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## ST. FRANCIS CHURCH CONFIRMATION



Photo by Rob Marcella

Aidan Boucher and family with Fr. Brian McHugh during the May 23 Sacrament of Confirmation given at St. Francis Church to Parish 10th and 11th grade students. Father Daniel Mahoney and Father Philip Parent celebrated the Mass for 19 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.

## CNC backs Preservation Society's work with Charlestown Working Theatre

By Seth Daniel

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) backed a plan by the Charlestown Preservation Society (CPS) to work exclusively with the Charlestown Working Theatre to try to secure a Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant for the theatre's Bunker Hill Street building.

The CNC met Tuesday night in an online and in-person meeting and heard a presentation from the CPS about their recent activities. One of the most pressing issues was getting support for an effort to work with the theatre on getting a CPA grant to rehabilitate the exterior of their building.

CPS President Amanda Zettel said the CPA has been a little bit of an unknown for Charlestown, as the first year of the process there were no applications from the Town and, thus, none of the

money for community projects came to Charlestown. At that point, CPS and other partners began working together to coordinate and line-up projects so they were ready and able to get grant money – with about \$28 million available citywide each year.

In helping to consult and provide seed money, the CPS has been able to help Memorial Hall, the Peace Park and the Kennedy Center in recent rounds to get substantial funding for their community projects.

Zettel said they have formulated a strategy to back one large project to make sure Charlestown gets its share of the funding, and has good projects with community support in the pipeline for every CPA funding round.

“Overall we’ve probably received \$1.6 million in total,” Zettel said. “It’s very important for us to have these projects lined

up so we make sure money comes back to Charlestown. We’re offering our full services to community organizations. If anyone can think of a project that could use help, let us know, even if it’s just with seed money or consulting. We are already working with the Charlestown Working Theatre for next year’s round.”

The Working Theatre has focused heavily on programming for adults and children for 40 years, and have been able to make improvements to the inside performing spaces at the building. However, Zettel said the theatre needs help working on the outside of the building. She said the brickwork needs repointing and the masonry is crumbling – as well as invasive vegetation that is ingrained in the façade. Meanwhile, the roof also needs

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## Bunker Hill or Bust!

With no Parade or Bunker Hill activities again, time to improvise

By Seth Daniel

A large group of volunteers and neighborhood leaders have mobilized to put together an improvised celebration for the Battle of Bunker Hill Day and the normal celebrations that lead up to that sacred day on the Charlestown calendar – as for the second year

all such activities have unthinkably been cancelled because of COVID-19.

A number of community leaders reported they are in the process of planning a fun day of events on the Training Field and a large car parade through the Town as well – a way of marking the occasion

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## Unexpected Memorial Day wreaths find a place in remembering

By Seth Daniel

Sean Boyle said he just wanted to do something to help remembering fallen soldiers amidst all the celebration of the lifting of

COVID restrictions, the beginning of summer and the entry of much better weather.

After a call to the Charlestown

(WREATHS Pg. 3)



Sean Boyle, of Baby Boyle Bouquets, partnered with the Veterans groups in the Town to augment their pole decorating efforts by placing traditional Memorial Day wreaths at all the monuments in Charlestown. It was a quiet effort, but one that has gotten a lot of loud applause in the days after Memorial Day.

# EDITORIAL

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021

Graduation Day is one of the few occasions that brings a smile to the faces of everyone in a community, regardless of whether they have a personal connection to a graduate. It is an occasion when all of us share in the joy -- and pride -- that graduation day marks in the lives of our young people. For older folks, graduation day recalls a time when we too, were young and our entire future lay in front of us.

Graduation day marks a bittersweet moment for parents, friends, family, and teachers, as well for the grads themselves. As befits every turning point in our lives, it is a time of mixed emotions of joy, sadness, and reflection. Although the graduates and those close to them are looking forward to the exciting future that lies before them, they also will be looking back on the passing of their carefree youth and the experiences that have shaped their lives to this point.

The young women and men who will be receiving their diplomas no longer are considered "youths" in the eyes of the world. They are full-fledged adults who have been deemed ready to assume all of the rights -- and responsibilities -- that adulthood implies.

The graduates, most of whom have turned 18, can vote, run for public office, enter into contracts, be tried fully as adults in the criminal justice system, and fight and die for their country.

For the parents of the grads, watching their "little boy or girl" proceed to the podium to receive his or her diploma will be a poignant moment. No doubt every parent will be thinking of the sentiments expressed in the song, Sunrise, Sunset, from Fiddler On The Roof:

Is this the little girl I carried?  
Is this the little boy at play?  
I don't remember growing older  
When - did - they?  
When did she get to be a beauty?  
When did he grow to be so tall?  
Wasn't it yesterday when they - were - small?

Although economists these days tell us that the value of a high school diploma is not what it was a generation or more ago, the graduates should keep in mind, as they contemplate venturing out into an uncertain world, that their mere presence on the podium has proven that they have the ability and the determination to achieve whatever goals they may set for themselves.

We recently came across a news item that appeared in the Winthrop Sun on June 24, 1898. The article, which reprinted the Class Ode for the Winthrop High Class of 1898, is as timely today as it was 123 years ago, and sums up the feelings of all of us on Graduation Day.

The years pass by in swift array  
We cannot check their onward flight;  
The moments that were ours today,  
Have passed forever from our sight.

Yet while the course of life moves by  
We too, must never lag behind;  
But work and strive as best we may  
To aid and benefit all mankind.

This we must do, or soon too late  
We think in sadness of our loss,  
For "Each is Master of his Fate,"  
Though some must bear a heavy cross.

And when the race of life is run,  
This life that holds so much for each  
Shall come the gentle words, "Well done!"  
As we at last the goal have reached.

### THANK YOU, OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOYS

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association for selecting me as the recipient of The Robert Flynn and The Majestic Knights Scholarships. I will be entering Bridgewater State University in the Fall and this award will assist in my education toward a Criminal Justice degree.

With much gratitude,

Eoin G. Donovan

### THANK YOU, OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOYS

To the Editor,

I would like to express my appreciation to the Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association Scholarship Committee and Members for awarding me the Joseph Gill Scholarship. As I begin my studies at Connecticut College this Fall, I will always remember my "Townie" roots and appreciate your generous support of my educational pursuits.

Edward Pistorino

### WATERFRONT ACCESS AS A PUBLIC ASSET = SOCIAL JUSTICE

To the Editor,

Social justice needs were being met even during the 1970s Economic Recession.

One of the only jobs in 1970s Boston was the Modernization Program for Public Housing in Charlestown - Phase 1; The goal was to re-establish these, then 30 year old, 1100 units as a substantial residential environment. Phase 1 was to renovate all of the bathrooms and kitchens; later phases were to be recreation areas, landscaping and community facilities. Ecodesign, Inc., my then fledgling architectural firm and an early Women's Business Enterprise (WBE), was awarded Phase 1.

This complicated job required us to work closely with the resident-elected, fully empowered Task Force, do detailed site surveys, catalogue intolerable conditions of each unit, determine the common needs and design economical solutions to these problems. For example, in the 1970s Boston Housing projects the bathrooms did not

have showers. As a solution, we designed a fixture easily installed in tub corners -- filling this need was greatly appreciated by the residents who called it "Shower Tower Power" (in true 60s style)!

