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Bridget Bohne and Sean Boyle celebrate as they make their way down the other side of Bunker Hill Street. Meanwhile, Kids and candy are the definition of a successful parade. Here are Oliver, Chris and Reed Anderson fetching candy as their father, Mike Anderson, looks on. The annual Parade was not exactly the official version once again this year due to COVID-19, but with restrictions lifting, joy abounded and people showed up in large numbers to watch the Parade pass by. See Pages 11-13 for more parade photos.

Gardens for Charlestown resumes Garden Tour Saturday

By Seth Daniel

Gardens for Charlestown will host their bi-annual Garden Tour this Saturday, June 19, after a monumental coordinating effort that took some risks in assuming such an event could even happen.

President Chris Schiavone said

he was very proud of some of the younger, newer gardeners who took the ball and ran with it in putting this year's tour together under very tricky circumstances.

"I'm proud of the organization because we made a firm commitment to go forward even before everything was lifted," he said.

"We felt being outdoors was safe. What I always have liked is this isn't a collection of landscaper gardens that come out of Home Beautiful magazine. They're real urban gardens for the most part. Most of them are labors of love, people who took a space and made it their own beautiful spot."

Teen Ryan Williams and family calling for help

By Seth Daniel

Turn It Around teen Ryan Williams was set to graduate Charlestown High School next week on June 21, and it was a day he had been looking forward to for years – so much so that he gifted himself a new car after having worked two jobs for many years during high school and saving up the money.

The car, his mother Ayanna O'Brien said, was his pride and joy, but it also became something that changed his life forever as he suffered a serious car accident in Brockton while driving on June 6 – having fallen asleep at the wheel after taking all of his friends home to various locations around Greater Boston.

Now in the ICU, but stable, his family and the community at Turn It Around are asking for any donations they can get to a \$10,000 Go Fund Me effort to help afford a special bed, a special chair and other medical devices he will need when he is able to return home.

"He had just dropped off his friends in Charlestown, Lynn and Everett and was heading back to my house in Brockton," said O'Brien. "That's when everything changed. I got this phone call at 4 a.m. from a lady I didn't even know. She lived at the crash site and came out and helped my son. The car, a convertible, flipped four times after hitting a pole because

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Food industry veterans look to take pasta, sauce and wine on the go

By Seth Daniel

Two veteran chefs in the restaurant industry are looking to take things on the run in Charlestown, petitioning the License Board to allow them to open a take-out only pasta, sauce, beer and wine store in the old dry cleaning store at 40 Main St.

Matthew Delisle and Peter McGough have teamed up to bring a new concept to Charlestown, and really to Boston, in the store they are proposing for the once-in-a-lifetime location. They have already had a License Board hearing, but are still awaiting a decision – though they are hopeful.

"The idea is to create a fresh

pasta shop with the addition of wine and beer," said McGough. "The concept is to have a one-stop shop where customers can get the ingredients for a meal – the pasta, the sauce and a wine pairing – and take it home to cook. It's fresh and simple and cheaper than going out to eat and just as good too."

Both said they are really focused on the pasta right now, and plan to have shapes at all times, but would hope to add stuffed pastas on a rotating basis – such as raviolis, gnocchi and tortellini and other specialties. They would also feature fresh sauces and pestos, or the ingredients to quickly make

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EDITORIAL

THE GUN CRISIS

The recent increase in mass shooting incidents across the country comes as no surprise to anyone with an ounce of common-sense.

The ease of purchase, and relatively low-cost, of assault-style weapons, particularly AR-15 semi-automatics with large-capacity magazines, makes it possible for anyone to become a mass murderer.

And make no mistake about it, the purpose of high capacity magazines in assault weapons is to reduce the time it takes to reload, thereby increasing the time in engaging the target, ensuring that a mass murderer can kill and maim large numbers of victims in a matter of seconds.

It is not a coincidence that the vast majority of mass shootings occur in states with lax gun laws. Texas, Georgia, and other Southern states impose virtually no restrictions on the purchase and sale of these weapons that are designed to kill and maim as many people as quickly as possible.

Up to now, Massachusetts and many other states with stronger gun laws fortunately have been fairly insulated from such incidents.

However, that soon may change. It has long been the goal of the National Rifle Association and the gun lobby to invalidate what those groups consider to be restrictive gun laws in violation of the Second Amendment in every state. They want every citizen in the country to be able to buy whatever gun they want, whenever they want, and to be able to carry loaded firearms in public all the time and everywhere.

The NRA basically has adopted Archie Bunker-reasoning. (Archie's solution to solving the airplane hijacking problem of the 1970s was to give every passenger a gun when they boarded so that they could "get the drop" on the would-be hijacker).

The NRA's long-cherished dream of an AR-15 in every household took a big step forward two weeks ago with a decision by a federal judge striking down California's ban on the sale of assault-style weapons that has been in effect since 1989.

The judge began his opinion with these words: "Like the Swiss Army Knife, the popular AR-15 rifle is a perfect combination of home defense weapon and homeland defense equipment. Firearms deemed as 'assault weapons' are fairly ordinary, popular, modern rifles."

Obviously, even comparing an AR-15 to a Swiss Army Knife is ridiculous on its face -- we've never heard of a mass murderer using a knife as a weapon -- but what in our view was really chilling was the judge's words stating that an AR-15 is useful as a "homeland defense weapon."

That wording mimics what the gun crowd (the type of guys who like to dress up in camouflage) sees as the principal argument in favor of lax gun laws: That ordinary citizens will need these weapons in order to defend our country against the possibility of a foreign invading army.

That argument likewise is nonsense, but it's what animates the gun types who like to play soldier -- and obviously was among the reasons for the judge's decision striking down the California statute.

The state is appealing this judge's ruling. Ultimately, this question will reach the U.S. Supreme Court. However, given the present make-up of the court, we would bet even money that the court will strike down the California statute -- and when that happens, it will be open season on innocent Americans all across the country for mass murderers.

A father's guiding hand...



GUEST OP-ED

Economic equity is key in Boston's efforts to recover from the pandemic

By Mayor Kim Janey

Throughout the pandemic, our city has remained resilient through uncertainty and hardship. Together, we are making real progress in our public health recovery. Cases of COVID-19 continue to decline, as vaccination rates climb steadily across the city. Now, we must focus on an economic recovery, reopening and renewal that includes all of our communities. That starts with bold measures that encourage equity in our city and open opportunities for those who have been shut out.

Boston's recovery and reopening is a chance to renew our city, making it stronger and more equitable. The racial wealth gap among Boston residents made headlines even before the pandemic. I know we can do better. My administration is implementing concrete changes to help working families earn living wages and build wealth of their own. I have announced two new measures to promote economic

equity and opportunity for working families in Boston.

The first initiative put homeownership within reach for first-time homebuyers. I used a first-time buyer program to purchase my own home, so I know how important homeownership is to economic stability and breaking the cycle of poverty. That is why I am excited to triple down payment assistance for the Boston Home Center's first-time Homebuyer Program.

With a \$2.4 million commitment to this program in my FY22 budget proposal, we will be able to provide up to \$40,000 in assistance to income-eligible residents seeking to purchase a home for the first time. Residents can also receive assistance with down payments and closing costs. This change more than triples the average amount of assistance previously offered by the City.

Owning a home is part of the American Dream, and I am proud of the work our City is doing to

make this a reality. As we work to close the racial wealth gap, it is programs like these that can help us achieve equity in Boston.

Closing the wealth gap means we also have to address the wage gap. That is why I have also signed an executive order establishing a prevailing wage standard for key city service contractors.

Starting July 1, Boston will guarantee rates for city contractors of \$14.85 to \$20 per hour for services such as cleaning and security, with an additional \$6.26 to \$6.70 per hour in health and pension benefits.

This executive order recognizes the importance of sustainable wages and benefits. It is time that the City of Boston sets a standard for other employers to follow that supports the wellbeing of Boston's working families, while also encouraging other employers to join us in the effort.

These new steps help ensure

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GUEST OP-ED

Taking on our Housing Crisis

By Michelle Wu

One of the biggest challenges the next Mayor of Boston will take on is our housing crisis.

Too many Bostonians are shut out from buying homes, dealing with soaring property taxes on a fixed income, or struggling to make rent. Many residents worry about the cost of living, so much that they aren't sure that they can stay.

That's reflected in the number of families being pushed out by cost of living: Though our population keeps growing, the number of school-aged children in Boston is about half what it was in 1970.

The vibrancy and long-term wellbeing of our city depends on our ability to keep our housing costs under control—not just to attract and retain new residents but also to protect and invest in the ones already here.

