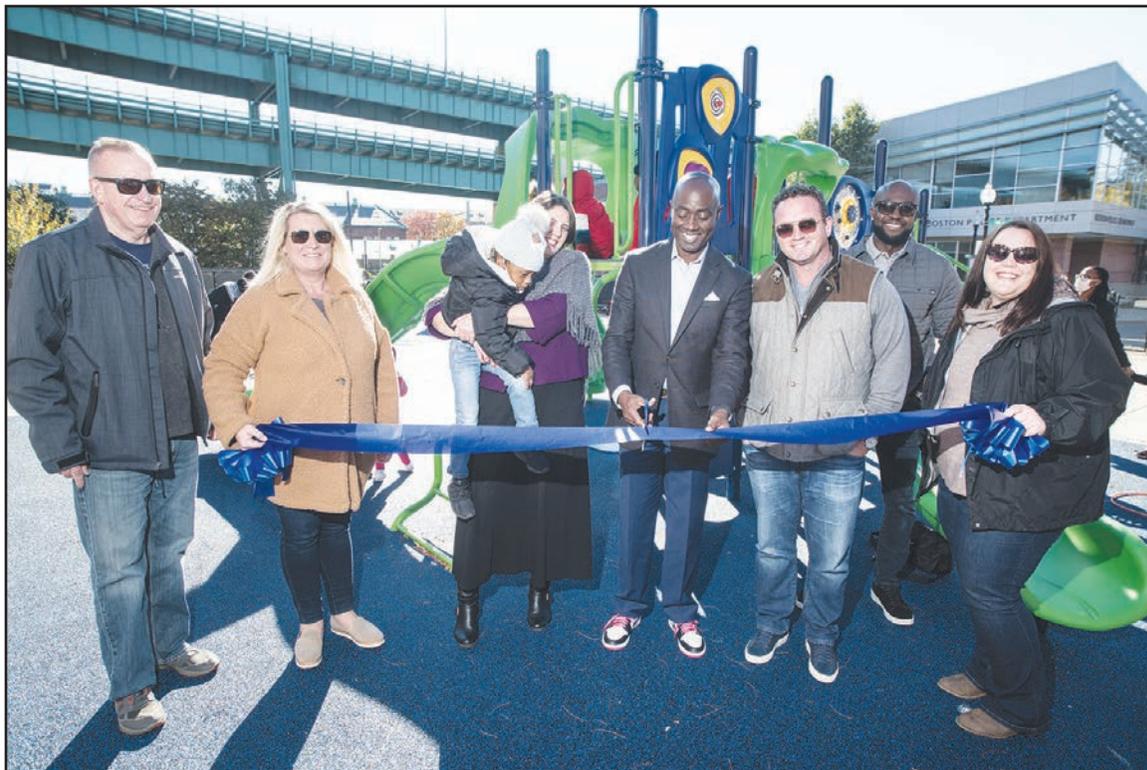




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RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT THE CHARLESTOWN KENNEDY FAMILY CENTER



The ribbon is cut by team members to officially open the Charlestown Kennedy Family Center: Jim Henry representing Senator Sal DiDomenico's Office, RISE Consultant Kim Mahoney, JFK Family Center Director Thara Fuller with some help from a Kennedy Center student, Founder and CEO of RISE Together Herby Duverné, Vice President of RISE Eric Gould, RISE Team member Zouk Mo, and JFK Family Center Community Services Director Crystal Galvin. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

City officials seeking applicants to improve Charlestown alternative policing pilot programs

By John Lynds

Since October the city has dispatched co-responders in Charlestown as part of a pilot program to better address mental health crisis calls. This form of co-response and alternative response deploys teams of Emergency Medical Technicians and mental health workers to respond to 911 calls that report a mental health crisis without a safety risk.

Since the launch of the pilot program here, Downtown and Roxbury, co-response teams have been working to improve and expand dedicated teams of police officers and mental health workers.

