



# CHARLESTOWN

## PATRIOT-BRIDGE



Courtesy photo

Fourth grade students from the Warren-Prescott Elementary School in Charlestown assisted Mayor Wu in cutting the ribbon on the newly renovated McCarthy Playground.

## Official ribbon cutting held for McCarthy Playground

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu on Monday joined neighborhood residents for the official reopening of McCarthy Playground in Charlestown, also known as Edwards or Eden Street Playground. The event marked the unveiling of park renovations with a total budget of \$1,515,000 funded by the Mayor's Capital

Improvement Plan.

"There were four separate community meetings to discuss what would go into this park and we heard from neighbors throughout the entire process," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We want to make sure everything we do in this city, we do right by our residents. I want to thank the Parks Department for incorporating everyone's feedback

to make sure that this would be a park that every generation will enjoy and one that we will be able to pass on for generations to come."

McCarthy Playground is a well-used and popular neighborhood playground located at the intersection of Eden Street and Main Street. The previous renovation

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## DiDomenico tours clean energy benefits at Wind Technology Testing Center

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DiDomenico Tours Clean Energy Benefits at Wind Technology Testing Center

Senator DiDomenico recently toured the Wind Technology Testing Center to learn more about the development of wind turbines in Massachusetts. DiDomenico was joined by Massachusetts Clean Energy Center CEO, Jennifer Daloisio, Museum of Science President, Tim Ritchie, and State Representatives Dan

Ryan and Jeff Roy. The tour provided detailed information of how this facility creates wind turbines to best harness clean wind energy and then deliver it to people throughout the state.

"It was fascinating to get a behind-the-scenes view of a blade testing facility that plays such a crucial role in the deployment of next-generation technologies for the wind industry in our state and across the country," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts

Senate. "I am proud to have supported clean energy legislation this year that will bolster cutting edge clean energy technologies, including offshore wind, and help bring down the cost of energy for people in my district and throughout Massachusetts."

Senator DiDomenico has been a longtime champion of clean energy and reducing our state's reliance on fossil fuels. During the 2021-2022 legislative session,

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## Construction delays hamper progress on No. Wash. St. Bridge

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The construction delays of the North Washington Street bridge replacement project have not gone unnoticed by those who were in attendance at the North End Waterfront Residents Association on Thursday night, with all attesting that the traffic gridlock around the project is getting worse.

That is what James O'Leary of MassDOT heard from North End residents last Thursday night -- and he basically agreed.

O'Leary noted that three years into the replacement of the old drawbridge, 60% of the steel has been erected. However, a total of 52 cracked welds recently were discovered which, if they were not to be repaired, could have resulted in a disaster.

Whether the fault lies in the design or in the fabrication is still being debated, but all work has been stopped on the bridge until the cracked welds are fixed. Some of the cracks are wide enough that

a dime could be inserted into the steel.

The completed timeline has been moved to December, 2024, with the final landscaping completed in March, 2025.

The process of repairing the welds is being undertaken by construction workers who are in interior tubs and working out of sight.

"We have to get it right," O'Leary said.

By December of 2023, three lanes of the structure should be able to be shifted off the temporary bridge onto the permanent bridge. And yes, the temporary bridge does have a certain bounce to it, but it is safe and inspected on a yearly basis.

After hearing O'Leary's update, residents still were upset about the traffic woes that they are blaming on the police details. While O'Leary said that that is out of his domain for the most part, District 1 City Councillor Gabriella

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## STORYBOOK BALL



Justin and Andrea Rosen of Charlestown attended Mass General for Children's 23rd annual Storybook Ball, for which they sit on the committee and are former co-chairs. About 500 people came together on October 1, 2022, at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts to celebrate, raising more than \$1.2 million for pediatric care and research at Mass General for Children. Photo by Matt West.



# EDITORIAL

## EARLY VOTING STARTS THIS WEEKEND

We wish to remind our readers that early voting will get underway this weekend, October 22, at every city and town hall throughout the state. Early voting presents a wonderful opportunity to vote in-person for those who choose not to vote by mail or who wish to avoid the lines on Election Day (which is Tuesday, November 8).