We cannot allow the city of Boston to be hollowed out by its lack of affordable housing options.

Our city has a proud legacy of incredible innovation. We were the first city in this country to build a public library, a public park and a taxpayer-funded public school. Yet when it comes to tackling the housing crisis and managing development in a way to build growth, affordability, community and environmental justice, we have lagged behind.

As home prices skyrocket, rents rise and disparities along racial and economic lines only increase, we need bold solutions that match the scale and urgency of the crisis.

In Boston, our leadership for housing can have immediate and far-reaching impact. Several years ago, when Airbnb was driving rents up across the city, we built a coalition to stand up and pass the most protective ordinance in the country. They sued Boston, but when we won in court, it set a national precedent so cities across the country could also protect their tenants.

This week, I am announcing a Housing Justice Agenda to expand homeownership opportunities and housing stability for low- and middle-income Bostonians, residents of color and seniors, and to address the intersection of our homelessness, substance use, and mental health crises.

As Mayor, I will expand existing city programs to increase the purchasing power of first-time homebuyers, increase property tax relief for seniors and others living on a fixed income, and leverage our capital budget to build new, permanently-affordable housing. We must take advantage of existing public assets to co-locate housing with libraries, schools and other municipal buildings to create new, multi-use developments that are deeply affordable and energy-efficient. This is a simple solution to help grow our housing stock while ensuring that units fit the environmental standards we need for a city of the future.

I will also push for greater tenant protections against eviction and displacement, and I'll prioritize investments and improvements in the Boston Housing Authority while creating new supportive housing.

These are just some of the actions we can take to tackle displacement and make Boston a city where people of all incomes, backgrounds, professions, and ages can make a home and build community.

We will only deliver housing justice when we place our full focus and energy on opening up more housing opportunities, and listen to our residents who are dealing with this crisis every day.

But we have to act quickly. Our city is made vibrant by our neighborhoods and communities. To ensure they can thrive well into the future, we need leadership that takes on our housing crisis with the urgency it requires.

Michelle Wu is a Councilor At-Large and Candidate for Mayor.

REINSTATEMENT OF SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

To the Editor,

"Without the Lord's day, we cannot live!" His Holiness, Pope Benedict, in his homily at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Vienna on September 9, 2007, quoted the Abitinian Martyrs, who during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. The martyrs responded to the magistrate: "Sine dominico non possumus!" – without the Lord's day, we cannot live! The Pope went on to say: "For these Christians, the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment, but an inner necessity. Without him who sustains our lives, life itself is empty. To do without or to betray this focus would deprive life of its very foundation, would take away its inner dignity and beauty."

Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021.

We are mindful of the Lord's statement: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mt 18:20). While we certainly can pray alone, there is both strength and blessedness in communal prayer.

We do also note that attendance at Mass is our way of following the Third Commandment of the Decalogue: "Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy. For six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy." (Ex. 20:8,11)

We call to mind the many times we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there (Mt 13:54, Mk 1:21-28, Lk 4:16-30, Jn 6:22-59). It is a desire of every Christian to conform his or her life to the life of Jesus, and Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Most significantly, receiving the Eucharist is the center of every Catholic life. The Lord commands us to take and eat, and to do it in memory of Him. (Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:14-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26, CCC 1324). The Eucharist is food for our difficult journey through life, filling us with joy and strengthening us to embrace our suffering. It transforms us from the inside out and creates a unity among us that is a strong witness to the whole world.

Therefore, it is with great confidence and trust in the Lord that we reinstate this Sunday Mass obligation. It has been a long, difficult year. People have experienced great pain and suffering throughout this pandemic. Loss of life has been immense. People continue to recover from the long-term effects of the coronavirus.

The heroes among us — our nurses, doctors, first responders and all medical professionals — were a source of enormous comfort. Priests brought the Sacrament of the Sick to COVID patients. Now we are able to join together, remembering the lives changed and the sacrifices made. Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist.

In this year of Saint Joseph, who was always a faithful observer of the sabbath, we chose Father's Day as an appropriate day to encourage all of our people, and especially our families, to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley,
OFM Cap
Archbishop of Boston

OUR STRENGTH IS IN OUR TOGETHERNESS

To the Editor,

I'm outraged that some of the people we entrust with decisions about the education of Boston's children have proved to be biased and prejudiced, blind to the fact that our strength is in our togetherness. While I find the resignations appropriate, I am saddened by how this drives a deeper wedge in our City. An attack on any of our neighborhoods is an attack on all of our neighborhoods. This city's strength lies in our neighborhoods -- ALL of them -- and anyone who disrespects that is not fit to represent us.

As a teacher in Boston Public Schools for 22 years, I fought for my students, their families, and our communities. Zip codes don't determine the value of our kids or families, and that's a core belief we all need to embrace.

I also call on the City of Boston's Office of Public Records, as well as BPS and the City's legal department, to investigate and explain to the people of Boston why the public record of the texts between the School Committee members at a public meeting were withheld from FOIA requests. Public records that are released with redactions must, by law, be plainly marked as redacted and an official explanation for the redactions must be included in a FOIA response.

I'm a Boston teacher and a Mom. I know our neighborhoods, our public schools, and our kids and families very well. And I know that expressions of hate and animosity against any group will do nothing but deepen divisions and sow animosity among people. We are ONE city. Everyone in government and elected office, and those seeking public office, must be committed to working TOGETHER, with good will toward all, to make sure Boston's future is as bright as we know it can be, for ALL of us.

Erin Murphy,
Candidate for
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BPDA Board approves new development in Thompson Square

Staff Report

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors last week approved five new development projects and two Notice of Project Changes (NPC), including a small project review located next to the Five Cent Bank on Thompson Square.

The 1-2 Thompson Square project builds an addition onto the Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank to create new home-ownership units, as well as retail and amenity space. There will be nine residential units in the new building that will create 220 construction jobs and 1,910 sq. ft. of retail.

The project would demolish the one story addition on the west side of the existing Charlestown Five Cent Savings Bank building and construct an approximately 23,826 square foot, five-story, "L" shaped

addition to the existing building that will include nine residential ownership units, nine off-street vehicle parking spaces, at least nine on-site bicycle storage spaces, approximately 1,910 square feet of retail space on the ground floor, and residential amenity spaces.

The project also requires approvals from the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA).

- Rent deferment for qualified BPDA tenants extended

The BPDA Board also voted to extend rent deferment lease amendments to tenants on BPDA-owned properties that have been severely financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Since being authorized to approve rent deferral requests starting in April 2020, the BPDA has received 20 rent deferral requests, and granted a total of \$2,394,696 in relief. Tenants must go through a rent deferment application process.

OP-ED (from pg. 2)

an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. These efforts will work together with other programs I have introduced since being sworn-in as Mayor, including the ONE+Boston Home-buyer Program, \$50 million in new rental relief to help residents stay in their homes and a \$50 million emergency package to support an equitable recovery and reopening for our City's residents, workers

and small businesses.

I will continue fighting for a stronger, more equitable Boston. It takes persistence to make a difference, and I promise that economic equity for residents will be at the forefront of Boston's agenda to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kim Janey is the Mayor of Boston.



The National Park Service celebration of the opening of the USS Cassin Young in the Navy Yard on June 27, 1981.

USS Cassin Young celebrates 40 years as a museum ship

Staff Report

Forty years ago, USS Cassin Young (DD-793) opened as a floating museum. Sunday, June 27, at 10 a.m. the National Park Service and the U.S. Navy will host a short ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate this anniversary.

The event will take place on Pier 1, in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Bring your "Passport To Your National Parks" and collect a new commemorative cancellation stamp designed for this special occasion. USS Cassin Young was brought to Boston NHP to represent the ships that workers in the Boston Navy Yard built, repaired,

and modernized. There were 14 Fletcher class destroyers built in the Boston Navy Yard. Cassin Young came to Boston a number of times during the 1950s for repairs and updated equipment.

In the last 40 years, 8.6 million visitors have come aboard the main deck. Some of those visitors have explored other parts of the ship by taking a guided tour with a park ranger or a volunteer. Since 1981, visitors have discovered the role and function of a destroyer in times of war and peace. Visitors have seen and smelled the spaces sailors lived aboard. Visitors have learned about the 23 sailors who were killed in the spring of 1945

by kamikaze attacks.