The Office of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced last week that applications are

now being accepted for the Community-Led Design Group for mental health crisis response. This group of community members will be composed of Boston residents with professional and/or lived experience with mental health issues who are committed to designing a pilot for a community-led response to mental health crises.

Like the current program in Charlestown, the Health and Human Services Cabinet (HHS), Boston Police Department (BPD), and Boston EMS will create pilot programs to reimagine the way Boston responds to mental health crises in neighborhoods. This collaboration, which included multiple community listening sessions and public meetings, resulted in three pilot plan initiatives to improve mental health responses

by improving the existing co-response model in Charlestown; introducing an alternative response, led by Boston-EMS and mental health workers; and now by creating a community-led response.

The goal of this program is to assemble a group of individuals from a variety of Boston neighborhoods, identities, and backgrounds. The Design Group members must be Boston residents and dedicated community members who are willing to engage in this challenging process. Community members are encouraged to reference their own lived experience and how it shapes their desire to join the Design Group in their application. Translation services will be made available for resi-

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BPDA updates CNC on neighborhood development plans

By Adam Swift

Representatives from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) gamely answered questions about developments that are in the pipeline for the neighborhood before the Charlestown Neighborhood Council at the CNC's monthly meeting last week. Additionally, the BPDA rep-

resentatives fielded the questions they have probably come to expect about how much they have backed the community when it has faced projects the neighborhood has opposed, such as the Hood project, and the scope of the PLAN: Charlestown process.

"We have the opportunity as a community to ensure that we give

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Coastal Zoning Overlay District in effect

By John Lynds

Late last month, Acting Mayor Kim Janey signed a new Coastal Zoning Overlay District into effect requiring new development in Charlestown and other Boston coastal neighborhoods to take additional steps to limit the damage and displacement related to the impacts of coastal storms and sea level rise.

Based upon climate modeling, 40-inches of sea level rise in

Charlestown so the new Zoning Overlay (Article 25A of the Boston Zoning Code) will provide new definitions and standards for building dimensions and uses to facilitate flood resilient design for new projects and building retrofits.

In Charlestown the areas subjected to the new zoning include the neighborhood's waterfront along the Mystic River, the area around the Schraft's City Center wrapping around to Rutherford

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VETERANS DAY DINNER



The duties of the Color Guard for the Veterans Day Dinner were conducted by the Charlestown Militia: Paul Lane, Rick Young, Chris Hurley, and Tom Coots during the The 8th Annual Veterans Day Dinner that was conducted by the Abraham Lincoln Post 11 G.A.R. Memorial Hall at the Knights Of Columbus Function Center. See Page 5 for more photos.

EDITORIAL

VETERANS DAY -- HONOR OUR VETERANS

It was 103 years ago on November 11, 1918, that World War I formally came to a conclusion on the "11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month."

Americans observed the first anniversary of the end of the war the following year when the holiday we now know as Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day in 1919.

The first world war was referred to at the time as "the war to end all wars." It was thought that never again would mankind engage in the sort of madness that resulted in the near-total destruction of Western Civilization and the loss of millions of lives for reasons that never have been entirely clear to anybody either before, during, or since.

Needless to say, history has shown us that such thinking was idealistically foolhardy. Just 21 years later, Hitler invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, and the world again became enmeshed in a global conflagration that made the first world war seem like a mere practice run for the mass annihilation that took place from 1939-45.

Even after that epic second world war, America has been involved in countless bloody conflicts in the 76 years since General Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender on the Battleship USS Missouri. and millions of our fellow Americans have fought and died in our nation's numerous wars and military engagements since then.

"Peace is at hand" has been nothing but a meaningless slogan for most of the past 103 years.

Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day in 1954 so as to include those who served in WWII and the Korean War. All of our many veterans since then also have become part of the annual observance to express our nation's appreciation to the men and women who bravely have answered the call of duty to ensure that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been preserved against the many challenges we have overcome.