During the early voting period, you can walk into any city or town clerk's office and vote during regular business hours, as well as during designated hours on the weekends of October 22-23 and 29-30. (The weekend hours will vary in each city and town.)

Two quick points: The deadline for registering to vote is Saturday, October 29, and early voting ends on Friday, November 4.

As the Nike slogan says, "Just do it!"

## DON'T BE AN APATHETIC CITIZEN: THIS IS WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO VOTE

With the pre-election polls suggesting that there are no competitive races for the major elective offices in Massachusetts, there is a temptation to think that our vote won't matter.

However, we would urge all of our readers to consider this:

For the first time in quite a while (almost 100 years), the contrast between the candidates for our state-wide offices -- governor, secretary of state, and so forth -- are huge. We do not need to go into a lot of detail, other than to say that the Republicans for some of these offices are supporters of former President Donald Trump, and well, that's all we need to say.

And while the polls suggest that these candidates will lose by double-digit margins, if those who are not Trump voters take for granted the outcome of the election and do not turn out to vote, it is conceivable that those Trump-backed candidates could win.

And even if they don't win, the election results could be a lot closer than if there had been a big turnout.

Conversely, we also urge supporters of Trump who may feel that their vote won't matter to turn out to vote to show how strong his support is in our state.

We are at a perilous time in the history of our country. Our democratic norms are under assault more than at any time since 1860.

Exercising our right to vote has never been more important. We urge everyone to register to vote, and then go out and vote, in the upcoming state election.

## E PLURIBUS UNUM: DO WE STILL BELIEVE IN IT?

In 1782, the then-Congress of the United States approved the Latin phrase, "E pluribus unum," -- "Out of many, one" -- for the Great Seal of the United States. The phrase since that time has been attached to many of our country's official documents and appears on all of our coins.

The Founding Fathers placed great value on the profound meaning of those words, but today we take it for granted.

We are living amidst a perilous world. For the first time since World War II, we are facing threats from two enemies. In the 1940s, they were Germany and Japan; today, they are Russia and China.

Fortunately, we presently are by far the most powerful nation on earth, both militarily and economically.

But as strong as we may be outwardly, our nation has not been this divided internally since 1860 -- and we all know how that ended.

The lessons of history, from the ancient Roman Empire to the former Soviet Union, are clear: Great nations fail not because of outside forces, but from within.

Despite our superiority to our rivals, the same fate awaits us if we remain the proverbial house divided. Similar to 1860, a large portion of the country today would rather see us devolve into chaos than remain united.

Our foes cannot defeat us. But unless we recommit to the values expressed by e pluribus unum, our days of greatness are numbered.

## GUEST OP-ED

### Helm on Third to replace the Constitution Inn

By Matt Engler

In recent years, residents and politicians in Boston have increasingly called for measures to address affordable housing and homelessness as families and individuals from varying income levels find it nearly impossible to afford staying in the city.

Yet when it comes time to implement solutions, it can be vexingly difficult to get things done. Fortunately, we in Charlestown have an opportunity to help in a way that is surprisingly easy: allow the proposal for Helm on Third to replace the Constitution Inn in the Navy Yard to proceed with all due haste.

I say it is easy because I have worked in affordable housing for 20 years, have researched the proposal extensively, and have seen numerous projects like this one

come to fruition, providing benefits to the newly-housed tenants and the surrounding neighborhoods alike. I also say this as a resident of the Navy Yard with my wife, two school-aged sons, and dog for over a decade.

It is both my personal and professional opinion that Helm on Third is a well-conceived project, managed by highly qualified and competent organizations, and will not negatively affect crime, safety, or quality of life in our neighborhood. The project has been structured under the gold-standard program of affordable housing, the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, and is the type of project that has been successfully built and operated hundreds and thousands of times across Massachusetts and the country.

As is common for affordable housing proposals, especially

when units target the formerly homeless, some in our community have expressed initial concerns. But I have been encouraged that nearly everyone I have spoken to over the past week has either supported the project from the outset or has quickly come around on it once I have explained the facts and reality of affordable housing.

