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## EARTH DAY FESTIVAL



Derek Kouyoumjian photos

The Pier 5 Association held an Earth Day Festival at the last remaining undeveloped property on Boston Harbor. Earth Day Fest attendees wait for a free sailboat ride courtesy of Courageous Sailing. See Pages 4 and 5 for more photos.



Aria and Theo Raymond look through some books by local children's author Jerry Pallotta.



Bruce Lawson shows the kids how making giant bubbles is done but Keaton Houghtaling isn't entirely interested.

## COVID positive test-rate continues to climb

By John Lynds

Charlestown and the city are in the middle of another COVID surge as nearly 1 out of every 10 residents tested last week in the neighborhood were positive.

Health experts are saying the

new subvariant of the omicron strain, known as BA.2, is now the dominant strain in the US and 30 percent more infectious than the BA.1 omicron strain responsible for the last surge.

Last week, 467 Charlestown residents were tested for the virus

last week and 9.8 percent were positive--this was an 8 percent increase from the 9.1 percent that tested positive as reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on April 18.

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### CNC CORNER

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold an in-person, public meeting on Thursday, May 5, 2022, 7 p.m. at the American Legion, JW Conway Bunker Hill Post 26 on Adams St. in Charlestown. Please note the change in meeting day and meeting location. Please send questions or matters of concern via email to [cnc02129@gmail.com](mailto:cnc02129@gmail.com). For updates, see the CNC Calendar at [www.charlestownneighborhoodcouncil.org](http://www.charlestownneighborhoodcouncil.org).

## BPDA approves 420 Rutherford Ave for office lab space

By John Lynds

At its April board meeting the Boston Planning and Development Agency approved plans to transform the existing site at 420 Rutherford Avenue into a 101,500 square-foot office and lab building.

Related Beal, known for their developments at The Clarendon, One Back Bay, Lovejoy Wharf and Kenmore Square, will demolish an existing storage facility to build a new four-story life sciences building. The ground floor will include storage, tenant amenities such as conference rooms, fitness rooms, restrooms, and showers, along with a bike storage room. This project will provide new landscape design improvements to the site including new greenery and seat-

ing, and roof deck for tenants.

The plans also call for a revived streetscape through new landscaping and site improvements to enhance the pedestrian experience and complement the adjacent Hood Park business park at the western portion of Rutherford Avenue.

Related Beal's Related Fund Management closed on the purchase of 420 Rutherford Avenue in June 2021 with the goal of providing office and lab experience for growing companies, along with improved landscaping and updated sidewalks for neighbors and pedestrians visiting Charlestown. Future tenants of the building will have numerous amenities such as bicycle storage,

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An artist rendering of the proposed project at 420 Rutherford Ave.

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# EDITORIAL

## OUR DRIVING IS WORSE THAN EVER, SO THIS IS NO TIME TO REDUCE TRAFFIC STOPS

Pundits and some politicians recently have been calling for a reduction in the enforcement of minor traffic offenses by our police.

We respectfully, and strongly, disagree.

Thanks to a number of factors, our roadways are more dangerous than ever. In 2020, there were 38,680 deaths on U.S. roadways, the most since 2007, even though pandemic precautions had dramatically reduced driving because people were staying at home.

In 2021, overall traffic fatalities continued to rise at a record pace. Nearly 32,000 people were killed in vehicle crashes in the first nine months of 2021, a 12 percent increase from the same period in 2020, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

It was the highest number of fatalities during the first nine months of any year since 2006 and the highest percentage increase during the first nine months of a year in the reporting system's history.

Why are Americans driving more recklessly than ever?

We believe a number of factors are at play, including an increase in drug and alcohol use during the pandemic, the decline in the use of seat belts, a huge increase in distracted driving because of the use of electronic devices, and a general disdain for societal restrictions that have spilled-over into a disregard for speed limits, stop signs, etc. on our roadways.

The rise in motor vehicle deaths follows other pandemic-era trends: Alcohol sales have soared, drug overdoses have set new records, and homicides have seen their biggest year-over-year increase on record.

In light of these alarming trends and statistics, suggesting that our police should curtail traffic-law enforcement is nonsensical.

We realize that routine traffic stops often are fraught with peril, both for the officers and for members of the public, as happened once again with the recent tragic shooting of a Black man by a white officer in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

However, in an interview with 60 Minutes on Sunday, the new mayor of New York, Eric Adams, noted that we must do more to ensure that effective police enforcement is coupled with respectful, non-abusive police behavior. Those concepts are not inherently mutually-exclusive.

Moreover, said Adams, "If you don't have public safety, everything crumbles."

The ancient Romans put it this way, "Let the safety of the people be the highest law of the land."

That is as true today as it was 2100 years ago -- and that is especially true on our streets and highways.

## PUTIN'S UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE

If you listen to chatter of the pundits and politicians, there seems to be a debate about whether Russia is engaging in genocide in Ukraine.

Obviously, we aren't experts in international law. So we looked up the definition of genocide according to the Genocide Convention, which came together in the aftermath of WWII.

Genocide is defined as any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group:

- Killing members of the group;
- Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; or
- Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part.

Putin is perpetrating all of these acts upon the people of Ukraine. From the outset of the invasion, he said that Ukraine "is not even a country" and that Russia needed to "de-Nazify" it -- codewords for obliterating Ukraine and its people.

Russian forces are indiscriminately bombing, murdering, torturing, starving, and raping civilians. Russian forces have herded hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian citizens onto trains and forcibly transported them to central Russia, where they await an uncertain fate.

The ceaseless bombing campaign against non-military targets has the only goal of wiping Ukrainian cities and towns from the face of the earth. Russian soldiers even have been going into libraries and destroying any books written in the Ukrainian language.

In short, Vladimir Putin is the 21st century equivalent of Hitler and Stalin, both of whom were genocidal sociopaths.

We hope and pray that our government and the rest of the civilized world will do everything conceivable to stop Putin's barbarous genocide of the Ukrainian people.

## GUEST OP-ED

### Finding hope and life before death

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Most of us have wondered about life beyond the grave. Many today are in search of life before the grave. Given what many people traditionally believe about heaven, eternity and life beyond, it would certainly seem very valuable to think about a life beyond. However, what about life here?

The Ukrainian people wake up every day to fight, survive or hide another day. They fight for life and freedom. Why? Life and freedom are worth something.

How much are life and freedom worth? What does it mean to you to hug your spouse or loved one? How much do you enjoy laughing with family, friends or at a funny tv show? How good does it feel to do something you enjoy? Cooking a meal, music, reading, your faith assembly, grandkids or enjoying a sunny or rainy day. Life is living and enjoying our living.

