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USS Constitution went underway from Charlestown Navy Yard, Massachusetts, June 17, to honor Vietnam War veterans. See page 5 for more photos.

Wu announces completed audit of city-owned land

By John Lynds

Last Wednesday at the parking lots adjacent to Bunker Hill Community College in Charlestown, Mayor Michelle Wu announced the completion of the Public Land for Public Good: Citywide Land Audit report. Wu said the report is the culmination of an effort to comprehensively inventory all city-owned property, identify vacant and underutilized properties, and set in motion accelerated efforts to best utilize this property to serve Boston's communities, particularly through the development of affordable housing.

At the press conference, Mayor Wu said there will be a priority to redevelop the underutilized six-acre Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)-owned parking lot adjacent to Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) and the Community College MBTA Orange Line station.

"In a city as dense and already developed as Boston, these parcels identified in the land audit represent rare opportunities to utilize public space for the public good," said Wu. "Parking lots and vacant

spaces across our City have the potential to be transformed into providing crucially needed affordable housing, green space, and community services. I look forward to a robust engagement process to ensure our planning process reflects the needs of our residents."

The Bunker Hill parking lots were among the 1,238 City parcels identified in the audit as vacant or underutilized, most of which are modestly sized.

The report identified the Bunker

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Last Wednesday at Bunker Hill Community College Mayor Michelle Wu announces the completion of Boston's audit of city-owned land. At the press conference Wu said a priority will be placed on developing the underutilized parking lots at Bunker Hill Community College.

MBTA service changes are another headache for area commuters

By John Lynds

At a time when elected officials have been demanding increased train service during the Summer Tunnel project the MBTA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) dropped a bombshell last week.

Last Thursday, the MBTA announced weekday subway service changes that took effect Monday on the Orange Line as well as the Blue and Red Lines.

MBTA officials said these changes are the result of staffing challenges among the ranks of subway dispatchers in the MBTA's Operations Control Center. With a limited number of dispatchers, the service changes will allow the MBTA to schedule dispatchers in compliance with new FTA directives after an investigation into a recent spate of derailments, crashes and railroad crossing accidents.

On Monday, Orange Line weekday trains began operating every 10 minutes in the mornings, 11 minutes between trains in the evenings, and eight to nine minutes between trains during mid-day periods.

Orange Line weekday summer service is typically six to seven minutes between trains during morning and evening peak periods, and every seven to eight minutes between trains during off-peak periods.

According to the MBTA the Orange Line remained approximately 50% below pre-pandemic levels.

In a statement last week the MBTA said it is exploring multiple options to add capacity at the Control Center, including an aggressive recruitment campaign, offering bonuses, and potentially hiring back former dispatchers.

"If dispatch capacity permits, there may be days when the MBTA can increase the number of trains in service," said the statement. "And as soon as sufficient dispatch capacity exists, the MBTA will revert to its previous level of service."

There is one exception to the revised summer schedule. In the afternoon and evening of Monday, July 4, the MBTA will provide regular weekday service in order to accommodate people attending Independence Day festivities.

Elle M. Woods is the 2022 Quinn Scholar recipient

All associated with Michael's mission are proud to announce that Elle M. Woods, has been chosen as the 2022, Quinn Scholar. With a combined SAT score of 710, coupled with a 3.83 grade average, Elle had a distinguished career at Boston Latin School. As the 21st recipient from Boston Latin, and twenty seventh female award winner, she joins an accomplished group. Additionally Elle is the first winner to attend Northeastern University, Bouve College of Nursing. Balancing a demanding academic schedule, Elle found time to be an altar server, member of Latin student leadership and president of Keystone at Charlestown Boy's and Girl's Club. Many have witnessed her hosting at the Monument Restaurant, her skills are boundless.

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EDITORIAL

AMERICA IS IN A MAELSTROM WITH NO WAY OUT

America and the world are in a bad place, with no easy way out.

Although the worst of the coronavirus is behind us, the unprecedented economic after-effects of the pandemic continue to afflict every aspect of our lives.

The Great Resignation has disrupted supply chains for goods of all kinds and made air travel, which formerly used to be a pleasure, a fraught experience, with thousands of flights cancelled every week because of a shortage of pilots and crew.

All of us are griping about the high cost of energy, but with oil refining capacity at an all-time low relative to demand, it is all but certain that gasoline prices will remain at record levels for the foreseeable future.

Electric cars are still a long way off from becoming practical for most Americans for a host of reasons.

The war in Ukraine, the largest in the world since WWII, is exacerbating shortages of commodities of all kinds, especially food.

Avian flu, the worst on record, continues to devastate both domesticated and wild bird populations.