Although Veterans Day, as with all of our other national holidays, unfortunately has become commercialized, we urge our readers to take a moment, even if just quietly by ourselves, to contemplate the debt we owe to the veterans of all of our wars and to be grateful to them for allowing us to live freely in the greatest nation on earth.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn't free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation's founding has required the personal sacrifice of the millions of our fellow Americans who have placed their lives on the line to preserve our ideals and our way of life.



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GUEST OP-ED

Honor and care for our Veterans

Dr. Glenn Mollette

During World War II, on April 9, 1942, 75,000 United States soldiers and Filipino soldiers were surrendered to Japanese forces after months of battling in extreme-climate conditions.

Soon after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, Japanese forces began the invasion of the Philippines. The capture of the Philippines was crucial to the Japanese. It would bring them one step closer to the control of the Southwest Pacific. The Philippines were just as important to the U.S. Having troops in the

Philippines gave the U.S. footing in the Southwest Pacific. After the invasion of the Philippines, U.S.-Filipino troops defended the crucial lands.

These brave soldiers were responsible for the defense of the islands of Luzon, Corregidor, and the harbor-defense forts of the Philippines. They fought in a malaria-infested region, and survived on little portions of food. Some lived off of half or quarter rations. The soldiers lacked medical attention. U.S. medics did what they could to help their fellow soldiers. They fought with outdated equipment and virtually no air

power.

The soldiers retreated to the Philippine Peninsula when Japanese forces were reinforced and overwhelmed the U.S.-Filipino soldiers.

On April 9, 1942, the U.S. and Filipino soldiers surrendered after seven months of battle combined with exposure to the extreme elements, disease, and lack of vital supplies. The tens of thousands of U.S. and Filipino soldiers were forced to become prisoners of war to the Japanese. The soldiers faced horrifying conditions and treat-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU FROM THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN POST 11, GAR

To the Editor:

The Abraham Lincoln Post 11, GAR, would like to thank everyone who came to our dinner and made the night such an enjoyable event. Special thanks to Tom Cunha and the Knights of Columbus for always being there

to support us. Thank you to Sean Boyle of Baby Boyle Bouquets for the wonderful centerpieces, and to Bill Durette for sharing some of his extensive military history collection with us.

We would also like to remind everyone to join us at the corner of Union and Washington streets on November 13, at 11 o'clock as we unveil a new sign honoring Flo Johnson. All are welcome.

The Abraham Lincoln Post 11

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dents who do not speak English and candidates can request their preferred language in the application.

A monetary stipend of \$1,200 will be provided to each member in acknowledgment of the time and effort that goes into serving on the Design Group and to help offset any necessary childcare and transportation costs associated with their participation. All applications must submit their applications by mail or in person at City Hall (suite 806).

“As we re-imagine the City’s response to mental health crises in our neighborhoods, it’s critical that we make sure that the voices of community members are represented,” said Chief of Health and Human Services Marty Martinez. “The Community-led Design Group is an important component in a multi-pronged approach that brings those voices to the table.”

This work to develop this response is in partnership with unions representing BPD and EMS employees.

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ment as POWs.

The soldiers were deprived of food, water, and medical attention, and were forced to march 65 miles to confinement camps throughout the Philippines.

The captive soldiers were marched for days, approximately 65 miles through the scorching jungles of the Philippines. Thousands died. Those who survived faced the hardships of prisoner of war camps and the brutality of their Japanese captors.

The POWs would not see freedom until 1945 when U.S.-Filipino forces recaptured the lost territory.

In 1945, U.S.-Filipino forces recaptured the Philippines and freed the captive soldiers who were suffering in the confinement camps. These soldiers would be impacted by the poor conditions of the camps and the mistreatment by their Japanese captors. About one-third of the prisoners died from health complications after they were freed. (The above information is from Bataan.com).

My wife’s grandfather, Lyle C. Harlow, was one of the thousands who lived through the 65-mile march and almost four years as a prisoner of war. When he and the others who survived were freed, he came back to his wife in Kentucky who had also survived and a daughter born right after his departure overseas. He returned broken, weighing less than a hundred pounds and had to rebuild

his life essentially from zero.