God didn't make us to be miserable. We make ourselves miserable. Sickness makes us miserable. Addictions destroy us and others. Death of the people we love zaps

us and creates major voids in our lives. Yet, life can only be lived forward and often this is where we get stuck. Too often we put our cars in park and start watching the world go by us. We look in the rear view mirror. Life is whizzing by and we can't seem to get our foot back on the accelerator to start moving again. This becomes a very stagnate and unhappy way to live. Actually, it's not a life at all.

Living before you die must have some routine. Go to work. Go someplace. Do something. It doesn't have to be exotic or glorious. Often routine is the same thing every day. There is some peace in routine. When our routine and entire lives are shaken, like what is happening in Ukraine, then every minute is about surviving another day.

Survival mode for you may be doctor's visits. Making a plan for the next five years or year of your life. Reconnecting to some family or a friend or two. Making peace with the past and embracing today.

The key word for life is hope. Peace is another key word but

peace doesn't exist without hope. If we have hope we can look forward to life. We hope we have enough health. We hope we have enough money. The people of Ukraine have hope they can overcome Russia. This keeps many of them going. Many have fled the country in search of hope.

Find the hope you need to embrace the rest of your life. Hope in family, friends, hobbies and much more is good. Just be very aware, even they may disappoint you. Mainly, find hope in you. God didn't make junk. Too often, life, events, mistakes, and sometimes even people we are close to make it difficult for us to see our worth and it tarnishes our spirit.

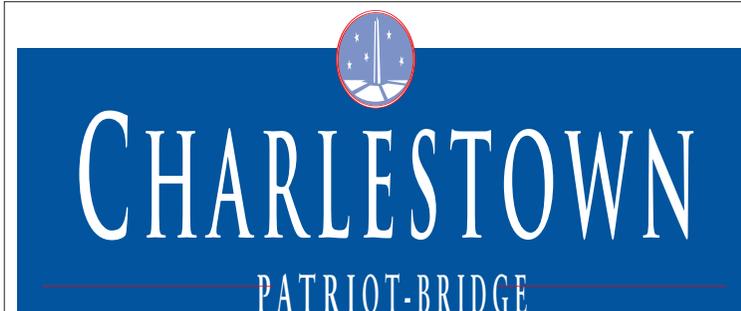
Hope is an inside job that starts now.

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**COVID** (from pg. 1)

Forty six additional Charlestown residents contracted the virus between April 18 and April 25 and there are now 3,910 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week and remains well above the 5 percent threshold.

According to the BPHC 15,808 residents were tested citywide last week and 6.9 percent were COVID positive--this was a 30 percent increase from the 5.3 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on April 18.

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 1.60 percent last week and went from 172,876 to 175,628 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were two additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,454.

**PROJECT** (from pg. 1)

electric vehicle charging stations, a new fitness studio, and a 1,800 square foot roof deck with views of Downtown Boston.

The 420 Rutherford Ave project is located in the geographic bounds of the ongoing PLAN: Charlestown neighborhood planning initiative, and the proposed use, scale, density, and design are contextually appropriate, and consistent with emerging PLAN: Charlestown guidelines.

"The project has committed to expanding the road network west of Rutherford Avenue, which is a key goal of PLAN: Charlestown," the BPDA wrote in its approval of the project. "The project is also

addressing future coastal flood events and sea level rise through elevation of ground floor spaces and flood proofing measures."

In response to community feedback, the project will contribute up to \$250,000 for the establishment of a laundromat in the area. The project will also provide a Bluebikes station on site, and build a new private way to help expand the transportation network in Charlestown. In addition, the project will contribute \$25,000 towards increasing open space in Charlestown, and \$200,000 towards public improvements as determined by PLAN: Charlestown staff.

**CLERGY VIEWPOINT**

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

**A season for everything**

By Very Reverend James Ronan, VF – Pastor, St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish

The springtime blossoms bursting with soft white flowers along Winthrop Street cast a festive glow over the Training Field. At the moment I am writing, families are gathered with small children on blankets as a troubadour serenades the gathering and the kids sing along. Seasons changing is one of the many blessings of life in New England.

Yet the metaphor of changing seasons extends beyond climate and weather. The exquisite passage from the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-8), has been read for thousands of years and appreciated for its wisdom and beauty. There are multiple seasons of our lives and the text eloquently describes them from birth to death, laughter to tears, war to peace, planting to harvesting and so many more. Each of us knows these seasonal changes in our own lives and in all around us - our families, our communities, and

our world.

I am preparing for a change of seasons, so to speak, in my own life. On June 5, I will retire as pastor in Charlestown after 18 years. Now months after my 77th birthday, I am thinking a lot about seasons changing! Someone asked me after Mass on Sunday how good I was in "letting go". I had to think about how I wished to answer, for I had not thought much about that.

Like every one of us, I have had to let go of many places, jobs, family members, homes, friends, and more over the years. Sometimes these changes are wrenching and other times less so. Leaving Charlestown will be hard to do. There is so much that is wonderful about the people in The Town and about being a parish priest here. Furthermore, returning to Boston after many years away has been a joy - I am a city guy and love this unique neighborhood.

There is, however, another aspect of this evolution that is constant. For forty years, I am an ordained Catholic Priest and a man never retires from the most essential life and work of a priest. Yet, retiring from being a pastor - that is another matter!

The final lines of the passage from the Book of Ecclesiastes are profound for me and perhaps also for you: "I have considered the task which God has appointed for us to be busied about. God has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into our hearts, without our ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done".

With immeasurable gratitude to God and to so many in our community, I will let go of Charlestown and carry within me the multiple blessings of these years. A new season is ahead and God is good.

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The Pier 5 Association held an Earth Day Festival at the last remaining undeveloped property on Boston Harbor. Many exciting exhibits were offered to visitors including free sailboat rides from Courageous Sailing, a “petting zoo” of aquatic life, music, crafts, and many more exciting activities.



Calvin and Gigi Bonacorsi-Lee make some giant bubbles.



Aaron Chism and Seth Eggleston with Bootstrap Compost show off the live worms that make their compost special.



Michael LePage playing Paul Revere and Alexis Papatthaniou playing Rachael Revere see that Earth Day is a “revolutionary” event.

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BPL volunteer Laurie Nee gets some little helpers to make bookmarks with her.



At the Courageous Sailing take Jennifer Bodde tells young would-be sailors make their own sailboats.

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# THE PIER 5 ASSOCIATION HOLDS EARTH DAY FESTIVAL



BFD firefighter Leon Beasley invites Keaton and Arden Houghtaling to take a tour of Engine 32.



With his grandmother Rona (center) looking on, Rye Bruno meets an oyster courtesy of Pier 5 volunteer Cathy Su.



Sophie Marr shows off the sailboat she made at the Courageous Sailing table.



