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## Inbox Appeal

Mayoral candidates use e-mail inundation this time for fundraising and exposure

By Seth Daniel

There's one way this summer to know that the end of the month is coming – and that is by the inundation of fundraising e-mails that storm inboxes from all five major mayoral candidates appealing for financial help with personal stories, outrages of the day or simply pushing the narrative that time is running out to meet important goals.

One e-mail address from this newspaper that has the attention of all five major mayoral candidates got approximately 35 e-mails in two days from the candidates' digital fundraising operations at the end of last month – each using the addressee's first name and seemingly knowing some details about the owner of that address. While such operations have been

common on the federal and state level for some time, this is the first open-seat mayoral race with numerous candidates since 2013, and so it's also the first time that new technology like e-mail digital fundraising operations have trickled down to a major municipal election in Boston. Experts say it's likely a trend that will only expand and go further down the political office chain.

It can be a little creepy, and they are prolific, but according to political science experts – they are efficient and successful.

"There has been a huge expansion of digital fundraising, especially since the mid- to late-2000s when it was utilized so successfully by the Obama campaign," said Northeastern Professor

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## Supplemental budget includes early voting extensions

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Legislature passed a \$261.6 million supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) late last month that addresses time-sensitive deficiencies, extends expanded voting options, provides supports for the implementation of the 2020 landmark police reform law and makes investments to support the Commonwealth's continued recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was signed into law by Gov. Charlie Baker on July 29.

Within that bill was a great deal of work by Rep. Dan Ryan, who chairs the House Election Laws Committee, and conducted many hours of hearings to get a proposal that extended voting options for this year's municipal elections.

"The voting provisions put forward in the supplemental budget will allow cities and towns to offer safe, accessible election options this fall while we continue to work

on their permanency," he said. "I thank Speaker Mariano for his commitment to expanded voting access. I congratulate Chairman Michlewitz and the Ways and Means Committee on a thoughtful supplemental budget."

The voting legislation passed has been awaited by many cities and towns, and allows for the popular practice of voting early by mail to continue through December 15, 2021. It gives eligible voters the ability to exercise their right to cast a ballot while protecting their health and safety, he said. The bill further allows cities and towns the ability to offer early in-person voting for such elections. The extension of these additional voting options come as the Commonwealth continues to grapple with COVID-19 and its related variants and on the heels of elections in 2020 that saw record participation using these same methods.

In addition to the voting legis-

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The First Annual Townie Cup premiered in Eden Street Park on Saturday and Sunday, with high-level competition and the East Boston team beating out a veteran Charlestown team led by Brendan Collier on Sunday. Some 17 teams showed up to play, and it was non-stop all weekend. Here, Councilor and mayoral candidate Annessa Essaibi George drops the puck (top photo) during a Sunday game. Meanwhile, Charlestown's Brendan Collier gets the flex out of his stick (above right) as he blasted a shot from center-court on Saturday. Also (above left) on Saturday, John Lockhead of the Lockhead beats Goalie Jessie O'Neill of The People's Team. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

## East Boston team edges Charlestown's Collier team for first Townie Cup

By Seth Daniel

An epic comeback the likes of which hadn't been seen for a few years wasn't quite meant to be, as Brendan Collier's veteran roller hockey team stormed back from the brink of defeat in the loser's bracket at the 1st annual Townie Cup only to be bested in the finals on Sunday 4-3 by Dave Chiaradonna's East Boston team.

The first annual Townie Cup – and extension of a previous Charlestown roller hockey tournament – returned after a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19 and

found all of the old talent and magic of the previous tournaments – even if the hometown favorites didn't keep the Cup in the Town.

But the Collier team gave it their very best in the effort.

An upstart Charlestown team of young players led by Matt Lakus upended the veteran Collier team early in the tournament on Saturday, sending them suddenly to the loser's bracket. They had been there before about three years ago when they stormed back to win the former tournament from the loser's bracket. It appeared that same mojo was on

the table this year, too, when on Saturday they made an improbably comeback against the Redler team when they were on the brink of defeat.

Going down 3-0 early and seemingly out of sorts, suddenly Collier, Pat Fidler and Scottie Simpson fell back on their experience and marched back. Simpson scored the tying goal with one minute left, making it 5-5 at the end of regulation. In overtime, Simpson again scored for the win.

"You can't say enough about

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# Supt. Cassellius addresses expired licensure, will take test Aug. 14

By Seth Daniel

Supt. Brenda Cassellius apologized to the School Committee at the Aug. 4 meeting for letting her superintendent's license expire on July 31, and pledged to take the licensing exam on Aug. 14 to bring her into the proper certification.

The news was first reported by the Boston Globe last week, noting that Cassellius' temporary and emergency superintendent's license had expired on July 31. When informed, Cassellius said she wasn't aware of it, and there had been a misunderstanding of the emergency licensure rules.

"There is news about my license and I'd like to personally apologize to the School Committee chair and vice chair and members that I allowed my license to expire," she said. "There was a misunderstanding between me and my team about the category of a temporary or emergency license – and the emergency licenses given during the pandemic. As you know I came from Minnesota. I was a fully licensed educator and superintendent and have been so for 30-plus years. I intended to take the exam in my first year, but as you know we shifted to support our students and families during the pandemic. I devoted my full attention to addressing the health crisis and the license requirements were waived during the time of the pandemic."

Cassellius said the pandemic response is still her focus, as well as getting school re-opened in September. She said she has been in contact with the state Education Commissioner about the situation, and is finding out if there will have to be an interim superintendent put in place until she takes the test on Aug. 14, and then finds out the results later.

"I have in fact scheduled the test for Saturday, Aug. 14," she said. "I take this very seriously and I am resolved to complete this task immediately so it's not a distraction... We have a school opening in a few weeks and we cannot afford any delays in ensuring the health and safety of our children, making sure our teachers and school leaders have what they need. I apologize for this distraction."