Another Housing need was, and still is, recreation and open space. Some of the Boston housing projects had some open space, some even had trees. When surveying Bunker Hill Housing, I remember the sense that the sea was so near by, but the U. S. Navy Yard waterfront was not available to the public in the early 1970s. Today, there is still the need for open space, but TODAY there is a unique opportunity for all the public to have real open space access to the Charlestown Waterfront at the Head of the Boston Harbor- Pier 5.

The recent Superior Court decision on the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) lawsuit has brought to light how illegal approvals of the Municipal Harbor Plan (MHP) process (and in Charlestown the manipulation of an obsolete and expired Navy Yard MHP) was used by the BRA/BPDA to block the promise of Chapter 91 and the Big Dig to "provide public access to the sea".

With public access blocked, these improper BRA/BPDA planning techniques were then used to give that waterfront access, instead, to powerful developers for access to only a very few residents. After public waterfront advocates have battled for a quarter century and the City of Boston has endured the Big Dig, this CLF decision now offers a chance to reclaim this Waterfront Assess Public Asset for all the People!

The social justice of the need for true open space for all has never been more clear than during this time of Pandemics. Waterfront activities such as that offered to the children of Boston by the world-renown Courageous Sailing Center should not be curtailed by continuing improper development of the waterfront. Rather than being impeded, outdoor learning and open space education opportunities should be expanded and maximized for many children. Such waterfront sites should not be made residences for only a few affluent or well-connected people. Legitimate, usable open space for education and recreation programs must not be "scraps of left over land" or "unreachable pretend gardens" or other Trojan Horse

offerings.

COVID has made us acutely aware of the need for recreational open space. High levels of asthma in Charlestown residents makes us value the greenspace to breathe clean air. Numerous studies prove inadequate greenspace is a social and environmental injustice that burdens affordable housing residents.

In Boston, 20% of all housing units are income-restricted. The Report from the City of Boston on Income-Restricted Housing (2019) shows that of Housing Units that are Income-restricted, the neighborhoods with the highest percentage include Charlestown at 3rd highest with 25% (and growing exponentially). Of Rental Only Properties, where Boston has 27% of all rental units being income-restricted, Charlestown has 42% income restricted. That includes Bunker Hill Housing where the BPDA is now trying to remove 340 beautiful mature trees from their open space. Charlestown, perhaps more than any other Boston Harbor area, needs and deserves the Public Asset that is Waterfront Access.

We also need Climate Justice with responsible solutions to achieve resilient open space, environmental education and the chance to enjoy the Harbor now cleaned by our taxes. We need to demand access to unique historic sites like the Head of Boston Harbor at Pier 5 -- a special place of rare original harbor edge of the Charlestown Peninsula where Paul Revere started his ride, Bunker/Breeds Hill battle was fought, 1800s cannons were set, WWI and WWII ships were readied, the gateway to our Harbor ...but where the BPDA now conspires to take this public amenity for privatized development.

"Waterfront Access is a Public Asset". Charlestown/Boston public and the residents of all Boston Public Housing deserve clear, equitable access to the worth of the waterfront -- their right granted by the MA Public Waterfront Act, by the ancient Chapter 91 law and by the Promise of the Big Dig. We need our Leaders to use their power to return the Public Asset that is Access to Our Waterfront!

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Sherrie S. Cutler, A.I.A.  
Navy Yard resident

# PLAN Charlestown looks at Rutherford/Sullivan, concerns about attendance

By Seth Daniel

The PLAN Charlestown planning process held a public working meeting on May 26 to look specifically at the Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square areas – a large corridor of the Town that is expected to change dramatically in the next 20 years and within the confines of the planning study.

At the same time, several dedicated members have this week expressed concern about the low numbers now involved in the planning process, saying that many people have dropped out after an amazing kick-off gathering in January 2020 and successful Zoom meetings last fall.

“One of my concerns is my opinion that the attendance is rather low in all these meetings,” said Amanda Zettel, president of the Charlestown Preservation Society (CPS). “In one of the last meetings there were only about 60 attendees online. We’re planning

for the future of Charlestown and 60 voices doesn’t represent 19,000 people in the neighborhood.”

Nancy Johnsen, also a frequent attendee, said people seem to be Zoomed out, and aren’t showing up like they did. She said she hopes the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) can revive in-person meetings for PLAN Charlestown this fall to get more people to come out.

Meanwhile, at last week’s meeting, the BPDA rolled out a process to look at the Rutherford/Sullivan area. They prefaced the discussion by noting that neighborhoods change, and while the core of Charlestown will likely change very little, the Rutherford/Sullivan area is likely to change quite a lot in the next 20 years.

“It’s very likely that in 20 years some of the areas of Charlestown will look very different than they do today,” said BPDA Planner Anna Callahan. “This planning initiative is meant to help guide that change and help the neighbor-

hood evolve holistically. We’re not targeting one specific site, but how do we target neighborhoods so it’s a healthy place to live.”

BPDA Planner Ted Schwartzberg said what is likely to change greatly is any area now that is a surface parking lot, or a one-story industrial/warehouse building. He said one example of this kind of planning is at Hood Park, where a Master Plan has several new buildings proposed, but also turns a surface parking lot into a new one-acre park open to the public.

However, Schwartzberg has been very critical of some projects, such as One Mystic, within PLAN Charlestown and in review meetings for that high-rise project in Sullivan Square.

“The development capacity in terms of area is limited by transportation improvements,” he said. “Some people may have heard me say that within the context of a development meeting last week. The sky is the limit to what public

benefits mean, but at a certain point the sky is not the limit for development. You can only fit a certain number of square feet in an area based on the infrastructure that serves it – that being transportation infrastructure and other pieces of infrastructure.”

Other pieces of the corridor under consideration are also the BPDA-owned parking lots that serve Bunker Hill Community College. Part of the planning process is looking at those lots and dreaming about what they could be and what they should look like.

The planning exercise focused on four areas, mobility, climate resilience/open space, public realm improvements and locations of housing/businesses. During the meeting, participants were divided up into those four groups to focus on those areas for the Sullivan/Rutherford areas.

Some of the findings were that people wanted safe routes to that side of the community, and also into Paul Revere Park and the

Gilmore Bridge. There was also a desire to lay out the Community College parking lots with new streets. For open space, there is a big call for dog parks and parks that incorporate climate resiliency – particularly in the Sullivan Square area. In the public realm people are interested in activating the waterfront and creating wider sidewalks for outdoor dining opportunities.

For business and housing, homeownership was a big topic and making sure that young professionals were able to purchase homes at a reasonable price in Charlestown – particularly those that grew up in the Town and are looking at being priced out of their community.

The next PLAN Charlestown meeting will be on Tuesday, June 29, and will focus on The Lost Village and the historic heart of Charlestown.

## WREATHS (from pg. 1)

Veterans, and a little direction, he quickly put together several memorial wreaths, placed the on about six war memorials across the Town, and called it a day on Monday.

However, the seemingly small act to Boyle has garnered great appreciation from park advocates and veterans groups all over Charlestown – who felt it was a completely appropriate gesture on Memorial Day to enhance the existing pole decoration done around Town by the Veterans and the American Legion.

