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PFDC COMES TO CHARLESTOWN



Michigan-based Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps (PFDC) stopped in Charlestown on Wednesday, July 13, as part of its East Coast tour. See Page 6 for more photos and story.

DiDomenico delivers for Charlestown and his district

Special to the Independent
Over the past several months, Sen. Sal DiDomenico has secured several legislative achievements and over \$65 million in funding for local organizations, municipalities, and projects in his District and throughout Massachusetts, including more than \$325,000 for Charlestown. These massive investments and new programs will provide critical support to non-profit organizations, promote new public projects, and empower residents of all backgrounds.

The legislative victories and allocated funding were passed thanks to DiDomenico's amendments filed in the fiscal year 2023 state budget, the economic development bill, the ARPA spending bill, also known as An Act relative to immediate COVID-19 recovery needs, and the transportation infrastructure bond bill, also known as An Act relative

to Massachusetts transportation resources and climate.

"One of my top priorities is providing essential resources for people in my district and across the state, especially for those most in need," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "I am so proud to have secured \$65 million for organizations and programs that provide vital services for our residents. This funding will create new opportunities for people of all ages in our communities and support projects that will improve lives and protect our public spaces."

The following organizations, municipalities, and projects will be funded via Senator DiDomenico's amendments in the fiscal year 2023 budget, the economic development bill, the ARPA spending bill, and the transportation infrastructure bond bill:

- Boston Public Market, \$250,000
- Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee, \$150,000
- Cambridge Health Alliance Opioid Program, \$75,000
- Cambridge Nonprofit Coalition, \$50,000
- Charlestown Harvest on Vine Food Pantry, \$50,000
- Charlestown Kennedy Center, \$200,000
- Charlestown Resident Alliance, \$25,000
- Charlestown Skating for Success, \$25,000
- Charlestown Special Townies, \$25,000
- Chelsea Broadway Street Project, \$5,500,000
- Chelsea Island End River Project for culvert repairs, \$8,000,000

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Comments sought for development at 40 Roland St.

By Patriot-Bridge Staff

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) is seeking comments from the public about the new development being planned at 40 Roland Street in Charlestown.

The project proposes approximately 767,723 gross floor area of new lab/office, residential, and retail development. There are 122 residential units proposed in the four new buildings that will range

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THE LOBSTERS ARE BACK



Derek Kouyoumjian photo

Joe Caruso, Dave Nava, and Melanie Cevetella at the Gardens for Charlestown's "Lobsta in the Gardens" event. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

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EDITORIAL

MASS SHOOTINGS GET ALL THE ATTENTION, BUT THIS IS WORSE

Americans have been saddened by the recent mass shootings that have occurred in recent weeks across the country in Buffalo, Uvalde, and Highland Park.

But as much as these tragic events have seared our national consciousness and brought demands for action by our elected officials for appropriate gun legislation, there is a far worse aspect of the epidemic of gun violence that occurs day-in and day-out throughout the United States.

We are referring to the shooting of women by their domestic partners. Each and every year, 600 women are murdered with a gun by their partners. We'll do the math for you -- that works out to a woman who is shot and killed every 14 hours by her present or former significant other.

The statisticians also tell us that the possession of a gun by a domestic partner makes it five times more likely that a woman will be killed than if the domestic partner did not have a gun.

In short, the more guns there are, the more women who are murdered by their partners.

Yes, the shootings in schools and malls and supermarkets horrify us and make us feel not safe anywhere, even at a Fourth of July parade.

But the reality is that an American woman in a household with a handgun is far more at risk for being shot and killed than any of us by some random angry person with an AR-15.

PROGRESSIVES ARE THE REAL HYPOCRITES

No doubt most of our readers who care about the environment and the issue of climate change were disappointed when Senator Joe Manchin put the proverbial final nail in the coffin of the Build Back Better Bill (BBB) that, by some estimates, would have reduced U.S. emissions to 45 percent to 51 percent of 2005 levels by 2030.

However, as we have written previously in this space, we believe the real blame for the failure of the bill lies with the progressives of the Democratic Party, who should have coalesced last summer to pass the basics of the bill, rather than "playing politics" last year when they held up the separate infrastructure bill and then loaded up the Build Back Better bill with items that were extraneous to climate change.

They overplayed their hand and as a result, they got nothing -- zero -- nada and did more than Republicans to sink Joe Biden's presidency.