School Committeeman Ernani DeAraujo said he was disappointed in himself and the School's infrastructure for not finding this issue and informing the Committee when Cassellius' contract was renewed in June.

"So, we may need to be prepared for an interim if that's not successful," he said of her taking the test this weekend. "I think this is a very significant disclosure. We evaluated the superintendent and from my perspective, I presumed when I read the contract those requirements were met in terms of licensure. That clearly wasn't the case. At what point should we have asked those questions and

done our own due diligence during the evaluation process? Clearly we didn't do that and that's a very key piece of information. I understand the superintendent's response, but for us as a Committee, that's pretty fundamental and we did miss that."

Chair Jeri Robinson said she was also disappointed, and called for a checklist of basic items to be presented by the Administration when doing evaluations.

"The licensure of all staff is the responsibility of the Human Resources Department and it was our assumption that was being taken care of by them," she said. "They have usually alerted us that there was an issue, and since there was none, the assumption was that everything was in place... Since we have just learned this, we are now taking the steps relevant to moving forward. I would agree with you this is a lesson learned for all of us that even though there are assumptions we should have a checklist to make sure all these things are in place and we did not."

School Committeeman Michael O'Neill, of Charlestown, said it was a distraction from the immediate work, but did expect Cassellius to clear it up quickly.

"Upon reflection I appreciate the superintendent talking about her licensing issue," he said. "It is an unnecessary distraction unfortunately, and I'm sorry there appears to be miscommunication or misinterpretation of the emergency waivers... When we voted in June on your contract you were in compliance and this just happened as of July 31, but it's something that could have been taken care of ahead of time with the right information. I appreciate, like many of our students and our teachers, you have to take a make-up exam. I have no doubt you'll pass with flying colors."

Cassellius said she would inform the Committee about whether she can remain superintendent while waiting to take the test and to get the results. That is something, she said, that state and City attorneys are studying.

## •SUMMER PROGRAM NOT AS ROBUST AS EXPECTED

The Summer Staff program meant to accelerate learning and fun this summer for thousands of Boston Public Schools (BPS) students did not necessarily achieve its lofty goals, school officials and Committee members said at the Aug. 4 meeting.

The schools used an influx of funding and partnerships to create what they hoped would be a groundbreaking summer session of learning, fun and activity for students this summer – hoping to have as many as 80 percent of the district's 52,000 students participating in some program.

In the end, there were robust programs for many students, but only 13,000 participated and parents complained that the hours of the programs were limiting and the lack of transportation was a major barrier.

There was also a need for better outreach, Cassellius said.

School Committeeman DeAraujo said he had an embarrassing moment this summer when visiting one of the programs, and it was said there was no transportation. He said he believed there was, only to find out that he was wrong.

"Of course I followed up and there was only transportation for a certain subset of kids," he said. "I don't know if I misheard or misunderstood, but my understanding from the beginning was transportation would be provided and I don't want that to happen again. We kind of promised the world because we had had resources, and what we delivered, even if it was strong for the subset of families able to access it, there's a real disconnect there. As a Committee member, I need to learn how to prevent that from happening going forward if I can."

## •FEDERAL FUNDING PLAN

The ESSER 2 federal funding plan was submitted to the state on July 30 after a number of public meetings and district roundtables – as well as discussions by school leaders at the community level.

In the plan, Cassellius said \$61.5 million would be going

directly to school communities for them to determine the best uses within the guidelines. This is the second of three distributions of monies from the federal government, with the larger ESSER 3 funding coming in the fall and to be used in 2022.

For ESSER 2, the three priorities identified included social/emotional supports, academic acceleration and recovery, and facility improvements.

"We have also got a lot of feedback about facility improvements," she said.

The facility improvements identified included installing air conditioner units in every classroom that does not currently have a/c, tracking air quality, investing in libraries, and upgrading access to drinking water.

## •BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATE

Supt. Cassellius said her team has taken no breaks in planning for the September return to school.

"We have taken no breaks and have been planning all summer for the return to school," she said. "We want the message this year to be about joy, about community and re-connecting and accelerating learning, understanding the last 18 months will take far longer to overcome. Yes, there will be COVID protocols in place, but we want to make sure our focus is on creating an excellent student experience for our students."

She said students would likely be in masks, and there would be a much different rhythm to the school day – including special times made for social/emotional discussions and limited time working on a computer. She said they will be stressing masks, vaccines and testing.

"Working with our public health officials, we want our topline message to be that the best approach to a safe school year is mask, vaccines and testing," she said. "Those are the three most effective methods we have to stopping the spread of COVID in our schools and you'll hear those three things repeated often."

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**BUDGET** (from pg. 1)

lation coming out of Rep. Ryan's committee, other notable components of the funding package include:

- Transportation

The supplemental budget passed establishes a new seven-member Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Board of Directors. The new oversight body, which takes the place of the Fiscal Management and Control Board, will comprise of seven members and consist of the Secretary of Transportation, serving as ex officio; five members appointed by the Governor; and one member appointed by the MBTA Advisory Board. The bill requires that one of the Governor appointees to the board be a rider that is a resident of an environmental justice population. Of the seven members, the bill also requires a board seat be given to a member of the labor community.

- Child Care

To support early educators who have been on the front lines throughout the pandemic, the supplemental budget invests \$131 million of federal Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funding for early educator stabilization grants, workforce supports and system-wide technology upgrades. Additionally, the bill directs \$60 million from Early Education and Care (EEC) COVID-19 Stabilization and Workforce reserve established in the FY21 General Appropriations Act for direct grants to state-subsidized providers.

- Safety Net Supports

In addition to supporting early educators, the supplemental budget takes meaningful action to combat the lingering effects of the economic crises the Commonwealth has faced over the last 15 months and ensure

families receive the economic supports they need to live, work and provide stability for their children. To that end, the budget passed today invests \$27.9 million to provide for one-time payments to families that receive Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) benefits, totaling \$525 to \$580 per child.