Laura and Duke Watson visit with Lt Hank Perkins of the BFD Fire Prevention office and a display of how fires can happen at home.



Courageous Sailing invited young craftsfolk to make their own sailboats and try them out in a tub.

## First Woman D1 City Councilor Diane Modica Supports Gabriela Coletta



“**Gabriela Coletta** has been at the forefront of change in our communities her entire professional career. I’m confident **she can do the job and will provide a fresh perspective to the role.** I’m proud to support her candidacy for Boston City Council.”

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Members of the Pier 5 Association at the Harvest On Vine table. The Harvest On Vine Food Pantry has helped serve over 300 families in Charlestown.

# The Lyric Stage Company of Boston presents 'A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder'

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder with Music and Lyrics by Steven Lutvak and Book and Lyrics by Robert L. Freedman triumphantly finds its way to the Lyric Stage Company of Boston after originally scheduled to open on May 15, 2020. Directed by Lyric Stage Producing Artistic Director Emeritus, Spiro Veloudos with Musical Direction by Matthew Stern with Choreography by Larry Sousa°, this Tony Award®-winning musical brilliantly and hilariously tells the story of wrongfully getting what is rightfully yours.

Charming and ambitious, Monty Navarro is in line for an earldom in the lofty D'Ysquith family. Eighth in line, that is. With a few tricks up his sleeve, he plots to speed up the line of succession all the while juggling the affections of two beautiful women, dodging

suspicious and relying on fortunate twists of fate. Lyric Stage favorite Neil A. Casey\* brings to life all eight members of the D'Ysquith family including a pious clergyman, a pompous bodybuilder, an aging actress, and a misguided philanthropist.

Performances begin Friday, April 15 and run through Sunday, May 22. Press Performance is Sunday, April 17 at 3pm.

Featuring a cast of Boston stage favorites and newcomers to the Lyric Stage including Leigh Barrett\*, Teresa Winner Blume, Neil A. Casey\*, Aimee Doherty\*, Jennifer Ellis\*, Kate Klika, Lori L'Italien, Todd McNeel, Jr., Karen Murphy\*, Robert St. Laurence\*, Phil Tayler, and Jared Troilo\*.

Scenic Design is by Shelley Barish, Costume Design by

Elisabetta Polito\*\*, Lighting Design by Franklin Meissner Jr.\*\*, Sound Design by Andrew Duncan Will, and Projection Design by Johnathan Carr.

Says Artistic Director, Courtney O'Connor, "When Spiro announced his retirement in 2019, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder was to represent the final show of his tenure as Producing Artistic Director. I am gratified that through all the tumult of the past two years, we have not allowed this gem of a musical to fall aside as it captures so much of the wit and zest that Spiro has brought to the Lyric Stage, even dating back to his time as a freelance director under our founders, Ron and Polly. In that way, this production is emblematic of the continuity that Lyric Stage has had for nearly 50 years, bringing together old friends with new discoveries."

Director Spiro Veloudos says, "Music Director Matthew Stern and I started talking about A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder and to both of us, the highly theatrical plot, characters, and the wonderful score were among the reasons we wanted to bring this show to life. I have always been interested in the story since I first saw Kind Hearts and Coronets (1949) with the incomparable Alec Guinness playing all eight members of the D'Ysquith family. Sir Alec's performance had a great impact on this fledgling theater student. I'm very much looking forward to sharing this crafty musical with the Lyric Stage audience. Getting the opportunity to explore this show with all the artists involved is an honor and privilege."

"I can't wait for Boston audiences to see this show! It's fast-paced, funny, and clever which I think is exactly what people could use right now and the Lyric Stage space is large enough for audiences to feel safe but intimate enough that they don't feel like they are in a different zip code watching the show." says Aimee Doherty (Sibella Hallward)

Leigh Barrett\* (Women #2/Mrs. Shingle u/s) – Lyric Stage: The Last Five Years (directorial debut), Souvenir (Florence), Gypsy (Rose), Company (JoAnne), Sondheim on Sondheim, City of Angels (Donna/Oolie), Grey Gardens (Little Edie/Big Edie), Nicholas Nickelby (Gruden/Peg), Big River (Miss Watson/Sally Phelps), Animal Crackers (Mrs. Rittenhouse), Follies (Sally), A Little Night Music (Countess Charlotte), Mikado (Katisha), Nuncrackers (Sr. Hubert), Sunday in the Park

with George (Frieda). Leigh has appeared on many Boston area stages including The New Repertory Theater, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Greater Boston Stage, North Shore Music Theater, Gloucester Stage Company, Bridge Repertory Theater, Central Square Theater, and Reagle Music Theatre. She is a four-time Elliot Norton Award recipient including the Norton Prize for Sustained Excellence. Leigh is thrilled to be back with you sharing live theater! Thanks to the Lyric Stage and to you the audience for doing your part to help us stay safe. Proud member of Actor's Equity. Love to HB and my boys, Nick and Matt.

Teresa Winner Blume (Woman #1 for performances 5/9-5/22) – Lyric Stage: Into the Woods, Sweeney Todd, Company and The Mikado. Recently in Boston, she was a featured soloist with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops for the Bernstein's Centennial Tributes concerts, as well as the Holiday Pops. Other engagements include roles with Moonbox Productions, North Carolina Symphony, Opera Carolina, and New England Light Opera and the premier performance-art installation Lee Mingwei: Sonic Blossom, at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. A dedicated leader, instructor and educator in all things vocal-arts-related, she is serving her seventh year as Head of Voice at Walnut Hill School for the Arts, a boarding and day arts high school in Natick, MA. B.M. University of Illinois, M.M./Performer's Certificate Eastman School of Music. Love and gratitude to her husband and three daughters.

Neil A. Casey\* (The D'Ysquith Family) – Lyric Stage: When Pigs Fly (Stanley), Noises Off (Gary), Side Man (Ziggy), Assassins (John Hinckley), Road Show (Addison), Glengarry Glen Ross (Williamson), The Underpants (Cohen), One Man, Two Guvnors (Francis), Inspecting Carol (Kevin), The Lisbon Traviata (Mendy). Huntington Theatre: Love's Labour's Lost (Boyet). SpeakEasy Stage Company: Take Me Out (Mason). Greater Boston Stage Company: The Dazzle (Lang), How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying (JB Biggley), My Fair Lady (Jamie), 42nd Street (Bert). Neil holds a BFA from Niagara University and an MFA from The Shakespeare Theatre Company at The George Washington University.