However, in addition to being bad at politics, the progressive environmentalists also are hypocrites because of their failure to tell the truth to the American people. Despite the statistic quoted above, the BBB actually would have done very little to keep global warming from reaching the 1.5 degree Centigrade threshold that scientists (and the 2015 Paris Climate Accord) say will be catastrophic for the planet.

Instead of blaming Joe Manchin, if progressive politicians were to tell the truth to the American people, they would explain that each and every American can do more to affect climate change than the BBB simply by changing our eating habits by consuming less meat and switching to vegetarian alternatives.

Industrial farming for meat production accounts for 14% of greenhouse gas emissions, despoils the immediate environment of these factory farms, and encourages the destruction of fragile rain forests for the raising of cattle.

Bernie Sanders blasted Sen. Manchin for his position on the BBB, but we never have heard Sen. Sanders tell his constituents to eat less meat and dairy -- because of course, he's from Vermont, which has a lot of dairy farmers -- and Bernie himself loves his red meat.

We disagree 100% with Joe Manchin for his rejection of the BBB, but at least we know where he stands.

On the other hand, the self-described environmentalists are both politically inept and morally hypocritical.

THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Knights of Columbus Council #62 for presenting me with a Knights of Columbus Scholarship. It is an honor to be recognized by an organization that has consistently and continuously aided the young people of Charlestown in their many athletic and academic pursuits. This award will greatly assist me and my family as I begin my freshman year at St. Anselm College.

Aidan Boucher

OUR DEMOCRACY IS AT STAKE

To the Editor:

The January 6 Capital attack on our nation wasn't a random act by a handful of sore losers, but a premeditated and organized insurrection. Now, thanks to the hearings, there's overwhelming evidence that Trump and his allies were at the helm of it.

We heard from former members of the Trump administration and Republican state officials about how Trump illegally pressured the Vice President, the Department of Justice, and state legislatures to overturn the election he knew he lost. And when it didn't work, he summoned an armed mob to march on the Capitol Building in a final, violent attempt to stop the peaceful transfer of power.

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LETTER to the Editor

These insurrectionist candidates haven't gone anywhere. In fact, more than 100 of them have already won their primaries. It's up to us to do our part and vote to make sure they don't win this fall.

Should these dangerous candidates win their elections, we could have election deniers in key seats of power, like secretary of state and county clerk, ready to overturn whatever election results they don't like.

Our democracy is at stake. If we want to hold onto our freedoms to vote, to have our votes decide elections, and to rely on elections to keep our leaders in check, then we have to cast our ballots during the midterms this year on November 8th.

Jo-Ann Sipple

GETTING THE CLOUGHERTY POOL REOPENED

To the Editor:

"Ever since the city decided last month to close the BCYF Clougherty Pool on Bunker Hill Street for the summer due to maintenance issues Charlestown residents have not been happy." (Cover story, 7/21/2022 by John Lynds)

And the understatement of the year award goes to John Lynds!

Thanks for covering this important community issue and I hope to read more in the Charlestown Bridge about the town's determination to get the pool reopened and to get to the bottom of how

this was allowed to happen.

I write this on a 94 degree day with no pool to go to -- in the middle of a five-day heatwave -- which only heightens the disrespect and disappointment (guess we're past the jaw dropping shock stage) that I feel about the lack of City planning and apparent mismanagement of this valuable community resource.

I encourage all my fellow Townies, Toonies and anyone who has ever used the pool, to take a few moments now to contact their elected leaders to get the pool reopened by making our elected officials feel the heat.

This only takes a few minutes. Please sign the online petition (over 1700 signatures to date) and see the Friends of Clougherty Pool for contact info and talking points you can use in an oh so important email or call to those in the position to get this done. Find resources on the Friends of the Clougherty Pool public Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3227247260864445/> and sign the change.org petition at: <https://www.change.org/p/saveour-pool-89343b11-2dce-490a94f4-67817dad1719>.

I watched the pool get repainted only days before a very poorly management announcement by BCYF that the pool would not open as anticipated. Unbelievable!

Thanks again to the Charlestown Patriot-Bridge for all you do to keep our community informed.

Anne Doherty



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COMMENTS (from pg. 1)

in height from six to nine stories with 327 vehicle parking spaces and 441 bicycle parking spaces. The development will be sited on land totaling 193,607 square feet, or more than four acres.

The public is encouraged to submit comments about the proposed project. The current comment period opens today and runs through August 26, 2022, and could be extended if necessary.