“I just really felt I wanted to do something as a tribute,” said Boyle, who operates Baby Boyle Bouquets from the Charlestown Working Theatre. “I have a lot of military in my family – no one that has died in war though. I felt like these fallen veterans get overlooked sometimes with people going on vacation and celebrating summer, which is great, but we need to remember these fallen heroes.”

Boyle said he first approached the veterans with the idea of giving flowers to veterans, but they

said it might be better to make wreaths instead and place them at the various war memorials – including those at the Training Field, the Bunker Hill Monument, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, the World War II Memorial and the Maritime Memorial on Medford Street.

So that’s what he did, quietly. That quiet effort has garnered a lot of loud praise for something that many, including Boyle, hope will continue moving forward each Memorial Day.

Joe Zuffante of the Abraham

Lincoln Post said he was very surprised by the final product that Boyle placed – saying it was a great idea.

“He did a great job to help us honor these fallen veterans,” said Zuffante. “We were overwhelmed by it when we saw them. It was just very nice.”

Likewise, the Friends of City Square Park said they had no idea who had placed the wreath at the World War II Memorial, but were very grateful that Boyle had taken the time to place the wreaths.

Now Boyle said he’d like to con-

tinue the effort with the Veterans group every year as a way to give back from his business.

“I hope I can have enough money to do it again next year, it’s important to me to be able to donate it,” he said. “At the end of the day, these people gave their lives and that makes my contribution so little. This is part of my industry and I’m supposed to help people celebrate life and death and this is part of that.”



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# City Council approves Edwards's City Charter amendment

By Seth Daniel

Councilor Lydia Edwards cheered the passage of her long-championed Charter Amendment that would reform the way the City Budget is formulated – something that could likely be up for a vote on the Municipal Ballot this coming November.

The Council passed the matter last Wednesday, May 26, after there were some revisions made to the original amendment passed last fall at the behest of Commonwealth of Massachusetts. With the passage last week, Edwards said she was very happy to see her colleagues approve greater transparency and participation for the Council and the public on City Budget issues.

She now awaits the signature of Acting Mayor Kim Janey, who has until Monday to sign the measure and send it on to the Attorney General's Office for final review.

"People should be excited to have a voice," said Edwards. "I want to thank my colleagues. The City Council unanimously voted to take this matter to Bostonians. This charter amendment would do two things. It would allow for the Council to have a check on the Mayor and not hold up the entire budget.

It would also create a process for participatory budgeting which allows Bostonians to vote directly on where their money goes."

The Charter Amendment was in response to the 2020 Budget strife where the Council struggled

to inform the public of their limitations in the budgeting process. That was prior to one of the most controversial budget votes in recent history. Edwards promised those who advocated against the budget she would propose a change that would potentially fix the process.

The Charter amendment does just that, but it would come through using a process whereby the voters decide on the issue in November.

The new version would allow the Council to review or reject bits and pieces of the Mayor's proposed budget without holding up the entire budget. Likewise the new measure has clarified language about the participatory budgeting process that would give

residents a direct voice on how to spend part of the budget.

If signed by the Acting Mayor, and approved by the Attorney

General, the measure would be on the Nov. 2 Municipal Election ballot.

## Baker issues order rescinding COVID-19 restrictions

Staff Report

On Friday afternoon, Governor Charlie Baker joined Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy and Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders to sign an Executive Order terminating the Commonwealth's State of Emergency effective June 15, 2021.

The Order also rescinded most COVID-19 restrictions, including limitations placed on businesses, which went into effect on Saturday, May 29 as Massachusetts nears the goal of vaccinating four million residents. This week, the Commonwealth passed the 3.5 million mark for fully vaccinated residents.

"Today marks an important milestone in our fight against COVID-19 here in the Commonwealth," said Governor Baker. "Over the last 15 months, the residents of Massachusetts have shown an incredible amount of strength and resiliency, and we are pleased to take this step forward towards a return to normal."

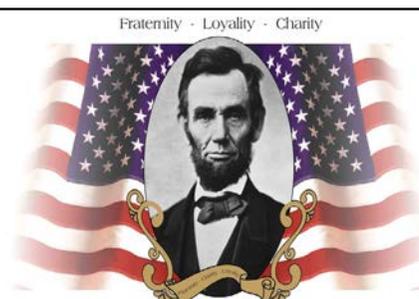
Effective May 29, all industries were permitted to open. With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for masks in public and private transportation

systems, hospitals and other facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100 percent for all industries. All gathering limits were also rescinded.

To continue certain public health requirements, like requiring face coverings in certain settings, to remain effective past June 15, Governor Baker today issued a modified declaration of a public health emergency under the public health statute.

Under this order, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Health will be proposing to the Public Health Council the continuation of some public health orders in the coming weeks to maintain flexibilities and policies for vaccination, testing and other critical operations.

Earlier this week, Governor Baker filed legislation to extend certain emergency measures currently in place via executive orders that are set to expire on June 15 with the end of the State of Emergency. The bill would extend measures providing for a temporary suspension of certain open meeting law requirements, special permits for expanded outside dining at restaurants, and surprise billing protections for COVID-19 patients.



Abraham Lincoln Post 11, G.A.R.  
Memorial Hall  
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The Abraham Lincoln Post 11, G.A.R., on Green Street in Charlestown is writing to express its public support for R2 – Resilient Remedies – as the first retail cannabis shop to open in Charlestown. With recreational cannabis legal, it is imperative to have local ownership we trust.

R2 has pledged to advocate for Charlestown veterans in all areas they are affected most. Housing, jobs, and advocacy are key to supporting veterans when they return home. Here at the Abraham Lincoln post, we understand support from the community, local businesses and other neighborhood organizations is key to help our local veterans.

Jack Kelly III – the majority owner of (R2) Resilient Remedies – hails from a family of Charlestown veterans who have served with honor and distinction. Both his grandfathers fought in World War II.

His mother's dad - Red Brady - fought in the Pacific and his dad's father – Jack Kelly Sr. was a Prisoner of War in Nazi Germany. Additionally, his great uncle's and grandfather Jack's brothers - Bernie, Phil, and Eddy served. Sadly, Eddy Kelly was lost at sea and presumed dead. He paid the ultimate sacrifice.

With this knowledge, and R2's commitment to advocate for our veterans, The Abraham Lincoln Post 11 is pleased to support (R2) Resilient Remedies – for the first retail cannabis dispensary in Charlestown.

Joe Zuffante  
President,  
Abraham Lincoln Post 11, G.A.R

  
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# Honoring Bill Lamb: Friends, colleagues dedicate City Square bench in his honor

By Seth Daniel

Several friends, neighbors and colleagues gathered last Wednesday, May 26, to dedicate a bench to the late Bill Lamb – a long-time Charlestown resident who tragically passed in a boating accident last summer.

The memorial bench and bronze plaque in his honor are in City Square, a place where Lamb's imprint will forever live and the spot where the renaissance of Charlestown likely began during the early days of the Central Artery/Tunnel (CA/T) project.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, and the suddenness and sadness of Lamb's passing, no official remembrance was able to be scheduled. So it was last week that friends gathered in the space that was such a victory for Lamb and the neighborhood in general – both past, present and future.