- Public Safety

Additionally, the supplemental budget provides \$12.5 million to cover costs related to the implementation of last session's landmark police reform bill. These funds will be used to support bridge academies for reserve officers and special state police officers previously not subject to the same training requirements as the general law enforcement population, to support the first diverse state police cadet class, and to meet municipal police training requirements on mandatory training on de-escalation, use of force, and school resource officers. The bill also includes \$5 million to stand up the Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) Commission.

Other notable highlights of the FY 2021 supplemental budget include:

- \$31.9 million for the Medical Assistance Trust Fund;
- \$13 million for National Guard activations, including pandemic-related work;
- \$11 million for the Department of State Police for pandemic-related costs;
- \$9.9 million for increased COVID-19 costs at the Department of Public Health;
- \$7.8 million for home health aide rate increases;
- \$5.4 million for the Chelsea and Holyoke Soldiers' Homes for pandemic-related costs.
- \$1 million for the Supplier Diversity Office.

# Encore Boston Harbor casino records record gaming quarter, cost controls

By Seth Daniel

Reporting that they have contained operating expenses and costs at both Encore Boston Harbor and in Las Vegas, Wynn Resorts reported that both Encore and their Las Vegas properties recorded record earnings for the second quarter (April to June).

Once again, the casino operating revenues at Encore outdid the Las Vegas properties – and with Macau (China) under new COVID-19 restrictions – the Everett casino nearly outdid the Chinese properties as well.

For the second quarter, Encore's casino operations were at \$135.4 million in operating revenues, which was a record quarter for the property. The casino operations in Las Vegas were at \$112.7 million. By comparison, Wynn Macau casino operations were at \$142.4 million and Wynn Palace (Macau) was at \$212 million for the quarter.

Encore also recorded a record EBITDA earnings report of \$46.9 million – which built upon a record EBITDA of \$30.3 million in the 1st Quarter of 2021. EBITDA stands for earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, and is a standard way to measure revenues in public companies. With much more in earnings for hotel rooms, food & beverage and retail offerings, Las Vegas EBITDA was a record \$133.2 million.

CEO Matt Maddox said they believe that the success in North America – both Everett and Las Vegas – is just a peek into the demand that exists.

“We were able to achieve \$133

million in EBITDA at Las Vegas without international play, which usually makes up about 20 percent of our results, and we did that without conventions too,” he said. “That has continued into July. In fact, in July Wynn Las Vegas experienced it's single largest EBITDA per month since we opened in 2005...In Boston, the same thing can be said as was said in Las Vegas. It was a record quarter in Boston at \$46 million. We do see that each month is stronger than the last. Our database is accelerating quite rapidly (in Boston). In fact, our new sign-ups from the Wynn Rewards program was up 70 percent in the 2nd quarter compared to the 1st Quarter. In July, it was a record month – the largest on record for Encore Boston Harbor.”

He said they don't believe that they have hit the top of the mountain in terms of gaming interest in North America.

“It could be asked if the 2nd Quarter was a peak,” he said. “I think that's very short-term thinking. I don't think it's a peak, but a preview of what's to come. We've all been able to streamline our expense structure and understand how to use our properties better. That there is the ability to generate significant EBITDA here is quite clear. Some say it's short-term and will subside. What is clear is that people want to have fun...I'm very confident we'll continue to see growth in our results in both Las Vegas and Boston.”

The casino operations in Boston are robust and continue to be, and that comes without any poker offerings at the Everett casino.

Las Vegas shows stronger only because of the restaurant, retail

and hotel operations that have picked up as conventions and regional travel come back from COVID-19.

The hotel at Encore continues to run only from Thursday to Sunday, but nonetheless, did report an occupancy rate of 87.8 percent in the quarter, and an average daily room rate of \$304. Occupancy rates in Las Vegas were only 67 percent in the quarter, with an average daily room rate of \$333.

- WYNN INTERACTIVE

The Wynn sports betting and mobile gaming operations were reported to continue to grow, with more than 300 employees in the venture now and great excitement as locales like Massachusetts consider legislation to allow sports wagering.

Wynn official Craig Billings said they are working to gain competitiveness in a very competitive space, and are about to roll out a promotion in regards to the upcoming NFL season.

“We will be rolling something out for the NFL this year and we're excited about it,” he said. “The space is very competitive, but we are very confident with what we've put together with our product and our brand and what we'll be able to achieve and we're confident we'll be a player in this market.”

In Massachusetts, the House recently passed legislation to allow sports betting at brick and mortar casinos and through online applications. That has moved to the Senate, where it isn't expected to be taken up for hearings until the fall – with a potential start date, if passed, by the first weeks of 2022.

## Boston Landmarks accepts further study for Union Street Architectural Conservation District

Staff Report

The Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted during a virtual meeting held Aug. 10 to accept for the further study the creation of the Union Street Architectural Conservation District in Charlestown.

It would be the Town's first Conservation District in one of

the most historic neighborhoods in Boston. That said, it is a very targeted approach to saving one home on Lawrence Street – as the District only contains two properties.

Ron Kulich, the homeowner of 30 Union St., said the proposed district would comprise only two buildings – his home, an early 19th Century dwelling built in

the High Federal style of architecture by renowned Boston architect, Asher Benjamin, as well as another home at 8 Lawrence St. in Thompson Square, which records show was built in 1813 or 1814.

The study is just the first step in a long process to potentially establish the district and be able to prevent the demolition of any of the buildings.

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# EDITORIAL

## A BLEAK FUTURE FOR THE EARTH

The report released this week by the United Nations detailing the impending effects of climate change in the near future because of our rapidly-warming atmosphere paints the starkest picture yet of what awaits life on Earth as we know it if we do not change our ways.