After the conclusion of the comment period, BPDA staff will review the feedback and determine the next steps. Proposed projects often go through multiple rounds of review.

The BPDA will be hosting a virtual public meeting on August 8, from 6-8 p.m. in connection with the Project Notification Form and Supplemental Information filing associated with the 40 Roland Street project.

To participate, please register in advance for this meeting through the following link:

bit.ly/3z6W8UE

Meeting ID: 160 029 7358

Toll Free: 833 568 8864

For all questions or concerns, about the comment period, residents are encouraged to contact sarah.black@boston.gov.



Architectural rendering of the new development being planned at 40 Roland Street.

DiDOMENICO (from pg. 1)

- Chelsea Public Schools College and Career Assistance Programs, \$150,000
- Chelsea Public Schools Music Programming, \$25,000
- Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) in Chelsea | \$50,000
- CONNECT | \$25,000
- East End House Cambridge, \$75,000
- Early Intervention Workforce and Services, \$9,500,000
- Eliot Family Resource Center, \$50,000
- Everett Complete Streets Program, \$1,500,000
- Everett Fire Department Health Screenings, \$25,000
- Everett Haitian Community Center, \$100,000
- Everett LGBTQ+ Youth Space and Resource Center, \$50,000
- Everett Public Schools Music Truck & Washington, DC Memorial Day Parade, \$125,000
- Everett Public Schools Student and Parent Internship Program & Reality Check Program, \$150,000
- Everett Roadway Infrastructure Project, \$2,000,000
- Food for Free, \$75,000
- Former Everett High School building, \$1,500,000
- Grace Food Pantry | \$50,000
- Greater Boston Fare Free Bus Pilot Program, \$1,000,000
- Greater Boston Food Bank, Inc., \$17,000,000
- Greenroots, \$50,000
- Hazardous Materials Response Teams of Everett, Cambridge & Boston Fire Departments | \$500,000
- Joint Committee for Children's Healthcare of Everett, \$50,000
- La Colaborativa, \$50,000



Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

- La Comunidad, \$50,000
- Latinos Unidos en Massachusetts (LUMA) | \$50,000
- Language Access funding for the Registry of Motor Vehicles | \$500,000
- Margaret Fuller House of Cambridge, \$75,000
- Mary O'Malley Park Hatch Shell design in Chelsea | \$75,000
- Mary O'Malley Pier repairs in Chelsea, \$1,000,000
- Museum of Science STEM | \$375,000
- Mystic Riverwalk in Everett | \$1,500,000
- New American Voters Grant Program for ballot translation | \$1,000,000
- Nurtury Early Education in Cambridge, \$50,000
- Northern Strand Bike Path in Everett, \$200,000
- Operation A.B.L.E. adult workforce training, \$250,000
- Pediatric Palliative Care - healthcare for children,

\$8,715,965

- Portal to Hope, \$50,000
- Project Bread Targeted SNAP Outreach, \$1,920,000
- Roca, Inc., \$1,050,000
- Safe and Supportive School Grant Program, \$519,993
- The Neighborhood Developers (TND), \$50,000
- Transition House in Cambridge, \$50,000
- Triangle, Inc. | \$200,000
- Zion Human Services, \$50,000

The following legislative accomplishments were achieved via Senator DiDomenico's work in this year's budget:

- Creation of a common application which will allow individuals

the option to apply simultaneously for MassHealth coverage, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, income supports under chapter 117A and chapter 118, veterans' services benefits under chapter 115, childcare subsidies, housing subsidies, fuel assistance and other needs-based health care, nutrition, and shelter benefits.

• An increase in the TAFDC Children's Clothing Allowance to \$400 per child.

- Extending Universal School Meals in all public schools in Massachusetts.
- Allowing childcare as a covered expense for people participating in the SNAP Education and Training Program.

• Increase funding for Senior Citizens through the Medicare Savings Program

• Addressing deep poverty by increasing cash assistance for our most vulnerable families in the Commonwealth.

• Investing hundreds of millions of dollars in our public schools, housing stability and food insecurity.

The fiscal year 2023 state budget now goes to Governor Baker for his signature. The economic development bill and the transportation infrastructure bond bill are in conference committees before the Governor's signature. The ARPA spending bill has already been signed into law.