And the reality is that in three years, when the rehabilitation is complete and the building is fully occupied, no one will even notice it is there.

Helm on Third will blend seamlessly into the neighborhood as have so many affordable housing developments before it. So I encourage all of my neighbors in Charlestown to do the easy thing and join me in supporting this much-needed project.

*Matt Engler is a resident of Charlestown.*

## LETTERS to the Editor

### THANK YOU GORMAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Editor,

I would like to thank the Gorman Scholarship Committee for the very generous scholarship that you have given to me.

It will be a tremendous help with my tuition at Malden Catholic High School.

*Mikaela Surette*

### I SUPPORT THE ARTIFICIAL TURF

To the Editor,

*Dear Commissioners and Staff of the Boston Conservation Commission,*

I am writing to share my support for the Charlestown High School Athletic Field grounds to maintain artificial turf. I have heard from a majority of Charlestown residents that they support the work order and would like it to continue in an effort to ensure youth sports programs can move forward in the Spring 2023 season.

Open space is a precious commodity in Charlestown and the neighborhood is also home to a large number of caregivers raising families in the city. It is my understanding that a majority of Charlestown families prefer to maintain turf on these fields as

a circulating petition already has over two thousand signatures.

As Boston City Councilor for this neighborhood, I support the existing installation of aging turf replacement. This installation will allow for youth sports programming to continue, expend less maintenance resources, create a greater buffer from youth injuries, and maintain field longevity in comparison to grass fields.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at [gabriela.coletta@bos-](mailto:gabriela.coletta@bos-)

[ton.gov](mailto:gabriela.coletta@bos-ton.gov) and (617) 635-3200.


*Gabriela Coletta  
Boston City Councilor  
District One*

### SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS

To the Editor,

Last month, members of our board were invited to meet with representatives from the Archdiocese of Boston and St. Francis House to learn more

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## LETTERS (from pg. 2)

about the proposed project at 150 Third Avenue in Charlestown, the current site of the Charlestown YMCA and the Constitution Inn. We also had the chance to gain further information and insights at the most recent Charlestown Neighborhood Council meeting. While it is obvious that a tremendous amount of planning has gone into this initiative to date, at this time, the Charlestown Mothers Association (CMA) has significant concerns with the pending request to waive a large project review under the terms of Section 80B-2.5.

We understand that for the waiver being sought, the proposed project must not only be affordable housing, which this project clearly is, but also not have “significant adverse impacts” beyond the site. A project of this kind, while rooted in human dignity and compassion, could have significant adverse impacts on the Navy Yard and our entire neighborhood. For that reason, all parties need the chance to inform, learn, question and voice opinions. Development can be incredibly positive for the future of our community and benefit many of our neighbors, but only if done thoughtfully and thoroughly. There are still many lingering questions and concerns to be answered related to this proposal, including the future of the YMCA’s facilities, the staffing model proposed to support the residents, the availability of the many social services these individuals will need, and security at and surrounding the building.

Additionally, we fully recognize that the city is in an affordable housing crisis. The CMA represents over 1600 Charlestown families. In our one square mile, we see the impact the lack of affordable housing has on our neighbors every day. While we do not dispute that the population St. Francis House is aiming to support deserves every chance at a safe, healthy and productive life, we need housing that can support entire families, not just one gender. So many of our neighbors who live in the Bunker Hill Housing Development were displaced with a promise that their homes would be rebuilt and they could come back to live in Charlestown. Years have gone by. No progress has been made on the housing development. No promises have been fulfilled to the families who left or to the families who wait every day for desperately needed improvements to their housing.

On behalf of the families of Charlestown, please do not rush this project through. If we are going to continue to foster a safe,

inclusive and nurturing community in which families can live and thrive, you must allow for more public discourse and more transparency.

Sincerely,

**The Board of the Charlestown Mothers Association**

## COMMITMENTS MADE AT POOL HEARING

To the Editor,

Last week, the Boston City Council Committee on Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility held a public hearing on the Clougherty Pool, marking a pivotal moment in our fight to reopen this historic and treasured outdoor pool.