Every year, volunteers, many of whom are veterans of the U.S. Navy, donate hour of love and sweat to the park and the ship. On behalf of the park and our visitors, I want to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

On behalf of the National Parks of Boston, the U.S. Navy, and the Cassin Young volunteers, please join us to mark this 40th anniversary. As we enter our fifth decade, we continue to share the stories of the men who serve and the workers who built; we continue preserving the legacy of USS Cassin Young.

CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

Weekly Standings for the week of 6/12/2021

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| Bryan's Pals. | 4. | 0. | 3 |
| A-1 Convenience. | 4. | 2. | 1 |
| Duce 2. | 2. | 2. | 3 |
| MPTA. | 0. | 6. | 1 |

Players of the week for 6/12/2021

A-1 Convenience - Charlotte Seney, Noah Martinez.
 Bryan's Pals and Duce 2 - The few who came.
 MPTA - Colton Morales, James Lister.

2021/2022 Fall/ Winter Registration

Registration for our fall/winter season is being held at: The Ryan Playground, Sullivan Sq., 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.) Rain Date: June 26, 10 am-noon, Eden St Park. No registration fee is due at this time. You do not have to live in Charlestown to play. Come and watch a game while you register your child. Any questions call: Jimbo 617-803-5344. Debbie 617-241-0434

FOOD (from pg. 1)

such a thing. That would be complemented, if they are licensed, by gourmet cheeses and maybe in the future some charcuterie.

For now, it's all about the pasta, and that pasta would be a throwback to the "real" thing, both said. They are sourcing their semolina and other grains from Canada and upstate New York and using Massachusetts-made ingredients wherever possible.

Delisle has lived in the building across the street for 15 years, he said, and is very good friends with the Chin family there - who would be the landlords. He said it was a great opportunity to get into the culinary space in Boston, and to seize a great location.

"I think from my point of view, we've been long-time culinarians

and in the business and now we wanted to act on this location and be in the neighborhood," he said. "I've lived in the building for 15 years now and I now the Chin family very well. I saw the opportunity when the cleaners closed and moved on. I see an opportunity to do something in the neighborhood I love. We see it as a win-win and everything fell into place for it."

Delisle was the chef de cuisine at the legendary, but now closed, L'espalier in the Back Bay, and hired McGough as a sous chef there. They got along famously, but went their separate ways eventually. Most recently, McGough helped Chef Douglass Williams at MIDA in the South End make that place into a staple restaurant,

and said he learned a lot there about pasta and fresh cooking. Delisle also has a long history of fine dining in hotels, such as the Four Seasons in Back Bay and the Mandarin Oriental in the Back Bay.

"I think we would like to bring a traditional pasta shop to the neighborhood," said McGough. "There is no sit down service. I think we've moved so far away from the idea of what fresh pasta was. It's up to us chefs to make sure we get back to that place."

If approved by the License Board, they said they hoped to move very quickly towards an opening. They are represented by Charlestown attorney Scott Holmes.

WILLIAMS (from pg. 1)

Ryan fell asleep...He's such a good kid and he worked two jobs through high school to buy that car. It was his graduation gift to himself."

Williams, 18, suffered a broken neck, a broken back, two fractures in his face, fluid in his lungs, massive head trauma and bleeding on his brain. Thankfully, he has stabilized, but his path to a full recovery will be a long one.

In Charlestown, his friends are praying and rallying around him this week.

"We're all rallying around him and his family, as he has a long recovery ahead of him," said Mswati Hanks of Turn It Around.

O'Brien said she and his father, Ryan Williams Sr., had a tough decision to make in the hospital, but so far that decision is panning out for the best. The first option was to do surgery immediately for his neck, but it would mean he would lose about 50 percent of his mobility automatically for the rest of his life – likely putting him in a wheelchair or some other walking device for life.

Being a strong young man, his parents chose the second option



Turn It Around youth group member Ryan Williams was involved in a serious car crash in Brockton on June 6 after falling asleep at the wheel. He is still in the ICU, but in stable condition. As he continues to improve, his family is asking for help through a GoFundMe campaign to purchase medical devices for the home like a medical bed, a medical recliner and other things the teen will need.

of waiting to see if the neck heals itself, and to take care of the head trauma.

"He's only 18 and is a hard worker and very bright," said O'Brien. "We knew he could fight and do this."

His father said that while many parents gush over their kids, Ryan was simply a hard-working kid who wanted to graduate and wanted to do great things after high school – and was very focused on anti-drug and positivity in the Turn It Around program.

"He's a very unselfish individual," said Williams. "He probably should become a politician, a real politician for the people. We always say that about him. He's one of the good kids and by that I mean that he doesn't drink and he doesn't smoke like a lot of other people. Whatever he wanted to do, I think he could do it. He's never been hurt physically, so this will be hard for him."

O'Brien said the family is incredibly sad that Williams won't be able to cross the stage for graduation at Charlestown High this year. They were all looking forward to it, and the whole family planned on being there. In fact, when he woke up, O'Brien said one of the first things her son

realized was he wasn't going to be able to attend graduation.

"It's one thing he was concerned about in the hospital," she said. "He turned to me and said, 'Mom, I'm not going to be able to graduate or get my diploma.' He was so excited to actually walk across that stage and get his diploma in hand. We're going to

make sure something like that can happen for him in time."

Right now, the family is asking anyone who can to give to their Go Fund Me effort to help pay for the medical devices they will need at their home when Williams is able to return. The GoFundMe page is located at <https://gofund.me/8c398b18>.



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Encore Boston Harbor to bring on new president in August

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor President Brian Gullbrants will move on from his role as president of the Everett resort casino at the end of July, and current Encore Executive Vice President of Operations Jenny Holaday will take over as the next president of the casino on Aug. 1.

Holaday, an East Boston resident, has been the EVP of Operations since 2019 and has excelled before and in the re-build as the pandemic lifted. She will become the third president of the Encore Boston Harbor since its inception.

In her current role, she leads all marketing functions, including advertising, direct and database marketing, casino marketing, analytics, promotions, special events, entertainment, player development and Wynn Rewards, the company's loyalty program. Additionally, she is responsible for overseeing all casino operations for the resort.

Gullbrants is reportedly headed back to the operations in Las Vegas, after having a good run at Encore that began in October 2019 when former President Bob DeSalvio was suddenly ousted from the position. Gullbrants had



Encore Executive Vice President of Operations Jenny Holaday is in line to become the third president of Encore Boston Harbor on Aug. 1, with current President Brian Gullbrants moving back to work in the operations in Las Vegas again. Gullbrants has been at the helm almost two years and steered the resort through the COVID-19 pandemic. Holaday has been in

been the EVP of Operations since coming to Boston in 2017 and beginning to make the pre-opening rounds in May 2018. He had transferred employment to Boston from Las Vegas at the time.

During his tenure, Gullbrants

was able to begin to better-tailor Encore to the Greater Boston market – and according to several investor calls over the last few quarters, that has been a success.

Holaday joined Encore bringing an extensive background in the casino industry to her role.

She has lived and worked in eight separate gaming regions from the East Coast to Nevada and many places in between. She started her career in loyalty marketing before moving to large scale retail marketing, and eventually into senior-level property operations. She has held executive positions for companies such as Harrah's, Caesars and Mandalay Resort Group and launched two enterprise-wide casino player programs. In 2016, she left the gaming industry to follow a new career path as a marketing and operations consultant, helping millennials with professional development. However, she was drawn back into the gaming industry in 2019 when she began her tenure at Encore.

When she isn't on property, Holaday said she enjoys cooking and golfing. She said she loves to spend time and catch up with her two adult children, and currently lives in East Boston with her dog, Snoopy.



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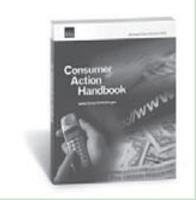
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The Castle Group wins Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year

Staff Report

The Castle Group, a Boston-based public relations, event management and marketing firm celebrating its 25th year in business, has been named the 2021 Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Champion, which celebrates a successful small business that is also working to strengthen and advocate for the small business community. This award comes on the heels of Castle's recognition as a 2021 Forbes Top 200 PR firm, out of more than 5,000 firms reviewed.

"The same values we've brought to our work every day since day one – passion, creativity, proactivity and our scrappy spirit – helped us meet the challenges of the past year, not just to survive, but to grow meaningfully," said Sandy Lish, Castle principal and co-founder. "Over the past year, more than ever, we doubled down on our commitment to support and advocate for other businesses and nonprofits, especially those owned and led by women and minorities. Our businesses are critical to our region's economy, and we're grateful to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce for recognizing that, honored to be in fantastic company with the



Wendy Spivak.

winner in the other categories, and proud of our incredible Castle family."