Our health care system, which proved so inadequate during the pandemic, is completely incapable of handling the coming influx of aging Baby Boomers -- just visit any ER, anywhere and everywhere.

Our public educational system not only has fallen far behind because of the pandemic, but the looming teacher shortage means that catching up will be all but impossible.

Drug overdose deaths are at their highest rate ever, with no solution in sight.

Mass shootings are a routine occurrence with politicians too-cowed by the gun lobby to take even the simplest, most common-sense action.

Climate change continues unchecked and unabated. Life on the planet as we know it never will be the same.

And last but not least, it is apparent that a large percentage of Americans are committed to overthrowing our democracy. What happened on 1/6 is just a prelude to what is to come in the 2022 and 2024 elections.

Yes, the present is tough going -- but the future is even bleaker.

BOATING AND DRINKING DON'T MIX

A national news headline caught our attention recently:

"Five people, including four from the same family, died in a boating collision on Saturday along a river popular with boaters outside Savannah, Ga., the authorities said. Four other people were injured, including one who was charged with operating a boat while under the influence."

This story, coming at the start of the summer season, should serve as a sober reminder (pun intended) that alcohol consumption on a boat is never a good idea.

For far too many boaters and their guests, heavy drinking and boating go hand-in-hand. Unfortunately however, the proverbial "booze cruise" all too often ends up with tragic consequences.

Boating under the influence -- BUI -- is every bit as dangerous as DUI (driving under the influence) and also is a criminal offense.

We urge all of our readers who are either boat owners or their guests to ensure that someone on board will be a designated "sober sailor" in order to avoid becoming another sad, grim statistic.

LETTERS to the Editor

THANK YOU, PAULA REVELIOTIS

To the Editor,

I would like to thank Paula Reveliotis for awarding me the John Reveliotis Scholarship in memory of Fr. Pat Healy. This scholarship will be a tremendous help as I begin my high school education at Malden Catholic. My family and I are extremely grateful for this generous award.

Cole Tucker

WHERE'S THE AUDIT?

To the Editor,

I read with interest the Friends of Peace Park letter (June 16, 2022 issue) pleading to save their funding.

However, before any funding goes forward, perhaps the "Friends" could answer for the \$135,000.00 expenditure already deducted from the \$500,000.00. Could a few painted pebbles and several benches have cost over \$100,000.00?

Which begs the question of Community Preservation Coalition appropriations. According the CPA Projects - Detailed Report, available on line, \$500,000.00 was approved on March 31, 2021 for ..." Partial funding for design... capital improvements, including site preparation, paving, lighting, built features, furnishings and water access..." Where are those improvements and why does this slab of concrete facing the highway need water access?

The Sprouts Community Garden at Little Mystic Channel Park received \$112,000.00 for flourishing gardens, growing

beautiful plants and vegetables, sustained by the labor of the surrounding community of affordable housing.

These gardeners were forced to carry water from their homes to nourish the gardens when their water source was shut down by the contractors to build concrete garden beds. A neighbor and I helped supply some water, driving gallons to the gardens for several weeks until their water source was finally restored.

Gerald Robbins, the contact person for Sprouts Community Gardens, said that they had no money to help in any way (i.e., transporting water; finding a temporary solution for an accessible water source).

The point is, why was so much money appropriated to "Peace Park" - a dead slab on which I, who walk past every day, have never seen a human body - and so little to Sprouts Community Garden, a working, food producing garden diligently and lovingly tended by members of the community?

Where's the audit? The "Detailed Report" has only one detail - amount granted. All other descriptive numbers in the report are 0.

Alice Lahnstein

A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE

To the Editor,

On Sunday, June 5, for the first time in Charlestown, a "PMC (Pan-Mass Challenge) Kids Ride" was held at Paul Revere Park under the Zakim Bridge. It was a beautiful experience to see approximately 56 young children,

between the ages of 2 and 15, riding a bicycle, scooter, or whatever to raise funds for cancer treatment and research. The event was organized by Rebecca Shortle, a resident of Charlestown with young children, who felt an obligation to make a difference and bring our community together in a meaningful way.

Many parents and friends, including a few veteran PMCers, guided the young riders through the route. It was interesting that the ride took place at Paul Revere Park because Paul Revere, back in April 1775, was one of the individuals who rode their horses from Boston to Lexington to warn the patriots of the approach of the British. On June 5th of 2022, 56 young children, supported by family and friends, rode their bikes and scooters to raise approximately \$12,000 to fight cancer.

