated sewage mixed with stormwater from CSOs. These outfalls are concentrated in urban areas, like Fall River, Lawrence, and Lowell, making CSO pollution an

environmental justice issue, as the closest waterways to residents of urban neighborhoods may be contaminated without their knowing.

The Massachusetts sewage notification bill was filed during five consecutive legislative sessions. Finally, in the summer of 2020, the bill passed the Massachusetts House of Representatives unanimously, and was sent to the Senate, where it sat until the final hours of the legislative session in January 2021. In quick succession that night, the Senate voted to pass it, and the House agreed to Senate modifications, sending the bill to the Governor’s desk. Governor Baker signed the bill on January 12, 2021.

Raw and partially treated sewage should never be discharged into our waters. Public notification of sewage discharges is an important first step, and Mass Rivers hopes the new law will lead to a greater public willingness to invest in much needed water infrastructure, including separating these combined sewer systems. These are expensive projects, but these investments are critical to protecting our environment, public health and safety, and ensuring environmental justice and climate resiliency. On World Water Day 2021, Mass Rivers encourages all Massachusetts residents to pledge themselves to the goal of clean, safe water for all.

Julia Blatt is the Executive Director, Massachusetts Rivers Alliance.

BPDA (from pg. 1)

When that lease was signed, the BPDA and the Marina agreed to evaluate the market and look at the lease terms in May 2020. However, with COVID raging, everything changed. Because of those extraordinary circumstances, and not knowing what a true market will be on the other side of COVID, the BPDA is recommending a one-year reprieve on the new lease. Both parties have agreed to getting a consultant to set a new market rate early next year, and have something established by April 30, 2022. The new market rate for Water Parcel D would ideally be in place May 1, 2022.

The Board is expected to vote on the matter at the March 11 meeting.

•DOVETAIL RESTAURANT TO REQUEST OUTDOOR SEATING

The ownership of the new Dovetail Restaurant in the Navy Yard are requesting that the BPDA Board allow them to use 2,850 sq. ft. of land at Building 34 for seasonal outdoor seating with no fees.

Dovetail is owned and operated by the same folks that operate Brewer’s Fork in Hays Square, and it is the location of the former Navy Yard Bistro. The restaurant was approved for the outdoor seating program last year, and the approval expires on March 31.

They are looking to extend that until March 31, 2022.

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3*	2-bedroom	943 sq ft	30% of HH income	30% AMI	—
5	2-bedroom	943 sq ft	\$1,440**	50% AMI	—
21	2-bedroom	943 sq ft	\$1,728**	60% AMI	1
2*	3-bedroom	1197 sq ft	30% of HH income	30% AMI	—
1	3-bedroom	1197 sq ft	\$1,663**	50% AMI	—
2	3-bedroom	1197 sq ft	\$1,995**	60% AMI	—

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# of bedrooms	Minimum Income		HH size	Maximum Income	
	50% AMI	60% AMI		50% AMI	60% AMI
1-bedroom	\$29,120	\$34,944	1	\$44,800	\$53,760
			2	\$51,200	\$61,440
2-bedroom	\$33,280	\$39,936	3	\$57,600	\$69,120
			4	\$63,950	\$76,740
3-bedroom	\$37,440	\$44,928	5	\$69,100	\$82,920
			6	\$74,200	\$89,920

Minimum incomes do not apply to households with housing assistance (Section 8, MRVP, VASH).

Applications are available during the application period for 42 days, from Monday, March 22, 2021, to Sunday, May 2, 2021

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We will be holding 2 virtual informational meetings on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at 11 AM and Friday, April 16, 2021, at 3:30 PM through the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/98224484662?pwd=VlYrNFBBLlRlRjFVY2tpOUF0eUx0U09>

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Former Economic Development Chief John Barros announces campaign for Mayor

By Seth Daniel



Back to the race! John Barros once again pins his 'Barros for Mayor' button on his lapel March 4, shortly before announcing that he would be running again for mayor this year. In 2013, he ran in a crowded Mayoral Preliminary Election, but did not prevail to the General Election.

As the only person in the Boston mayoral race who has previously run for the office, former Walsh Administration Economic Development Chief John Barros announced on March 4 that he intended to make a run for mayor this year.

Barros is described as a community development leader, small business owner, and Boston's first Chief of Economic Development under Mayor Martin Walsh – a post he recently left to run for mayor full-time. A former community organizer and executive director of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI), Barros made the announcement at Restaurante Cesaria, the neighborhood restaurant in Dorchester he has owned and operated for the past two decades.

Barros ran for mayor in 2013, but lost out in the Preliminary Election, and then supported Walsh – later joining the administration as the Chief of Economic Development. He has been there the last seven years, but said he is ready to take what he learned

“I learned a lot in 2013,” he said. “It was a great race and a fun race. Not all candidates enjoyed it, but I enjoyed it. I enjoyed talking to people and being in living rooms and kitchens. As you know now we're going to have to start this race with less kitchens and less living rooms. The conversations on Zoom are already vibrant. The conversations on phones and we have been able to meet with people in rooms where we can socially-distance and be safe. I have a good understanding of where I have some traction in the city. I have a good understanding of how

to have good conversations with Bostonians, and I have had the pleasure to serve after 2013 as a City official...in City government. I'm ready to start this campaign, and more importantly I'm ready to lead the City of Boston.”

Barros appeared with his family that included four children – John Jr., Jeremiah, Casey and Olivia – and his wife, Tchiintcia. He was flanked by many supporters from the community and his family members, including his mother who is known as ‘Thaca.’

“As a father of four young children, the future of Boston means everything to me,” Barros said. “I've lived my entire life deeply rooted in our community as an activist, as a small business owner, and as a government official. As Boston's Chief of Economic

Development, I changed the way that City Hall plans for growth and development. We've made a lot of progress, and now is the time to take our work further.”

Focusing on his experience with development at DSNI and his role as Economic Development Chief of Boston, Barros seemed to begin to differentiate himself as the candidate who would best know how to bring the City back to life economically, equitably and socially.

“The next four years will be critical,” he said. “I have a plan to bring our city back to life in a safe way – in a more equitable way. We will confront racial injustice with honesty, courage, and compassion. We will make bold investments in community health, environmental justice, affordable housing and our children's education and well-being. I'm ready to meet this moment, and I know Boston is ready to meet this moment too.”