Our planet has warmed by an average of 1.1 degrees Celsius since mankind started belching carbon gases into the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels in the late 19th century.

Scientists have long told us that an increase of 1.5 degrees in global temperature represents the tipping point at which life as we know it becomes all but impossible. Almost all of today's living creatures, both in the oceans and on the land, will not survive if the Earth becomes that hot.

We already are seeing the dramatic and dire consequences of what happens at our present 1.1 C level: The polar ice sheets are melting, the permafrost areas in the Arctic Circle in Siberia are catching fire, epic floods are striking everywhere, massive superstorms threaten coastlines, out-of-control wildfires scorch vast swaths of forest acreage and pollute the air across hundreds of miles, coral reef bleaching is turning our oceans floors into dead zones, and heat waves are killing humans and animal life in every corner of the globe.

The U.N. report basically states that an increase to 1.3 Celsius already is baked (no pun intended) into the next 20 years or less, with every .10 increase adding exponentially to the damage. In other words, no matter what we do, things are going to get worse.

On the other hand, perhaps the only good news in the report is that the increase to 1.5 is not inevitable -- but that is ONLY if we adopt policies now and we put them into place starting today. The global economy cannot turn on the proverbial dime, but we can move incrementally over the next 20 years to eliminate the carbon footprint of each and every human being so that the 1.5 threshold is not breached.

The bottom line is that we are running out of time to save the planet and preserve civilization as we know it. Some might point to the high economic cost of changing our consumption of energy from fossil fuels to clean alternatives. And to be sure, that conversion will cost trillions of dollars over the next two decades.

But the costs of climate-related catastrophes -- in both economic and human terms -- soon will far outweigh whatever the price may be to convert to clean energy.

Unless we change our ways, there literally will be no place on Earth that will be safe to live. To paraphrase the great heavyweight boxing champ Joe Louis, we can try to run from climate change, but there will be nowhere on our planet to hide.

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Willingness to try and to learn new skills is imperative to navigating life. There is always more to learn.

Learning happens in school, through trial and error, personal research and time spent with others who already know what you need to learn.

You can learn a lot from listening to others. Listening is one of the greatest tools of financial and life security. If you will listen you will know what you know plus what you are hearing.

The ability to listen and focus in a class is essential for a student's success. Listening to your workplace boss, or someone who is training you is imperative. When someone is telling you how to do something you have potential to grow as a person. Someone is giving you knowledge that will provide you with the ability to perform a task.

A major detriment to the success of learning from teachers, mentors and trainers is distraction. Many people struggle with this problem naturally. Attention Deficit, Hyperactivity Disorder plagues

## GUEST OP-ED

### What life requires

millions of America's children and adults. Too often school children are never diagnosed and struggle all through school. Adults carry this problem with them in different ways for years and sometimes most of their lives. Understanding that you, a family member or someone you work with has this problem at least gives you a better perspective. Diagnosis by a trained professional can be extremely helpful to the individual, family, teachers and those impacted in the workplace. Everyone has a chance of dealing with what they know.

New forms of distraction have come on the scene in recent years. Spam telephone calls seem to come at me ten or more times a day. Unwanted text messages, spam email and social media distraction bombard us. Too many times we have heard of auto accidents because someone was trying to read or send a text message will driving. Cars now have bigger screens, wi-fi, telephones, hundreds of radio stations. There's a lot to distract us.

While distraction is a major source of some of our problems, focus is the key to solving many of our problems. The problem with

focus is that we can't focus on everything. Determining our priorities is essential and sometimes that's where life is difficult. Too often we have a list of many priorities. The only way to really accomplish and succeed is to determine what is most important and to put our energy and minds into making the "most important" successful.

Family, school, career, sports, business, hobbies and more provide us with many choices to make every day. You have to decide which is most important and put your heart and strength into it. Whatever it is will work out better.

Jesus understood this. He told his followers the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength. That is focus. Focus is what anything worth doing normally requires.

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## LETTERS to the Editor

### PIER 5: WHERE, WHAT, WHY, and WHEN

To the Editro,

Pier 5, should its destiny be private or public?

As many of us are engaging the community by listening, reviewing the historical past, speaking about the present or asking folks what they think should be the outcome of the pier, now and for future generations, it becomes clear that while many are up to date regarding the latest through our local newspaper, some ask many important and thoughtful questions.

Where is Pier 5?

This is a pier located at the head of the Boston Harbor, in the Navy Yard. This is one of the last piers, abandoned, vacant, and left to rot by the City of Boston since the 70's.

What is the concern?

Charlestown and, especially the Navy Yard is a high flood-zone. We need Pier 5 to be ready for future climate changes, climate resiliency and to protect the residents, neighborhoods and businesses.

Why should Pier 5 be public?

The reality is that over 20,000 residents and counting are living in one square mile. Where do these people go for recreation? Where can one go to enjoy the harbor, have a picnic or just sit and take in the beautiful harbor? Yes, we do have slivers of walkway along the harbor walk and a few benches to sit on, but the reality is, we share the Navy Yard with over 500,000 visitors yearly.

Charlestown has the highest number of affordable housing units in New England. Where is the social equity and environmental justice? EVERYONE living in Charlestown must have a place at

the Pier 5 table.

What can you do?

We have a petition, accessible at pier 5.org and we are engaging folks at various locations in Charlestown. Currently there are 1900 signers on the on-line petition and close to 500 signers on the paper petition.

When can you learn more about Pier 5?

On the August 26, from 4 -7pm in front of Pier 5, we are having a family event for all to come and learn about the pier as well as finding out what you would like this special waterfront destination to become.

We thank you, for signing the petition, voicing you concerns, and your input into reimagining Pier 5 as a jewel in the harbor to be enjoyed by ALL THE PEOPLE.