The PMC is a bike-a-thon, started in 1980 to raise funds for cancer treatment and research. With this year's goal being \$66 million, to date the PMC has raised \$831 million and 100% of all rider-raised funds goes directly to Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund. Although the "kids ride" was less than a mile in distance, the August PMC ride is a 192-mile, 2-day, ride from Sturbridge to Provincetown with other variations and routes. Over the years many Charlestown residents have been involved with the PMC and we are grateful for their commitment. The ride is held in the first weekend of August, and anyone wishing to ride, volunteer or support should contact the PMC website at pmc.org.

Michael W. Kelleher III

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NEWS BRIEFS

BCYF ANNOUNCES POOL FACILITY SAFETY UPDATE

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) will not be opening the BCYF Clougherty Pool for the summer 2022 season. BCYF prioritizes the wellbeing of Boston's community members, and the condition of the Clougherty Pool facility has raised serious safety concerns. To ensure that children and families in the area have a safe place to swim, families are urged to utilize the nearby BCYF Charlestown Community Center pool and the BCYF Mirabella Pool.

"We did not make this decision lightly. This pool is a well-loved community resource that will be missed this summer but ultimately the safety of our patrons and our staff is the priority and we cannot guarantee that the BCYF Clougherty Pool is safe to open," said Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner of Boston Centers for Youth & Families.

Built in 1949, the pool is a seasonal facility typically open from June through Labor Day. A spring inspection of the pool showed deterioration of support columns holding up the pool, a broken electrical conduit exposing live wires under the pool, and corroded filtration tanks in danger of leaking, or worse, bursting.

The residents of Charlestown are encouraged to use nearby swimming pools available to them. The BCYF Charlestown Community Center pool is open and will remain open over the summer. A little over two miles

away, BCYF operates another outdoor pool, the BCYF Mirabella Pool on Commercial Street in the North End. Two additional pools in Charlestown are operated by the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club and the Charlestown YMCA.

BCYF will redeploy lifeguards throughout their network to open three additional pools, expanding their aquatic outreach throughout the city. All aquatics programming is free, and more information can be found at boston.gov/BCYF-Aquatics.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS ON "OLD IRONSIDES" START JUNE 24

USS Constitution and the USS Constitution Museum and the USS Constitution Museum will host a series of free public Summer Movie Nights aboard the Ship this summer, beginning Friday, June 24. "Old Ironsides" crew will screen each movie on a projector for guests aboard the Ship's top deck.

The events will be first come, first served due to space. General seating is available, and guests may bring their own chairs and blankets to use while viewing the movie.

Prior to the screenings, Museum educators will offer free, all-ages activities and Public Historian Carl Herzog will discuss the Ship's history as it relates to the movie being shown that evening.

Movie titles, dates, and times for the Summer Movie Nights are available on the Museum's web-

site. All guests age 18 and older are required to show a valid state or federal-issued photo I.D. or passport to board the Ship.

LOBSTA IN THE GARDENS IS BACK!

Gather your friends and family and join us for Lobster in the Gardens, a benefit for Gardens for Charlestown. This year's event will be held on Wednesday, July 20 from 5:30 to 9 PM.

Lobster in the Gardens is a favorite event for the Gardens and often sells out! Lobster or BBQ chicken dinners are available with all the fixings (corn on the cob, potatoes, salad and watermelon). Bring your own apps and drinks, and we will provide the rest!

Lobster dinners are \$65, and BBQ chicken dinners are \$45 per person. Ticket sales are limited, so we encourage you to buy early! Rain date is July 21. To purchase tickets, please go to www.gardens-forcharlestown.com/events.

All proceeds benefit Gardens for Charlestown, a local 501(c)(3) dedicated to greenspace preservation, community gathering, and education.

Gardens for Charlestown is conveniently located at the intersection of Main and Bunker Hill Streets, two blocks from the Sullivan Square T-Station. There is free street parking available, as well as MBTA bus service (#92 or #93) from Haymarket Station directly to the garden.

Established in 1978, Gardens for Charlestown is one of Boston's oldest community gardens.

Unusual in that it is open to the public daily from dawn to dusk, the property includes 65 individual garden plots and ample common areas with native plantings and walking paths. An entirely volunteer-run 501(c)(3) organization, Gardens for Charlestown has a threefold mission: to preserve urban green space, to create opportunities for community gathering, and to provide education to kids and adults alike in the service of environmental sustainability and a love of nature. Events like the biennial Garden Tour and annual Halloween in the Garden are neighborhood staples. Kids and Families Programming include the Tend and Tell program at the Harvard Kent School, last summer's Weatherfest, and a soon to be unveiled Discovery Trail. For more information, contact Chris Schiavone (president@gardens-forcharlestown.org).

425 MEDFORD STREET SHARES UPDATES AT CHARLESTOWN MEETING

The Flatley Company recently presented at the Charlestown Neighborhood Council Meeting and shared plans for the 425 Medford site.