Rich Johnston, a colleague and friend who served with Lamb in the early planning efforts of the

CA/T, said it was Lamb's idea to depress the Mystic/Tobin Bridge off-ramp under City Square and then have a park above it that re-connected the Town with its waterfront.

Johnston called it one of the greatest 20th Century neighborhood victories.

"As we all know, it was Bill who came up with the brilliant suggestion to depress part of the Tobin Bridge to run under City Square and allow Charlestown to reconnect with its waterfront," wrote Johnston. "Without that idea — and without a massive political push which Bill helped lead to make the idea a reality — there probably would have been much less of a Charlestown renaissance, there would have been no City Square Park, and we would not be celebrating one of the great urban neighborhood victories of the 20th century."

Johnston said Lamb was always at planning meetings with a drawing and a logical argument, and it



Photos by Dan Kovacevic

A group of friends gathered to celebrate the late Bill Lamb with a memorial bench and plaque in City Square Park last Wednesday, May 26.

was his patience and perseverance that wore down the bureaucratic resistance to his vision.

"When social historians write about whether one person's idea can galvanize a community and

whether a galvanized community can convince government leaders to do the right thing against long odds, Bill's role in these interconnected projects — the Central Artery North Area project and

City Square Park — should be a textbook example," wrote Johnston. "It is only fitting that he should be recognized in a permanent way here in the park."



Bill Lamb's wife, Carol Bratley, enjoys a moment on the bench dedicated last week to her late husband.



**Billy Boyle's wife and family honored him on May 21st - Billy Boyle Day**



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# Encore celebrates full re-opening of casino property

By Seth Daniel

As the clock approached midnight on May 28, one would have thought it was New Year's Eve on the gaming floor of the Encore Boston Harbor resort.

Excited patrons in masks stood with bubbling enthusiasm as a gaming floor employee stood up with a microphone and began a countdown from 10 – just like is done on New Year's Eve as the ball drops on Times Square.

Except this time it was not to celebrate the end of the calendar year, but the end of COVID-19 restrictions in Massachusetts.

"10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1," yelled a large crowd, followed by many people dramatically ripping off of their masks and tossing them in the air as the clock hit midnight – signifying May 29 and the end of the Governor's and Mass Gaming Commission's (MGC) restrictions on the property.

It was total jubilation at the

24-hour resort, and the reintroduction of many banished casino games and, hopefully, of many furloughed workers in the coming weeks.

Spokesperson Rosie Salisbury said they were very pleased to be able to lift the restrictions, as voted by the MGC, and are prioritizing bringing back furloughed employees as soon as possible.

"We are pleased with and in full support of the MGC's decision to lift Covid-19 restrictions on May 29," said Salisbury last week. "Encore Boston Harbor will continue to operate in accordance with all orders or advisories issued by the Commonwealth as well as any applicable guidance provided by the CDC. As it relates to bringing furloughed employees back to work, we continue to monitor our business levels and are re-opening areas of our resort to meet customer demand. Furloughed workers will, as they have throughout the pandemic, be given priority as we reopen positions."

At a meeting of the MGC on Wednesday, May 26, the Commissioners voted to lift three orders from June 23, 2020; Oct. 8, 2020; and March 11, 2021. Those restrictions included the overall COVID-19 regulations, and also specific regulations for playing Roulette, Blackjack and Craps. Lifting those regulations also allowed the reintroduction of Poker games at the casino, which haven't been allowed for feasible since the pandemic closed down operations at Encore more than a year ago.

The MGC Commissioners voted 4-0 to rescind all the orders on the state's casinos, including Encore.

"It's been 15 months since the Gaming Commission convened with all three casino licensees in a virtual setting to discuss the rapid reach of the coronavirus pandemic," MGC Chair Cathy Judd-Stein said. "The three gaming licensees have cooperated fully throughout this process, working

always to serve the public's interests and protect their patrons and employees.

"We thank Plainridge Park Casino, MGM Springfield, and Encore Boston Harbor for their compliance and dedication to health and safety during this difficult period," Chair Judd-Stein continued. "I also wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the entire MGC team for its consistent commitment over the last 15 months."

The orders were rescinded subject to the following conditions, which were agreed to by the gaming licensees:

- The licensees shall conduct business in accordance with all COVID-19-related orders and advisories issued by the Governor or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that remain in effect, as well as any applicable CDC guidelines.
- The licensees will ensure their pandemic safety officer remains in place until further notice.
- The licensees will continue

to report any positive COVID-19 tests related to the gaming establishment to the MGC's Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB) and their respective local boards of health.

•The licensees will continue to work cooperatively with the IEB to ensure the relevant guidance and practices are being followed.

## HORSE RACING AND SIMULCASTING ALSO RESUME

In separate 4-0 votes, the Commission also allowed horse racing and simulcasting licensees, including Plainridge Park Casino, Raynham Park, and Suffolk Downs, to rescind their respective MGC-approved COVID-19-related reopening plans.

Those restrictions were rescinded with the same restrictions as were attached to the casino licensees.

# USS Constitution opens lottery for special Independence Day Underway

Staff Report

The free lottery to win a spot aboard USS Constitution's July 4th underway demonstration opened today, May 28.

To enter the lottery, fill out the entry form in the following link: [https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/index.cfm?i=](https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/index.cfm?i=601470&k=0461430D7C57)

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The lottery is open to the general public and will be used to select 25 people to join USS Constitution's crew as they go underway in Boston Harbor.

Each person selected is allowed to bring one additional guest.

Passengers will engage with active-duty Sailors to gain an understanding of the Navy's

mission, learn about USS Constitution's history, and will have a front-row seat as the crew fires a 21-gun salute in honor of Independence Day.

"This is going to be a great event," said Cmdr. John Benda, USS Constitution's 76th commanding officer. "The lottery is an awesome way to get those Constitution fans that live outside

of Boston a chance at a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Lottery entries must be received by midnight, June 17, and are limited to one per household. The official drawing is scheduled for June 21, and winners will be notified by email. All winners are required to provide their own transportation and lodging accommodations.

All passengers must be at least eight years of age and be physically able to travel up and down steep sets of stairs and stand for prolonged periods of time.

Attendees age 18 and older must bring a photo ID.

USS Constitution is open to the public for free tours Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

### Standings for the week of 5/22/2021

|                 | W | L | T |
|-----------------|---|---|---|
| Bryan's Pals    | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| A-1 Convenience | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Duce 2          | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| MPTA            | 0 | 4 | 1 |

### 2021/2022 Fall/ Winter Registration

Registration for our fall/winter season is being held at:

The Ryan Playground, Sullivan Square, Charlestown

Saturday June 12th 9:30am to 11:30am

Saturday June 19th. 9:30am to 11:30 am

Ages: 4 years old by 10/1/21 to 9 years old

(anyone who turns 10 years old before 2/1/22 is too old.)

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## 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 Persons

05/16/2021 - Officers assigned to the Harbor Unit responded to a phone call from the US Coast Guard at around 3:09 p.m. concerning people stranded on a dock in the area of the USS Constitution in Charlestown. On arrival officers spoke with victims who stated that they were on their inflatable raft when it began to take on water. The victims were able to proceed to a dock in the Charlestown Navy Yard without incident.