Thank you,

Ann Kelleher



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# Hood Park addition further refines rooftop space, will work on garage lighting

By Seth Daniel

Proponents of the Hood Park office building addition on top of the existing parking garage further defined a seventh floor public realm space, and said they would fix the light pollution issues that have exacted complaints from the neighborhood, during a meeting of the Boston Civic Design Commission (BCDC) on Tuesday night.

The BCDC had met once before about the design of the office building addition on top of the existing parking garage, which was completed last year. After several recommendations, one of the key discussions was about the proposed public realm open space on the seventh floor – which is the top floor of the parking garage and would be at the foot of the proposed six-story lab addition on top of the garage.

Trademark Partners' Mark Rosenshein and Architect Michael Pardek indicated the space would be a large open space they will consider part of the public realm, and likely would have a retail or restaurant use to accentuate the outstanding views of downtown that now exist there.

"This is going to be an extension of the public realm," said Rosenshein. "We expect folks to come up and use this space. Right now, we're talking to a restaurant and would like to think this would be activated in that space."

Other parts of the seventh floor would include solar panels, which would also wrap around and cover the western facing side of the parking garage.

A key issue for the neighborhood is the fact that the lights inside the existing parking garage shine out to the homes along Rutherford Avenue – creating light pollution due to the fact that screening has not yet been installed on the southern-facing side of the garage.

Rosenshein said they have heard the complaints and plan to use the same "fin" structure to block out the light that is used on the northern side of the garage. He said those fins would block out the light from the neighborhood perspective, but would keep the garage open from other perspectives.

BCDC members suggested wrapping the panels partially around the southern-facing side as was done on the other side of the garage – which should also further block out any light pollution and give the garage design some consistency.

A great deal of time was also spent on the "motion" and "movement" in the design of the addition, which uses shaped "fins" to create the illusion of movement in the building as one circles around it.

"I think the skin strategy for the kind of building you have is very beautiful," said BCDC Member

David Hacin. "I think anything with more movement rather than less movement, and making the volume more dynamic on top than less, would be my bias."

Others also agreed that the "movement" piece in the building's skin was "dynamic" and "attractive."

The addition would house 154,000 sq. ft. of additional lab/research space on top of the garage, which already boasts 65,000 sq. ft. of lab/research space on its second floor – a space that has been leased already.

A general Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) online meeting of the Impact Advisory Group (IAG) on the project has been scheduled for Monday, Aug. 16, at 6 p.m.



A new public realm space on the top floor of the existing parking garage will likely be a restaurant or retail use that will be open to the public under the plan for constructing an additional six-floor life sciences building on top of the garage.

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# THE FIRST ANNUAL TOWNIE CUP



Liam Coughlin of the Collier team looks to move past Nolan Redler, of Team Redler.



Aiden Boucher, of Charlestown, keeps his eye on the ball.



Longtime Cup player Scottie Simpson, of the Collier team, moves fast past Andre Olevitz to beat Goalie Christy Redler. The Collier team was down 3-0 at one point and facing elimination before they stormed back to win 6-5 in overtime.



Helping to staff the shirt sale booth was Caroline Adduci, Claire Lakus, and Jolie Doherty.



Long-time roller hockey veteran Pat Fidler, of the Collier team, looks ahead for a pass.



Nick O'Connell shoots on Czar goalie Joe Hamilton.



The O'Donnell team goalie makes a stretch-save with the pads.



Nolan McDonough heads up court.



Brandon Robinson of Czar looks to beat the O'Donnell goalie.



Eric Gould, Vice President of RISE with Tournament Organizer Cam DelValle

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# THE FIRST ANNUAL TOWNIE CUP



Councillor Lydia Edwards and Mimi Wrenn took in the action on Sunday morning.



Jesus Gambaro and Council at-Large Candidate Erin Murphy.



Charlestown's Nolan Carrier of The People's Team pushes the ball up court on Saturday.



Charlestown's Hughie O'Donnell faces off against Brandon Robinson of the Czar team.



Charlestown organizers Nolan Doherty, Hughie O'Donnell, Cam DelValle, and Nolan McLaughlin. O'Donnell and DelValle have taken over the reins of the Cup, and deemed it the 1st annual Townie Cup.



Charlestown's Pat Wrenn of the Redler team.



Tyler Moran, of Charlestown, plays some solid defense for the Lockhead team, while Lockhead goalie Mark Russo – a veteran of the tournament – kept his eye on the ball.



Collier Goalie Sandro Grutti stares down the ball just before it was hit – a shot that he stopped.



Collier team's Scottie Simpson scored the tying goal on Saturday against the Redler team with just one minute left – on the brink of elimination. He also scored the winning goal in overtime, to take the game 6-5. The Collier team fought back and ended up in the championship game on Sunday.



Alec 'The Playground Legend' Vienneau prepares to score one of his many goals for Medford's Lockhead team against The People's Team on Saturday, as People's Billy Smith looks to stop him.



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# Harvard Kent science teacher studies this summer at Acadia National Park

Staff Report

Lauren Nickerson, a Science Specialist teacher at Harvard-Kent Elementary School, joined an Earthwatch research team for an seven-day expedition in Acadia National Park at Schoodic Institute to help scientists understand how climate change is affecting the biodiversity within Acadia

National Park and surrounding areas.

Nickerson was a part of Earthwatch's Teach Earth USA Fellowship Program.

From July 18-24, Nickerson joined seven other Earthwatch volunteers and teachers from the United States for the "Climate Change: Sea to Trees at Acadia National Park" proj-

ect. The research team was led by Abe Miller-Rushing, Science Coordinator for Acadia National Park and the Schoodic Education and Research Center; as well as Sarah Hooper, the Education Specialist for Schoodic Institute; Hannah Webber, the Marine Ecology Program Director for Schoodic Institute; Seth Benz the director of the Schoodic Bird Ecology Program; and Dr. Nicholas Fisichelli Schoodic Institute's President and CEO.

"I came home from my Earthwatch expedition feeling a whole new sense of connection to the natural world, a fresh understanding of climate change, and a renewed enthusiasm for the way I think and learn about science" said Nickerson.