He did address a question from the media about policing, and said he had already had discussions with long-time police officers – particularly officers of color – who understood there needed to be change. However, he also added that his campaign will not be antagonistic to police.

“It's been clear in my conversations that the police understand there needs to be transformation,” he said. “In fact, we can and will work with police to continue to move. I'm excited to have worked with Mayor Walsh on the new changes instituted in government now...I'm excited about the recommendations that recently came out of the Task Force and look forward to implementing them as mayor. I am in fact ready to talk to police about how we shift duties and roles that will move the



Former City Economic Development Chief John Barros announced on March 4 that he is running for mayor of Boston – the only current candidate that has previously run for the seat. He made the announcement with his wife, Tchiintcia, and his four children.

budget around...I look forward to that conversation with police and not because I'm going to create a campaign to fight police. It's because I'm going to work with the police officers and leadership that get it and is ready to have hard conversations about the transformations we're ready to do.”

As yet another person of color in the race, and the only Black man so far in the race, Barros said he believed the City was ready for that kind of change – that being electing the first person of color to be mayor.

“Boston is ready for diversity and Boston is ready for a candidate of color,” he said. “Boston is ready for a Black man like me to be mayor. You can feel it talking to people. People have called me and asked me questions about how to unite the city, how we raise our diversity...When I went around the City (the last seven years), peo-

ple didn't say to me that I wasn't welcome here. People embraced me and they didn't embrace me in an anonymous way. They embraced my diversity. We talked about race, my background, about me being an immigrant, and they wanted to talk about that. We have been talking race in Boston awhile.”

A lifelong resident of Boston, Barros' parents emigrated from Cabo Verde to Boston, where he attended both public and Catholic schools. At age 14, he became a community organizer with the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI), the Roxbury and Dorchester-based community land trust. In 1991, he was the first youth elected to the DSNI Board of Directors.

John later served as executive director of DSNI/DNI, the largest urban community land trust in

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Councilor Edwards holds hearing on updates to linkage

Staff Report

Councilor Lydia Edwards, Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, will chair a hearing discussing changes to the zoning code that amend Boston's outdated linkage policy and formula. The docket was referred to the Committee on January 27, 2021, and a hearing was held on March 4, where public comment was taken.

In January 2021, Governor Charlie Baker signed a home rule petition allowing Boston to adjust linkage to be more closely aligned with the current market, and creates additional opportunities for the creation of affordable housing and job training. The legislation specifically allows Boston to develop linkage exaction and threshold adjustments.



Councilor Lydia Edwards.

Moving quickly to take advantage of this new authority, Councilor Edwards introduced these amendments to define and codify inclusionary development into zoning code and adjust it on an annual basis based on the Combined Index (CPI). In addition,

developers of large projects within a Planned Development Area would be required to pay the updated linkage fees or an equivalent amount in public benefits if amending their projects in the future.

"This is the autonomy we fought for in Boston" said Councilor Edwards. "These zoning amendments will ensure that our City has a codified definition of inclusionary development and allow for regular updates tied to inflation. They will close loopholes that cost the City millions in affordable housing and job training money and require developers to meet future rates of the linkage every time they change their projects. I look forward to working with administration officials from the Department of Neighborhood Development, the Boston Planning and Economic Development during

Thursday's hearing."

Specific actions of the proposed text amendment include the following: adds a definition of Inclusionary Development mirrored in the original home rule petition; adds an "Interim Applicability of Inclusionary Development Policy" for enforcement during a transition period; codifies the rate of inflation by tying linkage to a Combined Index (CPI), a measure currently in the home rule petition but not in zoning; provides legal safety precautions for enforcement placing the responsibility on the BPDA to update; lastly, requires a linkage update to any PDA amendment "effective in the year of the proposed amendment, or shall determine an equivalent public benefit in exchange for further zoning relief".

The Boston Linkage Program was created in 1986 to leverage

funding for affordable housing and workforce training through payments from large-scale commercial real estate development and is part of Inclusionary Development. Previously, BPDA was only allowed to adjust linkages every three years based on inflation, and the rate prior to February 2021 was \$10.81 per square foot, of which \$9.03 went to affordable housing and \$1.78 went to labor development. Now the rate is \$15.39 per square foot, of which \$13.00 will be dedicated to affordable housing and \$2.39 will be dedicated to workforce training. To qualify for BPDA housing opportunities, renters must fall under the 70% AMI (\$66,650 for a household of two) and homeowners must fall under the 100% AMI threshold (\$95,200 for a household of two) as of 2020.

Boston dog licensing deadline is March 31

Staff Report

With a current increase in dog adoptions during the COVID-19 quarantine, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Animal Care and Control Division is reminding city dog owners that the annual deadline for licensing their pets is March 31. All dogs in Boston require a new license each year.

"A license is your dog's fastest ticket home if they become lost, and it's the law," notes Animal Care and Control Director Alexis Trzcinski. "A dog license is like an ID for your pet. If they ever get lost, the chances of you being reunited are much higher with a license."

In preparation for the 2021 licensing deadline, the Animal Care & Control Division analyzed licensing data from last year to reveal the most popular dog names of 2020. The top five dog names registered in Boston were Luna, Bella, Charlie, Lucy, and Lola. Rounding out the bottom of the top 25 were Buddy, Riley, Finn, Coco, and Winston.

All dog owners must license their dogs by Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Dogs must be licensed if they are older than six months. Owners must provide a copy of

their dog's current rabies certificate and proof of spaying or neutering. For an in-depth guide on dog licensing, including a link to license your dog online, visit Animal Care & Control's how-to article.

The fees for licensing your dog are \$15 for a neutered male or spayed female or \$30 for an intact male or female. Dog owners who pay online with a credit card will be subject to a 2.7 percent service fee (the minimum service fee is \$1.00). License applications may also be picked up in person or requested by mail; walk-in and mailed payments are accepted via check or money order.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health emergency, Animal Care and Control office hours are limited; please contact the office ahead of your visit. Whether you provide your information and payment online, by mail, or in person, your dog's license will be mailed to you.