### Ballistics – Evidence Found

05/15/2021 – At about 8 a.m., an officer spoke with a caller who stated he discovered what he believed to be a spent shell-casing

in the area of 50 Terminal St. The officer observed an object around loose gravel and rocks, but was unable to verify if it was a casing. While moving the debris, the officer made contact with the spent shell casing before securing the round in a plastic bag as evidence.

### Sick /Injured/Medical

05/15/2021 - Officers spoke with an individual who appeared to be in distress in the vicinity of Fifth Street and First Avenue at approximately 8:40 a.m.

The individual stated he needed his medication and wanted to go to the hospital. The BEST team arrived on scene and spoke with the man about finding a detox

facility. Boston EMS arrived on scene and transported the male to Mass General Hospital for further treatment.

### Larceny - Shoplifting

05/10/2021 - On arrival at CVS Pharmacy at 21 Austin St. at about 7:30 p.m., an officer spoke with the store manager, who reported a shoplifting incident. He stated that a female suspect with dyed red hair wearing a black hoodie and dark jeans, and carrying a neon green totebag stole approximately \$ 600 in merchandise.

Area -1 detectives were scheduled to follow up on the matter.

# Former Heritage Club co-owner calls for investigation into Edwards, Ryan

By Seth Daniel

In an intense e-mail exchange to the Boston Cannabis Board (BCB) last week, Attorney Maggie Suprey – a former proponent of the Heritage Club marijuana store proposal – passionately called for the BCB and its attorneys to investigate the conduct of Councilor Lydia Edwards and State Rep. Dan Ryan within the competition for a license between Heritage and Resilient Remedies.

Suprey sent an e-mail on May 27 to the BCB saying that her allegations of corruption and cronyism at the May 12 Public Hearing had seemingly been ignored, and she wanted to know why.

“It is with great concern that I write this email,” she wrote. “After making serious and substantiated claims of political corruption and cronyism against Lydia Edwards and Daniel Ryan at the May 12 BCB hearing, my allegations seem to have been ignored. Among the

fiduciary responsibilities of an appointed government Board is the duty of obedience, meaning the Board is obligated to address any illegal or unethical activities made known to them. Given the corroborate nature of my claims, it was my expectation, as it’s the Boards duty, that this matter be brought before the Attorney General and Department of Justice to conduct a formal investigation; it seems this has not occurred.”

Suprey went on to say that her May 12 testimony brought attention to what she said was a flagrant partiality by Edwards and Ryan for Resilient Remedies – a competing marijuana store just down the street from Heritage on Cambridge Street. She said she provided evidence of ‘Pay for Play’ when she indicated that the state’s Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) had records of Resilient officers making political donations to Edwards and Ryan during the licensing process.

“If you have no intention of

addressing these claims, please let me know so that I can bring them to the attention of relevant authorities,” she wrote.

Shortly after she sent the e-mail, BCB Chair Kathleen Joyce responded by saying she wasn’t interested.

“I have no intention of addressing these claims,” she wrote back.

Suprey responded, “That is both disappointing and a breach of your fiduciary duty as chairwoman of the board. Attorney Osgood and Attorney Arcangeli, as the City’s corporate counsel, are you taking the same stance as the chairwoman?”

There was no further response within the e-mail chain, which is in the public record for the licensee. This week, Suprey told the Patriot Bridge she had no further comment.

“On the advice of counsel, I won’t be commenting on this matter right now,” she wrote in an e-mail.

In a statement from the Mayor’s

Office, they indicated that there is no investigation ongoing about Suprey’s claims.

“The Heritage Club has received a license and R2 is deferred pending a traffic study,” read the statement. “We are not investigating anything nor is it within the purview of the Boston Cannabis Board.”

Edwards said she has a record of backing the local candidates, both in East Boston and here, in Charlestown. The president of Resilient Remedies is Jack Kelly, of Charlestown.

“My record speaks for itself,” she said. “If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact my office.”

As background, Edwards has said she consistently backs the local candidate, including in East Boston where she has backed Eastie Luis Vasquez – a war veteran who has been trying to open a marijuana shop in East Boston. She said she routinely has conversations with those who

wish to locate shops in her district, and they are honest conversations.

She said she has been clear that if anyone has concerns, they should reach out to her office. To date, she said, no one has reached out to her office.

State Rep. Dan Ryan said he has been consistent with Heritage since last fall in addressing complaints of inequity in the process.

“I have consistently told them if they have a good application and a Boston equity license, as it seems they do, then this process should give them a fair, if not advantageous, opportunity,” he said. “I also told them if they believe the process has been corrupt and inequitable, then there are avenues to which to remedy such behavior. Although my office can assist them in availing those channels, it is not up to me to make that determination either way.”

With no investigation underway by the City, the matter seems to be over for the time being.

## CNC (from pg. 1)

attention, and the historic slate roof is far too expensive for the non-profit to fund on its own.

“This is an important building and on the National Register,” said Zettel. “Our strategy is if we go in with one good project from the neighborhood, it can go in and be more assured of getting funding for the project.”

The CNC gave its support to the effort with the theatre, and the CPS indicated they would be doing a conditions assessment on the theatre soon and helping to prepare the application for the next CPA round.

### •CANNOT SUPPORT CURRENT MALL PROPOSAL

After a two-hour meeting with the CNC Development Committee, members of the CNC agreed on Tuesday night they cannot support the housing plan at 201 Rutherford Ave. brought by the owners of the Bunker Hill

Mall.

Development Committee Chair Richard McCarthy said they had met with New England Development about the project last week, and came out of it seeing no material changes. Many on the CNC have stated the project is too big, and creates a wall rather than a gateway. Also, the low numbers of parking spaces dedicated to the 240-unit building has been a major issue as well.

“I am not anywhere near a comfort zone on this development,” said Chair Tom Cunha. “They took in a lot of info and didn’t push back to their credit. Now I want to see them come back and show us what they heard or learned. They haven’t made any changes...I don’t think we can support the development as proposed.”

Member JD Mangrum said with the current proposal, he

doesn’t see a way forward.

“I don’t see a way forward on this,” he said. “When they came here it was like extortion. It’s their property and they say they will fix it up – their property – if we go along with this. I’m not going to bend.”

Member Jean Wilson said she had suggested that the height needed to come down to at least match the Gateway apartments next to the proposal.

“I simply said in the meeting that it was too big and to make it five or six stories like Gateway across the street,” she said. “They simply said that no, they couldn’t do that.”

### •DRAFTING A LETTER ON SPECIAL TOWNIES

Chair Cunha reported and read a draft form of an official CNC letter that they plan to publish and send to Peabody Properties and the Mishawum Park Tenants Association (MPTA) regarding the Special Townies lease issue.

The organization presented its case to the CNC last month, but MPTA and Peabody did not choose to attend, though they were invited.

At the end of that passionate meeting, it was decided that the CNC would submit a letter calling for Special Townies to retain their current space.

“The CNC is in full support of Special Townies staying in their current space,” read the letter in part.

## BUNKER HILL (from pg. 1)

in the best way possible given the limits put on planning and carrying out this year’s (and last year’s) festivities.