The Earthwatch fellows were involved in three major projects working alongside scientists looking at climate change and adaptation strategies (RAD: Resist, Accept, Direct) at Acadia National Park/Schoodic Institute.

The Gulf of Maine is warming at a rate faster than 99 percent of the world's oceans. With this knowledge, participants were tasked with looking at three different refugia species (resilient species) in Acadia National Park, as well as the shellfish population and what is being done to combat the effects of ocean acidification on the soft shell clam populations. Last, participants did various BioBlitzs (using the iNaturalist and Seek app) that help scientists and citizen scientists identify species biodiversity from around the world.

"It was such a pleasure being involved in real climate science data collection and being a part of such an inspirational team of teachers and scientists," said Nickerson. "I was thrilled to capture video and pictures of the various organisms we identified on iNaturalist/Seek for part of the study, too. I can't wait to integrate it all into my classroom and community at the Harvard Kent this school year."



Harvard Kent Science Teacher Lauren Nickerson in the field at Acadia National Park last month as part of a climate science fellowship.

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## TOWNIE CUP *(from pg. 1)*

Brendan Collier and Pat Fidler,” said Cup Co-organizer Hughie O’Donnell. “They fought their way back into the finals and got back to where they always get to. They had a bumpy road to get there. They played 11 games to get to the finals.”

Added Co-Organizer Cam DelValle, “They played eight games on Sunday and that’s probably more than Team East Boston played on both days. Growing up, I watched those guys and I hope these young kids now see what we’re doing and they see them and want to do it too and mimic what we’re all doing here.”

Team East Boston, though, was a tough draw and deserved the Cup, O’Donnell said.

“We did have a lot of new teams and new faces and the level of talent was consistently high this year,” he said. “People see that this isn’t an easy tournament. We’ve known Dave for a while from roller hockey and he brought in some ringers this year. I’m happy someone we know could take it home. It’s always disappointing when it’s not a Charlestown team, but you win some and you lose some.”

Other notable teams were Nolan Doherty’s Charlestown team (Doherty is from Charlestown and

not South Boston, as previously reported), which was ranked as the third best team in the tournament this year, DelValle said. Team Lockhead had strong performances as well, and the future team to watch is Lakus’ Charlestown team.

O’Donnell and DelValle said they felt the return of the tournament was a great victory for the Town – as there was no Bunker Hill Week, and no Bunker Hill Parade, but at least there was the roller hockey Cup.

“I would say overall the weekend was a great success,” said O’Donnell. “We managed to run

things efficiently and were ahead of schedule both days. It was the earliest final probably ever played in Charlestown.”

Said DelValle, “Having consistency was big. We had 17 teams show up, and the level of competition that showed up was really great too.”

Both said it couldn’t have been possible without all the help they received, and they gave a big shout out to lead sponsor RISE Construction Management for making it possible. Other sponsors included McHugh Electric and the National Guard. They personally thanked George Dighton, Jesus

Gambaro, Jamie Chambers, Claire Lakus, and Jolie Doherty for helping with refereeing and operations.

Through the sale of slush, they said they were able to raise \$450, and that will go to Charlestown Girls Softball.

Both said in the end, everyone gave their all and, at the end of the day, they all left friends and ready to hit other tournaments around the region.

“Everyone played their hearts out on the court,” said O’Donnell. “You might be physical, and you might play hard on the court, but off the court, everyone left as friends.”

## E-MAIL *(from pg. 1)*

Costas Panagopoulos, chair of the Political Science Department, who noted it was actually Republican John McCain that first used the technology. “The Obama fundraising success is what put him on the map in 2008. One of the main reasons for it was so many small donors giving in small amounts. Those small donations add up to very large sums. Campaigns have been leaning on digital fundraising technology ever since in presidential races.

“Local campaigns now are as professional as higher level campaigns and this technology can be used in even very small races,” he continued. “It’s so scalable. It exists and it’s right there to take advantage of whether it’s for a presidential campaign or for dog catcher.”

Suffolk University Political Science Professor Ken Cosgrove said it’s more than just e-mails in the inbox, but it’s a serious digital operation that targets voters in different neighborhoods with different stories and pleas. He said one person in one part of the city may get a different e-mail than another person – and sometimes two people in the same home can get different, tailored pleas for fundraising.

“This is one of the things that Trump brought back to Republicans that they were good at in the 1980s,” he said. “You can raise a lot of money three dollars at a time and several times over. Barack Obama also did a great job expanding on that idea. People think it’s only \$3 and only one Starbucks coffee a week. It doesn’t sound like much...You have to talk about these candidates now as consumer products and this is an offshoot of it. They are selling you something – policies and stories...The fundraising e-mails are important for that

because they tell you stories that will make you feel good and then give them money, or will make you so mad you’ll give them even more money...With all this technology and databases from Google and Facebook, they even know who you are. This technology is very efficient because it’s easy and you can raise more money. I’m not surprised it’s being used this way in the mayoral election this time.”

Cosgrove added that the companies used by the candidates for digital fundraising use databases and information from places like Facebook Audiences and Google to find voters by neighborhood, by race, by profession and even by religion. He said they have learned to make tailored appeals to like-audiences using a number of different criteria.

So, when those e-mails asking for donations and talking about a warm and fuzzy story, or a contentious policy argument, hit one’s inbox – it comes after a great deal of digital research on each person.

Councilor Andrea Campbell’s campaign utilizes the technology with great success so far, using the national company known as MissionWired – which has done similar work for campaigns like President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris in 2020. In June, Campbell’s mayoral campaign spent \$27,000 on services from MissionWired companies and has shown strong fund-raising numbers most every month as a result.

Her campaign said they didn’t want to directly comment on their strategies for fundraising, but did comment that roughly 50 percent of their donations have been raised online.