"This award is for our entire Castle team, who worked hard day in and day out to ensure that we thrived despite the challenges of the past 18 months," said Wendy Spivak, Castle principal and co-founder. "We hope to exemplify the value of relationships, and, in particular, the moral and business imperative to be a true community partner. Businesses of any size can make a tremendous impact. This honor is a wonderful recognition of the ability of small businesses to meet the challenges of the moment, and to represent staying power despite



Sandy Lish.

changing, and sometimes challenging, circumstances."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Castle's events business transitioned rapidly to remote events, learning and interacting with new technology at the same time that they were implementing it for client events. On the public relations side, Castle helped more than 60 clients navigate the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic, developing both internal and external communications strategies and helping organizations address connected issues including racial equity, diversity and inclusion.

The company also redoubled its efforts on DE&I and employee health and wellness, committing to

anti-racist workplace discussions and training and implementing a more flexible time off policy to help employees balance the challenges of working from home during the pandemic.

Castle has been a Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce member for many years. Lish has been honored with the Chamber's Pinnacle Award for Entrepreneurship and serves on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee and Castle EVP Hilary Allard is a long-serving member of its Women's Network Advisory Board.

Over the last 25 years, Castle has developed long-term valued partnerships with other small businesses. Along with the more than 50 global "sister and brother" agencies in Castle's proprietary

Public Relations Global Network, Castle collaborates on best practices and business development, particularly in the areas of mentorship, DE&I, events and crisis management. Castle is known for consistently punching above its weight, with deep connections in the business, nonprofit and public sectors, providing support for many organizations both publicly and behind the scenes. Castle supports small businesses in particular through its relationships with the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, Center For Women & Enterprise, Initiative For a Competitive Inner City, Foundation For Business Equity, Latino Equity Fund and many others.



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Perfect Attendance, Ruth Gorman has never missed a Bunker Hill Parade

By Seth Daniel

One of the earliest memories Ruth Gorman has of the Battle of Bunker Hill Day Parade is late Mayor James Michael Curley striding up Park Street with a bouquet of flowers, charming all of Charlestown and eventually finding just the right person to give that bouquet to.

“The Parade used to come down Park Street,” she said while sitting on the corner of the Training Field in her usual spot last Sunday. “First it came down Chelsea Street

and then Park Street. I lived on Park Street back then and Mayor Curley was in the Parade. He was coming by our house with a big bouquet of flowers and he came over and gave it to my mother. She was very fond of Mayor Curley.”

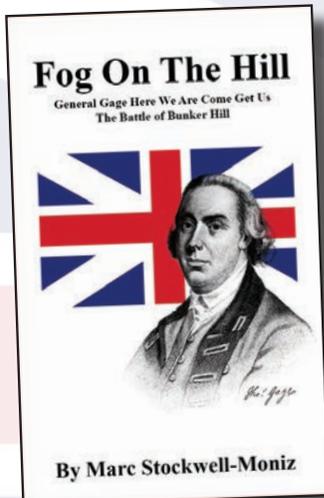
Gorman, 87, has any number of memories from each and every Parade, including ones like this year that aren’t exactly “official.” Even last year during COVID-19, when a small car and walking Bunker Hill Parade went off on a quiet Sunday afternoon with no one watching, Gorman was at



With family around her, Ruth Gorman applauds as the unofficial Bunker Hill Car and Pedestrian Parade come to the Training Field. Official or unofficial, Gorman has never really missed a Bunker Hill Day Parade that anyone can remember.



Ruth Gorman with family members Erin Pucci, Carlos Pucci, Michelle Hingston, Alexa Hingston, Andrea Hingston, and Nora Brennan.



On the morning of June 17, 1775, the fog was slowly lifting over the small village of Charlestown, Massachusetts. Tragically, a more ominous and metaphorical type of fog quickly descended upon the Charlestown Peninsula. It followed angry American patriots and their wrathful British enemies. This fog was the omnipresent fog of war. It would dictate the chaotic fighting by the combatants during the legendary Battle of Bunker Hill. In his book, *Fog On The Hill*, author Marc Stockwell-Moniz guides the reader into the bedlam of this renowned battle. He details the utter confusion which surrounded both the Americans and the British and explains the de facto political recognition by the British toward the freely elected Massachusetts Provincial Congress. Also highlighted in *Fog On The Hill* are First Nation Americans and African-Americans, along with an updated American death count from the legendary battle.

Author Marc Stockwell-Moniz is a fourteenth-generation American. Marc was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1954. He was graduated from San Diego State in 1978 with a degree in journalism. His ancestors were among the group of settlers who received the charter from King Charles to establish the Massachusetts Bay Colony. They founded Charlestown, Massachusetts in 1628. Several of Marc's ancestors fought in the American Revolutionary War under the command of General Artemus Ward and later General George Washington. Marc is a member of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Union Veterans. He lives in San Diego County, Ca. with his family.
Available on Amazon at: *Fog On The Hill: General Gage Here We Are Come Get Us - The Battle Of Bunker Hill: Stockwell-Moniz, Mr. Marc Jesse: 9780976094814: Amazon.com: Books*

her usual station on the corner of Adams and Winthrop Streets in front of the Training Field.

It was no different this year, except many more people were around and all of her friends, family and grandchildren.

“I’ve never really missed a Parade,” she said, pausing and adding, “well, there might have been a couple.”

As a little girl, she and her life-long friend, the late Jean McLaughlin, would sit on the curb across the street from her current spot to watch the Parade. They

continued to watch the Parade every year thereafter together.

“We even watched the Parade the year there was no Parade because of rain,” she commented, noting the situation in the 1990s when the late Mayor Tom Menino refused to allow the Parade because of bad weather, but organizers held it anyway.

“Jean and I were still out here,” she said. “I moved up here when I was 21, and started here a little while after, so I think it’s 55 years at this spot.”

Gorman’s Parade festivities include far more than just watching the procession from the Training Field, but also hosting a huge Saturday night pre-Parade party.

That party requires no invitations and always includes great music and, sometimes, some Irish songs performed by Gorman. All of it has wrapped up into a long-time June tradition for Ruth Gorman that has been successfully passed on to her children, her grandchildren and now her great-grandchildren.

That was evidenced as the generations gathered around her on Sunday at the Training Field and cheered with her as they awaited the Car and Pedestrian Parade to make the march down the hill from the Monument and into the Training Field.

“I love it; I can’t wait for it every year,” said Gorman.

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Grieving process begins as Edwards Middle School shuts down forever

By Seth Daniel

The Edwards Middle School – lovingly referred to by many as ‘The Eddies’ – will close its doors forever on Friday after standing strong as a public middle school for the last 89 years.

The school is in line to be re-purposed and renovated to provide more seats at the elementary school level to supplement the three schools that now accommodate Charlestown kids, and have long waiting lists to boot. For now though, the Edwards begins its final wind-down after almost two years of preparations following a closure announcement by Supt. Brenda Cassellius and her team in 2019.

This week, Principal Laryssa Doherty said they are in the midst of preparations, carefully removing items so as not to upset stu-

dents and staff, and getting ready for a fun-filled afternoon on June 17 of graduations and good-byes in Eden Street Park.

“Thursday we’re going to share some laughs and good times together and just say good-bye,” said Doherty on Tuesday. “It’s a challenge closing down a school community. There are a lot of moving parts. I’ve worked hard with our administrative team to shield our students and staff from seeing logistical operations so we can all go through a type of grieving process. To move forward, we need people to feel supported so staff know what their next steps are and students know where they are going next year. It’s not an abrupt process. We been able to slowly crawl with it.”

Traditionally the school has housed grades 6-8, and that meant about 450 students, but there was

no 6th grade class this year as things wound down and so they had just over 200. Eighth graders in the school were not as disrupted as they did the usual routine of choosing a high school. Doherty said most chose East Boston High, Charlestown High, Fenway High, Madison Park and Boston Arts Academy.

Meanwhile, 7th grade students were charged with finding another school for 8th grade, and Doherty said many chose to attend the new, expanded Charlestown High 7-12 model or the Eliot K-8. With the school mainly hosting East Boston students nowadays, a good many also landed at the McKay or Umana Schools in Eastie. For the students that came from Mattapan and Roxbury, they also chose schools like the Dearborn STEM Academy that were closer to home.

“In that sense BuildBPS worked because students will now be at schools much closer to home,” she said.

Staff members at a rate of about 65 percent have found new landing places guaranteed, but all staff are guaranteed a job somewhere, even if they haven’t yet decided. Many are also moving over to the new Charlestown High 7-12.