If you are renewing a dog license, you will need to provide your dog's license number. The dog licensing fee is waived for service animals and residents age 70 and older. Owners must also pay any outstanding Animal Care and Control fines. The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$50. Please call (617) 635-534 or email ani-

malcontrol@boston.gov with any questions about the licensing process or to update your information in the database.

For current social distancing guidelines in City of Boston parks, please visit www.Boston.gov/coronavirus.

Top 25 Dog Names Of 2020

Based on City of Boston 2020 Licensing Data

1. LUNA
2. BELLA
3. CHARLIE
4. LUCY
5. LOLA
6. DAISY
7. BAILEY
8. COOPER
9. MAX
10. PENNY
11. OLIVER
12. TEDDY
13. MAGGIE
14. STELLA
15. OLLIE
16. MOLLY
17. LILY
18. SCOUT
19. ROCKY
20. MILO
21. BUDDY
22. RILEY
23. FINN
24. COCO
25. WINSTON



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# of Units	# of Bedrooms	Rent	Maximum Income Limit (by AMI)
2	1-Bedroom	\$1,267	70%
1	2-Bedroom	\$1,492	70%

Minimum Income Limits (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + AMI)

Maximum Income Limits (set by the BPDA + based on household size + AMI)

# of Bedrooms	Minimum Yearly Income***	Household size	70% AMI
1-Bedroom	\$45,612	1	\$58,350
		2	\$66,650
		3	\$75,000
2-Bedroom	\$53,712	4	\$83,300
		5	\$90,000
		6	\$96,650

*** Minimum incomes do not apply to households receiving housing assistance such as Section 8, VASH, or MRVP.

Maximum Asset Limits (70% AMI)
\$75,000

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Bunker Hill Housing Development readies for Phase 1 with boarded-up windows, relocations

By Seth Daniel

Boarded-up windows usually mean blight or neglect, but in the case of the Bunker Hill Housing Development, several boarded-up public housing buildings means the first movement towards the beginning of the long-discussed Bunker Hill Redevelopment project.

The first floors of six public housing buildings slated for demolition in Phase 1 have been boarded up or are in the process of being boarded up this week. Meanwhile, more than 100 families have been relocated within the development or off-site as they await a return

following the 24-month construction process for the first two buildings.

“It absolutely does mean we are moving ahead and it is a milestone and it’s very exciting,” said Lydia Agro, of the Boston Housing Authority (BHA). “It means we’re moving and preparing and we’ve moved the households and are working with the developer and the CRA (Charlestown Residents Alliance) to start construction as soon as possible.”

Agro said more than 100 households have been relocated on-site or off-site to prepare the buildings for demolition within Phase 1 – which will start behind

and beside the Kennedy Center in Hays Square. Agro said it is common during a BHA redevelopment to board up the first floor windows for security after residents have vacated the premises.

Already, the BHA has recently relocated 99 households and are working with six additional households that need to be relocated before anything starts. Of those 99, some 55 were relocated on-site in the Charlestown development, while 44 were relocated off-site to other BHA properties.

Agro said it was important to note that of the 44 that are off-site, some chose to move off-site by choice or the BHA was unable

to provide them with a unit that had the necessary bedroom sizes to accommodate their families.

A handful of families were also relocated earlier in the process due to a fire in the development, and also some building code issues.

Adding them all up, that makes

117 families that have been relocated for various reasons, both on-site and off-site.

All 117 families will be eligible to return if they wish when the new buildings are completed as part of Phase 1A and 1B.

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would be food focused and family friendly...We can't do what was there before, a quiet place that closes at 2 p.m. We need to serve dinner and to serve dinner and compete we need a liquor license. The concept we've chosen is probably the least threatening we could choose...This isn't going to be a place where buddies go down and watch the Pats play and drink beers.”

The renovations would be minimal, though they would remodel to their brand and open up the kitchen. Also, they would create a small bar – 10 feet long - where the cashier area was at the Grasshopper where people could eat and drink. It would have 74 seats and 14 standing spots for its capacity.

Neighbors Liz Whiteley and Tim O'Brien had issues with the hours and the liquor license, saying it could cause disruptions that weren't there in the past when Grasshopper closed at 2 p.m.

“I am concerned about the All-Alcohol license and the 1 a.m. operating hours and the impact those operating hours could have on direct abutters and close abutters,” said Whiteley.

Added O'Brien, “The hours could have a negative effect...All it takes is a small group for a neighborhood like this to create a big disruption.”

Neighbor Richard McCarthy was also concerned about late

hours.

“If it's a restaurant versus a bar it would be much better if the hours were adjusted during the week when you're not likely to have as much business and then Friday and Saturday maybe stay open until 11 p.m. or midnight,” he said.

However, just as many folks were excited about the proposition and gave full support and confidence to the local ownership.

“I would lend my full support to for this license,” said Steve Lakus. “We've had a restaurant in that space awhile...I've seen this group be successful elsewhere in Town. I think it's something we're really missing on Bunker Hill Street. I think the street has stayed a little too much residential in the last 15 or 20 years.”

Shannon Fabiano said Bunker Hill Street used to be much more commercial when she was younger, and keeping the restaurant in this space would be vital to giving some life to Bunker Hill Street.

“When I was growing up here, there were 10s of businesses down there,” she said. “To say it's residential, then what is Main Street? There are lots of residences on Main Street. You have the whole Mishawam Development there, some 500 kids in there. I get the neighborhood concern and I appreciate everyone's outlook, but I think it would totally revitalize this half of the Town.”

New development on Charlestown line

By Seth Daniel

With all eyes regarding development on the Sullivan Square area right now, one project that will impact Charlestown – but is only slightly in the Town – has been approved and will be ready for construction in about 12 months.

Criterion Development, of Waltham and Dallas, permitted with the City of Somerville a major development on Cambridge Street in the Lost Village recently. That development will remake an entire half of a block, including reimagining the Somerville City Club, building out 205 residential units and eventually building a hotel on the Charlestown side of the property.

The L-shaped development tract was a little off the radar in Charlestown due to the fact that

most of it lies in Somerville along the Inner Belt Road and across the street from the Somerville Holiday Inn – meaning that permits and processes were run out of Somerville City Hall and not Boston.

Jack Englert, of Criterion's Waltham office, said they have permitted 205 units of housing and they will be rebuilding the Somerville City Club within the development. It will be reinvented as a pub or some other entertainment hub. The City Club is well known to those in the Town for frequently hosting Charlestown-themed boxing nights, as well as other functions over the years.