Virtual Listening Sessions

PLAN: Charlestown Listening Sessions

Description: PLAN: Charlestown, your neighborhood-wide planning initiative facilitated by the BPDA, has released two draft scenarios for the future of the industrial area along Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square. These draft scenarios are the continuation of a collaborative dialogue to create a framework for future development in this area. Please scan the QR code below, or visit the PLAN: Charlestown webpage, to see the scenarios and share feedback on what you would like to see in these areas! Please note, the scenarios are best viewed on screens tablet size or larger. You may also request a paper copy of the draft scenarios by email or phone from the community engagement manager listed below. The BPDA will be collecting feedback on the scenarios through online surveys, in-person tabling in the neighborhood, and a series of virtual listening sessions. The "Listening Session" events will be from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM on the following dates:

- Tuesday, August 2 | Register at bit.ly/Aug2meet | Meeting ID: 161 711 0494
- Wednesday, August 3 | Register at bit.ly/Aug3meet | Meeting ID: 161 834 6607
- Thursday, August 4 | Register at bit.ly/Aug4meet | Meeting ID: 161 461 8762
- Tuesday, August 16 | Register at bit.ly/Aug16meet | Meeting ID: 160 874 5313
- Wednesday, August 17 | Register at bit.ly/Aug17meet | Meeting ID: 161 291 2194
- Thursday, August 18 | Register at bit.ly/Aug18meet | Meeting ID: 160 674 6957

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Wu signs executive order on inclusion of daycare facilities

By Lauren Bennett

On July 26, Mayor Michelle Wu signed an executive order that will make sure zoning requirements are made stronger regarding childcare options in the City.

From the City Hall childcare program's outdoor play space, Wu made the announcement alongside city officials, councilors, and former Mayor Ray Flynn on Tuesday.

"The work that happens here; the learning, the care, the love, is absolutely amazing," Wu said of the City Hall childcare program. "I know it personally because both of my boys came through this program."

She added that "we are only here because of the vision and commitment of a mayor who I've been proud to follow in the footsteps of."

Mayor Ray Flynn created the City Hall childcare program in 1989, "at a time when Boston was facing a different set of issues, but also very urgent issues," Wu said. "The policy that he put in place

would require that any new commercial building being built downtown and surrounding downtown area neighborhoods would include childcare..." or offer the resources to provide care in the nearby area.

Wu said that "that decision and that investment" made by Flynn "has changed the lives of hundreds of families" who work for the City of Boston.

Today, there are "still so many working families in Boston who don't have access to reliable, high-quality childcare," Wu said, because many work non-traditional hours or just simply do not have child care options in their areas and instead rely on family and friends for care, which is not always consistent.

According to a press release from the City, "Under the existing rules, developers may fulfill their obligations by creating on-site child care programs or causing programs to be created elsewhere in the City. This language has been interpreted as contributing to a fund that supports and enhances child care in Boston. However, the

amount of each child care contribution has been subject to negotiation, which creates an opaque process for developers to navigate and allows for inconsistencies in enforcement. Additionally, the original intention of IDF regulations—to create more on-site child care options for downtown workers—may not match families' preferences for child care arrangements today or meet the high demand for child care in underserved neighborhoods."

Wu signed an Executive Order on Inclusion of Daycare Facilities that would help "refresh this policy [created by Flynn] and add to it."

She said that updating guidance to make sure that "zoning requirements are transparent and predictable" will "better enable large developers to invest in our communities and create childcare options for every family in Boston."

Wu continued, "this order modernizes our zoning language by reflecting the needs of a changing childcare sector, one where

families are looking for licensed, high-quality care across all of our neighborhoods" as well as "help create a more transparent, clear process in collaboration with the BPDA and the Office of Early Childhood.

She said that the Office of Early Childhood, led by Kristin McSwain, will be distributing grants "to expand and improve existing providers and create new ones," as well as invest in environmental justice, energy efficiency, and climate resilience at childcare centers.

This executive order applies to 14 zoning districts "centered around the downtown areas," but she said the City is also looking "long-term" as well.

She said that the city plans "to look at the underlying zoning code to make sure these provisions match our dynamic development sector while meeting the needs of all of our neighborhoods across the city."

Devin Quirk, Deputy Chief of Development & Transformation for the BPDA, said in a statement,

"The Mayor's new Executive Order establishes a clear, transparent formula to allow the Boston Planning and Development Agency to work with the Office of Early Childhood and the development community to make sure child care obligations are met and to further leverage Boston's strong real estate market for the benefit of Bostonians who need our help the most. This is exactly the clear, strategic direction the BPDA needs to provide on development decisions to help ensure a more equitable growth of our city."