Like in 2020, Parade Committee organizer Arthur Hurley had to cancel the 2021 Battle of Bunker Hill Day Parade earlier this year due to the fact that it couldn’t be properly planned for, despite the lifting of COVID gathering restrictions last weekend. Such huge undertakings as the Parade take far more time to plan than a few weeks, and plus many of the groups and bands that participate have not re-formed yet.

That said, something a bit smaller, but just as fun, could be put together quickly.

Sean Boyle and Kim Mahoney said they are putting together a fun weekend for June 12 and 13 to try to make up for the second year of a lost June tradition around the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Boyle said they are in the early stages of planning out a Block Party at the Training Field for June 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. They are hoping to have free carnival

and snack trucks, a DJ, entertainment and fun for the kids. It would also be a chance for a vendor fair, too, Boyle said. Another idea is to have a patriotic dog contest with various categories.

They are also planning on having a number of exercise professionals host Fitness Boot Camps on that day, with all proceeds going to the Boys & Girls Club of Charlestown in replacement for their second-straight cancelled road race – which typically happens on the morning of the Parade.

The day would be capped off with a promotion to help local restaurants in a Bunker Hill Restaurant Crawl format.

On June 13, they are planning out a fun car parade to travel the route and keep the tradition going, even if it’s a little non-traditional.

Boyle added that they are still encouraging residents in the Town to ‘Paint the Town’ by decorating homes and businesses with patriot hunting and flags to mark the Battle of Bunker Hill.

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# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Photos by Rob Marcella

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the St. Francis de Sales Parish 10th and 11th Grade Students took place on May 23 in the Church. Very Reverend Brian J. McHugh, Episcopal Vicar of the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Boston, administered the Sacrament to 19 confirmandi. Fr. Daniel J. Mahoney, Pastor, and Fr. Philip E. Parent, SM concelebrated the Mass.



Madison Chiappa, St. Francis de Sales Altar Server, with Fr. Mahoney.

Nora Reilly receiving the Sacrament.



Colm Vraibel receiving the Sacrament.



Kiley Stillman receiving the Sacrament.



Fr. Brian McHugh speaking with the Confirmandi.

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# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Ellie Woods posing with her brothers and Fr. Daniel Mahoney. All are St. Francis de Sales Altar Servers.



Keira McGrath (third from left) with her family posing with Fr. McHugh and Fr. Mahoney.



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## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### STELMA OF BOSTON EARNS UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN DEGREE

Matthew William Stelma of Charlestown was among 3,512 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during commencement exercises May 7 and 8.

Stelma earned a Master of Engineering Management from the Office of Graduate Studies.

The graduates are from 58 countries, 43 states and the District of Columbia, and more than 250 Nebraska communities.

Tom Osborne, former Nebraska football coach, athletic director and congressman, delivered the keynote address during the undergraduate ceremonies May 8 at Memorial Stadium. Jennifer Clarke, professor of food science and technology, and statistics, and director of the Quantitative Life Sciences Initiative at Nebraska, gave the address at the graduate and professional degrees ceremony May 7 at Pinnacle Bank Arena. Riko Bishop, a judge of the Nebraska Court of Appeals, spoke to the law graduates May 7 at the arena.

The university presented Connie Clifton Rath, president of the Clifton Foundation, with an honorary Doctor of Commerce during the morning undergraduate ceremony.

The May exercises were the first time since December 2019 - before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic - that the univer-

sity held full-fledged commencement ceremonies in person. To ensure the safety of graduates and their guests, face coverings were required at the commencement venues; seating was socially distanced; and all participating faculty, staff, volunteers and graduates had to test negative for COVID-19 in the days leading up to the ceremonies.

### UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNOUNCES MAY 2021 GRADUATES

The following students graduated from the University of New Hampshire in Durham over the weekend of Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, 2021. Students who received the honor of summa cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.85-4.0; students who received the honor of magna cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.65-3.84; and students who received the honor of cum laude graduated with a GPA of 3.50-3.64. Students are only graduated after the Registrar's Office has certified that all degree requirements have been successfully completed. A traditional, in-person commencement ceremony will be scheduled at a future date yet to be determined.

Nolan Doherty of Charlestown graduated with a BS degree in BusAdm:Finance

Josephine Hoyt of Charlestown graduated with a BS degree in HumanDevelopment&Family Studies

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through June 12

North Washington Street Bridge Replacement

Construction Look-Ahead: May 30- June 12, 2021

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

#### DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

- Building the piers:
  - \* Pier 1 (closest to the North End): Column rebar installation and concrete placement.
  - \* Pier 2: V-arms formwork.
  - \* Pier 3: V-arms formwork.
  - \* Pier 4: Installing precast

beams.

\* Pier 5 (closest to Charlestown): V-arms formwork, rebar installation, and concrete placement.

• Installing, moving, and maintaining silt curtains in the water.

• Installing permanent fender piles.

• Pavement line striping and expanding median at City Square intersection.

#### WORK HOURS

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

#### WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

• Prior to 5/30:  
\* Pier 1 (closest to the North End): Mass-footing rebar installation.

\* Pier 2: Mass-footing rebar installation.

\* Pier 3: Curing column.

\* Pier 4: V Arm concrete placements.

#### 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.

## Real Estate Transfers

| BUYER 1                 | SELLER                | ADDRESS                 | PRICE       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Putman, Lauren D        | 45 1st Ave LLC        | 45 1st Ave #407         | \$425,000   |
| Fowler, Jeffrey D       | Hartman, Meaghan D    | 25 Albion Pl #2         | \$820,000   |
| Reed, David             | Hughson, David        | 110 Bartlett St         | \$1,200,000 |
| Shulkin, Zachary        | Perkins, Phillip C    | 14 Belmont St           | \$1,165,000 |
| Yockey, Laura           | 53 Belmont Street RT  | 53 Belmont St #53       | \$1,100,000 |
| Brown-Sawitsky, Aaron   | Breed, Kari M         | 261 Bunker Hill St #4   | \$925,000   |
| Con-Jude LLC            | Lavigne, Gerard       | 322 Bunker Hill St      | \$2,000,000 |
| 322 Bunker Hill LLC     | Con-Jude LLC          | 322 Bunker Hill St #1   | \$1,425,000 |
| 322 Bunker Hill LLC     | Con-Jude LLC          | 322 Bunker Hill St #2   | \$1,425,000 |
| 322 Bunker Hill LLC     | Con-Jude LLC          | 322 Bunker Hill St #3   | \$1,425,000 |
| Williams, James         | Nolan, Kenneth P      | 30 Concord St           | \$1,355,000 |
| Orlin, Lily M           | Peter&Colleen Lally   | 14 Cook St              | \$1,220,000 |
| Huber, Daniel S         | Brian D Tyler FT      | 19 Ellwood St           | \$1,200,000 |
| Haydock, Erica R        | Bryson, David C       | 119 High St             | \$2,150,000 |
| Hughson, David S        | Haydock, Oliver P     | 127 High St             | \$1,789,000 |
| Massed, Stephen M       | Meidov RT             | 19 Monument Ave         | \$1,500,000 |
| Halpin, Daniel          | Weiler, Michael       | 19 N Mead St            | \$1,117,500 |
| Slattery, Raymond M     | Kelly FT              | 4 Pleasant Street Ct    | \$1,155,000 |
| Daley, Kristen J        | Disa, Andrew          | 79 Russell St           | \$1,300,000 |
| Longsdorff, Elizabeth R | 610 Rutherford Avenue | 610 Rutherford Ave #406 | \$221,900   |
| Kapur, Ankur            | Collins, Francis E    | 37 Sackville St #3      | \$386,000   |
| Knowlton, Michael       | Ward, Matthew         | 10 Trenton St #2        | \$976,000   |