Aimee Doherty\* (Sibella Hallward) – Lyric Stage: Into the Woods (The Witch), On the Town (Claire), Follies (Young Phylis),

Mr. Burns: A Post Electric Play (Bart), Grey Gardens (Young Edie) and Animal Crackers (Arabella). Huntington Theatre: Merrily We Roll Along (Gussie), A Little Night Music (Mrs. Segstrom) and Sunday in the Park with George (Yvonne) Shakespeare & Company: As You Like It (Rosalind). Aimee has also performed with Moonbox Productions, SpeakEasy Stage, New Repertory Theatre, Greater Boston Stage Company, Wheelock Family Theatre, Gloucester Stage, Theatre By The Sea, The Boston Ballet, and Symphony Hall as a soloist with the Boston Pops under the baton of Keith Lockhart. She is a two time recipient of the Elliot Norton Award and a three-time recipient of the IRNE Award for Outstanding Actress in a Musical. [www.AimeeDoherty.net](http://www.AimeeDoherty.net)

Jennifer Ellis\* (Phoebe D'Ysquith) – Lyric Stage: My Fair Lady, Urinetown, 1776, City of Angels. New World Stages and The Charles Playhouse: Shear Madness. Huntington Theatre: Merrily We Roll Along. SpeakEasy Stage Company: Bridges of Madison County, Shakespeare in Love, Far From Heaven, Songs for a New World. Reagle Music Theatre: Wonderful Town, Carousel, The Music Man. Commonwealth Shakespeare Company: Love's Labour's Lost, Comedy of Errors, Boys From Syracuse. Gloucester Stage Company: Out of Sterno, The Most Happy Fella, Jacques Brel..., Madame DeFarge. Greater Boston Stage Company: She Loves Me. Landmarks Orchestra: Showboat. Peterborough Players: The Cherry Orchard, Snow White. Boston Lyric Opera: Signature Series. Jen is a 4-time IRNE Award recipient and received an Elliot Norton Award for My Fair Lady and Wonderful Town. Proud member AEA, SAG-AFTRA. [JenEllis.net](http://JenEllis.net)

Kate Klika (Woman #3/Phoebe and Sibella u/s) – Lyric Stage: Debut. Cain Park: Sondheim on Sondheim (Woman #1) (upcoming). Boston Conservatory at Berklee: Candide (Cunegonde), How I Learned to Drive (Li'l Bit), Shrek the Musical (Fairy Godmother/Bluebird), The Wolves (Soccer Mom), And Then There Were None (Emily Brent). Rubber City Theatre: Into the Woods (Cinderella). Kate will be graduating from Boston Conservatory at Berklee on May 7th with a BFA in Musical Theater. Thanks so much to her family and friends for always supporting her and making this all possible. Instagram: @kateklika, Website: [kateklika.com](http://kateklika.com)

In Loving Memory

## Mary Lou Tracy

12/15/40-5/8/21

1st Anniversary

*One year ago you left this earth,  
We think about you everyday for what  
it's worth.*

*In our family you were our rock,  
We all realized it, when about  
you we talk.*

*Mom, you made it a point to teach us  
right from wrong,  
Even though most of us never got along.*

*The love that you had for us showed  
and shined through and through,  
That is why everyone of us know you were the best mother  
and nana, this is true.*

*God left you to die in such a terrible way,  
That you're in heaven back to your unique loving self we pray.*

*I know that night to you I didn't want to say goodbye.  
Cause then, as well as now, I don't know and that's no lie.*

*Mom, I love you so much and miss you even more it makes me cry,  
To you, I will never say goodbye.*

*I dream of the day in "Heaven" when I look into your beautiful blue  
eyes and once again kiss your loving face.  
Only then will my heart finally mend knowing we are together again  
in such a beautiful place.*

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Lou-Lou and the Gang**

— Mass at St. Mary's 5/1/22 6pm —



## FRESH AND LOCAL

# First bite, perfect bite, last bite

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Think about the last time a server placed a favorite meal in front of you. What did you take as your first bite? What did you combine to make a perfect bite? And, did you save some portion of that meal for your last bite?

For example, we love the fish and chips at Cornwall's in Kenmore Square. For years we've realized that if there are fries on a plate, one of those will be our first bite. However, we differ in what we would add to that fry to make it a perfect bite. Ed will always dip it in ketchup, and Penny will opt for vinegar or brown gravy if that's available.

We've recognized that our choice is partly because the fries are piping hot and at their best, and the fish is probably too hot to eat right away.

We enjoy exploring this question with any meal. As for saving something for the last bite, neither of us does that, but we know that others do. So, if you have someone who shares food with you, you should ask before you scoff the last bite off their plate!

### The Perfect Bite

Chefs put a lot of thought into their effort to create a plate of food where each element enhances the rest. You can gather forkfuls of food that recognize the potential flavor combinations in your search for a perfect bite. You might want to taste each element by itself first to know what you'll be combining. Only you can decide what will be the ideal combination for you!

You can even have perfect bites of meals like sandwiches or pizza. Most of us customize these items as we order them. However, you

might prefer to bite the middle of a sandwich to have more filling and less crust. A crust-lover might not start a slice of pizza at the pointy end as most of us do.

### Different Perfect Bites!

Many cultures give eaters the ability to have many great bites during meals. Korean barbecue is a great example. The banchan served around the center grill are not appetizers. The dishes of kimchis, vegetables, and pickles let diners create one-bite lettuce wraps with the meat. They also serve as palate cleansers between bites.

An Indian meal will have chutneys, raitas, and pickles for the same purpose. A traditional Indian dinner is served from a communal table and eaten with your clean, right hand. Diners break off pieces of bread and use them to pick up

food and carry it to their mouths. Another option is to put some dal or curry on your serving of rice and use your fingers to gather a bite. While few of us follow this system when dining out in this country, we can prepare each forkful in the same spirit.

In the Middle East, the mezze table allows for the personalization of your meal. Sometimes mezze is served as a tray of appetizers to enjoy while waiting for a more substantial course. Or, it may be the entire meal if it includes heartier meat and vegetable dishes. Flatbreads served with these meals allow you to prepare different bites of food from the offerings.

Our final reason for creating different flavor combos with the food in front of us is slower and more mindful eating. We'll derive more pleasure from the food we



First Bite? We admit we'd both grab a french fry. However, Ed would dip it in ketchup for a perfect bite, and Penny would sprinkle it with vinegar!

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# Charles River Swimming Day

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The Charles River Conservancy (CRC) and Charles River Swimming Club (CRSC), in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), are proud to announce the Charles River Swimming Day on June 18. The public is invited to participate in the 11th Annual One Mile Swim and the 6th Annual City Splash that day at the DCR's Fiedler Dock on the Esplanade in Boston, MA. A rain date is planned for June 19. Join the CRC in the evening for an afterparty at Owl's Nest on the Esplanade.