Harlow like thousands of others, never received a dime from the United States government after his release from the military. He received some VA medical benefits and would later die in a VA hospital. Until the last few years the VA has been a very undesirable place for medical attention but there has been improvement in recent years.

He and so many others had to rebuild their lives with no help from our country. This makes it difficult to understand how our government can consider handing out thousands of dollars to illegals pouring into our nation. Do we just hand them the American dream simply because they made it across our border?

Most Americans are charitable people. We do more than any nation to help others. Yet, when our homeless Veterans are sleeping on America’s streets while shelters, medical insurance and even cash are made available for those who are unwilling to salute our flag, hate our culture and despise many of our values, then something is seriously wrong.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

Charlestown’s weekly COVID positive test rate increases

By John Lynds

After the Charlestown COVID positive test rate decreased nearly 40 percent two weeks ago, the positive test rate increased dramatically last week according to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

According to the weekly report released Monday by the BPHC, 645 Charlestown residents were tested and 3.6 percent were found to be positive--this was a 56.5 percent increase from the 2.3 percent

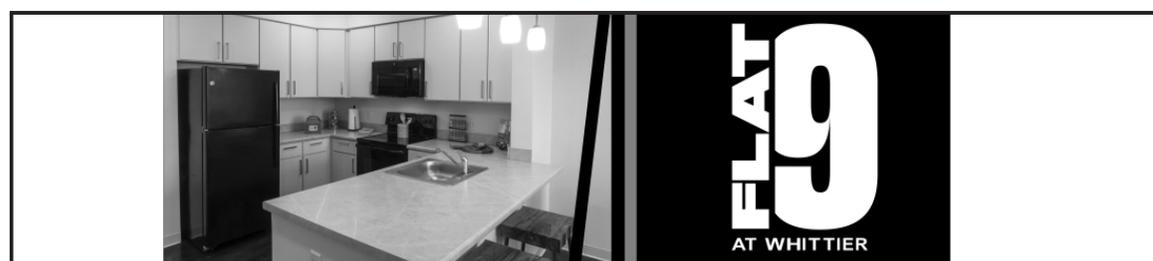
age that tested positive between October 25 and November 1.

The citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week. According to the BPHC 22,049 residents were tested and 2.6 percent were COVID positive--this was a 24 percent increase from the 2.1 percent reported by the BPHC on November 1.

Twenty-three additional Charlestown residents tested positive for the virus since November 1 and the number of positive cases increased to 1,764 overall since the start of the pandemic.

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 0.50 percent since November 1 and went from 83,646 cases to 84,064 confirmed cases in a week. There were two additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,455.



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2	1BR	690 SF	\$1,580	80% AMI	-	-
1	1BR	690 SF	\$1,900	110% AMI	-	-
1	1BR	690 SF	\$1,900	120% AMI	-	-
4	3BR	1120 SF	\$1,617	60% AMI	4	2
7	3BR	1120 SF	\$2,173	80% AMI	-	-
3	3BR	1120 SF	\$2,634	110% AMI	-	-
2	3BR	1120 SF	\$2,634	120% AMI	-	-
1	4BR	1335 SF	\$1,796	60% AMI	1	-
1	4BR	1335 SF	\$2,416	80% AMI	-	-

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2 people	\$32,200	\$53,700	\$64,440	\$77,350	\$106,350	\$116,000
3 people	\$36,250	\$60,400	\$72,480	\$87,000	\$119,650	\$130,500
4 people	\$40,250	\$67,100	\$80,520	\$96,650	\$132,900	\$144,950
5 people	\$43,500	\$72,500	\$87,000	\$104,400	\$143,550	\$156,550
6 people	\$46,700	\$77,850	\$93,420	\$112,150	\$154,200	\$168,150

Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))

# of bedrooms	Minimum Income 30% AMI	Minimum Income 50% AMI	Minimum Income 60% AMI	Minimum Income 80% AMI	Minimum Income 110% AMI	Minimum Income 120% AMI
1BR	\$0	\$0	\$42,408	\$56,880	\$68,400	\$68,400
3BR	\$0	\$0	\$58,212	\$78,228	\$94,824	\$94,824
4BR	N/A	N/A	\$64,656	\$86,976	N/A	N/A

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City Councilor Lydia Edwards with Kristen Giombetti and her fiancé Quinlan Locke (former Charlestown ONS liaison).