Councilor Michelle Wu’s campaign has also utilized the e-mail fundraising to a great degree, spending \$5,000 in June with

Authentic Campaigns – another major player in the digital space. The campaign said they have been successful using the new tool to reach people where they’re at and allow more people to participate in the fundraising aspect of the campaign.

“We’re proud to have the greatest number of grassroots donors and volunteers in this race,” read a statement from the campaign. “Reaching out by email has helped us meet people where they’re at to power our campaign—whether by pitching in a few dollars or giving their time.”

Acting Mayor Kim Janey’s team has also utilized such technology and spent \$4,500 with Battleaxe Digital in June for digital fundraising. Campaign manager Kirby Chandler said it is one tool of many they are using to build grassroots support and buy-in.

“We use a number of tools to activate our grassroots supporters and contributors whether via email, texts or social media,” said Chandler. “While fundraising is a part of that outreach, it is also meant to keep supporters up to date on the campaign and the Mayor’s work on behalf of the residents of Boston.”

Councilor Annissa Essaibi George’s campaign spent \$16,000 with Liberty Square Group and LB Strategies in June for digital work, including e-mails that they said have been successful in reaching donors at critical times and to inform campaign supporters of work that’s going on.

“We use fundraising emails at the end of the month to boost our numbers and make that last minute push with a sense of urgency,” read a statement from the campaign. “Sometimes we choose to send short ‘reminder’ emails such as the one (the paper) is using as an example, and sometimes we

provide more of a fun campaign update. We also use these fundraising emails to boost engagement amongst our list and make sure we are regularly using it to our advantage.”

John Barros’s campaign also uses the e-mails, but to a much lesser extent and at a much lower cost. In June, that campaign paid \$340 to MailChimp for sending out fundraising e-mails and other communications.

They did not respond with a comment for this story on their digital activities.

Panagopoulos said don’t expect such fundraising practices locally to fade out with the pandemic, as they were around prior to the pandemic and will continue to expand their reach afterwards. He said it is a cheap, user-friendly way for campaigns to raise money fast from a lot of people, while also keeping them connected to the campaign. It has also come at a time when people have grown more comfortable making online purchases using their credit card, and so they aren’t as wary to contribute online using that same credit card – and reporting contributions to state agencies is made far easier than it was when people sent checks and gave cash.

“It makes it so much easier and it’s a relatively easy way to go about fundraising these days,” he said. “It’s also useful for larger contributions too. People don’t have to go out and find the campaign to give them a check. Even without a pandemic, this kind of fundraising is way easier in contemporary campaigns.”

## ALL ABOARD FOR THE ‘MERCH STORE’ EXPRESS

Another aspect of the digi-

tal campaign fundraising arm is what has now become known as a ‘Merch Store,’ or an online campaign merchandise store.

For some candidates, gone are the days of handing out combs, fingernail files and bumper stickers with their logos for free to supporters and potential voters. Instead, some candidates choose to open a merchandising operation, said Suffolk University Professor Ken Cosgrove. That action goes hand-in-hand with the digital fundraising e-mails. He said when people give their money, and are encouraged with a tailored story, they will often want to buy something to support that action afterward.

Therein lies the magic fundraising capabilities of the ‘Merch Store.’

“It’s smart because you turn people into your mobilized ad force and they pay you to do it,” he said. “That’s something that Trump brought to politics with his red hats. It took a professional marketer and salesman like him to bring that to politics, but it’s here. It’s no different than the Bruins or Red Sox gear people wear around. It doesn’t cost much to make this stuff and you can make a good chunk of change selling it. In a race with this many candidates, building brand recognition matters.”

To this point, Councilor Wu has opened a Merch Store, using the familiar purple colors with ‘Wu!’ emblazoned on the materials for sale.

Acting Mayor Janey has one of the more robust Merch Stores, with her purple and dark yellow colors on T-Shirts, hats, stickers and more. She has even premiered a T-Shirt in her colors that says, ‘Madame Mayor.’

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

## North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through August 21

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): Hammer Head V-Pier formwork, Rebar & Concrete pour
- Pier 2: V-Arms - Curing
- Pier 3: Install precast and remove cofferdam sheet
- Pier 4: Grout work and concrete pour
- Pier 5 (closest to Charlestown): Remove cofferdam sheet and con-

crete pour

- Installing, moving, and maintaining silt curtains and barges in the water
- Installing temporary bent
- Warehouse Pier and Column

### Repairs

- Steel erection begins on 8/18
- Most work will be done during the daytime (6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

### WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

- Prior to 8/8:
- Pier 4: Removal of cofferdam sheet
- Installed permanent fender piles

### TRAVEL TIPS

The sidewalk over the temporary bridge and the Lovejoy

Wharf stairs near Converse are open. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harbor side bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

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.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

# New LGBT group to have first social gathering on Aug. 17

By Seth Daniel

Several residents are in the process of trying to form a new LGBT social and networking group for Charlestown that could bring the community together once a month, and also help local restaurants with a boost in business during slow times in the week.

Jeff Higgins said he has noticed more and more rainbow flags flying during Pride Month in Charlestown and wondered if there was any appetite to form a social and networking group for the local LGBT community. With that in mind, he

said he and a few others would be hosting the first such event at Street Bistro on Main Street this Tuesday, Aug. 17, from 6-9 p.m.

He said they'll be gathering to socialize and connect, and to see if people would like to form a short term group or a long-term group - and what goals any such group might have.

"There's no formal agenda," he said. "We'll play it by ear."

He said they do have a Facebook page that has formed to try to spread the word as well. The first meeting will be at Street Bistro on Main Street, Aug. 17, from 6-9 p.m.

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# Attorney Brennan helps to get record judgment for injured masonry worker

By Seth Daniel

Attorney Melissa Brennan helped an injured union mason steward to get the largest court judgment so far this year – a \$26.6 million that totals \$45 million with interest – during a jury trial that ended on Aug. 4 and found the contractor liable for the injury.