In response to the community, the team shared several changes to the master plan of the project including but not limited to:

- Change of character from modern to historic
- Increased waterfront and public open space
- Reduced building footprints

At the meeting Flatley introduced new team members JCFO. JCFO joins architect KPF to work on the project and is responsible for doing the High Line in NYC. Interestingly enough they have also worked on the Domino Sugar factory in New York and the Flatley site at 425 Medford is the Domino sugar factory in Boston

In its recent Master Plan filing, the Flatley Company announced its vision for the redevelopment of the former Domino Sugar Factory site at 425 Medford Street. In its redevelopment program, Flatley prioritizes climate resiliency, resulting in a project highlighted by a multi-million-dollar 2070 climate resiliency solution that will not only protect the Flatley land but, more importantly, hundreds of acres of Charlestown and neighboring areas in Somerville and Cambridge. Flatley's plan will protect both public and private properties and infrastructure from catastrophic flooding by building a 5-acre resilient solution at what is considered THE most vulnerable breach point along the Mystic River

For more information on the project - www.425medford.com.

ESSEM ART STUDIO SUMMER MINI CAMP

Beginning June 28 Essem Art Studio will be offering mini camps, for artists ages 5+ running Tuesday thru Thursday 9 am - Noon.

Attend one, some, or all weeks. email hello@essemartstudio.com with questions.

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Herendeen, John	33 Mead St NT	33 Mead St	\$2,050,000
Catano, Sarah	John F Farraher Jr RET	58 Elm St #1	\$869,000
Ronan, Cory C	Cummings, Emily A	60 Mystic St #2	\$550,000
Hucks, Tracey E	Patricia D Macalpine RET	62 9th St #62	\$1,850,000
Brannelly, Christian	Medeiros, Andrew	64 Ferrin St	\$1,225,000
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District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta delivers maiden speech

By John Lynds

District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta delivered her maiden speech on the council floor recently while offering an order for a hearing regarding a comprehensive, district-wide planning process for Boston's waterfront.

"Today, I rise for the first time with excitement, optimism, and endless love for the city and its people," Coletta began. "I'm hopeful for the future we can and will create for future generations with creativity and innovation and while I'm incredibly excited for the future of this city, I am keenly aware of the unique challenges ahead."

Coletta said as the city looks directly into the face of what is a local threat to us all, and millions around the world—sea level rise due to climate change—she is worried about our future.



District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta delivers her maiden speech at last week's Council meeting.

"The progress we built both in our physical infrastructure as well as in our human infrastructure through the dismantling of oppressive systems and structures will all be for naught if we do not plan proactively to protect the

resiliency of our coastline," said Coletta. "So today and thinking of our collective future, I rise with urgency and I rise with the intention to expedite the conversation in implementing a comprehensive district wide planning process for Boston's waterfront."

Coletta said Boston is extremely lucky to have a natural and environmental treasure that is our harbor.

"The waterfront became a necessary economic engine during the industrial era and over the years as the city expanded, contracted and expanded again, our waterfront has remained an industrial hub while also enjoying welcome investments into beautiful parks and open spaces on the water's edge," she said. "I think of places that I frequented as a child with my Abuela, like Piers Park and the iconic look LoPresti Park, with their sweeping views of Boston's skyline. We all have the right to access and enjoy Boston's tide lands protected by the Public Waterfront Act."

However, Coletta cautioned that despite these projections our waterfront is under intense pressure, both due to coastal flooding and private interests that seek to commodify its duty.

"District One in particular faces pressures," said Coletta. "East Boston, Charlestown, the North End are all coastal communities that for generations have borne significant burdens and environmental injustices. We face being

hit first and worst by negative impacts of climate change in the coming years and the data is out there and it's unsettling. The Gulf of Maine, including its smaller cousin Massachusetts Bay, is the fastest warming body of ocean on the planet."

Due to this data Coletta said Boston faces the greatest risk of flooding with more than 45% of the city's critical infrastructure at risk.

"This includes our hospitals, schools, police and fire stations," she said. "This is expected to increase by 20% by 2051. As we prepare for sea level rise, we must prioritize waterfront planning that dictates any new development while incorporating a strong plan for resiliency. We are dealing with a compounding displacement crisis, both due to development and gentrification. Looking to the very near future about 11,000 people, a majority of them low income and people of color, will soon be displaced due to coastal flooding and the city has a significant role to play in planning for our future to fortify our coastline and mitigate the effects of storm surges in stormwater runoff."

Coletta believes the city can achieve increased resiliency without depending on investments from private entities or developers.