“It really is a grieving process now,” she said. “We’re all going through it together. Everybody is in a different space with that. I have people that have been in this building since the late 1980s. We set out to have a successful school closure where everyone felt supported and I think we accomplished that.”

On Thursday at 4 p.m., Doherty said they will be having two ceremonies in Eden Street Park, one for the 7th graders where Acting

Mayor Kim Janey – who attended the Edwards at one time during the forced busing era – and State Rep. Dan Ryan will be guest speakers. Later, around 6 p.m., the 8th grade graduation with students, parents and families will take place, and Councilor Lydia Edwards is said to be the speaker at that event.

The school is named after Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards, who has no real connection to Charlestown. He was a key figure in promoting the National Guard and had major parts in the Spanish American War and in World War I, to name a few. He died in Boston in 1931, which is the year that the school was constructed, with the first graduating class coming in 1932.

Grand re-opening to celebrate community garden rebuild

Staff Report

The Charlestown Sprouts Community Garden is hosting a Grand Re-Opening on June 26 to celebrate the complete rebuilding of the community garden that once was in disrepair. The celebration will include music and Chinese cultural programming.

After two years of fundraising, design charrettes, planning, demolition, and construction for its Sprouts Renewal project, Charlestown Sprouts is eager to again welcome gardeners to build community that is centered around the love and necessity of growing food.

“I am excited to have a nice space again to plant vegetables and talk to other gardeners,” Sue Fun Tsui says, who is a member of the Charlestown Sprouts Board of Directors and a gardener for 15 years. “Charlestown Sprouts is an important place in Charlestown to live and be healthy—this is amazing!”

The Grand Re-Opening will be held on Saturday, June 26 from noon – 3 p.m., rain or shine, and is free and open to the public. There will be live music provided by

Charlestown Sprouts board member Jesse Gallagher with Jaclynn Moon, traditional Chinese Lion Dancing and Kung Fu demonstration by Wah Lum Kung Fu & Tai Chi Academy, and Dragon Boat race demonstrations by Ohana New England. A brief speaking program will thank supporters and funders for their collaborative work. Garden tours will be given throughout the event. The Charlestown Sprouts Community Garden is located on Terminal Street in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston. It is bordered by the right field of the Charlestown High School softball field to its west, the Little Mystic Channel public boat ramp to its east, and the Little Mystic Channel to its south.

Charlestown Sprouts has operated as a community garden on Terminal Street for more than 20 years. In recent years, the garden had fallen into disrepair. When originally constructed on top of a construction fill site, it contained potentially toxic railroad ties used as plot border fences. During the last full functioning year of the garden, many structural walls collapsed, narrowing the

paths between plots and creating hazardous conditions. Overall the garden felt unsafe and unpleasant. Additionally, the deteriorated appearance of the garden led to increased instances of vandalism and the theft of vegetables and irrigation piping and valves.

Now the garden has been reborn. Through its Sprouts Renewal project, Charlestown Sprouts set out to reduce toxins in its soils, improve soil fertility, increase growing efficiency, and make the garden healthier and more accessible. The City of Boston’s Department of Neighborhood Development Grassroots Program provided funding in 2019 to spark this process of reimagining and rebuilding the garden. Charlestown Sprouts also received other public and private funds to realize this goal. In the winter of 2020, Charlestown Sprout’s design and construction management consultant, Fuss & O’Neill, Inc., held two community meetings to gather community input for healthy and sustainable ways to rebuild the garden, while best serving the community. A sustainable plan was developed from these meetings, permits were

secured, and demolition began in April this year.

Charlestown Sprouts was founded by Oren McCleary in the 1990s. It originally served children and youth, and today is home to 38 families. In 1997, the garden moved to its current location on Terminal Street. Charlestown Sprouts, Inc. was incorporated in 1998 and became a 501(c)3 charitable organization in 2003. The Charlestown Sprouts Community Garden is a welcoming natural space in Boston that brings together diverse people of all ages to grow, harvest, share, and eat healthy food.

Member families speak many languages at home, mostly Chinese and English, but other as well. The majority of gardeners come from China. The second most numerous country of origin of gardeners is the United States. Others come from additional Asian countries and from Europe. A majority of gardening families are low-income and use the garden to grow vegetables to sustain food for their families. The COVID-19 pandemic has been difficult for the Charlestown Sprouts Community as it has

contributed to reduced family income, posed health and mental health challenges (in some part due to racism), and challenged families’ ability to get fresh air and exercise.

In addition to City of Boston Grassroots Program funding, Charlestown Sprouts received funding for Sprouts Renewal from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources’ Urban Agriculture Program, the Oren Campbell McCleary Charitable Trust, the City of Boston’s Charlestown Community Impact Fund, and from individual residents.

To date, Charlestown Sprouts has built 38 plots, most of which have been assigned to individual gardening families for the 2021 growing year. Charlestown Sprouts is planning the second phase of Sprouts Renewal to build an additional 10 – 15 new plots beginning in the late fall.

Residents interested in receiving a plot to grow vegetables should contact Gerald Robbins at 617-669-4509 or email gmrobbins@yahoo.com.

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Charlestown COVID update listed

By John Lynds

Charlestown's COVID-19 positive test rate increased a bit but still remains below 1 percent according to the latest data released last Friday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

According to the latest BPHC report, last week 368 residents were tested and 0.14 percent were found to be positive--a 50 percent increase from the 0.07 percent reported two weeks ago.

According to the weekly report, of the 15,693 Charlestown residents tested for the virus since the pandemic began 9 percent were found to be positive by last

Friday. This was the same percentage reported by the BPHC two Fridays ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate increased slightly. According to the BPHC 13,234 residents were tested and 1.1 percent were COVID positive--this was a 10 percent increase from the 1 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

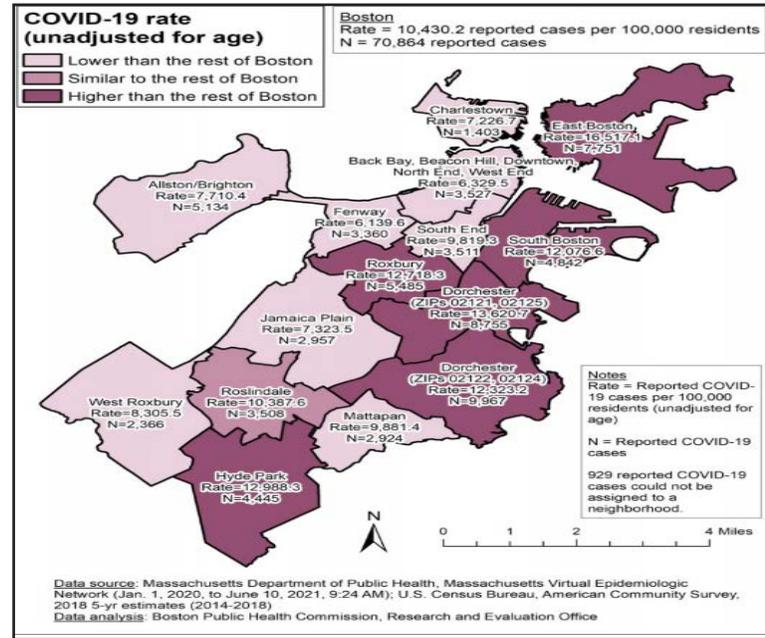
The BPHC data released last Friday showed Charlestown's infection went from 721.6 cases per 10,000 residents to 722.6 cases per 10,000 residents--a 0.14 percent increase.

Two additional Charlestown residents tested positive for the

virus last week and the number of positive cases went from 1,401 to 1,403.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.14 percent last week and went from 70,810 cases to 70,912 confirmed cases in a week. Three additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,389 total deaths in the city from COVID.



On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

GARDEN (from pg. 1)

This year, the Tour has been coordinated for the first time by members Melanie Cevetello, Brent Hayes-Hand, and Julianne Gearhart.

They said the Tour will include 10 gardens, including the center native planting garden in the Main Street community garden. There are also some combo gardens on the tour where neighbors have collaborated to make two gardens into one. The Tour, which started in 1980 and has run bi-annually ever since, will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and there is also a very nice raffle opportunity as well.

So far, coordinators said they have gotten a great response, and feel that people are ready to be out and about again.

"We started planning last fall, so we took a calculated risk," said Hayes-Hand. "I think we've been pleasantly surprised that people want to be included on the Tour.

We find people are 100 percent ready to do this...All indications we're getting is the community is ready for the event and excited about it."