Both events return after being canceled during the pandemic and will be held on the same day for the first time ever. "We're so excited to bring these signature events back to the Charles River to celebrate river swimming and strengthen community connections to this important resource," said CRC Executive Director Laura Jasinski. "We believe everyone should have access to the Charles to cool

off on a hot summer day and we are working to make that a reality. We'll also be highlighting other ways for community members to beat the heat safely in the summer until that day comes."

Registration for both events fills up quickly and attracts environmental leaders and advocates in addition to community members. "I have treasured my connection to the Conservancy for a long time, from serving on the board to joining previous City Splash events," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm looking forward to this year's City Splash and seeing so many enjoy the beautiful Charles River and Esplanade."

The one-mile swim has been a favorite for local endurance athletes. "The one-mile race is the only opportunity for competitive swimming in the Charles, and it's one of the only open water swim races that takes place in Boston," said CRSC Race Director & President Kate Radville. "One-mile swim registrants get to appreciate iconic views of the Boston skyline at a special location in the heart of



A look at a previous Charles River swimming day.

the city. We're looking forward to our eleventh race this year."

Swimming in the Charles is only possible through a DCR Special Use Permit. The events reflect the agency's goals to promote safe swimming and use of waterfront resources. Underscored by the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and happiness of people across Massachusetts depend on the accessibility and quality of green infrastructure. DCR continues to improve the vital connection between people and the environment by partnering with groups like the CRC and CRSC, recently increasing opportunities for swim safety by funding swim lessons through the new Safe Water Initiative Massachusetts (SWIM). "The Baker-Polito Administration relies on strong partnerships with

stakeholders like the Charles River Conservancy and the Charles River Swimming Club to promote health and wellness to the residents of Massachusetts through recreational activities," said DCR Acting Commissioner Stephanie Cooper. "The annual Charles River Swimming Day provides a unique opportunity to swim in the Charles River while highlighting the importance of swim safety."

Below is a brief description of each event. Swimmers can choose the event that fits their style or participate in both! Participants will need to register for each event separately.

The Charles River Conservancy's City Splash Registration: Coming in May.

Community swim in deep water Start: mid-day through afternoon

Demarcated swimming area off public dock, for safety reasons restricted to registered participants 25-minute time slots

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The Charles River Swimming Club's Annual One Mile Swim

One Mile race

Start: Early morning

1-mile loop course between Harvard and Longfellow Bridge

Participation cap: 200 pre-registered swimmers

Experienced swimmers only!

Age 18+ and capable of swimming 1 mile in 40 minutes or less

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Thanks to the hard work of the EPA's Charles River Initiative and the dedication of government bodies, environmental groups and non-profits, the Charles River has made great strides toward better water quality since swimming ended in the 1950's due to the health risks posed by pollution. Both the CRC and the CRSC look forward to the day when swimming is not just a one-day occurrence, but has a per-

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## Celebrate May Day in Charlestown!

SUNDAY MAY 1ST  
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8:30 AM Clean Sweep, sponsored by Charlestown Dogs, Charlestown Preservation Society and Smoochie Poochies. Meet at Preservation Park in Thompson Square.

9:30 AM Pick up Clean Sweep participant gifts and join us for Coffee.

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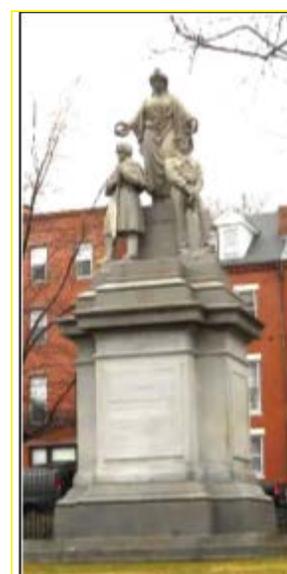
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My name is Gabriela Coletta and I'm running to be your next Boston City Councilor.

I'm so proud of the broad and inclusive coalition I have built across the district. I've talked to thousands of individuals, and families, and it's been incredible to learn more about your priorities for this district and how you'd like to define your neighborhood for future generations.

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It has been an honor working with Charlestown on everything from historic preservation to small business development, to strong education and opportunities for our kids. to the day-to-day constituent services that matter so much.

I am a daughter of District One. I was born and raised in East Boston and continue to live there with my incredible partner, Sebastian Zapata. I am a proud product of four Boston Public Schools, a graduate of Boston Latin Academy, and an alum of UMass Boston, where I earned my degree in Political Science and Human Rights.

I learned the real meaning of community from my civically engaged parents, Ed Coletta and Nina Gaeta. They brought me along for the ride for neighborhood events, volunteer drives, and meetings centered on beautifying this community and pushing this neighborhood towards progress. Through their love, we learned what it meant to participate and give back in service.

This is exactly why I made a career out of empowering whole communities, bringing people together from different backgrounds and in many languages – to accomplish great things. I grew to love Charlestown as I learned so much more about its history, people, and issues serving as Chief of Staff for then-Councilor now-Senator Lydia Edwards. I am proud to have her support in this race, as well as State Rep. Dan Ryan, and dozens of thought leaders, advocates, working people, and other elected officials.

Over the last 7 years, I've attended hundreds of civic association meetings, which afforded me the opportunity to sit shoulder-to-shoulder with my neighbors. Particularly during my time serving East Boston, Charlestown, and the North End in City Hall, I lived and breathed the nuances and complexities of every single issue that emerged, from the macro to the nuts and bolts. I am so proud of what we accomplished together.

During the COVID-19 crisis, we mobilized quickly. Together, we worked with community-based organizations to disperse \$400,000 in direct rental relief to families who were struggling due to the pandemic. We helped many individuals stay in their homes and connected them to food, unemployment, and workers' rights resources during the height of the pandemic.

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On Day One, I will fight for affordable and workforce housing, because I know what it's like to be priced out of our neighborhoods. I will fight for high-quality education for every student, while prioritizing closing the achievement gap and our children's physical and mental health as we navigate COVID-19. And I will fight for accessible and responsive government that works for the people, because I know that the nuts and bolts add up to make a big impact on our quality of life.

I will push for a facilities master plan for our public schools marked by investments in healthy learning environments. I will fight like hell to close opportunity and achievement gaps by directly supporting children with special needs and English language learners. I will ensure that our goals support students from early education and universal pre-K, all the way to college and career-readiness pathways by investing in dual enrollment programs and vocational training to open more opportunities.

I'm running because I'm ready to lead in service – but also in partnership – with all of you. You have my commitment: I am running to protect the vibrancy of our communities, to expand opportunities for our children, and to ensure that municipal government is accessible and efficient — and ultimately betters the lives of its constituents.

I respectfully ask for your vote on Tuesday, May 3. Let's get to work.

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# DA Hayden announces grant funding opportunity for nonprofits

District Attorney Kevin Hayden invited Suffolk County nonprofits to apply for grant funding to support violence and substance use prevention and treatment programming.