Over Halloween weekend, Charlestown residents and their dogs took part in the 7th annual Halloween dog parade organized by CharlestownDogs. Dogs and their owners showed up in costume on Halloween.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards with the CharlestownDogs leadership team.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards poses with a constituent and her dog during the fun event.



State Rep. Dan Ryan with Councilor Lydia Edwards at the annual dog parade event.

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CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

STANDINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/6/2021

	W	L	T
Bryan's Pals.	7	0	1
Halligan Club	2	3	3
Duce 2	2	3	3
A-1 Convenience	2	5	1

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR 11/6/2021

A-1 Convenience - The few who came
 Bryan's Pals - C. J. Lent, Joe Campbell
 Duce 2 - Silas Jones, Tucker Hampton
 MPTA - Colton Moralez, Landon Moralez

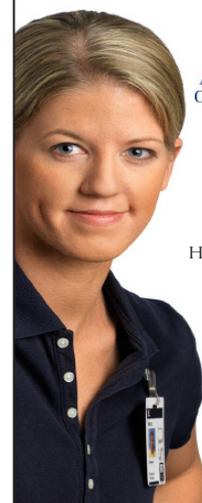
We have some openings for 5 - 8 year olds, anyone interested should call Debbie Lent at 617-241-0434.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to re-direct her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

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



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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER

The Abraham Lincoln Post 11, G.A.R., held its Eighth Annual Veterans Dinner on Friday, November 5, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlestown. Last year the event was cancelled due to COVID but this year it was well attended with nearly 100 in attendance including veterans and their guests. Post 11 President, Joseph Zuffante, presided as Master of Ceremonies and delighted everyone by announcing that the formal program would be mercifully short to allow everyone to enjoy the camaraderie of the evening. A delicious Italian dinner was served by Avellino's and music was provided by Smokey Kane. Baby Boyle Bouquets donated the table decorations which were outstanding. The Charlestown Militia under the direction of Tom Coats, always a highlight of the evening, provided the color guard. An annual tradition, the centerpiece of the evening was the awarding of scholarships to several children of Charlestown's veterans. This year the elementary and secondary awards were awarded to Aiden Boucher, Catholic Memorial H.S.;



President of the Abraham Lincoln Post Joe Zuffante and Larry Stevens.



Commander of American Legion Post JW Conway Bunker Hall #26 Steve Delcuze and past Commander Danny Sheehan.



President of the Abraham Lincoln Post Joe Zuffante (center) with the Boyle Family: Little Dodie and Dodie with Christine Boyle and Ned O'Keefe.

Sean Kelly, St. Joseph's School; and Nolan O'Keefe, Saint Raphael Parish School. The college awards were presented to Michael Leonard (Univ. of Arizona) and Leisa Loan (Univ. of Houston).

The Abraham Lincoln Post 11 is headquartered at Memorial Hall on Green Street. The building is currently undergoing renovation under a grant from the Community Preservation Act and Mr. Zuffante urged those in attendance to take a moment to stop at the building to observe the work being done by the Preservation Carpentry Department of the North Bennet Street School.



Everyone in the room stands for the National Anthem.



David Powers, Ilene Ward, and Jimmy Porter.



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WW2 Veteran Tom McNicholas (fifth from left) with his family.