Office Of Early Childhood Director Kristin McSwain said, "Our city is growing and changing, and the need for child care in neighborhoods does not necessarily align with the areas where builders are required to create childcare. This Executive Order gives us the flexibility to create high quality childcare where families and children need it most."

For more information about the Office of Early Childhood and this executive order, visit boston.gov

Wu appoints Monique Tú Nguyen director of the mayor's office for immigrant advancement

Mayor Michelle Wu appointed Monique Tú Nguyen as the Director of the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA). The department, which is within the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet, advocates for immigrants in Boston and works to ensure public

policy is inclusive. MOIA also collaborates with City departments and immigrant communities on programs aimed at creating equity and belonging.

"MOIA is critical to empowering our immigrant communities, building community across

our neighborhoods and connecting all to Boston's opportunities," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "With Monique's extensive commitment to advocacy for immigrants and their families, she brings leadership and experience as we continue to transform our City services, empower residents and ensure that Boston is a city for all."

"Monique's experience in community-driven leadership and commitment to economic and racial justice are important to our mission," said Mariangely Solis Cervera, Chief of Equity and Inclusion. "I am excited to work alongside her not only to create pathways of success for immigrants in Boston, but to empower every resident in our rich and diverse city."

As Director, Nguyen will lead the department to advance stability, economic empowerment, civic ownership, and social integration for immigrants in Boston. This includes programs such as Free Immigration Consultations, the Dreamers Fellowship, the Immigrant Professionals Fellowship, and Immigrants Lead Boston. In addition, MOIA is now supporting community-based organizations in mental health programming and working with the RMV to prepare for the Driver's License Bill to go into effect July 2023.

"Coming from an immigrant



Monique Tú Nguyen.

family, I know firsthand the visionary courage of immigrants as they venture into the world to seek out safety and a dream—often met with continual struggle on the journey," said Monique Tú Nguyen. "I'm thankful to Mayor Wu and Chief Solis Cervera for this opportunity to make sure Boston is inclusive to immigrants and to advance the work of MOIA."

Prior to this appointment, Nguyen served as Executive Director of Matahari Women Workers' Center for 10 years, advancing the rights and protections for domestic workers, women, immigrants, and their families. She's also been recognized for her leadership of the

MassUndocuFund, a million dollar COVID-19 cash relief fund for immigrant workers, and for spearheading the successful passage of the Massachusetts Domestic Workers Bill of Rights in 2014.

Nguyen's first day is August 16. Her appointment comes after MOIA's previous Director, Yusufi Vali, was appointed the Deputy Chief of Staff in May.

Nguyen is from Vancouver, Canada and a proud daughter of Vietnam War refugees. She speaks English, Vietnamese, and is learning Spanish. Nguyen loves to cook, dance, hike, and dream and scheme about community building.

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SCENES FROM THE CHARLESTOWN MOTHERS ASSOCIATION GALA FUNDRAISER

On June 18, the Charlestown Mothers Association (CMA) held its first in person gala fundraiser since 2019 at the Harry Parker Boathouse. Funds raised at this event will go right back into organizing CMA flagship events such as Touch-a-Truck, Easter Egg Hunt, monthly meet ups for new and expecting mothers, and several Moms' Night Out events throughout the year. Additionally, the organization gives out college scholarships to Charlestown residents and hosts Boston Public School info sessions and events for expectant parents, and purchases books for Little Free Libraries around the neighborhood and toys for the playgrounds.

As part of its active role in the community, the CMA partners with many other local organizations and non-profits, supporting various initiatives financially and through collaboration and a shared vision to make Charlestown a safe, nurturing and vibrant neighbor-

hood in which to raise children. "Even though we were not able to hold our gala for the past two years, the work of the Charlestown Mothers Association never paused," said Erin Davies, president, Charlestown Mothers Association. "We found new ways to reach our membership and keep the families of our neighborhood engaged, supporting them when they need us more than ever. That's why this year's gala

means so much. We're celebrating being back together again; we're celebrating our community; we're raising the incredibly important money we need to make our mission even more impactful in the future."

Through the generous support of more than 30 local businesses and private donors, the CMA raffled off nearly 40 prizes and also be raised funds for the NEW Health Community Fridge to help fight

food insecurity in Charlestown.