“I have had the privilege of serving on the board of several nonprofits, and I know the impact that my office’s Community Reinvestment Grants can have on these nonprofits and the young people they serve,” said Hayden, who is

currently on the boards of YOU Boston and the Greater Boston YMCA. “The pandemic has placed added stress and demand on service providers as they responded increased need and adapted to new ways of delivering services. I’m grateful to the organizations that continue to do exceptional work every day supporting our young people and communities.”

The Community Reinvestment Grant (CRG) program will provide funding of up to \$10,000 to 501(c)3 nonprofits that provide programming designed to prevent youth violence or substance use disorder or substance use treatment in Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop. State law allows prosecutors to distribute up to 10 percent of assets seized in narcotics prosecutions to community-based organizations for crime prevention and substance use treatment.

“Prevention and treatment programs are key to public safety and building a more equitable society. Our community partners are among our most valuable institutions, and I’m proud to be able to offer this funding opportunity,” Hayden said.

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# Mayor Wu proposes \$106 million in investments in homeownership programs

Mayor Michelle Wu highlighted her proposal to invest \$106 million to expand opportunities for homeownership for Boston residents, including \$60 million through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and \$46 million in City funds over three years. This proposal builds on Mayor Wu's commitment to prioritize federal funds to address Boston's housing crisis and boosts the City's efforts to close the racial wealth gap by expanding affordable homeownership opportunities for BIPOC households and first-generation homebuyers.

"Homeownership is crucial to building generational wealth and long term stability for families," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We have an opportunity to transform what homeownership looks like in Boston. These investments will support existing programs for first time homebuyers, build generational wealth for Boston families, and help bring Boston one step closer to becoming a Green New Deal city."

The new investments in affordable homeownership were part of Mayor Wu's first operating budget proposal and federal spending plan, which were formally filed with the Boston City Council earlier this month.

The proposal includes \$60 million in ARPA funds to:

Accelerate the production of affordable homeownership units supported by the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH)

Support down payment assistance programs, including for first-generation buyers

Expand the ONE+Boston Mortgage program, which lowers interest rates for income-eligible buyers

In addition, the proposed FY23 Operating Budget includes \$3.4

million for homebuyer assistance programs, for a total of \$10.2 million over the next three years. These investments are on top of \$36 million from other City sources to support MOH's homeownership development pipeline, which currently includes 312 new income-restricted units across 19 developments, all projected to break ground within the next three years. With additional support from ARPA funds, this pipeline of affordable homeownership units is expected to grow significantly. Together, these funds represent a significant increase in the City's investment in affordable homeownership programs and production compared to previous years.

The proposed investments in homeownership are part of an unprecedented commitment of \$380 million to address housing affordability and stability through the Operating budget, the Capital budget, and federal recovery funds to build and acquire new affordable units, upgrade public housing, and expand housing stability services and an expanded voucher program.

"This significant investment will both increase the stock of affordable properties in Boston and assist families that want to purchase homes in a very competitive market," said Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing and Director of Neighborhood Development. "In order to increase generational wealth, stabilize our residents and invest in neighborhoods, it is critical that we make additional resources available for homeownership development and programs."

"We are thrilled that Mayor Wu and our city councilors understand the needs of thousands of MAHA members and graduates," said Symone Crawford, Executive Director of the Massachu-

setts Affordable Housing Alliance. "And I'm proud of our MAHA community leaders who have worked so diligently to make this happen. This is an amazing accomplishment and a strong foundation for all of us to build on."

"Investment in affordable housing at all levels matters if we are to foster generational wealth," said Beverly Williams, Executive Team Leader with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization. "GBIO is proud to celebrate this historic investment in affordable housing that does just that."

Two programs slated to receive funding from the proposal, the ONE+Boston program and the financial assistance program for first-time homebuyers (FAP), assisted more than 150 households buy homes in the last year. Of those households, 60% were Black, Indigenous or People of Color (BIPOC).

"Dedicating these federal funds to first-generation and affordable homeownership will anchor our families in Boston and help close the racial wealth gap," said Councilor Kenzie Bok, Chair of the Committee on COVID-19 Recovery. "I'm thankful for the Mayor's partnership and for all the advocates who have pushed the City of Boston to make this enduring commitment."

"We know that the lack of financial capital for closing costs and down payments is one of the most significant barriers to homeownership for BIPOC and first-generation homeowners," said Councilor Kendra Lara, Chair of the Committee on Housing and Community Development. "This level of investment in the FAP and ONE+ program will ensure that we're removing those barriers and creating more opportunities for housing stability through home-

ownership for Boston residents."

Boston has an overall homeownership rate of 35 percent, considerably less than the statewide homeownership rate of 62 percent. Homeownership rates differ significantly by race and ethnicity, as 44 percent of Boston's white households are homeowners, compared to 31 percent of Black or African American households, 30 percent of Asian or Pacific Islander households, and 17 percent of Hispanic or Latinx households.

The Mayor's Office of Housing works to expand access to homeownership by creating and preserving affordable homeownership units and providing financial assistance to aspiring homebuyers, particularly first-generation homebuyers.

The ONE+Boston program was designed to supplement one of the state's existing affordable mortgage programs (the ONE Mortgage) by providing qualified buyers, based on area median income (AMI), additional discounts on interest rates. With the ONE+Boston program, qualified Boston residents who earn between 80% and 100% AMI will receive a half percent (0.5%) discount rate off the reduced interest rate offered through the ONE Mortgage product (currently about 4.65%). Boston residents who earn below 80% AMI will receive up to one percent (1%) off of the current ONE Mortgage rate. Qualified buyers will also be eligible for downpayment and closing cost assistance through the Boston Home Center.

The ONE+Boston program and the First Generation Homebuyer Program are two of several City resources available to first-time homebuyers in Boston. Through the Boston Home Center, the City's one-stop-shop for homebuyers and homeowners, residents

receive assistance in purchasing, improving, and keeping their home through a suite of resources including training, financial help and counseling to first-time and first-generation homebuyers, guidance and funding for home improvements and efficiency upgrades, and counseling to help families avoid foreclosure. The Home Center also markets homes developed for income-eligible, first-time homebuyers.

These proposals build on Mayor Wu's initiatives to address Boston's housing affordability, including filing a Home Rule Petition relative to real estate transfer fees and senior property tax relief, signing an Executive Order relative to affirmatively furthering fair housing, convening a Rent Stabilization Advisory Committee to inform future legislative proposals, and announcing the City's new Chief of Planning.

For more information about the proposed budget, visit [budget.boston.gov](http://budget.boston.gov). For more information about the proposed ARPA spending plan, visit [boston.gov/recover](http://boston.gov/recover).