Gearhart said was pleased by the initial support of the community and the business community in donating to the raffle -- a major piece of the organization's fundraising efforts.

"I'm really pleased we were able to get everything to come together and especially in a pandemic year," she said. "We didn't know exactly whether the community would support it and whether the neighborhood restaurants and arts community could support us. It's been amazing to get that goodwill from the community. I hope that means we're a good and valued community member."

The Garden on Main Street has served a very unique purpose over the pandemic, all said, as a place

for members to get outside with their families, and as a place for the community to walk through and enjoy -- even if they don't have a garden there. It has hammered home the idea that they are an important feature of the neighborhood and fundraising is necessary to increase those opportunities. Right now, the Garden has a 100-person waiting list and many wait for a few seasons before getting a plot.

The raffle will include prizes from Monroe Home, Starbucks, Mockingbird, Fitness Together, Total Wine, Element Day Spa, Baby Boyle Bouquets, Brewer's Fork and many others.

Tickets to the Tour and the raffle are available on the Gardens for Charlestown website, <https://www.gardensforcharlestown.org/> events.



Brent Hayes-Hand and Julianne Gearhart, members of Gardens for Charlestown, stepped up this year with Melanie Cevetello as first-time coordinators of the organization's bi-annual, popular Garden Tour. There will be 10 gardens on the tour this year and a great raffle as well, all happening on Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Unofficial Bunker Hill was a marvelous comeback

By Seth Daniel

It seems like an eternity ago when virtually every day for two weeks had some sort of activity going on for Charlestown Pride Week and all in anticipation of the big Battle of Bunker Hill Day Parade that came the Sunday before June 17 – the actual Battle of Bunker Hill Day.

It was a whirlwind of activities, exhausting but in a fun and enjoyable way.

Then it was gone just like that.

Everything was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, and while most expected a return in 2021, that didn't happen either.

They say it only takes three to five years of inactivity to lose a community tradition, no matter how long and how treasured it had once been. The Bunker Hill activities and Parade had been on the upswing in participation and popularity prior to COVID-19 after being threatened with folding five to 10 years ago.

This year something had to be done.

Kudos go to everyone for having something happen, particularly to Sean Boyle, Aileen Gorman and Erica Walsh of All Roads Lead to Charlestown – who stepped up and planned and permitted the Bunker Hill or Bust festival on the Training Field, the bar/restaurant crawl, the Fitness Boot Camps and the enjoyable car and pedestrian “procession” on Sunday. There were certainly other things, but it was a shot in the arm that few knew we needed, but became abundantly clear just about 15 minutes into the Bunker Hill or Bust festival – an unbridled success that would have been a winner in a non-pandemic year.

As I walked up to the Training Field on Saturday morning, the event was only 20 minutes old, but there were already hundreds of people there. A kids band was playing, there were like 80 strollers parked on the sidewalk, and community was once again happening.

The excitement continued all afternoon, and thousands must have come through the Training Field – which clearly needs to once again become a key part of Charlestown Pride Week and the

Parade day.

The night before the toast to General Joseph Warren’s birthday was also a major hit at the Warren Tavern. With only a few key members of the Charlestown Militia and the community showing up last year for a hesitant toast in the midst of COVID, this year’s event was festive and “normal.”

The Parade was the same situation on Sunday.

As I walked the route, it was the people on the sidewalks, curbs and parks that were the highlight, and not the actual procession. The Parade didn’t have professional bands or cool militia or comic book characters, but it had a bunch of people who did what they could to bring people a few hours of joy and keep the tradition going. Next year, Parade Organizer Arthur Hurley will crank the traditional Battle of Bunker Hill Day Parade machine into working order and probably coordinate, with help, the Parade of the Century.

We asked him this weekend what the 2022 Parade would look like.

“How much money do you have?” he asked back.

So, it’s going to be great, no doubt.

The thing that stuck out to me along the Parade route this year were all of the smiles from those watching – from the smallest children to the family BBQ at Doherty Park to the elderly adults coming from Zelma Lacey.

No doubt, Bunker Hill was threatened after two years of nothing, but what was threatened was the joy and community of it.

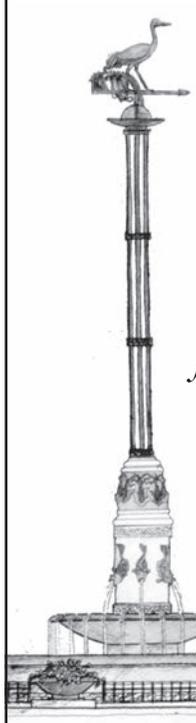
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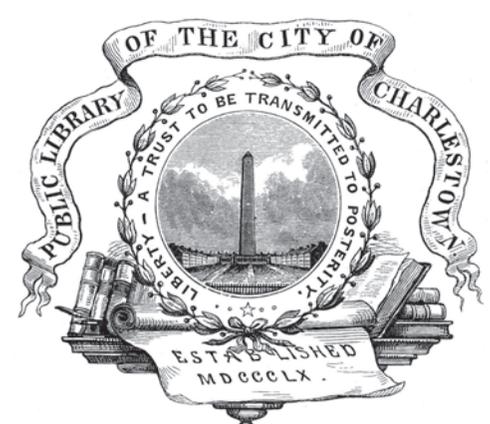
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At the boat ramp decorating cars were several officials, including State Rep. Dan Ryan, Tony V, Council Candidate David Halbert, Council Candidate Jon Spillane, and State Sen. Sal DiDomenico



Carolyn Wrenn Shannon and Mimi Wrenn with their family near the Mall.

Judy Evers, Peggy Lynch and Jackie Martin.

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A CELEBRATION TO TOAST GENERAL JOSEPH WARREN

Photo by Seth Daniel

The Charlestown Militia and State Rep. Dan Ryan joined together at the Monument and then at the Warren Tavern to celebrate and toast General Joseph Warren on his 280th birthday Friday, June 11. The annual toast to Warren is about 10 years old officially and is led by Militia member Tom Coots and sponsored by Rep. Ryan.

The Warren Tavern annually hosts the toast, to the great excitement of everyone at the Tavern. Huzzah!



Capt. Tom Coots and the Charlestown Militia make a toast to General Joseph Warren for the customers participating in outdoor dining.



At the marker where General Joseph Warren fell on the north side of the Monument, several gathered to mark Dr. Warren's 280th birthday. (L-R) Charlestown Historical Society President Julie Hall; Militiaman Rick Young; Chris Hurley; Clare Hurley; Militia Capt. Tom Coots; Militiaman Paul Lane; State Rep. Dan Ryan; and Jim Henry of Sen. Sal DiDomenico's office.



Kim Mahony of the Warren Tavern with Capt. Tom Coots.



Capt. Tom Coots raises a toast to General Joe Warren in the traditional indoor toast at the Warren Tavern. Last year, the indoor toast was not possible due to COVID-19.

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Lisa Collings, David Flanagan, Militiaman Paul Lane and Capt. Tom Coots.



A tradition begins...Little Warren Riley, named after General Warren, was ready to toast a bottle of milk with his dad, Dan Riley.



Three presidents and a chairman...At the Warren Tavern for the official General Warren toast were Historical Society President Julie Hall, State Rep. (and chairman) Dan Ryan, Preservation Society President Amanda Zettel, and Monument Association President Arthur Hurley.

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Last year, the militia posed for a signature photo masked up for COVID. This year, they were ready to discard their masks. L-R, Rick Young, Paul Lane, Clare Hurley, Chris Hurley and Capt. Tom Coots.



BUNKER HILL OR BUST STREET FAIR

The Training Field was the setting for what was an amazing day in the park for more than a thousand Charlestown residents and visitors last Saturday, June 12, for the Bunker Hill or Bust street fair, live music concerts, and community fun. Organized and permitted by All Roads Lead to Charlestown, the event was as much a family reunion for the entire community as it was a celebration leading up to the Battle of Bunker Hill Car and Pedestrian Parade on Sunday. Even before

the official opening at 11 a.m., hundreds of people hungry for renewed and safe social interaction packed onto the Training Field for fun, games and commerce. Many of those in the know commented that the event at the Training Field might end up being a permanent part of Charlestown Pride Week in the future.

Great kudos went to Sean Boyle, Erica Walsh and Aileen Gorman of All Roads Lead to Charlestown for putting it all together.



Geno Feely, Sean Boyle and Bridget Bohne of Baby Boyle Bouquets. Boyle was also a key organizer of the event in All Roads Lead To Charlestown.