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RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT THE CHARLESTOWN KENNEDY FAMILY CENTER

The ribbon is finally cut and the new playground at the Charlestown Kennedy Family Center is finally opened. After waiting for months, watching the progress on the playground's construction, the students at the Kennedy Family Center get a chance to enjoy the fun activities the new playground will bring.



Kennedy Center students enjoy the playground.



The new playground at the Kennedy Family Center.

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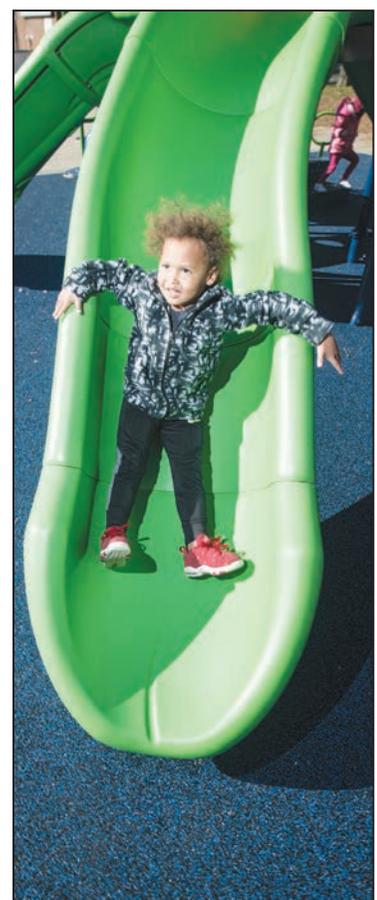


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A Kennedy Center student enjoys the playground.



Kennedy Center students enjoy the playground.

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RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT THE CHARLESTOWN KENNEDY FAMILY CENTER



Kennedy Family Center parents are happy to see their childrens' glee: Nancy Prudencio, Laura Suazo, Cindy Maltrz, Johanna Burke, and Mikayla Eatherton.



Kennedy Center students rush into the now opened playground eager to enjoy it after seeing it under construction over the year.



Jim Henry representing Senator Sal DiDomenico's Office, and JFK Family Center Community Services Director Crystal Galvin, RISE Consultant Kim Mahoney, and Vice President of RISE Eric Gould.



JFK Family Center Director Thara Fuller and and CEO of RISE Together Herby Duverné.



The Charlestown RISE Together Team: Kim Mahoney, Eric Gould, Herby Duverné, Dave Anderson, Michael Parker, and Zouk Mo.



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— Adam Hawk, Co-Owner Monument Restaurant & Tavern

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HALLOWEEN AT THE ANCHOR

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- Hosted over 200 families for Trick or Treat
- Special Halloween comedy night
- Live DJ and belly dancing performances at Nightmare in the Navy Yard
- 10 costume contest winners
- Over 6 TONS of pumpkins

and over 20 different types of pumpkins and gourds comprise the "city's largest urban pumpkin patch"

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ZONING (from pg. 1)

Avenue area and Mishawam as well as the Navy Yard along the Boston Harbor.

Janey said the new zoning goes beyond the areas identified in FEMA flood maps, applying to areas of Charlestown and the City that could be inundated during a major coastal storm event, known as a 1 percent chance flood event with 40-inches of sea level rise and promotes resilient planning and design, provides consistent standards for the review of projects, and maximizes the benefits of investments in coastal resilience.

“We must take the steps that will better protect our neighborhoods from the increasing threat of coastal storms and sea level rise,” said Janey. “By requiring developers to do more in vulnerable areas, we are protecting our infrastructure, our jobs, and our

homes.”

Boston Planning and Development Agency Director Brian Golden said for Boston to grow and thrive for generations to come, the city must ensure that buildings constructed today are resilient and protected from the impacts of climate change.

“By updating our zoning code to go above and beyond the FEMA flood maps, Boston is leading the way in not only preparing for the storms of today, but the storms of tomorrow,” said Golden.

All development projects subject to BPDA’s Article 80 Large and Small Project review will be required to undergo Resilience Review, and comply with the Coastal Flood Resilience Design Guidelines. In 2019, the BPDA adopted Coastal Flood Resilience Design Guidelines to provide clear

strategies and best practices for developers, business owners, and residents to respond to climate change.