The Mayor's Office of Housing is responsible for housing people experiencing homelessness, creating and preserving affordable housing, and ensuring that renters and homeowners can obtain, maintain, and remain in safe, stable housing. The department develops and implements the City of Boston's housing creation and homelessness prevention plans and collaborates with local and national partners to find new solutions and build more housing affordable to all, particularly those with lower incomes. For more information, please visit the MOH website.

## Celebrate May Day in Charlestown

The upcoming weekend has a few local events to help you get out and enjoy the neighborhood.

Clean Sweep hosted by Charlestown Dogs, Charlestown Preservation Society and Smoochie

Poochies. Meet at Preservation Park at Thompson Square at 8:30a.m. to help do some cleaning in the area. Clean up followed by coffee and participant gifts.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shop

Charlestown Small Businesses May Day event throughout the town hosted by the Charlestown Business Alliance. For participants and details email [visitcharlestown@gmail.com](mailto:visitcharlestown@gmail.com) or follow them: @visitcharlestown on instagram and facebook.

When you're done shopping, take a self-guided stroll through the streets to learn about neighborhood history. Walking tour with children's scavenger hunt hosted by Charlestown Preservation Society. For more information on The stroll visit [www.charlestown-preservation.org](http://www.charlestown-preservation.org).

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# Bunker Hill Community College breaks ground on new student success center

Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) broke ground on a new Student Success Center building on Tuesday, April 26, the first new building in more than a decade for the state's largest community college and the first of several planned upgrades for the almost 50-year-old campus.

"Today, we not only mark the beginning of a new building project, but the advent of the next half-century as we reimagine the community college story in this region and this country," said BHCC President Pam Y. Eddinger. "This building...is a down payment on a renewed future—of our College, our communities, and our students."

All but one of the College's current buildings were constructed almost 50 years ago and designed to accommodate around 5000 students. However, in recent years,

the campus has housed more than three times that number, and the aging buildings have accumulated a backlog of deferred maintenance.

"Today, these buildings are the collegiate home to around 18,000 learners annually, more of them students of color than white, more of them women than men, more of them than ever immigrants and the children of immigrants than born here. But they are also more likely to be food insecure, live paycheck to paycheck, support families with their earnings, and be first-generation college students than those of 50 years ago," said BHCC Board Chair Bill Walczak. "The students have changed—the challenges have changed—but the buildings have not. So, we're here today not just to mark the construction of a new building, but to begin the renewal of our campus



Photo courtesy Brendan Hughes

BHCC leadership and dignitaries starting the ground breaking event.

and our mission."

President Eddinger, Board Chair Bill Walczak, Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM)

Commissioner Carol Gladstone, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, and State Representative Dan Ryan spoke to College community members at the ceremony.

The building project is part of a statewide effort of DCAMM to invest in and renew public

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higher education infrastructure. "These buildings are 50 years old, and across the Commonwealth, our community college system is basically 50 years old," said Gladstone. "All of these buildings are aging, and all of these buildings need investment."

State Senator Sal DiDomenico was a guest at the College's previous groundbreaking ten years ago and praised the College's fidelity to its mission of serving students and all their needs. "It's no surprise, after ten years, that you're breaking ground on a new building that is dedicated to our students," DiDomenico said. "That tells you something about the culture of this school that after ten years... that the main focus of this building is to provide services to our students. This is a renewal of this College, and I am just so proud to be [BHCC's] Senator."

State Representative Daniel Ryan, a graduate of Bunker Hill Community College, reflected on the College's history and that of its campus. "If you lived around here long enough, as my parents did, you'd call this not the Gilmore Bridge, but the Prison Point Bridge," Ryan said. "Because on this ground was a state prison for 200 years. There is no better symbolism than to build a student support center on the grounds where

a prison used to stand. I think that shows the vision that we had 50 years ago. I think this bridge also symbolizes the connectivity between the jobs and the higher education institutions around the great city of Boston that these students will be able to access."

The building's planning, engineering, and construction are led by the State's Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), and BOND Building and Construction. NBBJ is the project architect.

"We are grateful to be collaborating with the Bunker Hill Community College leadership, DCAMM and NBBJ on this project that is so meaningful to the campus community," said Frank Hayes, President of BOND Building. "Once completed, this building will provide much needed additional space and resources and will mark the beginning of an era of growth for the school that we're proud to help kick off."

When complete, the Student Success Center will be home to the College Library & Learning Commons, academic advising, and wrap around student services that help support BHCC's students, the majority of whom are students of color and are first generation college students.

The three-story, 56,500-square-

foot building will be constructed on the West Lawn of the College's Charlestown Campus. Based on Passive House principles, the building's exterior enhances the college's visual engagement with the community. The building is designed to be Net Zero Energy-ready, integrating a geothermal well field on campus. It is engineered in anticipation of a future photovoltaic array. Additionally, the building uses a highly insulated, high-performing envelope and anticipates projected sea-level change and the rise in base flood elevation by shifting all critical building systems, including the emergency generator, to roof level.

Bunker Hill Community College is the largest community college in Massachusetts, enrolling approximately 18,000 students annually. BHCC has two campuses in Charlestown and Chelsea, and a number of other locations throughout the Greater Boston area. BHCC is one of the most diverse institutions of higher education in Massachusetts. Sixty-five percent of the students are people of color and more than half of BHCC's students are women. The College also enrolls nearly 600 international students who come from 94 countries and speak more than 75 languages.

**SWIMMING** (from pg. 8)

manent home again in the Charles. In accordance with the CRC's mission of inviting and engaging all in the Charles River's use and stewardship, the CRC is excited to increase chances for Boston area residents and visitors to get in the water! "Once a year isn't enough," said Jasinski. "We look forward to the day when swimming in the Charles is a regular activity again."

The Charles River Conservancy (CRC), founded in 2000, is a non-profit dedicated to the stewardship, renewal, and enhancement of the urban parks along the Charles River, from Boston Harbor to the Watertown Dam. With a mission to invite and engage all in the Charles River and its parks' use and stewardship, the CRC looks for ways to increase opportunities for urban swims.

For more information about the CRC, please visit TheCharles.org or email [crc@thecharles.org](mailto:crc@thecharles.org). Follow the CRC on Twitter @Charles-

RiverCRC, Instagram @Charles-RiverCRC or Facebook Facebook.com/CharlesRiverConservancy

The Charles River Swimming Club, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization founded in 2005 with the dual purpose of organizing competitive swimming events in the Charles River and facilitating the return of public river swimming.

For more information about the CRSC, please visit [charlesriverswimmingclub.org](http://charlesriverswimmingclub.org) or email [raceinfo@charlesriverswimmingclub.org](mailto:raceinfo@charlesriverswimmingclub.org).