Brennan, a life-long Charlestown resident who is with Feinberg, Dumont and Brennan, has been working on the case for the last four years after long-time Local 3 Bricklayer union member John Rooney, Jr., came to her with his workplace injury case that dated back to 2014 during rehabilitation construction on the Longfellow Bridge.

Brennan worked on the case, and as it went to trial, brought in the Keches Law Group.

She said she sat second-chair

in the case, with Keches's Andrew Abraham leading the way on the record judgement verdict.

"John's had seven surgeries and is looking at more," she said. "The majority of this verdict was for his pain and suffering because he'll continue to need medical treatment. He's permanently disabled and can't go to work. We're glad the jury was able to see how difficult this was for him.

"It doesn't fix his health or stop his pain," she continued. "He lives in pain every day and his back is now made up of a lot of plates and screws. It's definitely taken away his joy in life. He loved to SCUBA dive and was certified and he loved to golf and he can't do those things anymore. While the verdict the jury gave was for his pain and suffering, it won't change his health."

Rooney had been a mason all his life, right out of high school, and his father was a union mason

before him. On May 9, 2014, Rooney's life changed forever. According to the case in Middlesex Superior Court, the steward fell over five feet through a two-foot hole in the scaffolding he was working on and landed violently on a pile of concrete debris. The scaffolding was not fully planked at the time of his fall in violation of state and federal safety regulations. This construction accident had significant consequences. The Steward sustained severe injuries to his back, neck, and legs. Upon medical evaluation, he had to endure seven spinal operations and nine total operations that resulted in his spine being largely fused together. A joint venture between three large construction companies was responsible for completing a restoration project on the historical landmark, including General Contractor JF White. The trial lasted eight days, and

the jury deliberated for just under three hours.

"The Joint Venture in this case made promises to keep this job safe and did not keep these promises, leaving workers in danger. I hope this verdict will tell construction companies that safety regulations need to be followed and not forgotten," said Attorney Abraham of the verdict. "No amount of money can undo the steward's injuries; unfortunately, he will live with them forever, but this verdict will help tremendously with the quality of life for him and his family."

According to Brennan, the Steward intends to use a portion of his recovery for a donation to the BAC Local #3 Apprentice & Training Center in recognition of the fact that he and his father have been proud members of Local 3 for a combined total of 100 years.

Attorney Brennan said what

was most important to her client was to be heard in court.

"To me, I felt like John was really heard, which was important to me," she said. "I felt good to be able to help him get such a great verdict and he won't have to worry. He used to say he'd end up in a Nursing Home and now he'll be able to take control of his health and provide for himself when he needs to."

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## City hosts Climate Ready Charlestown workshop

By John Lynds

Last week the City's of Boston's Environment Department continued its series of workshops to help kickoff Phase II of the Climate Ready Charlestown/East Boston project.

Boston Environment Department Project Manager Catherine McCandless gave an update on the work being done to develop a thorough plan for future protection and recovery from coastal flooding in Charlestown. Attendees of the workshop were encouraged to take the Climate Ready Charlestown survey at <http://comap.sasaki.com/crsboston/>.

McCandless said Charlestown is already seeing the impacts of climate change with seeing extreme temperatures. There has also been more extensive precipitation, sea level rise, and coastal storms. Those three things coupled together are leading to more storm water flooding inland in areas that residents wouldn't think would be subject to flooding because they're away from the coast.

Climate Ready Charlestown was first launched in 2016 and in 2017 the city conducted the first phase of Climate Ready Boston in Charlestown/East Boston.

Charlestown and East Boston were chosen because segments of these two communities are already prone to flooding and in 50 years, if climate change continues, will experience more coastal and inland flooding as sea levels rise.

McCandless said we're expecting to see about 4 inches of sea level rise by 2070. So in the next 50 years, if we don't intervene by adapting to climate change impacts and coordinating climate change impacts by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions there will be more flood entry points into the neighborhoods. These low lying areas in the neighborhood are more susceptible to flooding, both during extreme weather events, such as hurricanes or rain events, but also gradual sea level rise. Some of these entry points are issues now whereas others will become an issue over time.

McCandless said the city's aim with the project is to look at the temporal nature of climate change impacts between now and 2070 and what the flooding scenarios will look like over time in different situations.

McCandless said the Climate Ready Charlestown/East Boston project is specifically looking at coastal solutions along the waterfront in Boston and building a more resilient Boston.

The Phase II study in Charlestown will examine areas of the Charlestown coastline not addressed during the Phase I study in 2017. The study area wraps the Charlestown waterfront from approximately the base of the Lower Mystic Greenway on Medford Street, around the Boston Harbor Autoport and Little Mystic Channel, along the Navy Yard and historic Charlestown waterfront to the Charles River Dam and up New Rutherford Avenue.

In consultation with the Climate Ready Boston team, the project team developed draft "intention statements" to help center the project on common ground and ensure that the team, community members, and project stakeholders are frequently reminded of the project's overarching goals and areas of focus. These statements will be further refined with the project's Community Advisory Boards and with other community members.

Throughout Phase II planning the City will work closely with the community to co-develop a series of layered flood defense and coastal adaptation approaches that provide protection from rising sea levels and storm surges.

With help from Charlestown residents the City will draw on prior planning and local knowledge to propose buildable projects and responsive policies and programs with lasting social, environmental, and economic benefits.

The City will then produce a coastal resilience roadmap that protects and creates value for the Charlestown community.

At the workshop it was shown that significant Charlestown portions of its water-adjacent areas are filled with land, which is now most vulnerable. The area along Mystic River and Little Mystic Channel, which was filled to serve waterfront industries, is expected to see high-frequency flooding in the future. Once ideas and solutions are hatched out by residents the City hopes to reduce the volume of flood waters entering the Phase II study areas.

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