The new guidelines are Intended to prevent flood damage by elevating building occupiable space, flood proofing areas beneath flood elevations, and promoting health and safety by preventing uses such as living space below the flood elevation.

“In Boston, we know that our most vulnerable communities are disproportionately bearing the burden of the climate crisis,” said Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space Reverend Mariama White-Hammond. “As a City, we must work together to take the crucial steps to protect all of our residents from the effects of climate change. I am grateful to Mayor Janey and the BPDA

for updating zoning measures to enhance our collective resilience.”

The new zoning regulations include:

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Flood Elevation (SLR-DFE), which consists of the SLR-BFE plus one to two feet based on type of use.

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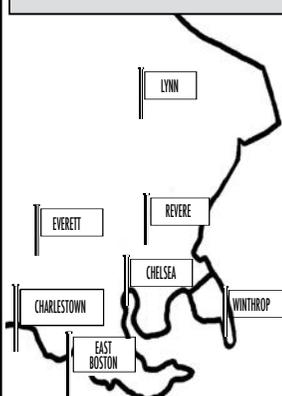
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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay honors Charlestown student Fatima Fontes

By John Lynds

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay recently honored this year's Boston Harbor Heroes at the organization's annual Destination Boston Harbor gala at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Among this year's honorees was Charlestown college student Fatima Fontes who worked as a staffer for Save the Harbor's Youth Environmental Education Program over the summer.

Fontes was honored alongside Albert Deblas of East Boston and Aleena Mangham of Allston, for the important role they played in making Save the Harbor/Save the Bay the Boston Harbor connection for the region's youth and families.

"Each year, Save the Harbor recognizes outstanding individuals as Boston Harbor Heroes for their commitment to Save the Harbor's mission, our community, and the Harbor," said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Executive Director Chris Mancini. "We are proud to honor these young people for helping us to share the harbor with more than 10,000 young people from 100 community groups in 2021. It was great to be back on the beach together this summer. It was also great to

be together again at Destination Boston Harbor to celebrate our Harbor Heroes and thank our partners and supporters for helping us to keep our promise to be here for our community during the pandemic, and to return to the harbor, the beaches and the islands when it was safe to get together in person again."

Fontes, a junior at Boston University, returned to Save the Harbor this past summer for her third year. She is a Pre-Med student with a major in Psychology.

Deblas worked during the 2020 summer at the height of the COVID-9 pandemic. Instead of helping Save the Harbor share Boston's harbor with busloads and boatloads of young people face-to-face, Fontes was instrumental in working to create virtual Boston Harbor programming through YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram, and on Save the Harbor's blog Sea, Sand & Sky throughout the Summer of 2020. In order to continue being the Boston Harbor's connection for the region's youth and families, Fontes and her coworkers explored Boston Harbor's many beautiful views in small, socially-distant groups, including Charlestown Navy Yard, Castle Island, Malibu Beach, and the Harbor Islands. While there, she filmed videos, wrote lesson plans,



Save the Harbor/Save the Bay honors 2021's Boston Harbor Heroes at their annual fundraising gala, Destination Boston Harbor. (Back row left to right): Lisa Fortenberry, Shavel'le Olivier, Chris Mancini, Jon Cronin, Joseph Newman. (Front row left to right): Aleena Mangham, Fatima Fontes, Albert Deblas, Judith Pederson.

and created other safe virtual activities for community partners across the city.

This year's Destination Boston Harbor gala event featured an auction with exciting getaways including a luxury Irish vacation at Kilkea Castle Hotel & Golf Resort, as well as Harpoon private

beer tastings, staycations at local hotels with dinner pairings, sports tickets, fishing trips, golf packages and more. Save the Harbor/Save the Bay also premiered a short video at the gala that captures the spirit of the summer.