Englert said they typically build luxury units, so this development will include a full array of amenity space, with some modifications to that program due to COVID-19 lifestyle changes.

One piece of property that is in Charlestown – and was purchased late last year from Paradigm Properties (which has owned industrial and research/development properties on Roland Street since 2012) - will one day host a full-service hotel. It will be located on the corner of Washington Street/Cambridge Street and Inner Belt.

“That plan is out there when the industry comes back,” he said.

The plan is for one building, five stories tall that would include 400 spaces of parking to be shared between three uses – including an office space for Paradigm, the City Club and the residences.

“We should be delivering our first units in 24 months from now,” Englert said. “It could be a little less time. You'll start to see some major activity there in about 12 months.”

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must go and I must bide!*

*But come you back, when
summer's in the meadow,
Or when the valley's hush
and white with snow!
Then I'll be there in sun-
shine or in shadow,
Oh Danny Boy, Oh Danny
Boy, I love you so!*

*And if you come, when all
the flowers are dying
And I am dead, as dead!
well may be*

*You'll come and find the
place where I am lying
And kneel and say an
'Ave' there for me.*

*And I shall hear, tho' soft
you tread above me
And all my dreams will
warm and sweeter be
If you'll not fail to tell me
that you love me
I simply sleep in peace
until you come to me.*

*Oh Danny Boy, Oh Danny
Boy, I love you so!*

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz endorses Jon Santiago for Mayor of Boston

Just over a week after Jon Santiago launched his campaign, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz from the North End has endorsed Jon Santiago for Mayor of Boston.

"I am proud to endorse Jon Santiago for Mayor of Boston. Our city stands on the precipice of a new era of leadership and I know Jon's experience as a doctor, a veteran, a Peace Corps volunteer, and as a state representative make him the most qualified to lead us into that new era," said Representative Michlewitz. "He will help us recover as a city and

region."

Michlewitz represents the Third Suffolk District, which comprises the neighborhoods of the North End, Waterfront, Chinatown, South End, Downtown, Leather District, Bay Village, and portions of the West End, Beacon Hill and the Back Bay. In 2019, he was named Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee and continues to hold that post. Born and raised in the North End, Rep. Michlewitz and Santiago have delivered for Boston neighborhoods on a variety of legislative initiatives including COVID-19

relief, landmark education reform, transportation investments, and the expansion of affordable housing.

"Having worked with Chairman Michlewitz on Beacon Hill to deliver urgently needed results for our city and state, I've seen firsthand how much he cares about our city and expanding opportunity for all," Santiago said. "I am humbled to receive his endorsement and look forward to working with him and community leaders throughout Boston to bring our city back stronger than ever."

Jon Santiago is currently serving his second term as the State Representative for the 9th Suffolk District representing the South End, Roxbury, Back Bay, and Fenway neighborhoods of Boston. He is an emergency room physician employed at Boston Medical Center, the city's safety net hospital. He serves as a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and has deployed overseas. Prior to these experiences, Santiago served as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic. He lives in the South End with his wife, Alexandra.



Jon Santiago.

After being cancelled in 2020, there will be a cautious St. Patrick's Day at Warren Tavern

By Seth Daniel

St. Patrick's Day in Charlestown is a day where the best of the Town comes out and the large Irish American population celebrates to the fullest – and most of the time that means raising a pint of Guinness at the Warren Tavern, which hosts a large St. Pat's Party every year.

Last year, however, rosy cheeks had turned to worried looks, and the doors of the Tavern on St. Patrick's Day – like the rest of the city – were closed and the City was just delving into the first weeks of the COVID-19 lockdown.

Those sad times one year ago will hopefully be replaced this year with a modified and moderate celebration at the Tavern where there can still be a toast to the old sod from the table – but not the usual singing, dancing and cavorting around the dining room.

"We are thrilled to have something, but we are working with the

hand we've been dealt," said Kim Mahony, of the Warren Tavern. "We're going to have corned beef, Irish music playing and Guinness flowing and everyone being seated and following the mandates and protocols. I think we can accept that. I certainly know our patrons have been wonderful at following the rules...As long as everyone stays seated and follows the rules, we're going to have a good time."

Mahoney added that there will be a recorded broadcast of Irish step dancing from the Goulding School in Medford, and they will play that throughout the week. The kick off to St. Patrick's Day will take place on Sunday, with the actual day on Wednesday, March 17.

It is in stark contrast to the cancellation altogether of St. Patrick's Day last year. Mahoney said instead of joy and laughter, the Tavern was closed and people were worried.

"It was sad," she said. "The last

day we were open was the day that would have been the South Boston parade – the Sunday before St. Patrick's Day. It's a day I'll never forget. It was eerie. The bars in South Boston were shut down. We as a staff started to think about how we would be safe and our customers too. Without having St. Patrick's Day, it was a huge loss. It's one of the biggest times for the Tavern. There was just nothing right about it. St. Patrick's Day at the Warren Tavern is a day Charlestown shines."

She said the annual mixture of long-time residents, and new residents learning of the deep Irish culture in the Town, have made it a special time of year. With all of that gone for a year, it was a huge void that they hope to fill with caution this year.

"We're going to try to get some remnant of that back this year," she said. "At least we can be together this year and celebrate the best we can."

Turn It Around youth group connects with senior citizens

Staff Report

During the month of February, Turn It Around (TIA) youth participated in the Aging Adult and Youth Mentor Pilot Program and made their initial phone calls with their senior mentors within the community.

Under the guidance of Meaghan Murray, director of the Charlestown Golden Age Senior Center, TIA youth are developing interpersonal and conversational skills to connect

with their mentors in an impactful way. When checking-in with the youth about their calls, many were enthusiastic to share how interesting their mentor is and how good it feels being able to bring joy to their day.

To expand the Aging Adult and Youth Mentor Pilot Program, Turn It Around has applied for additional funding through the Bunker Hill Associates grant process. "Our goal is to connect more youth with older mentors on a bi-weekly basis either by video or audio calls," read a statement from the

Charlestown Coalition. "We hope to collaborate on fun socially-distant projects, play virtual games, and develop a genuine interest in the well-being of one another."