The City made three significant commitments in the hearing:

1. The City will devote \$25-30 million in the next capital budget to rebuild the Clougherty Pool with a targeted reopening date of summer 2024.

2. The City pledged to create a Community Advisory Committee to support the redesign process.

3. The Clougherty Pool will no longer be considered a potential site for a new BCYF community center.

We sincerely appreciate each of these commitments. We are optimistic that the City will honor them.

Nevertheless, important questions remain, and we look forward to working with local officials to quickly get to answers, align on a course of action, and move forward.

We’ll focus our continued advocacy and collaboration on the following:

1. Why can’t the current pool be repaired and reopened in 2023, so that we can devote the adequate time and resources to an intentional redesign process for the long-term? True, taking the “band aid” approach to repairs the past 30 years led to dire consequences, we want to ensure we’ve fully exhausted the repair and reopen in 2023 option before signing on to another summer without this vital resource.

2. What is the detailed timeline for community involvement and construction to ensure the City hits the June 2024 opening it promised? What can be done to fast track this project, considering available labor, advancements in materials, and the community’s need for more immediate access? What steps need to be taken to formalize the City’s commitment of \$25-30 million in the next capital budget?

3. Given the 2024 expiration date for the lease between the George White Fund (pool owner) and the City (lessee), what action does the White Fund need to take and by when to renew the lease proactively before any demolition/construction begins? What will trigger the Fund’s board to take action in a timely manner?

4. How will the City mitigate the impact of construction on Doherty Park to ensure uninterrupted use and enjoyment of this vital space during demolition and construction? This includes the repair and replacement of the existing splash pad. What will the City do to create access to recreation next summer, including access to other bodies of water? We need to collectively plan ahead to ensure our children and families won’t suffer from inequitable access to resources experienced in 2022.

While we’ll continue to press for answers to these and other questions, we know we could not have gotten to this point without the involvement of our community and our government officials.

Thank you to Kelli Gillen Forbes, Sean Boyle, Naomi Hastings, Derek Gallagher and Phil Wright of the CRA for testifying as part of our outstanding community panel and for so many others — including Moe Gillen, Kelly Tucker, Kendall Miller (CMA), Nora Blake, Leslee Parker-Sproul, Paula Rose — who spoke with passion and focus.

The continued engagement of our local elected officials is remarkable. In fact, half the City Council participated in last night’s hearing! Councilors Coletta and Louijeune co-sponsored the order for the committee hearing, chaired by Councilor Mejia, with active participation by Councilors Murphy, Flaherty, and Baker. Your presence and commitment matters — especially when the questions are tough and the answers aren’t simple.

We also appreciate Chiefs Masso and Irish, BCYF Commissioner Rivera, Chief Financial Officer Groffenberger, and their teams for responding to questions and working through this problem. While the Wu Administration speakers may not have created this problem, they are accountable for solving it. We look forward to partnering on the solutions we desperately need.

Finally, this hearing would not have been possible without some divine intervention — Father Coyne and Joan Rae of St Francis de Sales Parish answered the call when our original meeting location cancelled at the last minute. Thank you!

# Council holds hearing on the Clougherty Pool status

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Boston City Councilor-At-Large Julia Mejia, Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Councilor-At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune held a formal Boston City Council hearing on Clougherty Pool closure in Charlestown on October 12. The hearing took place at the Saint Francis de Sales Parish with more than 100 residents in attendance.

“I am grateful that Councilors, City Administrators, and the Charlestown community came together last Wednesday to affirm our commitment and ensure the Clougherty Pool is reopened soon and safely,” said Councilor Coletta. “Thank you to the administration for removing the Community Center idea from this site, and for committing \$30 million for this pool. Thank you to community members and advocates for their testimonies. I believe that it will take all of us working together to move forward in a timely and realistic manner. I look forward to partnering with all of you,” Coletta added.