"The urgent need for coastal flooding does consider the need for a holistic plan to solve our housing process," she said. "I am pleased to see the recent announcement

by Mayor Michelle Wu to launch a Municipal Harbor Plan (MHP) for East Boston, that prioritizes waterfront resiliency and equity and I do look forward to partnering with her administration on this work. But while we consider next steps for this process, there are significant lessons to be learned from the downtown waterfront MHP that occurred between 2013 and 2017."

Coletta said first the city must be able to meet the sea to take in water by using both passive and active permeable landscape landscapes.

"Let's utilize contemporary resiliency strategies seen around the world as applied in cities in Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Venice," she said. "I know Boston is a competitive city. So I hope when I say that we are behind the tap on this it will dawn on people. It will dawn on people that we are behind and that we seriously need to act urgently."

"Whatever happens through this process – it needs to be community-led, with an emphasis on centering the needs of residents for what their vision is for the waterfront... to help define the framework that developers must adhere to if they intend on building on our waterfront," she added. "We need a plan that takes into consideration modern resilience strategies through an equity lens that sets our vision to guide any new proposals."



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AUDIT (from pg. 1)

Hill lots as "high opportunity sites" and have been prioritized for community planning efforts. The report also identified the Boston Transportation Department-owned Sullivan Square parking lots in Charlestown as another area that warrants attention.

"This audit presents us with real opportunities to address our city's housing needs and build affordable housing across Boston," said Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon. "With this information and transformative investments from the American Rescue Plan, we look forward to significant, community focused affordable housing investments in Boston."

At the press conference Wu said in the coming months, the BPDA and the Mayor's Office of Housing will use both the report and the

ongoing PLAN: Charlestown neighborhood planning process to accelerate community visioning for the Bunker Hill Community College parking lots. Wu said the process will analyze the opportunities to build transit-oriented affordable housing and meet other neighborhood needs identified by the neighborhood and stakeholders in PLAN: Charlestown.

All sites located in active planning studies will have a separate dedicated public process as a follow-up to visioning completed through a neighborhood planning study.

Under city government guidelines all BPDA and City-owned parcels in Boston will include the process of sending out Request for Proposal (RFP). These RFPs released for public land will be

required to respond to the BPDA's Diversity and Inclusion evaluation requirements, and outline commitments to include Minority and Women-owned business enterprises (M/WBEs) in all aspects of their development. The criteria is weighted at 25 percent of the total evaluation of each proposal.

"This work offers a great starting point to accelerate the use of underutilized public land for public good," said Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison. "We look forward to a robust community process to ensure that the development of any of the sites identified is responsive to the neighborhood's needs, while creating new opportunities for mixed-income rental, home-ownership, and open space in our communities."

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USS Constitution completes underway honoring Vietnam War veterans

USS Constitution went underway from Charlestown Navy Yard, Massachusetts, June 17, to honor Vietnam War veterans.

Over 300 Vietnam War veterans and their families embarked aboard Old Ironsides as she cruised into Boston Harbor.

USS Constitution conducted a 21-gun salute by Castle Island.

USS Constitution fired an additional 17-gun salute as she passed U.S. Coast Guard Base Boston, the former site of the Edmund Hartt's Shipyard, where USS Constitution was built and launched on Oct. 21, 1797.

The event was held as part of The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration works to thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, their families, domestic supporters, and American allies who contributed to the war effort.

By presidential proclamations on May 25, 2012, November 20, 2017, and March 28, 2022, the Commemoration extends from Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans Day 2025.

More than 12,000 Commemorative Partners have helped America publicly thank and honor 3.1 million Vietnam veterans and their families during nearly 22,000 ceremonies across the country.

The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates there are 6.2 million U.S. Vietnam veterans living in America and abroad, along with 9 million families of those who served on active duty from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of assigned location.

USS Constitution will reopen for free public visitation, today June 17, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

USS Constitution, is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat, and played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855.

The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution

provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence.

USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and destroyed or captured 33 opponents.

The ship earned the nickname

of Old Ironsides during the war of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship's wooden hull.

USS Constitution is open to free public visitation Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The USS Constitution Museum is open to the public every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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STOVE FACTORY GALLERY HONORS WORK OF DONALD C. KELLEY

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

Donald C. Kelley, who passed away in 2018, was a founding member of Artists Group of Charlestown. His passion for the arts was recognized with the dedication of the Stove Factory Gallery to him. Resident artists regularly curate his work, keeping his art alive.



Danica Mari looks at Legs #1.



Anna and Alfonso Sira check out the work of Donald Kelly.



Jack Glassman and Cris Cavataio look at Donald Kelly's bio. They had lived across the street from him.



Ink/Mixed Media piece Three Figures.



Julie Alailima, with friend, and Dara Pannebaker were curators of the show.