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Saturday was a banner day for the Town with the Bunker Hill or Bust festivities on the Training Field all afternoon. Hundreds showed up for music, food, fun and just re-connecting after a long 15 months of staying away. Here, at the Ryan 'Duce' Morrissey Scholarship Fund table were Nolan McLaughlin, Cam DelValle, Donna Morrissey, Peyton Fabiano, Shannon Fabiano, Grace Langdon, Julia O'Donnell, and Hank Locke.

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Enjoying the kids band Rockabilly Beats was Andrea and Alex Houghtaling.



Councilor at-Large Michael Flaherty and Janet Sullivan.



Robbie Kyle and DJ Smokey Cain – back in person and spinning tunes all day.

BUNKER HILL OR BUST STREET FAIR



Isabelle Munson, Nolan Lynch and Eliza Munson pose in front of the giant red, white and blue star bouquet at the Training Field.



Kate and Leila Ness were on hand for Gardens of Charlestown to promote their Garden Tour on June 19.



Jack and Marie Alves with Erik Maloy of First Church.

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Sen. Sal DiDomenico and David Flanagan took time out from the fun for a photo with the Turn it Around Youth Group, including Elizabeth Miranda, Ana Renta, Jevon Robinson, Phenice Zawatsky, Mswati Hanks, Sarah Coughlin, Shannon Lundin White, Brandon Myer, Feisal Ali, and Sammy Quintin.



Representing the Kennedy Center were Lili Sgro, Director Thara Fuller, Crystal Galvin and Kim Kyle.



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Kim Mahoney, of the Bunker Hill Associates; Harvard Kent Principal Jason Gallagher; and Councilor Lydia Edwards enjoyed the music on Saturday.



John Kelly took a break from selling the coolest Charlestown apparel to greet Paige Lemieux, athletic director at Charlestown High School.



Pastor JD Mangrum of Christ Church Charlestown chats with friends while staffing the popcorn machine.



Left, The plight of Special Townies potentially being evicted from their clubhouse on Main Street was the cause of the day at Bunker Hill or Bust – with many signs and informational tables about the issue. Here, Lisa McGoff-Collins voices her agreement with Special Townies.

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Upcoming Rutherford/Sullivan design meeting a major milestone

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Transportation Department (BTD) and MassDOT Highway Department have scheduled the long-awaited 25 percent design online meeting for the Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan

Square Re-Design project for June 23, and indications are that the project is a priority and will not turn back.

Many had anticipated the meeting to take place in early January, but it got delayed for many reasons, and then the fund-

ing schedule was moved back in favor of a bus rapid transit project in Jamaica Plain. Some had questioned if the departure of former Mayor Martin Walsh, and the movements with funding, signaled a departure from the priority list. Now, however, the meeting is said to signify the absolute commitment and the march towards being built.

“We’ve been at it 10 years or more, but the Rutherford/Sullivan Square project is finally at the threshold of being built and the 25 percent milestone will take us to 100 percent design and then into construction for the spring of 2023,” said Bill Conroy, project manager at the BTD. “This project will provide a new gateway into

Charlestown. With all the development and parcels at Bunker Hill Community College, this project sets the footprint where everything else comes together. This is tied to all the nuances that will come into the public realm in Charlestown.

“The important thing is this is a mayoral priority,” he continued. “It’s a big project for the City of Boston and the residents of Charlestown...We’re all fully on board to make it happen.”

The 25 percent design phase in a local, state and/or federal roadway project is perhaps the biggest hurdle to get over, and the public hearing on that milestone signifies more public input and a commitment by the government to get any such project off the draw-

ing board and into construction. The next phase would be the 100 percent design milestone, likely to come in June 2022, and then the groundbreaking phase in spring 2023. Those last two also include public meetings and input, but the meeting on June 23 signifies the major milestone.

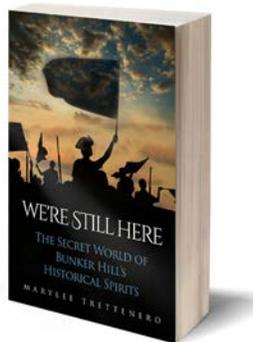
“It is a big milestone we’re at,” Conroy said. “This is real now. The project isn’t going backward.”

The 25 percent designs do include underpasses at Sullivan Square and at Austin Street, but there is a significant road diet along the entire corridor to create new green space and a shared path. The meeting will probably also touch on development at Hood Park, as well as the renovations of Ryan Playground that could be happening at the same time as the Rutherford project. Resiliency will also be addressed, and that is part of a larger project that is currently ongoing and in Phase 2 within Charlestown.

The meeting will feature about a 45 minute presentation of the designs, and there will be ample time for questions and for the public to be heard.

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Historical Society embarks on post-COVID mask project

Staff Report

The Charlestown Historical Society wants your old masks.

Acting on the historic nature of COVID-19 and the one article so synonymous with the pandemic – the mask – President Julie Hall said the Society wants to collect laundered masks from residents that are no longer needed – but they are asking residents to write in marker an experience they had on the mask.

“Don’t toss your COVID 19 mask yet,” wrote Hall. “The Charlestown Historical Society is working on a program to capture our collective history of the past 15 months. Please share your thoughts and feelings about surviving the pandemic with a few

words written on the back of a mask that you can donate to the Charlestown Historical Society. Help us capture our history.”

With the lifting of the mask mandate, many residents got vaccinated and no longer wear their cloth masks around Town.

Instead of throwing them away, Hall said she felt it was a good opportunity to collect them as a piece of original history, have personal stories written on them, and then preserve them.

Hall said they plan to collect the masks, and put them under Plexiglas, potentially having a show in the near or distant future with them. A collection box will be set up at the Bunker Hill Museum to collect masks.

Already, she said, they have col-

lected several of them with interesting stories written on them.

“I thought I would wear this mask for one month in April 2020, but wore it until last week in June 2021,” read one mask. “COVID was scary and long, but I learned how resilient we are and how important community is to thrive. I’m glad to get rid of this mask.”

One mask from Barbara on Bunker Hill Street was a homemade mask put together during an grass-roots effort in 2020 when masks were in shortage. She wrote, “Making masks for my neighbors made me feel like I was helping to make COVID easier and helped me stay sane when the world around me was going crazy.”



The Charlestown Historical Society is collecting old COVID masks that residents no longer need. They are asking that residents donate them, with a personal story written on them, to preserve this part of the Town’s history.



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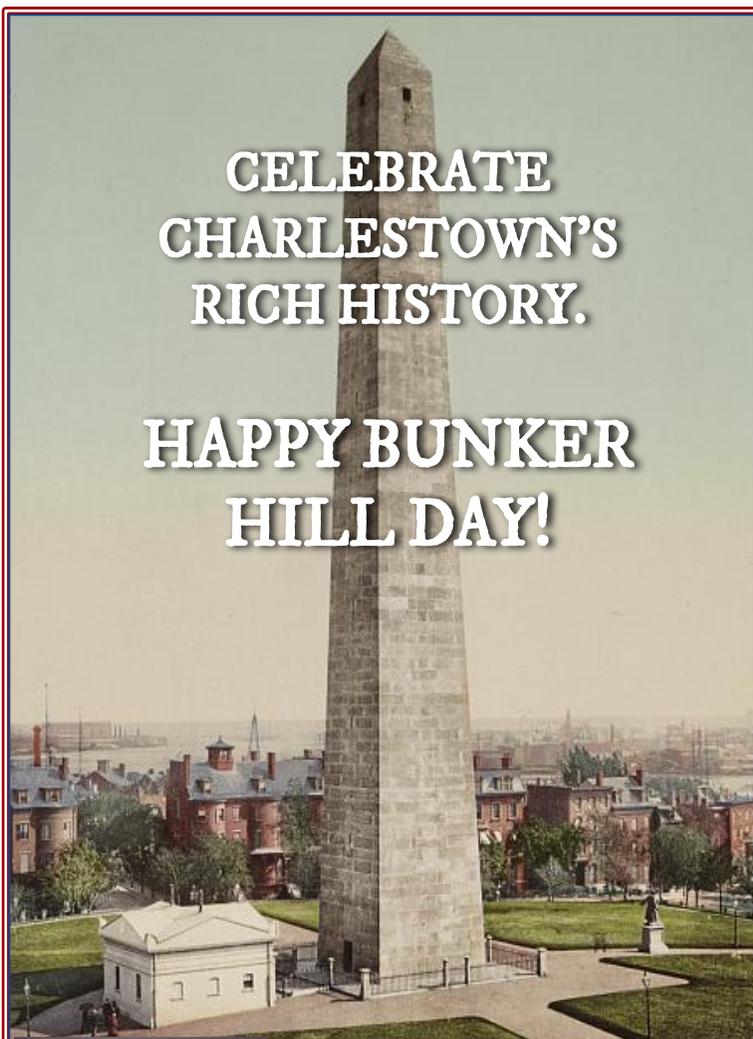
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Most federal pandemic school relief money to go to school site plans

By Seth Daniel

Boston Public Schools (BPS) held the first of what is to be several meetings on Tuesday night to hear input and share initial plans on where to direct more than \$400 million in federal emergency school funding the district will have over the next two years.