The young people participating said that the notion one generation cannot understand the other is not necessarily true. They said each generation has much to learn from the other, and they simply need the opportunity to do so. By offering social connection during the programs, they said they hope both groups will help form a greater sense of community.

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Wu for Mayor holds virtual house party last weekend

By Seth Daniel

The mayoral campaigns may not be quite as visible as in a non-COVID environment, but they are every bit as busy and Councilor Michelle Wu's mayoral campaign showed that last weekend with an issue-heavy virtual house party on March 6.

Wu and her key supporters in Charlestown, as well as those interested in her campaign, joined her for a Zoom meeting in the afternoon and discussed everything from COVID recovery to schools to City government philosophy – but especially the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

Wu began the meeting with her back story of coming to Boston with her mother, who had suffered a mental health crisis, and her two

younger sisters. Starting a business here, going to college and raising her two sisters, she found out a lot about City government, resources and the trappings of so many systems in place.

She now lives in Roslindale with her husband and two sons, and said running for mayor was the last thing anyone would have predicted for her future.

"Everyone in my friends group in college would have said I was the last person they expected to run for office, and that would have included me also," she laughed. "This is something I never, ever thought I would be doing when I was growing up."

She also identified three priorities for Day 1 if she were elected, and they included:

- Keeping families in the city.
- Closing the racial wealth gap.

• Democratizing city processes in every community.

For the Charlestown virtual campaign party, development was heavy on the agenda, and it was a chance for Wu to expound on her call to phase out the BPDA and institute master planning.

"The problem with the BPDA is it allows the City of Boston to run a permitting system that is the most complicated, opaque and most unpredictable system in the country," she said. "It is that way because we have not been doing citywide master planning. I know there's been an effort led by Lydia Edwards and community activists to make sure Charlestown has a master plan because we have not even had a neighborhood-wide plan in most of the City. The last time the City of Boston did a full Master Plan that was incorporated into zoning...was 1965. Since then changes happened in corridors or pockets or this neighborhood or that haven't fit together. It's meant that not only are we not solving the problems that development should be helping us solve...but we're making them worse because we're looking at them on a one-by-one basis."

She said she is for setting zoning rules with specific neighborhood master plans that consider everything together – such as the overall traffic impacts and school seating needs that come with more development.

She said she envisions a system where there wouldn't have to be public meetings for every development, and no need to have the "negotiations" that take place between the developer and the community on every building project. With a set of rules that aren't given exceptions so often, developers would build what the community has already approved.

"If you ask any developer they would rather know what the rules

are and they would build to the rules and then it's a streamlined process to just get stamped that you built it right and structurally sound rather than a two-plus year negotiation in a protracted battle that ends up who knows where," she said. "In that battle not everyone necessarily is trusting of everyone else. Neighbors know that the only way to get anywhere is to go in and oppose. Developers know they will get opposition and they propose twice as high and settle somewhere in the middle. That's no way to run a planning process. We need to get to a point where we won't have community feedback on every single parcel and we won't have a community meeting on every development."

She said she envisions a building environment that doesn't require the BPDA or the Zoning Board every time someone wants to pick up a hammer.

"Right now the vast majority of projects get a handful or more of exceptions," she said. "They all go through the ZBA or bypass the ZBA with some special new spot zoning from the BPDA."

In Charlestown, she said any master planning process would have to focus on climate resiliency and the waterfront. Taking into account sea level rise and storm surges would be a major part of master planning at the neighborhood level in Charlestown, East Boston and the North End, she said.

She also said she has been tagged as anti-development, but in fact she is for re-imagining how development is done. That includes a heavy dose of climate resiliency, planning for infrastructure such as transportation/transit, and building more workforce housing and less luxury.

One high point of the discussion also was about her plan to make parts of the transit system

in Boston free. She said she has "crunched the numbers" and it will work, starting with the bus lines.

"We can start immediately with the bus routes," she said. "The bus routes can be adjusted on their route. We don't need to pay to lay new track. We can adjust routes and add vehicles to the system and make sure buses running are going faster...Mayors can have a huge influence in doing this."

She said a one-cent increase on the gas tax would fund free bus service in the MBTA, and a two-cent increase would fund it statewide. She said the gas tax has not increased in Massachusetts for 15 years.

In all, she said she would have a philosophy of government that would look at possibilities, pilots and innovation – rather than a philosophy that looks to the probability of failure on policy.

"We need to move from probability government to possibility government where you're experimenting with and piloting lots of different things, some of which will definitely fail, but some of which will have to chance to make a big difference," she said. "I think we could have seen that with school re-opening...We should have started much earlier and said let's test and see what it would cost to have some outdoor tent classrooms and have some classrooms in shutdown hockey rinks where the desks could be spaced far apart. There were universities that were vacant. Then by the time the school year got to where it needed to go indoors, we know what works and how to scale that up. That's the approach I want to bring to City government. We do have resource constraints, but we have a whole lot not lining up and coordinating because we've been afraid of that kind of innovation."



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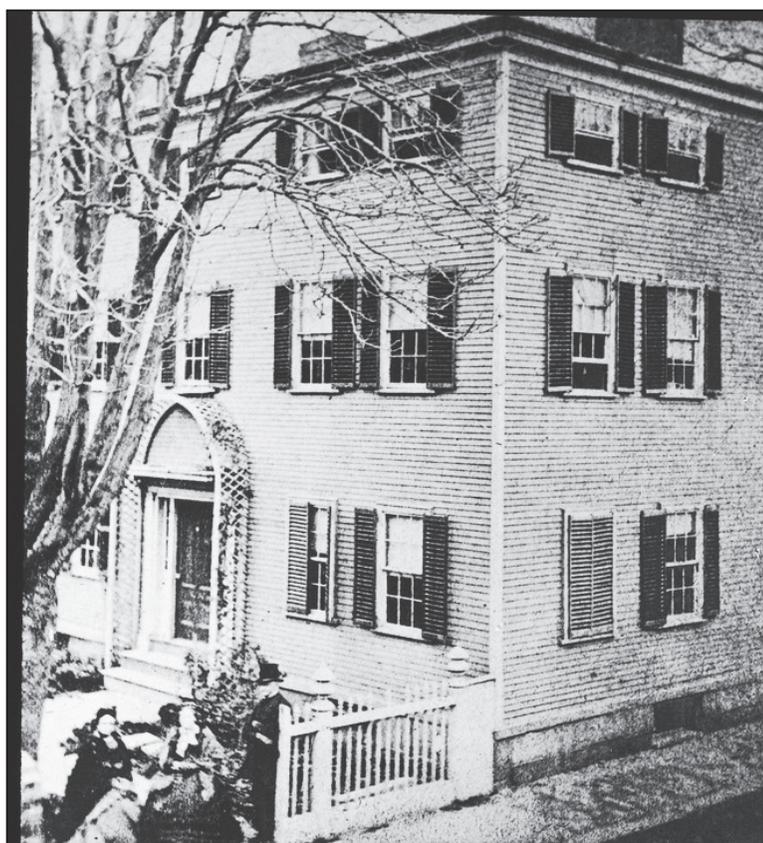
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Lost Charlestown: 2 Eden Street