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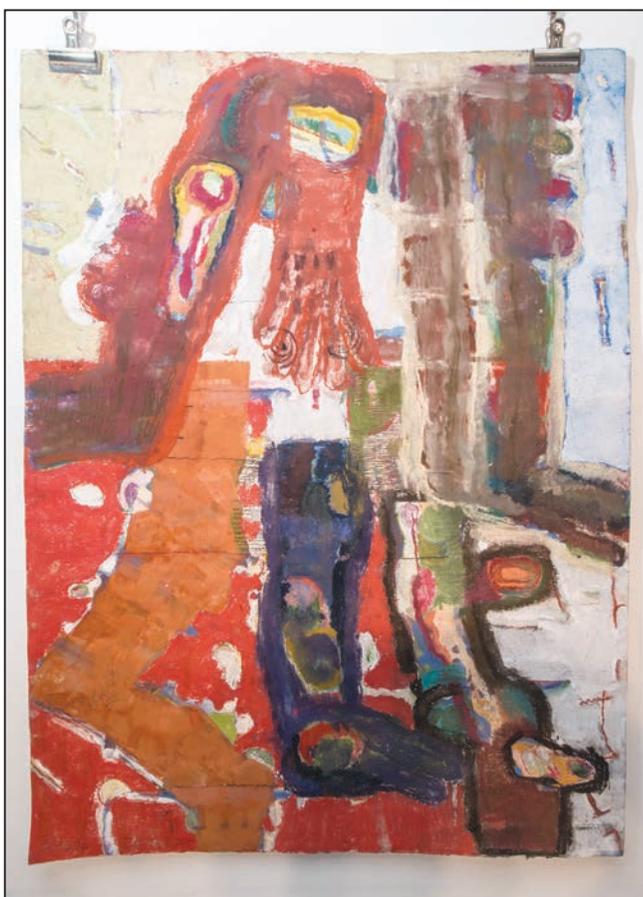
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BLOCK PARTY TO HONOR RETIRED BPD OFFICER ROBERT LUONGO

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The Charlestown Friends Of The Elderly organized a corn hole tournament and block party to honor Retired BPD Officer Robert Luongo, who served Charlestown for 33 years and is a fond supporter of the elderly. What better reason to get together and enjoy a mellow day on the edge of Summer.



Bobby Luongo and Shannon White.



Bobby Luongo stands with Ralph Gochakowski, who made the plaque.



Jamie Lawton and Sean Brennanget some practice corn hole tosses before the competition begins.



Bobby Luongo (second from left) is presented with a plaque commemorating his service to Charlestown by CSO Chrissy Vraibel, Mary McGonagle, and BPD Officers Rob DiRienzo and Shannon Fabiano.



Ferrin Street in Charlestown was closed off for a corn hole tournament and block party.



Bobby Luongo (5th from right) is stands with his plaque commemorating his service to Charlestown with Friends Of The Elderly Board Members, representatives from the BPD, DJ Smokey, and Georgine Towers manager Paul Sullivan.



Raffle prizes awaited to be claimed by supporters of the elderly in Charlestown.



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Kaileen Cotter with Finbar



Joan, Melissa, Maureen, Lisa, and Julliane.



Peggy Carnevale and Patty Kelley.



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Friends Of The Elderly Board Members Mary Carroll, Tricia Butler, Mary McGonagle, George Dighton, Mary Chiappa, and Peggy Carnevale.



Officer Shannon Fabiano and Officer Rob DiRienzo.



Members of the Dighton Family.



The corn hole tournament begins.



Shannon Fabiano welcomes everyone to the party.

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Charlestown's weekly COVID positive test drops

By John Lynds

Charlestown's weekly COVID positive test rate dropped once again according to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last week, 360 Charlestown residents were tested for the virus last week and 8.9 percent were positive—this was a 26 percent increase from the 12 percent that tested positive between June 6 and June 13.

Thirty two Charlestown residents contracted the virus between June 13 and June 20 there have now been 11,247 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate decreased last week According to the BPHC, 14,523

Boston residents tested citywide and 7.7 percent were positive—a 19 percent decrease from the 9.5 percent that tested positive between June 6 and June 13.

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 0.4 percent last week and went from 191,740 to 192,591 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were three additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,478.

CHARLESTOWN BEAT

POLICE/COMMUNITY MEETING: Meet the police & discuss public safety issues on the last Wednesday of every month at the police station, 20 Vine Street, at 6:00 p.m., 2nd floor, community room.