Eva Mitchell of BPS hosted the meeting and explained the district received \$123 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding as part of the second package of funding, which was approved by the federal government in December. A second package approved in March amounts to \$276 million in ESSER funding, and the first round of funding in March 2020 was about \$32 million. The first round of funding has already been expended

on PPE and other COVID upgrades and technology needs, but altogether it adds up to more than \$430 million in federal funds – over and above the operating budget – injected into the district.

At the moment, she said, they have to focus on the \$123 million ESSER 2 funds, as they will be preparing a draft report on the spending plan by July 1 for public comment, and then will have to submit their plan to the state for delivering those funds. The \$276 million ESSER 3 funds will come next fall, but the current process will act as a guideline for those funds as well, she said.

“We need to realize for some students the pandemic hit them even harder than other students because of conditions they were in already and conditions they may have also experienced during

the pandemic on learning and not addressed during the pandemic as well as they should have been,” she said.

First and foremost, the federal funds are not allowed to be used for teacher or administrator salaries, or for any union contracts or payments – so the money will not flow to the union or to teacher salaries, a worry for many parents right off the bat.

BPS did unveil a rough draft proposed allotments, and a key piece of that is that 50 percent of the funding would be localized for school-based plans, with another 10 percent going to regional collaboration plans. That equaled out to 60 percent of the funding being targeted to specific needs within each school community, and less control over the money by the Central Office.

“We are putting 50 percent directly to schools for school-based plans to ensure their students in those schools have their needs met in what is unique to that particular school environment,” she said.

The regional piece would be groups of schools – for example the Charlestown, North End and East Boston schools could be one region – that use 10 percent of the money to coordinate programming within a region.

That would mean that the important part of allocating the money would lie with students, parents, and school leaders so that programming would fit to a particular geography and age group and not be a cookie-cutter program citywide.

Some 30 percent of the money would be allocated to the Central Office, but Mitchell said that

money would be used to even the playing field and make sure schools are equitable across the city.

The final 10 percent was seen as going to community partnership investments.

A major topic of concern from those in attendance online Tuesday was addressing mental health and socialization needs for students returning in the fall – with one parent/educator noting she wanted to make sure all students in every grade have an opportunity to talk with a licensed counselor for a meaningful amount of time upon return to school.

Another general public online meeting about the federal funds will be on June 23 at 6 p.m., and then on June 29 and July 6 – all starting at 6 p.m. The full schedule is at www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/8679.

Exam School Admissions Task Force hits roadblocks on details

By Seth Daniel

There have been a lot of figurative hills that members of the Boston Public School (BPS) Exam School Admissions Task Force have talked about climbing in their meetings to determine how students will be admitted to Boston's three Exam Schools next year and in years to come, but very little climbing has been done to get to the top of those hills so far.

And potentially, another temporary admissions plan could be instituted for those seeking entry in 2021, as was done controversially

in 2020.

The Task Force, made up of appointed members and chaired by former administrator Michael Contompasis, has deadlocked on their mission recently and over the last several months as they try to figure out recommendations for a more equitable and permanent admissions program for Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy and O'Bryant High School.

Just how to do that, and when to start, have been key issues up to this week in their discussions.

The Task Force was to deliver a set of potential recommendations to the School Committee in a sta-

tus report on Wednesday, June 16, beyond newspaper deadlines. The Task Force was to meet again on June 17, and final recommendations were to be delivered to the School Committee on June 24. The School Committee has circled the June 30 meeting for a vote on the new admissions standards, but that vote could also come in a special meeting in July potentially.

Whatever it is, the recommendations for Exam School admission will likely be just as controversial as the discussions within the Task Force meetings – and they have been very difficult going.

Nothing was more emblematic

of that than the meeting last Friday, June 11, where the Task Force argued – though civilly – several times and seemed to get no further to a resolution by the end of the meeting than when they had started three hours earlier.

Several would like to see the schools use an admissions test, known as the MAP Growth test, and others would like to ditch that test altogether. Some also feel that the City is still in a pandemic mode and having a test and regular admissions program in the fall of 2021 would not be equitable – instead calling for the permanent plan to start in the fall of 2022.

Others would like to see the use of the MCAS test more heavily considered, along with GPAs.

“We have a lot more data around the quality of MCAS for our students than the MAP Growth test,” said Dr. Rosann Tung, who was very open to a recent presentation to the Task Force on using MCAS by Dr. Shepherd.

“I share Dr. Tung's skepticism of the MAP Growth but at the same time I recognize the state does not allow the use of MCAS for students that are not in our public schools and being assessed in our public schools and charter schools. I'm going to state my support for the use of a test for grade level eligibility for the pool,” said member Matt Gregor.

The real roadblock came between Contompasis and NAACP Boston President Tanisha Sullivan, who differed on what to do for 2021.

“This is the hill for me,” she said. “I'm looking at the fall of 2021 and what I'm hearing is there is a strong desire to use an assessment to determine if the students in 6th grade are at grade level in fall 2021 – I have serious concerns about that. Do we

really believe in the aggregate 5th graders in BPS this year will sit for an assessment in the fall of 2021 and show at a 6th grade level?”

Said Contompasis, “They might be.”

“Maybe they will, but let's be clear, this is the hill for me,” said Sullivan. “If we want to look at after 2021 – in 2022 – I'm absolutely open. But to me it is unconscionable that we would sit here... and think (kids) would show up in October for a high-stakes assessment competing for seats with kids who have been in private schools and other schools in-person since March 2020 every day.”

Said Contompasis, “The hill is getting higher Ms. Sullivan.”

“No it's not,” she said.

In a move to compromise, Contompasis said all students should take the test to determine the pool and that the students are at grade level and can handle the workload. Then, he would advocate using a GPA ranking system of that pool.

“That's about as far as I can go,” he said. “The absence of an assessment is not acceptable to me – period.”

Member Sam Acevedo said that the Task Force should scrap 2021 and just focus on 2022. In doing that, he said, he believed 2021's plans would come easier into focus.

“We need to move to the front 2022 and beyond,” he said. “In the fall of 2020, we were worried about the physical danger of having students take the test. But the academic havoc is much more pronounced this year than it was last year...It may be easier to think fall 2022 and beyond. The dice are saying this was the hard pandemic year for BPS and we need to take that into account.”



Virtual Community Meeting

PLAN: Charlestown Workshop

Tuesday, June 29
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/CharlestownPlanningPlacesPart2

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 889 9391

Event Description

Join your neighbors for a pair of workshops this spring on planning places. You will discuss and share what future land-use priorities and community benefits should be for different Charlestown sub-areas as part of the ongoing PLAN: Charlestown neighborhood planning initiative. Both meetings will be held virtually on Zoom from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

[Completed] Wednesday, May 26, 2021 focused on Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square
Tuesday, June 29, 2021 will focus on Original Peninsula and Lost Village

The PLAN: Charlestown team will share community feedback collected at the April workshop. Both workshops will include an interactive presentation, activity, and small group discussions. A mapping tool will allow members of the community to weigh in on specific needs and priorities of distinct subareas of the neighborhood. The presentation, instructions, and the online mapping tool will be online and open for feedback following the workshops.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through June 26

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.

placements.

*Pier 4: Installing precast beams.

Pier 5 (closest to Charlestown): V-arms and strip formwork, installing precast beams.

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

•Installing permanent fender piles.

WORK HOURS

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

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

•Prior to 6/13:

*Pier 1 (closest to the North End): Column rebar installation and concrete placement.

*Pier 5 (closest to Charlestown): Concrete placements.

*Pavement line striping to expand median at City Square intersection.

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.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

•Building the piers:

*Pier 1 (closest to the North End): Pre-assembling Hammer Head V-Pier, column formwork striping, and V-arm formwork Installation at Columns 3 and 4.

*Pier 2: Begin V-arms formwork.

*Pier 3: V-arms formwork, rebar installation, and concrete

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