The CMA is a volunteer run, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2000. Membership

is free, all families in Charlestown are welcome to join. Visit www.charlestownmothersassociation.org



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LOBSTA MAKES A TRIUMPHANT RETURN

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

On Wednesday July 20, after a three year hiatus, Charlestown's popular "Lobsta in the Gardens" event was back, thanks to the hard work of dozens of volunteers who shucked the corn, boiled the lobsters, tossed the salad, and set the table for 100 delighted guests. A Charlestown summer staple, the event is a benefit for Gardens for Charlestown, the beloved community garden at the corner of Main and Bunker Hill Streets. The proceeds help support one of the oldest community gardens in the City of Boston, advancing its mission of greenspace preservation, education, and community. "Several times a week, I'm approached by

visitors to the garden who tell me how grateful they are that we're here, says Chris Schiavone, current President of the organization. "Especially with the ongoing development in and around Sullivan Square and the Rutherford corridor, continuing to have a beautiful place like this that's open to the public daily from dawn to dusk is really important. But the cost of upkeep is significant, so events like this are our lifeblood."

This year's edition of the event was organized by a team composed of Keely Welch, David Nava, and Bette Task. They were supported in their work by Board member Melanie Cevetello. This year, the

team brought back the tradition of steaming the live lobsters onsite and increased the number of seats from a previous cap of 75 to 100. In spite of the fact that it was 91 degrees in the Garden when the event began, guests enjoyed an otherwise perfect evening of food and friendship along among the 65 flower and vegetable gardens that are lovingly tended by the organization's members. Main Street Wine and Pasta was a sponsor of the event, and both Brewer's Fork and St. John's Church offered valuable technical assistance. It was a true community gathering at the corner of Main and Bunker Hill streets.



Members of the Charlestown Preservation Society were in attendance as VP Richie Banerji (second from left) and his wife Kathryn (far right), Secretary Darrell Villaruz, Treasurer Chris Doggett and his wife Sarah, and Board Member Chris Remmes (second from right holding lobsters) and friends.



Melanie Cevetella and Joe Savage.



Kelli McKerman looks on approvingly at Pippa Nava's impressive charcuterie spread.



Lobster In The Gardens is the annual fundraising event of Gardens For Charlestown that holds much anticipation for attendees.



A spectacular evening was had by all.

CALL to ARTISTS

Art in the Park

Event Date: September 10th, 2022
City Square Park in Charlestown, MA

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<https://artistsgroupofcharlestown.com/exhibit-submissions/>

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LOBSTA MAKES A TRIUMPHANT RETURN



Dave Nava and Mike Healy were in charge of the lobster prep.



Barbi Orlando, Sarah Fillmann, Lisa Novak, and Colleen Gallagher.



Paul and Sarah Bradshaw.



Lynne and John Benson have their lobster bibs on and are ready to go.

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The sunbather remains unmoved as the Fife and Drum make their way to the Monument.

D. Murphy photos

PLYMOUTH FIFE AND DRUM CORPS COMES TO CHARLESTOWN

Michigan-based Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps (PFDC) stopped in Charlestown on Wednesday, July 13, as part of its East Coast tour.

The Corps, which comprises students ranging in age from 12 to 18 and is a self-supporting nonprofit organization, performed

first at the USS Constitution before a "combined performance" that started at the Training Field before making its way to the Bunker Hill Monument.

After performing in Charlestown, the Corps gave another concert in Faneuil Hall for their last stop in Boston.



Performing on the Training Field.



Bill Kelly of the Friends of the Training Field, with Ryan Burkhard, president of PFDC.



The march to the Training Field.

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Massachusetts House passes legislation to reform step therapy protocols

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed legislation limiting the use of step therapy protocols, in which insurance companies refuse to pay for the prescription drugs prescribed by a patient's health care provider until the patient first tries cheaper, and oftentimes ineffective, alternatives. The legislation establishes exceptions a patient can use to avoid their insurer's step therapy protocol and requires both MassHealth and commercial insurers to provide a clear and transparent process for patients and their care team to request an exception.

"A top priority of the House is to ensure that every resident of the Commonwealth has access to quality, affordable health care, but controlling costs should never come at the expense of positive patient outcomes," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "This legislation helps to achieve that goal by ensuring that patients in Massachusetts can circumvent step therapy protocols in instances where the process will result in delayed access to the only adequate medication. I want to thank Chairman John Lawn, as well as all my colleagues in the House, for their commitment to improving our health care system, and for the hard work required to get this done."