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

Drug-Possession/Sale

06/14/2022 – At about 5:45 p.m., the A-1 Drug Control Unit observed three individuals walking together on O'Reilly Way. Based on the officers' training and experience, they believed a street-level drug transaction had just occurred. As a result of the investigation, officers recovered several pills. The officers informed the suspect that a criminal complaint would be filed for possession of a Class B substance and possession of a Class E substance.

who said their service would be disconnected if they didn't pay the amount due within the next 48 hours. The suspect also stated that they owed a total of \$796 to avoid their service being disconnected. The victim also indicated that they did not give any money to any of the two callers claiming to be from Eversource.

Vandalism

06/17/2022 – At around 8:36 a.m., police were flagged down by the victim, who stated that her car had been vandalized overnight. The victim said she had parked her car in front of her apartment at 195 Bunker Hill St. the previous night with no damage to the vehicle. The victim stated the next day at around 5:30 a.m., she noticed her windshield had been smashed on the passenger's side. Area A-1 Detectives will perform a follow-up investigation.

Fraud-False Pretense/Scheme

06/16/2022 – At approximately 11:26 a.m., police responded to a radio call for a reported larceny at 458 Main St. Upon arrival, police spoke with the caller, who stated that his wife received a call on her cell phone from an individual claiming to be from Eversource,

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CURRY COLLEGE SPRING 2022 DEAN'S LIST

Curry College congratulates of who was named to the Spring 2022 Dean's List.

Emma Buckley of Charlestown
Matthew Thomas of Charlestown

About Curry College

Curry College, founded in Boston in 1879, is a private, co-educational, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres in Milton, Massachusetts. The College extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth. The College offers 22 undergraduate majors in specialized and liberal arts programs, as well as graduate degrees in accounting, business, education, criminal justice, and nursing to a combined enrollment of nearly 2,500 students. The student body consists of 1,700 traditional students and nearly 800 continuing education and graduate students. The College offers a wide array of co-curricular activities ranging from 16 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre and fine arts program.

CHARLESTOWN'S ELIZABETH GRIFFITH NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Elizabeth Griffith of Charlestown was named to the College of the Holy Cross Spring 2022 Dean's List.

A member of the Class of 2024, Griffith was among more than 1,457 students named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

To qualify, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses

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with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

About Holy Cross:

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MAGLIO NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Andrew Maglio of Charlestown excelled during the Spring 2022 semester at Hofstra, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

Hofstra University is a nationally ranked and recognized private university in Hempstead, N.Y. that is the only school to ever host three consecutive presidential debates (2008, 2012 and 2016). Our campus is a leafy oasis just a quick train ride away from New York City and all its cultural, recreational and professional opportunities. We offer small classes and personal attention, with the resources, technology and facilities of a large university. Students can choose from more than 165 undergraduate program options and 175 graduate program options in the liberal arts and sciences, education, health professions and human services, the Peter S. Kalikow School of Government, Public Policy and International Affairs, the Fred DeMatteis School of Engineering and Applied Science, the Frank G. Zarb School of Business, the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication, the

Maurice A. Deane School of Law, the Hofstra Northwell School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, and the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Hofstra University is a dynamic community of 11,000 students from around the world who are dedicated to civic engagement, academic excellence and becoming leaders in their communities and their careers.

STONEHILL COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

The Spring 2022 Dean's List Stonehill College has been announced. The following local students were named:

Rory Carrier of Charlestown
Felix Tan of Charlestown

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered.

Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

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BCYF's Charlestown pool will be closed for the summer

By John Lynds

Lifeguard shortages and maintenance issues are forcing BCYF to keep a number of city pools closed throughout the summer and Charlestown's only outdoor pool has fallen victim to the ongoing issues.

At last week's City Council hearing, Councilor Gabriela Coletta asked Boston's Chief of Human Services Jose Masso to elaborate on rumors the Clougherty Pool on Bunker Hill Street would be closed for the summer.

The pool has been an oasis for neighborhood children and families throughout the hot summer months, especially during heat waves when BCYF expands hours at 'cooling centers' like neighborhood pools.

"I have heard that because that

pool was built in 1940 it needs significant investments and I don't know if you have an update on that or if it's going to be open this year," Coletta asked Masso who oversees BCYF as chief of Human Services. "Will you be able to tell the community what's going on with the pool?"

Masso said the city recently got a third party assessment on what work needs to be done to Charlestown's pool and whether or not it was safe to open.

"The third party assessment will give us more information about the actual infrastructure and whether or not it is feasible to actually open it for the summer," said Masso last week.

However, this week BCYF announced the pool would in fact be closed for the season.

"BCYF will not open the BCYF Clougherty Pool for the summer

2022 season," BCYF said in a statement. "The condition of the Clougherty Pool facility has raised serious safety concerns, and we are unwilling to jeopardize the safety of the pool's patrons and the staff. The nearby BCYF Charlestown Community Center pool is open. It will remain open over the summer, and a little over two miles away, we operate another outdoor pool, the BCYF Mirabella Pool on Commercial Street in the North End."