By Nancy Hayford Kueny

This was the Richard Frothingham House at 2 Eden Street, an early 19th C. Federal mansion that was located at the corner of Eden Street and Main Street with the front facade facing Main. Richard's ancestor William Frothingham was part of Governor Winthrop's company who arrived in Charlestown in 1630. The Frothingham family were prominent residents of Charlestown. The property was a large estate with a stable and the carriage sheds of Richard's business behind the house, further up Eden Street. Many of the Frothinghams were carriage and coach makers as early as 1740, and Richard Frothingham's yard on Eden Street was a busy place producing everything from hand carts to stage coaches. There were lush gardens and fruit trees on the estate as well. The Frothingham estate is clearly marked on Peter Tuft's 1818 Plan of the Charlestown Peninsula. At the time this house was built, the Middlesex Canal property would have been across the Street, as was the Mill Pond which was the southern terminus of the canal.



2 Eden Street | Richard Frothingham house.

This neighborhood was referred to as the Mill Village. The history of the Middlesex Canal, which oper-

ated from 1803 to 1853, was covered in my article published in the Charlestown Patriot in April 2019.



Eden Street today.

The Frothingham estate extended almost to Bunker Hill Street and the house stood on the southwest-

ern end of what is currently the Eden Street Playground. Photo by Wolcott Cutler. Courtesy BPL.

Gretchen Manning named CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities of New England

Staff Report

Paula Wright, President of the Board of Directors of Ronald McDonald House Charities of New England (RMHCNE), announced the appointment of Gretchen E. Manning as the organization's new Chief Executive Officer.

Manning, who has held executive cabinet-level positions in government and higher education is an accomplished leader with a demonstrated track record in strategic planning, resource development, program implementation and emergency management. Most recently, she served as Deputy Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges (MACC). She has also served as a relief volunteer for RMHCNE for the past three years and brings a unique perspective to the position in addition to her experience and background.

"Gretchen is a respected community leader and throughout her career she has shown strategic vision helping each organization she has worked with rise to the next level," said Wright. "Her leadership skills coupled with her passion for our mission, make

her uniquely well-suited for the role of Chief Executive Officer of RMHCNE. We are fortunate to have someone with Gretchen's vision and breadth of background lead Ronald McDonald House Charities of New England forward."

Under Manning's leadership MACC sought and received more than \$40-million in federal grants to expand workforce development programs and launched a comprehensive \$1-million coordinated public awareness and marketing campaign for the Massachusetts community college system - the first of its kind for the community colleges in the state. She also led the MACC community college COVID-19 crisis management response for the segment at the onset of the pandemic. Manning has extensive experience in fundraising, government relations and community partnerships. At Bunker Hill Community College where she was the chief advancement officer and chief policy advisor, she led all fundraising operations including donor engagement, corporate philanthropy, and restricted endowments. In this role she also effectively advocated with the Massachusetts State Legislature, providing in-person

and written testimony to several House and Senate Committees.

"RMHCNE helps keep families close while they access critically needed pediatric healthcare at the best hospitals in the country right here in New England. We envision a world where all children have access to life-saving healthcare and where families are fully supported and actively involved in their children's care," said Manning. "Our wrap-around programs and services such as Meals with Love, family engagement activities, sibling programs, and our overall holistic hospitality approach all focus on helping the entire family feel supported during their stay. I feel privileged to be working alongside the local healthcare experts, our team at RMHCNE, our volunteers and our dedicated

Board of Directors to fulfill our critical mission. My heart is truly bursting with gratitude."

From that lens, Manning has already created a new fund to expand and enhance services for families. The new CEO's Families First Fund will support excellence in family-centered care programs. "Research shows that medical recovery outcomes are greatly improved when parents are more rested and active in their child's treatment. By staying at one of our Ronald McDonald Houses or visiting one of our hospital family rooms, parents are comforted, nurtured, and supported while staying close to their child during medical care," said Manning. She invites individuals and corporate partners to help RMHCNE comprehensively support families during her

inaugural year at the helm by visiting the CEO's Families First Fund at <https://rmhcne.org/ways-to-give/ceos-families-first-fund/>.

Manning holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Russell Sage College, a master's degree in educational administration from the State University of New York at Albany, and a post-graduate professional certificate in Higher Education Crisis Leadership from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.



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WEEKLY WALKS



The Charlestown Historical Society (CHS) will begin this Friday, March 12, a comprehensive look at the people who lived in or currently live in the Bunker Hill Development. The feature is meant to memorialize the lives of those that have lived there before the new redevelopment project begins and transforms the site into a new mixed-income community. This Friday, March 12, at 4 p.m., the Talking with Townies weekly walks will feature Arthur Hurley, chairman of the Battle of Bunker Hill Parade Committee. The walking interview will be broadcast live on the CHA's Facebook page.

CHARLESTOWN BEAT

POLICE/COMMUNITY MEETING: Meet the police & discuss public safety issues on the last Wednesday of every month at the police station, 20 Vine Street, at 6:00 p.m., 2nd floor, community room.
POLICE RELATED INFO: Contact the District A-1 Community Service Office at 617-343-4627.

Investigate Property

02/18/2021 - Officers responded to area of 103 Ninth St. at around 3:15 a.m. for a reported loud noise, as well as a possible shot fired. Police searched the area and spoke with several witnesses, who stated they didn't hear any fireworks or other loud noises. A search of the area by officers was to no avail.