## CHARLESTOWN GIRLS SOFTBALL

### SCOREBOARD

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STANDINGS

| TEAM        | W | L | T | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Malden      | 9 | 3 | 0 | 9   |
| Charlestown | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5   |
| Medford     | 5 | 5 | 0 | 5   |
| Cambridge   | 2 | 8 | 0 | 2   |

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STANDINGS

| TEAM          | W | L | T | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Charlestown   | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7   |
| Medford Burns | 6 | 2 | 0 | 6   |
| Medford Taste | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4   |
| Somerville    | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1   |
| Medford Vibes | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1   |
| Malden        | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1   |



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# SCENES FROM ERIN MURPHY'S EVENT AT BLARNEY STONE

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*The Kennedy Center and RISE Construction celebrated the construction company's recent commitment to manage and cover some of the costs of their playground replacement project – which was also funded by the Charlestown Impact Fund and the City of Boston. However, officials said they could have never gotten the project moving without the commitment of RISE to help. Pictured here are Crystal Galvin of the Kennedy Center, Zouk Mo of RISE, several of the children from the Center, Eric Gould of RISE, and Kennedy Center Executive Director Thara Fuller.*

## RISE Construction commits to getting new playground project moving at Kennedy Center

Special to the Patriot Bridge

A year ago, the leadership team at the Kennedy Center faced some tough news—the playground equipment for the preschoolers would need a total replacement.

The patchwork effort of fixing parts of the equipment here and there would no longer work. Nevertheless, the price tag was far beyond the whole annual budget for facilities repairs, and yet this project had to be a top priority for the organization.

“Our playground is essential for the healthy development of young children. People may not realize that ‘play’ means learning for children who are 3 to 5. They build gross motor skills through

climbing, and build social skills in games like pretending to be superheroes,” explains Thara Fuller, Executive Director.

Now, a year later, some real superheroes have stepped up to ensure that the children have a safe place to learn through outdoor play. The Kennedy Center is grateful to the Charlestown Community Impact Fund and the City of Boston Universal PreK program for contributing the funds to make a down-payment possible for the playground equipment. And then, just in the nick of time, RISE Construction Management offered to manage the entire project, including covering the remaining balance of costs.

“RISE Construction

Management is excited to begin work on a playground for the John F. Kennedy Center in Charlestown. I went to pre-k here, and my family lives a stone's throw away from where this playground is located. Members of my team and I grew up in Charlestown, and we know how vital the Kennedy Center organization is to the families in the neighborhood. We are honored to be working with the Kennedy Center, and hope we can produce a play space that kids from all over the neighborhood can enjoy.” Eric Gould, Executive VP, RISE Construction Management.

The new playground will be ready for the fall opening of school-year programs, just ahead of preparations for the Phase 1 demolition and renovation of housing around the Kennedy Center.

“The school and playground are right at the gateway of the Bunker Hill Redevelopment, so it is especially important to see a beautiful, welcoming space full of joy right here,” said Fuller. “We are incredibly grateful for the support to make this possible. The team at RISE are definitely heroes to us.”



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### BOSTON GLORY TO HAVE FULL CAPACITY AT HOME GAMES

In accordance with state and local guidelines, Boston Glory will have full capacity at Hormel Stadium. Boston Glory is a professional ultimate team and member of the 22-team AUDL (American Ultimate Disc League). Featuring men's players from across New England, the team is poised to begin its inaugural season.

"This is what it is all about," team owner Peter Collery said. "Going through this past winter and spring without the guarantee of fans in the building was tough, we're so excited to be able to share our product. We're going to create a really fun environment for fans of all ages. With an incredible product on the field, we're excited to get the stands packed. Even if you're not too familiar with ultimate, we're confident you'll fall in love after a couple hours at Hormel."

The AUDL has been gaining popularity across the country since 2012. Boston Glory's season will begin in Pittsburgh on June 5. Glory will make their home debut at Hormel Stadium in Medford on June 11 against Atlanta. Tickets are available now on the team website at <https://theaudl.com/glory>.

### BILL TO HONOR VETERANS LOST TO SERVICE-RELATED ILLNESS REFILED

The Baker-Polito Administration has re-filed legislation to establish the Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity, which will be presented by the Massachusetts National Guard to the families of veterans who lost their lives to service-related illnesses and injuries.

"The Medal of Fidelity is an important opportunity to honor the brave men and women and their families who have served not just the Commonwealth, but the nation," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Service-related injuries and illnesses can persist long past service, and our administration is proud to offer legislation that, if passed, will demonstrate our gratitude for the sacrifices of our veterans and their loved ones."

The bill, entitled "An Act Relative to Establishing the Massachusetts Medal of Fidelity," will authorize the Commonwealth to award the Medal of Fidelity to the next-of-kin of Massachusetts service members who "died as the result of service-connected diseases, conditions or injuries that are related to either exposure to harmful toxins, herbicides, agents, and materials or service-related post-traumatic

stress disorder."

The bill will also authorize a commission to make Medal of Fidelity award recommendations to the Governor. The commission will be composed of The Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard and two field grade officers of the armed forces of the Commonwealth.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### NATIONAL GUARD RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

This week, 400 soldiers and airmen of the Massachusetts National Guard returned home from a 10-week public safety support mission in Washington, D.C. The deployment fell under Governor Charlie Baker's Jan. 25 activation

order, which made up to 700 Massachusetts National Guard personnel available to augment the security and logistics capabilities of various agencies in the region. With the Governor's consent, these service women and men undertook this second phase of the federally funded mission.

On Friday, May 14, Governor Baker had the chance to meet,

address, and thank members of the Guard for their continued service while he was in Washington D.C. for a series of meetings with federal authorities.

Although the Massachusetts National Guard remains ready to assist when called, there are no current plans to deploy further personnel to support public safety in Washington, D.C., and all Guard personnel associated with this mission have returned to their home stations.

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# Boston Public Library to welcome patrons back into buildings

The Boston Public Library (BPL) last week announced its plans to reopen its spaces to the public. On Tuesday, the Central Library in Copley Square reopened for limited in-person services, and June 14, those services will be expanded, and all branch libraries not currently under reconstruction are planned to reopen. All reopening plans follow the latest city and state public health guidance.

"We are thrilled to have libraries across the city opening their doors next month," said Mayor Kim Janey. "Equitable access is a foundation for my administration and we are focused on providing services that bring residents joy and improve their quality of life. These are both qualities the library offers our citizens, and I hope in the coming weeks Bostonians will visit their local libraries, explore the spaces we've all missed, and take advantage of all the free resources the library provides."