BCYF said in addition, the city will redeploy lifeguards throughout the city's network to open three other pools to expand its aquatic outreach throughout the city.

"All aquatics programming is free, and more information can be found at boston.gov/BCYF-Aquatics," said the statement.



Charlestown's BCYF Clougherty Pool on Bunker Hill Street will be closed for the summer.

Mass. Medical Society urges water safety and training

Over the last few weeks, Massachusetts has seen several water-related tragedies and individuals running into trouble in the water.

As the summer nears, the physicians of the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) strongly advise everyone to use caution and vigilance to avoid danger in and around the water. Many public and private settings in which swimming and other in-water activities occur have reported lifeguard positions are understaffed.

Regardless of one's proficiency as a swimmer or whether the lake, pool, or beach has a lifeguard on duty, adults should never swim alone and, importantly, never leave a child unsupervised in or

around water. When watching children in the water, those supervising must dedicate 100 percent of their attention to keeping their eyes on those who are in or close to the water.

Drownings can occur in just a matter of seconds. Victims often struggle silently and may not yell, scream, flail or otherwise physically signal that they are in distress.

"Supervisors should never leave the area, nor should they become distracted by things like phones or books. Do not consume alcohol or drugs when swimming or when responsible for watching others in or around water. When boating, all participants should wear US Coast Guard-approved life jackets.

If you own a pool or are visiting a pool, please make sure that all local safety requirements are being met, including and especially measures designed to ensure that children cannot gain access to an unsupervised pool.

We strongly recommend that parents and guardians look into swimming lessons for children through the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the YMCA or other local programs. Additionally, please consider taking a course in CPR or renewing your CPR certification.

We wish you a safe and happy summer.

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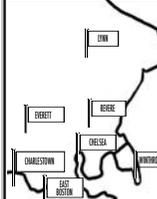
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HELPING THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE



Charlestown's Kindergarten Daisy Troop earned their Good Neighbor badge this week with a lesson about building and nurturing a vibrant community. The girls also filled the Community Fridge with groceries and girl scout cookies purchased with a good chunk of their earnings from this year's cookie sales.

Region 1 BPS Superintendent named finalist for Superintendent post

By John Lynds

This week it was announced that Boston Public School's (BPS) Region 1 Superintendent Dr. Tommy Welch is a finalist to serve as the next BPS Superintendent.

Welch, who has overseen schools in Charlestown for several years now, has become a familiar face in the neighborhood at community and school events.

"Few words can describe my excitement after learning today that I am a finalist to serve as the next Superintendent of Boston Public Schools," said Welch this week. "For more than two decades, I have enjoyed a challenging and rewarding career in urban public education. I am proud to serve as the BPS Region 1 School Superintendent, supporting 15 schools and more than seven thousand students in Charlestown, the North End, and East Boston."

Welch and his wife, Karla, are BPS parents that live in East Boston. Welch said he and his wife recognize the struggles their neighbors and Boston families have faced during the pandemic.

"As a leader in urban education for more than two decades and a BPS leader, my track record shows that I know how to deliver high-quality academics and enrichment opportunities," said Welch. "As a biracial, bilingual educator,



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passion, particularly to serve our most vulnerable students including English Language Learners and students with special needs. This is the work I am called to do, that is why I applied to lead BPS as its next Superintendent."

As Region 1 Superintendent Welch has focused on inclusion, collaboration, and best practices in academics and social-emotional learning. Nine of the 15 schools in his Region have been recognized for the EdVestors citywide "School on the Move" Prize. Their exceptional work in improving student outcomes for English Learners and students from low-income backgrounds has also been recognized citywide.

Welch said his service in urban education spans over two decades. His experience includes 12 years as a teacher of multilingual learners, four years launching and leading schools, and system-level leadership roles in BPS as well as in the 600,000-student Los Angeles Unified School District, the nation's second largest school district.

Welch said he is committed to creating inclusive and nurturing schools where students, families, educators and staff thrive.

In 2020, he earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership at Boston College where he wrote his dissertation on school district leadership practices that foster equity.

Welch said he looks forward to sharing his experience and goals for the district with members of the search committee, the larger BPS community and residents of the City of Boston, during a series of public interviews.

"Experience matters as a Superintendent candidate," he said. "So does their lived experience and

equity has always been at the center of my work. I enter this next step in the process with great humility, and look forward to sharing my experience and goals for the district with members of the public. If I am fortunate enough to be chosen, I am ready to lead on day one."

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