In attendance were several members of the Wu Administration including Chief of Human Services Jose Masso, Chief of Operations Dion Irish, Commissioner of Boston Centers for Youth and Families Marta Rivera, and Operation Department Chief Financial Officer Ashley Groffenberger. Councilors-At-Large Michael Flaherty and Erin Murphy were also in attendance along with District 3 City Councilor Frank Baker.

“Although we experienced a slight delay in the hearing due to scheduling conflicts, and an abrupt change of venue, I am proud of the efforts made by Charlestown community leaders to quickly ensure that their community had access to a hearing to discuss the Clougherty Pool” said Councilor Mejia. “While this hearing is a first step in achieving Government Accountability, Transparency, and Access, I look forward to working

alongside my council colleagues, Charlestown residents, and activists to devise the next steps for supporting the re-opening of the Clougherty Pool.”

During the hearing, administration panelists confirmed their commitments to ensuring that the pool site would not become the new location of the community center. More than \$30 million dollars has been allocated towards the short and long term fixes to the existing damages of the Clougherty Pool. Although the panel did not offer a timeline for the reopening of the pool, they shared a goal of having it reopened by Summer of 2024.

“I am optimistic that the Administration will follow through on its commitment to the Charlestown community for an updated Clougherty pool made at last week’s City Council hearing. This was made possible by the relentless advocacy of community leaders who dedicated many hours to ensuring public resources are maintained. The organizing around the pool has exemplified that there is tremendous power in community. I will continue to work alongside Councilor Coletta and my colleagues as we hold the city accountable to working to repair and reopen the Clougherty pool expeditiously.”

The hearing also included a panel of community members who expressed their dismay with the lack of transparency of the maintenance and funding of the pool. The community panel included Kelli Forbes, Derek Gallagher, Naomi Hastings, Sean Boyle, and Phil Wright from the Charlestown Resident Alliance (CRA).

Councilors Coletta, Mejia, and Louijeune plan to continue working with the community to partner with and hold the administration accountable with regard to their commitments. They will also work to ensure these departments hold more community input around what residents want to see included in the rectification of the pool.

Over the last 4 months, the Charlestown community has rallied for the Clougherty Pool, held 3 community meetings, launched a petition signed by 2,000+ to urge the City of Boston to repair and reopen the pool, and now we’ve gone on the record in a City

Council hearing. Another step to regain what has been ours since 1949, and callously overlooked and mismanaged the past three decades.

Onward,

**The Friends of the Clougherty Pool**



# Overnight weekday closures of the Callahan Tunnel next week

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing it will be implementing temporary overnight closures of the Callahan Tunnel (Route 1A northbound) in Boston. The closures will take place on Monday, October 24, and on Tuesday October 25, during overnight hours between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following morning. The closures are necessary to allow crews and contractors to safely and effectively deliver and install new pumps and equipment for the Callahan Tunnel vent buildings.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and advance message boards will be in place to guide drivers traveling to Logan Airport and East Boston. Motorists should follow detour signs through the Ted Williams Tunnel.

MassDOT encourages drivers to seek alternate routes, reduce

speed, and use caution while approaching and traveling through the area.

These operations are weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Dial 511 before heading out onto the roadways and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

- Visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), a website that provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, access to traffic cameras, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.

- Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

## FRIENDS OF CITY SQUARE PARK ANNUAL MEETING



*The Friends of City Square Park held their annual meeting at RSM on October 11th. The year in review included a recap of the summer concert series (four concerts this year, yay!), the seasonal urn displays, repairs to the fountain and fence and a discussion about deferred maintenance going forward. A discussion about the increased presence of chalk and marker graffiti in the Park yielded thoughtful action plans and the Friends remain committed to managing litter in the Park in light of the removal of trash cans during the winter of 2020 by the State. The Friends were thrilled to welcome two new board members in 2022; Alexandra Boudreau and Marjorie O'Malley. They are pleased to have three additional new Board Members join as well; Nina Gambling, Linda Garrity and Ned Wasniewski. To get involved with the park please email Grace Bloodwell at [info@friendsofcitysquarepark.org](mailto:info@friendsofcitysquarepark.org). Featured in the photo are Marjorie O'Malley, Nina Gambling, Gov. Grace Bloowell, Alex Boudreau and Linda Garrity.*

## BUNKER HILL HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY-WIDE OPEN HOUSE

Please join us to ask questions and learn more about site preparation and construction, job training opportunities, and what to expect when work begins at the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment.