Larceny - Theft of Bicycle

02/18/2021 - A victim, who stores his Trex Mountain Bike in the common area of his condo building, returned home to 25 Main St. at about 11 a.m. to discover the bicycle missing.

Burglary - Residential

02/19/2021 - A victim stated a stocky male in his 30s, wearing a blue jacket and beige-colored

camouflage pants, broke into the back window of their residence at 22 Union St. at about 5:53 a.m., but the suspect had since fled out the back door.

An individual wearing the same clothing as the suspect was also seen attempting to gain entry in the area of 23 Union St.

Vandalism

02/20/2021 - An officer responded to a radio call for a vandalized car in the area of Main and Charles streets at about at 5:15 p.m.

On arrival, the officer observed the front passenger's side window had been shattered, and a rock was visible in front passenger's seat.

Police have no suspects in this incident.

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TREES (from pg. 1)

"They talk about 'justice' and 'equity' but have not bothered to ask us about our priorities. We talk to people here every day, and their priority is to get new, healthy homes for their families. That's what we are working to deliver. We hope this meeting provides the opportunity to build consensus, so that everyone can feel their voices have been heard."

The criticism comes on the heels of an article in the Boston media this week that leaned heavily, residents said, on the comments of those wanting to save more trees. It also comes a few weeks after Speak for the Trees Director David Meshoulam joined the tree discussion, and like many of the residents making trees a priority, called for a better design of the project that would save more trees.

"Our stand at Speak for the Trees has always been that we care about trees because trees care for us and that by planting and protecting trees we are caring for each other," he told the Patriot Bridge last month. "I'm not sure what the right balance is in this case, but feel strongly that the current design, as it stands now, is certainly not balanced."

"I understand the perceived conflict here between development and trees," he continued. "But I think it's a perceived conflict, not a real one. There are ways to work a design that takes these trees into account."

That's a move some residents outside of the development have advocated for, and they have grabbed the ear of at least one Boston Civic Design Commission member who advanced the call for a new development meeting sponsored by the City that would focus only on trees. That online meeting, which Martinez referenced above, is to take place Monday night, March 15, at 6 p.m.

That narrative has grabbed the spotlight in the discussion on the six-year-old Bunker Hill Redevelopment process – a process that has had hundreds of twists and turns and one that was finalized in January with the approval of the project by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and the Zoning Commission. As the conversation has focused on trees within the final design meetings for Phase 1 of the project, the CRA said residents that have already been relocated for Phase 1 are being left out and delays threaten to keep them relocated longer than expected.

"We understand it is hard to see mature trees come down, but we have over 100 residents who have

already been displaced in anticipation of demolition and are eagerly waiting to come back to new homes," said Martinez. "We cannot support any effort, however well-intentioned, that delays their return. The CRA has worked in partnership with the development team to ensure the plan for Phase 1 retains as many trees as possible. We fully support the current design, as well as the overall plan, which will double the number of trees over the next 10 years."

Lydia Agro, of the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), said the CRA and the BHA residents are the largest stakeholders at the moment in the discussion, and they are well-aware of what they're doing and very informed. She rejected the notion that they have not been informed, or that they don't know what is best for them.

"Residents (of the development) have been at the table now for years," she said. "They are intimately familiar with the plans. We are now risking delay because of this...It's really paramount that housing and housing for our residents takes priority. They have been at the table for four years now, and they've participated in every community process and there have been adjustments made because of that community process, but at this time we have a comprehensive plan for the indoor environment and the outdoor environment that's best for our residents and we need to proceed."

Some residents, and Agro as well, are also stressing the idea of looking at the environmental aspects of the redevelopment overall – and not just through the lens of losing trees. The tree discussion has largely centered on air quality, and one resident who frequently contributes to the discussion – but did not want to be named – said this week that the new buildings will be much more environmentally friendly and that should also be considered. He said that he thinks it is important to save as many trees as possible, but also to consider that the new buildings will bring about a much healthier environment due to their design, which adheres to the highest environmental standards – known as Passive House.

He said that has not been part of the environmental discussion, as the trees have, but absolutely should be factored into any discussion about the overall air quality.

That was echoed by Addie Grady, executive director of the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment, and Senior VP

at Leggat McCall Properties. She has long been a staunch advocate of the Passive House concept and was the one that brought it to the table in the early days of the plan. She said the Passive House design will sequester much more greenhouse gas emissions than the existing trees could ever account for.

"We remain committed to an open and transparent dialogue to further our priority goal of thoughtfully developing new affordable and market rate housing on the site," she said. "As presented and discussed during the IAG and public meeting process, we will preserve and plant as many trees as possible while designing all 15 buildings to Passive House standards. As a result, the annual reduction in greenhouse gas emissions will be over 1,000 times as much as all of the existing trees on site can sequester annually. This project will be a model for environmentally sustainability."

Agro also agreed with that point, and said one of the attractive pieces of the redevelopment plan is the developer's intention to build to a Passive House standard – which will improve indoor air quality and also be more environmentally friendly than the current buildings to the surrounding neighborhood.

"Housing and the indoor environment are going to be much better for our residents," said Agro. "The new buildings that are built will be more environmentally sound and provide better indoor air quality for residents in that housing. It's a comprehensive plan that includes a better outdoor environment that includes trees but the plan also includes a much better indoor air quality environment too. At the end of the day there will be 600 trees on the site. The development will take 10 years. It's long term...It's not as if all the trees are going to come down immediately."

That point has yet to be made in any of the public tree discussions so far, but it is likely to take more of the center stage at Monday's meeting. Likewise, there will be strong arguments from the activists outside the development who continue to believe a better design that saves more existing trees is possible – even if that means some delay were to occur.

The meeting agenda is singular, in that it focuses on providing a comprehensive overview of the existing trees located within the project site and their approach to preservation. The meeting is scheduled to go from 6-8 p.m.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through March 20

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project.

VIBRATORY HAMMER NOISE IMPACTS

•A vibratory hammer is being used to install the five cofferdams which will be needed to build the piers of the new bridge. Installation of each cofferdam takes about two weeks.

•The project team has positioned a combination of hanging sound blankets and temporary barrier to minimize noise impacts from the vibratory hammer. These measures will be adjusted as needed and appropriate.