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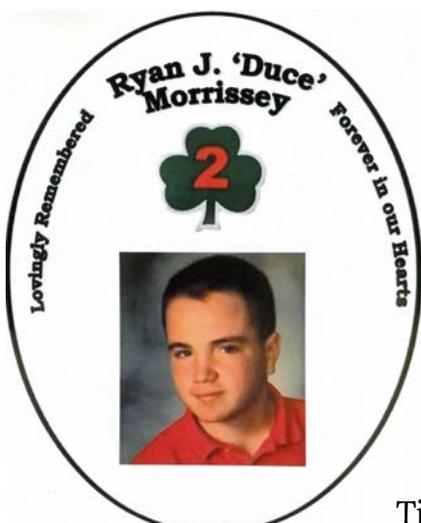


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**POLICE RELATED INFO:** Contact the District A-1 Community Service Office at 617-343-4627.

### Larceny - Shoplifting

04/19/2022 – At around 10:24 a.m., officers responded to a radio call for a shoplifting in progress from the Dollar Tree at 45 Vine St.

Police spoke to the manager, who stated a man had entered the store and stuffed his pockets with unknown amounts of ice cream. The manager showed officers video footage of the male

suspect, who had a beard, a gray hat, a black bubble jacket, and dark-colored sweatpants with gray sneakers. Officers again searched the area for the suspect to no avail.

### Warrant Arrest

04/21/2022 – At about 3:27 p.m., officers responded to a radio call for a female suspect stealing a package at Hunter and Bunker

Hill streets.

Police located the female matching the clothing description, and during the investigation, it was determined the suspect had an outstanding warrant. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to District A-1 headquarters for processing. The suspect was also charged with receiving stolen property.

### Burglary - Commercial

04/21/22, At about 8:35 p.m., police responded to 30 Dorrance St. for a breaking-and-entry report.

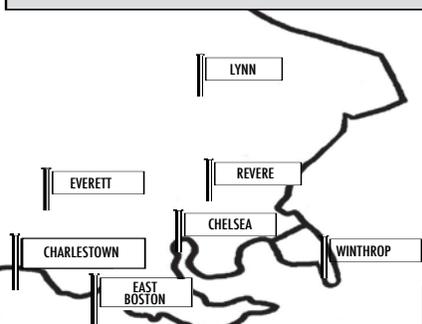
Upon arrival, the officer spoke with a witness, who stated he noticed the Peruvian Restaurant had been broken into. Officers viewed the security video and observed an unknown male

smashing the front door and entering the premises.

The unidentified male went behind the register and began to look for items to take. After searching the building, the suspect took a Lenovo tablet and exited the restaurant.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No.  
SU21A0344CW  
Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and  
Family Court  
Suffolk Probate  
and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300  
In the matter of:  
Tessa Marie Curtis  
To: any unknown or unnamed  
father, parent(s) of the above  
named child.

\*A putative father will not  
have standing as a party to  
this case without a voluntary  
acknowledgement of par-  
entage or an adjudication of  
paternity.  
A petition has been presented  
to said court by Department of  
Children and Families,, repre-  
senting that the parent(s) of  
the said child lack(s) current  
ability, capacity, fitness and  
readiness to assume parental  
responsibility for the child;  
that the petitioner's plan for  
the child will serve the child's  
best interests; and, requesting  
that this Honorable Court  
enter a decree under the  
provisions of the General Laws  
of Massachusetts, Chapter  
210, Section 3, that shall have  
the effect of terminating the  
rights of the person (s) named  
herein to receive notice of or  
to consent to any legal pro-  
ceeding affecting the custody,  
guardianship, adoption or  
other disposition of the child  
named herein.

If you desire to object thereto,  
you or your Attorney must file  
a written appearance  
in said Court at: Boston  
on or before ten o'clock in  
the morning (10:00 AM) on  
05/26/2022.

You are entitled to the ap-  
pointment of an Attorney if  
you are an indigent person.  
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by SJC RULE 3:10. The defini-  
tion includes but is not limited  
to persons receiving AFCD,  
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eran's benefits, food stamps,  
refugee resettlement benefits,  
Medicaid, and SSI. The Court  
will determine if you are  
indigent. Contact an Assistant  
Judicial Case Manager/Adop-  
tions Clerk of the Court on or  
before the date listed above to  
obtain the necessary forms.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: April 5, 2022  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of  
Probate  
4/14/22, 4/28/22, 5/5/22  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT  
Suffolk Probate  
And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
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(617)788-8300  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION  
Docket No.  
SU22P0347EA  
Estate of:  
Dorothy Marie  
Duffy  
Date of Death:  
02/14/2008

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate  
of Will has been filed by Patri-  
cia McLean of Braintree, MA  
requesting that the court enter  
a formal Decree and Order  
and for such other relief as  
requested in the Petition.  
IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain  
a copy of the Petition from  
the Petitioner or at the Court.  
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to this proceeding. To do so,  
you or your attorney must  
file a written appearance and  
objection at this Court before:  
10:00 a.m. on the return day  
of 05/19/2022.

This is NOT a hearing date, but  
a deadline by which you must  
file a written appearance and  
objection if you object to this  
proceeding. If you fail to file  
a timely written appearance  
and objection followed by an  
affidavit of objections within  
thirty (30) days of the return  
day, action may be taken  
without further notice to you.  
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SETTS UNIFORM PROBATE  
CODE (MUPC)

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an unsupervised administra-  
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ested in the estate are entitled  
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ministration directly from the  
Personal Representative and  
may petition the Court in any  
matter relating to the estate,  
including the distribution of  
assets and expenses of admin-  
istration.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 07, 2022  
Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate  
4/28/22  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT  
CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF  
PETITION TO  
EXPAND THE  
POWERS OF A  
GUARDIAN  
Docket No.  
SU18P1818GD

In the interests  
of: Jodelle Gabelus  
of: Charlestown, MA  
To the named Respondent and  
all other interested persons,  
a petition has been filed by  
Department of Mental Health  
Office of General Counsel  
Westborough, MA in the above  
captioned matter requesting  
that the court: Expand the  
powers of a Guardian of the  
Respondent.

The petition asks the court to  
make a determination that the  
powers of the Guardian and/  
or Conservator should be ex-  
panded, modified, or limited  
since the time of the appoint-  
ment. The original petition is  
on file with the court.

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this proceeding. If you wish  
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the petition. If you fail to file  
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affidavit stating the specific  
facts and grounds of your  
objection within 30 days after  
the return date.

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ing may limit or completely  
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sions about personal affairs or  
financial affairs or both. The  
above-named person has the  
right to ask for a lawyer. Any-  
one may make this request  
on behalf of the above-named  
person. If the above-named  
person cannot afford a lawyer,  
one may be appointed at State  
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