**Saturday, October 22nd, 10:00AM-2:00PM – O'Reilly Way Court  
(Basketball Court at O'Reilly Way and Monument Street)**







# 425 Medford Street Community Conversation

The Flatley Company is hosting a series of community conversations about its proposed development at 425 Medford St. The first in the series will discuss the project's resiliency solutions and public open space design.

**Wednesday, October 26th**  
**6:00-7:30pm**

Please register via QR code  
Or website  
Sign Up Here:  
<https://bit.ly/3TcLILG>



**For more information visit [425medford.com](https://425medford.com)**



## NEWS BRIEFS

### 2022 HALLOWEEN IN THE GARDENS

Join Gardens for Charlestown as we cast our spell on the neighborhood on Sunday, October 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Halloween in the Gardens has something for everyone! Games, arts & crafts, and lots of photo ops. We'll also have pony rides (10:30-12:30), balloon twisters (11:00-1:00), and our famous cake walk will be back! Rest assured that there will be plenty of fun to entertain even the witches and ghosts among us. Costumes are encouraged for guests of all ages! Admission is \$10 for children (free for well-behaved adults). Certain activities have an additional fee. All proceeds benefit Gardens for Charlestown, a local 501(c)(3) organizations dedicated to green-space preservation, community gathering, and education. Gardens for Charlestown is conveniently located at the intersection of Main and Bunker Hill Streets, just a few blocks from the Sullivan Square T Station.

Gardens for Charlestown

[GFC] was established in 1978 and incorporated in 1980 as charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Sixty-six individual plots are available for use by Members in exchange for a modest fee and a volunteer commitment. Our Members also maintain a stunning border garden, green space, and a handicapped accessible seating area all open to the public from dawn to dusk every day. GFC is dedicated to promoting green space preservation, community connections, and educational opportunities in the Charlestown neighborhood of Boston.

Gardens for Charlestown, Inc., P.O. Box 290044, Charlestown, MA 02129 [www.gardens-forcharlestown.org](http://www.gardens-forcharlestown.org)

### PUBLIC HEALTH WARNING RELATED TO RECENT SEWAGE DISCHARGE

The following is a public health warning related to a recent sewage discharge, also known as a com-

bined sewer overflow (CSO). State regulations require local public health departments to provide notice to the public when these discharges may create a risk to public health, including when a discharge lasts for more than two hours.

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Outflow MWR203, located in the Upper Inner Harbor, upstream of North Washington St. Bridge, experienced a treated discharge or overflow starting on October 14th at 1:01am, creating a potential public health risk. This overflow ended at 3:02am and this advisory will expire 48 hours after that time. Check the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority website for current updates about this discharge. This event may potentially affect waters in Boston Inner Harbor.

The public is advised to avoid contact with affected water bodies for at least 48 hours after a sewage discharge or overflow, during rainstorms, and for 48 hours after rainstorms end, due to increased health risks from bacteria or other

pollutants associated with urban stormwater runoff and discharges of untreated or partially treated wastewater.

A combined sewer overflow occurs when a large storm overwhelms the combined sewerage system causing rainwater to mix with wastewater and discharge to a nearby water body. This prevents sewage backups into homes and businesses.

### ISEE PRACTICE EXAMS

Charlestown Lacrosse and Learning Center Middle Level ISEE PRACTICE EXAMS are on Saturdays this Fall — October 29, November 5, December 10, December 17h from 9:00AM-12:00PM.

Space is limited!

The certified Secondary Education Teachers from the local Eliot Innovation School will be administering a practice Middle Level ISEE exam. Scholars will take the full 2 hour and 40 minute Middle Level ISEE exam (including the essay) in-person at 14 Green Street, Charlestown. The

instructors will grade and submit feedback to families in a timely manner after the paper based exam.