•The vibratory hammer is operated place during the day (7 a.m.

– 3 p.m.)

COMMERCIAL STREET LANE REDUCTION

•On Saturday, 3/13, there will be a lane closure on Commercial Street to make room for a work zone near the Keany Square section of the project site. The closure will begin at 4 a.m. and end at 7 p.m.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

•Crews will be repairing warehouse piers and columns, installing, and conducting maintenance of silt curtains, and installing cofferdams.

WORK HOURS

•Most work will be done during the daytime (6 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

•Prior to 3/07/21, Cofferdam installation will be 100% complete.

TRAVEL TIPS

The westerly sidewalk, Lovejoy Wharf stairs, near Converse are open to the public with the opening of the temporary bridge, the adjacent section of the Harborwalk passing under the bridge remains closed.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU21P0385EA

Estate of: Jean Piasecki
Date of Death 12/18/2020

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by William M. Piasecki of Upton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such

other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: William M. Piasecki of Upton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/07/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return

day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 26, 2021
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Register of Probate
3/11/2021

Charlestown

For the Record

CMA SCHOLARSHIP

The Charlestown Mothers Association is pleased to offer up to \$13,000 in college scholarships, to men and women who have been residents of Charlestown for at least five years, and will be attending college full-time this fall. The amount of each scholarship awarded will be determined by the CMA Scholarship Committee. Last year, CMA awarded eight scholarships. Copies of the application are available at the "Scholarship" tab on the CMA website, www.charlestownmothersassociation.org. The completed application is due by April 23, 2021.

From the March 9 Zoning Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., online:

•9 Eden St. Applicant: Pulgini & Norton, LLP. Purpose: Confirm occupancy as a two family. Change occupancy to a three family dwelling. Rebuild the rear elevation to add additional space to the rear of the structure to convert from a two family to a three family; build a driveway to access parking in the rear of the property.

From the March 11 Public

Improvement Commission meeting, 10 a.m., online:

•On a petition by Lion House Condominium Trust for the making of Specific Repairs within Wall Street (public way), Charlestown, located on its northerly side at the rear of 284 Bunker Hill Street, generally west of Sullivan Street, consisting of sidewalk reconstruction and a widened driveway curb cut.

From the March 11, 4 p.m., COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION HEARING: Order for a hearing regarding ensuring all Boston Public Schools have a full-time mental health and social emotional support specialist.

This matter was referred to the Committee on January 13, 2021.

From the March 12, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: A hearing regarding Boston Police Overtime.

This matter was sponsored by Councilors Kenzie Bok, Andrea Campbell, and Matt O'Malley, and was referred to the Committee on January 27, 2021.

Bunker Hill Housing

Redevelopment Tree Meeting:

On Monday, March 15, at 6 p.m. there will be an online meeting to address the tree canopy. In this public meeting, the development team shall be providing a comprehensive overview of the existing trees located within the project site and their approach to preservation. Simultaneous Spanish interpretation service will be provided during the meeting.

The 9th discussion on Race and Equity with the Turn It Around youth group and Councilor Lydia Edwards will take place online Tuesday, April 6, at 6 p.m. Register at bit.ly/RaceEquityZoom2.

Boston Public Schools Budget meetings:

•Wednesday, March 17, 5 p.m., Zoom, Finance Team Addresses questions.

•Wednesday, March 24, Zoom, School Committee budget vote.

SCHOOL MEAL SUPER SITES/CHARLESTOWN

Every Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

•Edwards Middle School - 28 Walker St.

•Harvard/Kent Elementary - 50 Bunker Hill

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SCHOOLS INFO

•School Return Timetables – March 15-18 – Students in Grades 4-8 (Groups A & B); and March 29-April 1 – Students in grades 9-12 (Groups A & B).

•University Club of Boston Future Leaders Scholarship: The University Club of Boston's Future Leaders of Boston Scholarship program awards Boston graduating seniors need-based scholarships of up to \$30,000. Selection is based on academic achievement, community service, extracurricular activities, financial need, and leadership. Apply by March 26 at <https://www.uclub.org/scholarship-program>.

•P-EBT Cards - All BPS students will have more P-EBT funds for this school year. If you received P-EBT funds in the past, look for funds to be allocated the last week of December. New to P-EBT? You will get a P-EBT card in January or check your existing EBT card for funds. Learn more at www.MAp-EBT.org or call the Assistance Line at 877-382-2363.

•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

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.

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"E" INC. WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

On Saturday, March 20th at 7PM, "e" inc. - Charlestown's

planet science learning & action center, is hosting The Wild & Scenic Film Festival (WSFF). The Festival is remote, and the films are fantastic - from a few neighbors trying to protect ancient sequoias, to Greta bringing all a spectacular message of action, to Kenyan seniors becoming the solar engineers of their villages, and the story of 1 man protecting the Pangolin (who knew??) it will be a night to remember. For tickets visit: www.einc-action.org and click on the festival logo.

CALL TO ARTISTS - AGC SPRING SHOW

Invitation for submissions for the Artists Group of Charlestown's Spring Exhibition - Revitalized. Drawing/Painting/Printmaking/Photography/Sculpture are welcome. Exhibition dates; April 2 - April 25, 2021- Jurors: Dara Pannebaker, Julie Alailima. Deadline to apply is March 21. Submission guidelines are online at artistsgroupofcharlestown.com/exhibit-submissions/.

FRIENDS OF RYAN "DUCE" MORRISSEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Friends of Ryan "Duce" Morrissey Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce that scholarships totaling \$15,000 will again be offered this year. Scholarships

are available to college and high school students. Details and application forms may be obtained from their website. www.ryanmorrisesyscholarship.com

Email ryanmorrisesyscholarship@gmail.com for additional information.

CHARLESTOWN LACROSSE - SPRING REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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GIRLS SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration is officially open for Charlestown Girls Softball.

There will be divisions for: Instructional/8U, 10 and under, 12 and under and 14 and under.

For more information visit their website www.charlestowngirlssoftball.com.

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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR LITTLE LEAGUE

Charlestown Little League is planning for a "normal" season running from Late April to the end of June with regular practices and games. There are different teams and opportunities for players age 4-12. They are also seeking volunteers for coaching and support positions. Email charlestownlittleleague@gmail.com for more information.

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