"The recent legislation passed

by the House cuts through bureaucratic and administrative hurdles with insurance companies to better ensure that patients can get the medicine they need when they need it," said Representative Adrian Madaro. "By limiting step therapy, we enable patients and their providers to focus on the best course of treatment without having to worry about insurance cost-cutting measures that cause unnecessary delays".

"This is a great bill for patients," said Health Care Financing Committee Chair John Lawn (D-Watertown). "Under the leadership of Speaker Mariano and in collaboration with my House colleagues, patient advocates, and insurers, this legislation balances the need to manage utilization and control costs of expensive treatments with the moral imperative to protect patients who need life-saving treatments. Thanks to this bill, patients will get the right drug at the right time without delay."

The legislation outlines four different circumstances that trigger the patient exception process, including:

The required treatment will harm the patient,

The required treatment is expected to be ineffective,

The patient previously tried the required treatment, or similar treatment, and it was ineffective or

harmful to the patient,

The patient is stable on a current treatment, and switching treatments will harm the patient.

Additional highlights of the legislation include:

A requirement that MassHealth and commercial insurers adopt a "continuity of coverage" policy to ensure patients do not experience any delay in accessing a treatment when requesting a step therapy exemption.

A requirement that MassHealth and commercial insurers approve or deny a step therapy exemption request within three business days, or within one business day if a delay would cause harm to the patient.

A requirement that commercial carriers annually report data related to step therapy exemption requests and related coverage determinations to the Division of Insurance.

The creation of a commission on step therapy protocols tasked with studying, assessing, and bi-annually reporting on the implementation of step therapy process reforms made in this legislation.

"An Act Relative to Step Therapy and Patient Safety" (H.4929) passed the House of Representatives 153-0. The legislation now heads to the Senate for their consideration.

CHARLESTOWN BEAT

COMMUNITY ROOM: The 2nd floor Community Room at 20 Vine St. is available to neighborhood groups for meetings.

Please call Christine Vraibel at 617-343-4627 or email christine.vraibel@pd.boston.gov to reserve.

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

Breaking and Entering

07/18/2022 – At about 8:30 p.m., an officer working the front desk at District A-15 headquarters took a walk-in report.

The victim stated that while his Jeep was parked on Medford Street near the backside of the Doherty playground, unknown person(s) entered it by unzipping the rear window of the soft top. The victim further stated that the vehicle had been rummaged through, but all that he noticed missing was the faceplate to his Pioneer radio, valued at \$200. District A-1 Detectives will further investigate the incident.

Animals Incident - Dog Bites

07/21/22 – At approximately 5:19 p.m., police responded to 70 Dunstable St. for a dog bite report.

On arrival, the officer spoke to the victim, who stated while walking past 70 Dunstable St., a dog lunged at her, biting the victim's left arm, which caused her to fall against a tree and scratch her

right arm.

The officer also spoke to the owner of the dog, who stated that the victim was not bitten and only fell against the tree outside of 70 Dunstable St.

The victim was treated on the scene and advised to seek further medical attention if needed.

Vandalism

07/25/2022 – At around noon, an officer working the front desk at District A-15 headquarters took a walk-in report for vandalism near Menino Park.

The reporter stated that she works for a nonprofit that has a waterfront sculpture exhibit called "Of Many Minds" comprising 20 sculptures spread out on display in the Navy Yard. The reporter stated that she was alerted that one of the structures was damaged by being forcefully bent backward almost to the ground. District A-1 detectives were scheduled to perform a follow-up investigation on this matter.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through August 6

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

SCHEDULED WORK

- Concrete placement at the east bike barrier in the northern approach (Charlestown work-zone)
 - Install rebar for the bike barrier
 - Install electrical boxes in the location of the bike barrier
 - Application of anti-skid coating on temporary bridge walkway
 - Install "No fishing" signs on both side of the pedestrian bridge
- WORK HOURS**
- Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
- TRAVEL TIPS**
- For everyone using the temporary bridge, please help share

the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

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

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

For your awareness, the following events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

- EVENTS: 7/22 at 7:45 p.m., 7/28 at 7:00 p.m., 8/4 at 7:30 p.m., 8/5 at 7:30 p.m., and 8/6 at 7:30 p.m.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ARLINGTON CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL

Charlestown resident Charles Uccello was named to the fourth

quarter Honor Roll at Arlington Catholic High School. Charles received grades of B- or better in all classes during the final quarter of his freshman year at ACHS.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
County of Suffolk
Superior Court
CA. No.
2284CV01118