Please note due to staffing there will be no IEP/504 accommodations. Scholarships are available. For more information regarding registration and cost, please visit the website at [www.charlestown-lacrosse.com](http://www.charlestown-lacrosse.com)

Charlestown Lacrosse and Learning Center Middle Level ISEE PREP COURSE - Monday/Wednesday Zoom,

November 7 through December 21 from 4:30-6:30PM.

Space is limited!

During this online course, certified teachers will focus on Math content on Monday and ELA content on Wednesday. This course is ideal for scholars in grades five through six who are preparing for the Middle Level ISEE. Scholars will be required to purchase a book before the beginning

of the course. Scholarships are available. For more information regarding registration and cost, please visit our website at [www.charlestownlacrosse.com](http://www.charlestownlacrosse.com).



**Bunker Hill  
Community College**

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Intent to Submit a Project Proposal to the Asset Management Board and to hold a Public Hearing for a long-term lease and redevelopment of the Charlestown campus located at 250 Rutherford Avenue in the City of Boston.

Bunker Hill Community College (the "College") hereby gives notice under 810 CMR 2.05 that it intends to: (i) submit a Project Proposal to the Asset Management Board (the "Board"); and (ii) hold a public hearing on the proposed project which has been granted Preliminary Project Approval by the Board. The proposed project is for a long-term lease of a portion of the college property in connection with the redevelopment of the College's Charlestown campus located at 250 Rutherford Avenue and will include

private development and new college buildings. The lessee would be selected via a competitive process and would be charged with securing all necessary approvals, permits, and financing. The value of the project is to be determined by appraisal and bidding. The public is invited to visit the project website at <https://www.bhcc.edu/visionproject>. The draft Project Proposal is available on the project website. Copies of the draft Project Proposal will also be available via email: [visionproject@bhcc.edu](mailto:visionproject@bhcc.edu).

edu.

The public hearing will be held at the Charlestown campus of the College on Thursday October 20th at 5:30 p.m. in Room C-202 of C Building; public comments will be accepted.

The deadline for receipt of written comments as provided on the project website is October 24th at 5:00 p.m. All updates and changes will be posted on the Project Website.

Contact:  
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## CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

### STANDINGS 10/15/22

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| Bryan's Pals    | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Duce 2          | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Halligan Club   | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| A-1 Convenience | 0 | 4 | 2 |

### Players of the week for 10/15/2022

A-1 Convenience - Sadie S., Noel R., Parker P., Paxton F.  
Bryan's Pals - Jameson D., Rose S., Cooper T., Cody C.  
Duce 2 - Matthew B., Carter C., Tommy B., Gennaro McC.  
Halligan Club - Liam Ho, Isla F., Brody L., Rainer G.

We are looking for players 5. To 10 years old.  
Anyone interested should call Kerri Surette at 781-732-0517

**TO ADVERTISE PLEASE CALL**  
**781-485-0588**



# Charlestown Library to hold a book presentation on 'The Great Boston Fire'

A book presentation on *The Great Boston Fire: The Inferno That Nearly Incinerated The City* by author Stephanie Schorow is planned at the Charlestown Library on Oct 27.

The event is hosted by the Friends of the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library on Thursday, October 27, 6:30 pm and is free and open to all, including a book signing. Wheelchair accessible; conveniently located near public transportation. Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street, Charlestown. For more information: [www.facebook.com/FriendsCharlestownBranchLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsCharlestownBranchLibrary), [friendsofcharlestownlib@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcharlestownlib@gmail.com), 617-242-1248.

For two days in November 1872, a massive fire swept through Boston, leaving the downtown in ruins and the population traumatized. Coming barely a year after the infamous Chicago fire, Boston's inferno turned out to be one of the most calamitous in Boston's history, as well as one of the most expensive fires per acre in U.S. history.