According to Save the Harbor's Development Director Patricia

Salic, this year's Gala and Auction raised more than \$300,000 to support free events and programs, and the organization's policy and advocacy work.

"Thanks to all our sponsors and donors for supporting our work to restore, protect and share Boston Harbor," said Salic.

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CNC (from pg. 1)

them input, take what they are trying to do over the next two years," said CNC Chair Tom Cunha.

Jason Ruggiero, the community engagement manager for the BPDA, updated the CNC on about a half dozen projects currently in the planning phases.

"201 Rutherford Ave, that's been in process for a number of years and there's no tremendous update with that," said Ruggiero. He said the BPDA has issued a scoping and determination on the project, which is an 80 to 100 page memo with BPDA and community comments that the developer is asked to respond to.

"We don't do that for all projects, but we do it for the really large ones," said Ruggiero.

The 201 Rutherford Ave. project consists of the development of an approximately 46,000 square foot portion of the Bunker Hill Mall into 240 residential units.

A newer project at 420 Rutherford Avenue is from a developer who wants to construct a lab building, Ruggiero said.

"They filed a letter of intent with us, so there's going to be a robust process on that, it's just the beginning of the project," he said.

As with other large projects in the community, Ruggiero said there will be an impact advisory group that residents can join to help review the project.

"Impact advisory groups help review the project alongside the community and the BPDA," he said. "You decide what the benefits are, what the mitigation plans are."

The Bunker Hill Housing project should see demolition begin early next year, Ruggiero said.

The BPDA also recently released a scoping and determination document for the large-scale One Mystic Avenue project.

"It really does amplify everything we learned from the community about that project, it's too

dense, it's too tall," Ruggiero said. "We always listen to the community, but I think that we articulated it very well in that memo that we issued, and the process is still open. If anyone feels a certain way about that project, that project is still under review."

The One Mystic proposal consists of the demolition of the existing structures on the site and construction of an approximately 550,000 square foot mixed-use building with nearly 700 residential units, commercial and retail space, and about 240 off-street parking spaces.

"Rise is a development team and they filed a letter of intent for a couple of properties in the Inner Belt area of Charlestown, so right on the Somerville border," said Ruggiero. "It's probably four or five pieces of land that they have assembled, and they filed a letter of intent. They reached out to us and said we have a development vision and they filed some early visioning plans."

The review process for that project is just underway, and Ruggiero said there will also be an impact advisory group for that development.

Other projects currently in the planning stage include a recently filed letter of intent for 425 Medford St. and the beginning of the requests for proposal process for the former EMS station. Ruggiero said the plan for the EMS station does include a new EMS facility, with housing around and above it.

CNC member Elaine Donovan questioned the effectiveness of the BPDA in representing the community of Charlestown.

"I'm really, really furious," she said. "Has there ever been a project that the community disagreed with, that the BPDA backed the community?"

Cunha noted that he believed the main area of contention was

the first phase of the Hood development, when the CNC wanted developers to hold off until they presented more information about the total development, but the project went ahead anyway.

Otherwise, Cunha said, the BPDA has typically been responsive about forwarding the concerns of the community to the developers.

"I know that people don't love the Bunker Hill Housing project, but that was over a five year process, and the first iteration really went nowhere," said Ruggiero. "I

know some people were very frustrated and upset with the result, but that was a very thorough and robust process."

Ruggiero said he knows that there are projects that go through that the community is not happy with, but noted that the BPDA is not the Zoning Board that has the final say on the developments.

Several questions were raised about the scope of the PLAN: Charlestown master planning process and if it included all of Charlestown or just the Sullivan Square and Rutherford Avenue

portions of the neighborhood. BPDA officials said PLAN: Charlestown will be a vision for all of Charlestown.

In other business, Cunha said he expects a developer looking to build lab space in Sullivan Square will be before the CNC in February or March. He said there are also some smaller developments of 20 units or less on Medford Street that could be before the council in the near future.

The next meeting of the CNC is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 7 at the Knights of Columbus.

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