RE: Colleen O'Connor
ORDER OF NOTICE
BY PUBLICATION
TO: THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. WILSON, and any persons as may be his heirs, devisees or personal representatives of any of them and any persons claiming by, through or under any of them

WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our Superior Court by Colleen O'Connor ("Plaintiff") wherein she is seeking alternative service of process by publication in this declaratory judgment and quiet title action in which she seeks to reform the language of the deed recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 8967, Page 537, declaring said deed conveyed all of Joseph

A. Wilson's interest to that property located at 11 Walker Street, Boston (Charlestown), Massachusetts.

We COMMAND YOU if you intend to make any defense, that on August 31, 2022 or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Suffolk County Superior Court, 3 Pemberton Square, 12th Floor, Boston, MA 02108, with a copy to Thomas J. Flaherty, Esq., Bacon Flaherty LLC, 15 South Main Street, Randolph, MA 02368 and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein. Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been

made on the Defendants identified herein above that after diligent search Plaintiffs can find no such persons upon whom they can lawfully make service, it is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing on one occasion in the The Charlestown-Patriot Bridge Newspaper, with said publication to be at least 20 days before the above responsive pleading due date.

Dated at Boston, Massachusetts this 21st day of July, 2022.
Connolly, J., Justice
Assistant Clerk
By: Margaret Buckley
7/28/22
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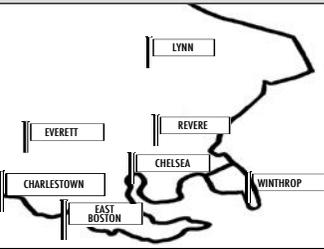
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DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Music lovers gather at the Hatch Shell as the Boston Landmarks Orchestra treated visitors to a free concert



The Boston Landmarks Orchestra stands for applause at the conclusion of the concert.



Members of the Four Strings Academy from Memphis TN started the program. Here performers Chavez and Jaiden (2nd from left) Singletary and Giovanni Vazquez (2nd from Roddy) with Artistic Director Marcus Hurt and Executive Director Mariana Green-Hill.



Boston Landmarks Orchestra conductor Christopher Wilkins.



In The Maestro's Zone Aura Gonzalez and Noam Ben-David get some "pointers" on conducting from Damali Willingham (center), an educator with Boston Landmarks Orchestra.



Staff members and volunteers of the Boston Landmarks Orchestra who worked hard to make this public event happen.



The Esplanade at the Hatch Shell drew a sizable crowd relaxing and absorbing the music.

Silver linings: Mother-daughter duo work through COVID to pen two children's books

In March 2020, mother-daughter duo Maryann and Caroline Deignan were living on separate continents: Caroline in Cape Town, South Africa, and Maryann in Charlestown.

With strict Covid regulations, 7,716 miles between them, and travel suspended for the foreseeable future, Maryann and Caroline relied on Facetime to stay in touch, talking regularly and leaning on one another through the pandemic. In an effort to stay positive

and productive they started brainstorming new projects that could be done together, but apart.

After a successful, happy career as a childcare director, Maryann had long aspired to write children's books in her retirement. Maryann and Caroline decided to team up and make that dream a reality. Entirely new to the authoring process and knowing they would have to collaborate completely virtually, Maryann and Caroline began to pen and iterate drafts of vari-

ous books, research and hire local illustrators, and learn the self-publishing process.

Nearly two and a half years later they've succeeded in creating and self-publishing two children's books – "Safari Bound" and "Sisters" under their brand Mare and Care books.

"Sisters" is a heartwarming story about a trio of sisters who navigate the challenges of life together, while teaching children the importance of family and relationships. "Safari Bound" is an exciting adventure that encourages young readers to tap into their senses and use their imaginations to transport them to the African Bush, meeting hippos, zebras, giraffes, buffalo, and elephants along the way.

While each story is totally different, both have been crafted to

be rhythmic, entertaining, creative and educational in nature. Each book is filled with beautiful illustrations by Emma-Duncan Brown ("Safari Bound") and Penny Weber ("Sisters"), which bring the storylines to life in a way that children can understand, question, and engage with.

Caroline and Maryann feel the entire experience of writing children's books together has brought them closer than ever. The fact that the books are now published and available for purchase is "just the cherry on top of overcoming a challenging time in a way that, hopefully, sparks joy, warmth and light in the imaginations of each and every reader".

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Literary partners (as well as daughter and mother) Caroline and Maryann Deignan.



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