"We are very much looking for-

ward to welcoming patrons back into our buildings, including soon to the newly renovated Roxbury and Adams Street Branches," said BPL President David Leonard. "As difficult as it was to close our doors last March, I am proud of the innovative programming and critical resources we were able to provide Bostonians over the last year, both virtually and on a limited basis in-person. Now that it's safe to begin reopening, we are getting ready to welcome you back and look forward to continuing the library's mission to provide services free to all. Our top priorities in the months ahead are aiding residents in equitable economic recovery and educational advancement, along with providing summer programming for all ages."

Central Library in Copley Square

#### Walk up services:

Beginning on June 1, patrons will be able to browse select books in the building, while other books

will be available to be pulled on demand by staff. In addition, patrons will be able to pick up holds and check out books and DVDs; spend time in the courtyard; renew their library cards; and use public computers, print, and make photocopies.

On June 14, all remaining public floors will be open for browsing; the Children's Library and Teen Central will open; and the Book Delivery Desk in the McKim Building will be accessible to the public.

#### Services by appointment:

Starting on June 1, patrons will be able to make appointments to use the research collections, use the Kirstein Business Library & Innovation Center resources, or to request one-on-one computer assistance. Appointments can be made at [bpl.org/reopening](http://bpl.org/reopening) or by calling 617-859-5400.

#### Hours of operation:

Starting on June 1, the Central Library will be open Mondays: 10

a.m. – 6 p.m.; Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Fridays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sundays: Closed.

#### Branch Libraries

The library intends to open all branches not currently under construction on June 14. Visitors will be able to pick up holds and check out books; spend time browsing; use the library's computers for limited time slots, and print and make photocopies. Additionally, branch exterior spaces such as courtyards or reading gardens will be accessible to the public as well.

Until branches reopen, patrons can continue to rely on the BPL To Go program to check out items from their preferred location. Once the branches have reopened, patrons will no longer need to make an appointment to retrieve their holds, and can pick up their items during open hours as normal.

The adjusted branch hours will

be made available shortly.

#### Safety Requirements

Patrons visiting any library location will be required to wear a mask over their nose and mouth at all times, and abide by all staff instructions regarding safety.

Visitors will not be allowed to eat or drink inside the libraries or to use meeting rooms during this initial reopening phase.

#### Future Services

The library will be reopening additional services and spaces at the Central Library in the coming weeks, such as public meeting rooms, Art and Architecture Tours, and in-person programming, as staffing levels and staffing capacity return to normal.

Throughout the summer, programs for all ages will be available outdoors at many branch locations, from storytimes to ESL Conversation Circles.

## For the Record

### WARREN PRESCOTT SCHOOL

June 9 - Site Council Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

June 17 - Early Release

June 18 - Last Day: Early Release

Artist Group of Charlestown will host a show of the late Donald Kelley entitled 'Donald C. Kelley: Works on Paper.' The show opens this weekend, June 5. It will run in the StoveFactory Gallery, on Medford Street, from June 5 to June 20. Also, the Group has a call to artists for the Navy Yard show, 'Navy Yard Off Map: Exploring the Secret Life of a Historic Icon.' Julie Alailima is co-curating the show with fellow member and photographer, James Labeck. The hope is to encourage artistic exploration, and exhibit pieces with unusual perspectives of the Navy Yard. The Call to Artists ends on June 13 and the show will go from June 25 - July 18.

### CITY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARINGS FOR THE WEEK:

•May 27, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budget for the Fire Department.

•June 3, 10 a.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is the FY22 budget for the Department of Innovation and Technology.

\*6 p.m., CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS HEARING: The focus of this hearing is public testimony on any aspect of the FY22 Budget.

From the June 2 License Commission meeting, online:

Gaslight District LLC. DBA: Main Street Pasta & Wine, 40 Main St. Has applied for a Retail Package Store Malt & Wine License to be exercised on the above. It is one space consisting of two rooms, the room with windows on Main Street will be the shop where fresh pasta is made and products sold. The second room is smaller and will be used for storage. There is one employee lavatory. All Shop space in on the ground level approx. 500 sq. ft. Manager: MATTHEW DELISLE. Closing Time: 10 p.m.

Charlestown Pride Celebration. Please join neighbors for the annual Pride Month flag raising on Weds., June 9, at 5 p.m. at Schrafft's City Center, 529 Main St. Sponsored by Flatley Companies, Councilor Lydia Edwards and State Rep. Dan Ryan.

Public Meeting - PLEASE NOTE: This meeting has been rescheduled from 6/2 to 6/24. Description: The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) invites you to a virtual information session regarding the community benefits for the Little Mystic Parcel. The meeting runs from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Garden Tour of Historic Charlestown - Come and explore 10 gardens on Saturday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nestled behind stately brick facades and tidy clapboard homes, these gardens are hidden oases of beauty and calm. The tour starts

at Gardens for Charlestown (499 Main Street), where one will pick up the guidebook. Tour tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 day of the event. Raffle. The Gardens have several amazing prizes to raffle off the day of the Garden Tour. Learn more and purchase raffle tickets online at the website. Raffle tickets are \$1.

PLAN Charlestown upcoming meetings and workshops:

•Wednesday, June 9 – Chat with a Planner. Talk with one of the planners on the project and get individualized instructions for using the Map.Social computer tool.

•Tuesday, June 29, on the Original Peninsula and Lost Village sub-areas.

At these workshops, we will dive deeper in conversations about the future priorities and needs for these areas, as well as shaping future investments in these areas. In the coming weeks, you will be able to sign up and find more information about these workshops.

Be a part of the Urban Forest Plan! If you're interested in learning more about the Urban Forest Plan Community Advisory Board, hop on over to the project page to review the role of a Collaborating Partner, then complete the short form on the project page. The form will be open until June 18, so please also share it with your friends and family in the neighborhood. CAB materials have been translated into: Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, Chinese (Simplified), Cabo Verdean Creole, Spanish (Latin American), Portuguese (Brazilian), Ar

abic, Russian, Somali, and French. Translation and interpretation services are available at no cost to you. If you need assistance, please contact Maggie Owens at [maggie.owens@boston.gov](mailto:maggie.owens@boston.gov) or 617-961-3025.

### •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.

# OBITUARIES

## Margaret Crotty

She will be missed dearly by family and friends

Margaret (Docherty) Crotty, born in Scotland and a long-time resident of her second home, Charlestown, passed away peacefully on May 22 at the age of 85.

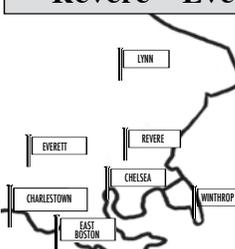
Margaret was the loving wife of 54 years to the late Arthur Crotty, a life-long "Townie" an dunion member of the International Longshoreman's Association (ILA). She was the mother of Arthur Crotty and wife, Joan of North Reading, David Crotty and his wife, Donna of Texas, Ken Crotty and his wife, Mary of Winchester; Ellen Crotty and her husband, Edward Pistorino of

Charlestown and the late Stephen Crotty and William (Billy) Crotty of Charlestown. She is also survived by fourteen grandchildren who loved her dearly and always enjoyed listening to her Scottish accent and stories.

Margaret was a devoted mother, sister and friend to many - she will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

Services and burial will be privately held. Donations in Margaret's memory may be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Charlestown, 15 Green Street, Charlestown, MA 02129.

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