The downtown fire spanned

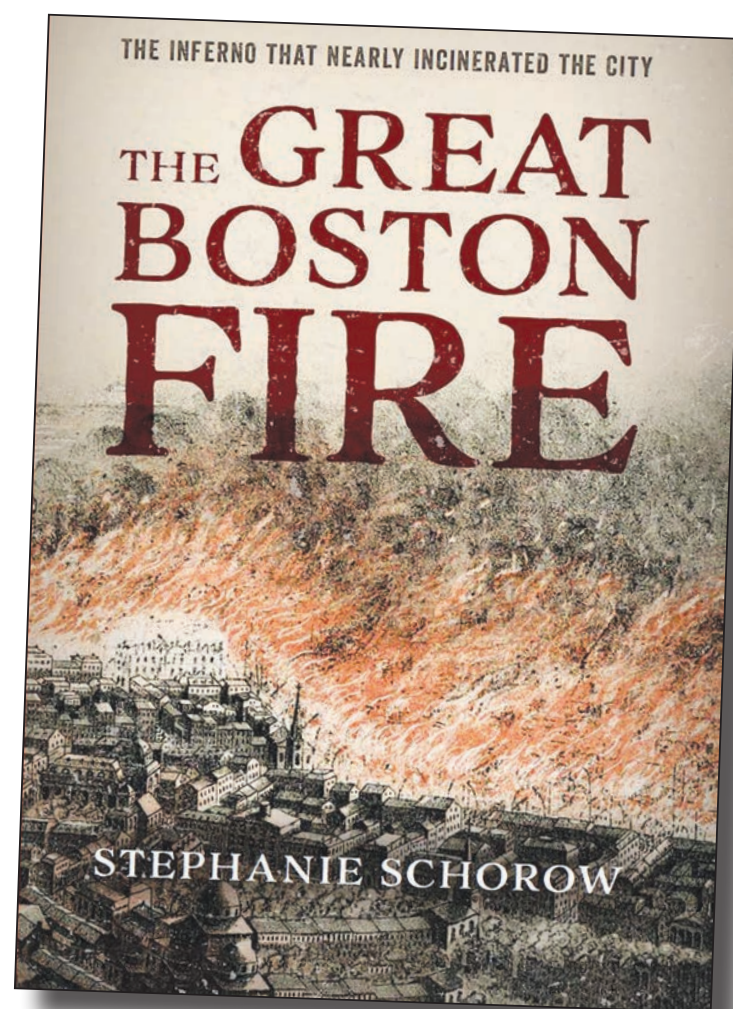
two days and would end up destroying 776 buildings across 65 acres of land. The fire spread easily across the wooden roofs of buildings, where the fire department struggled to get enough water pressure to put the fire out. Many firefighting units rushed in from neighboring towns, including Charlestown. Adjacent states also scrambled to assist in the firefighting effort.

Yet today few are aware of how close Boston came to total destruction. Boston author Stephanie Schorow masterfully recounts the fire's history from the foolish decisions that precipitated it to the heroics of firefighters who fought it. Published last November, *The Great Boston Fire* was written to commemorate the 150th anniversary of this massive fire, which took place specifically on November 9 and 10, 1872.

Lavishly illustrated with period artwork and photographs and published just before the fire's 150th anniversary, *The Great Boston Fire*, selected by WBUR for its 2022 Winter Book Guide, captures the drama of a life-and-death battle in the heart of the city.

Stephanie Schorow is a veteran journalist who has worked for the Boston Herald, the Associated Press, and other media. Her previous books include *Inside the Combat Zone: The Stripped Down Story of Boston's Most Notorious Neighborhood*; *Drinking Boston: A History of the City and its Spirits*; *Boston on Fire: A History of Fires and Firefighting in Boston*; and *The Coconut Grove Fire*. [stephanieschorow.com](http://stephanieschorow.com)

The Friends of the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library was formed in 1953, becoming the second Friends group to organize within the Boston Public Library system. As a non-profit organization, the Friends schedule four to six evening adult programs per year, helps to support programs for children held during the day, and maintains the library's landscaping. The mission of the Friends remains today what it was in 1953: to serve as an advocacy and support group for the needs of the Charlestown Branch Library, its staff, and users. [facebook.com/FriendsCharlestownBranchLibrary](http://facebook.com/FriendsCharlestownBranchLibrary).



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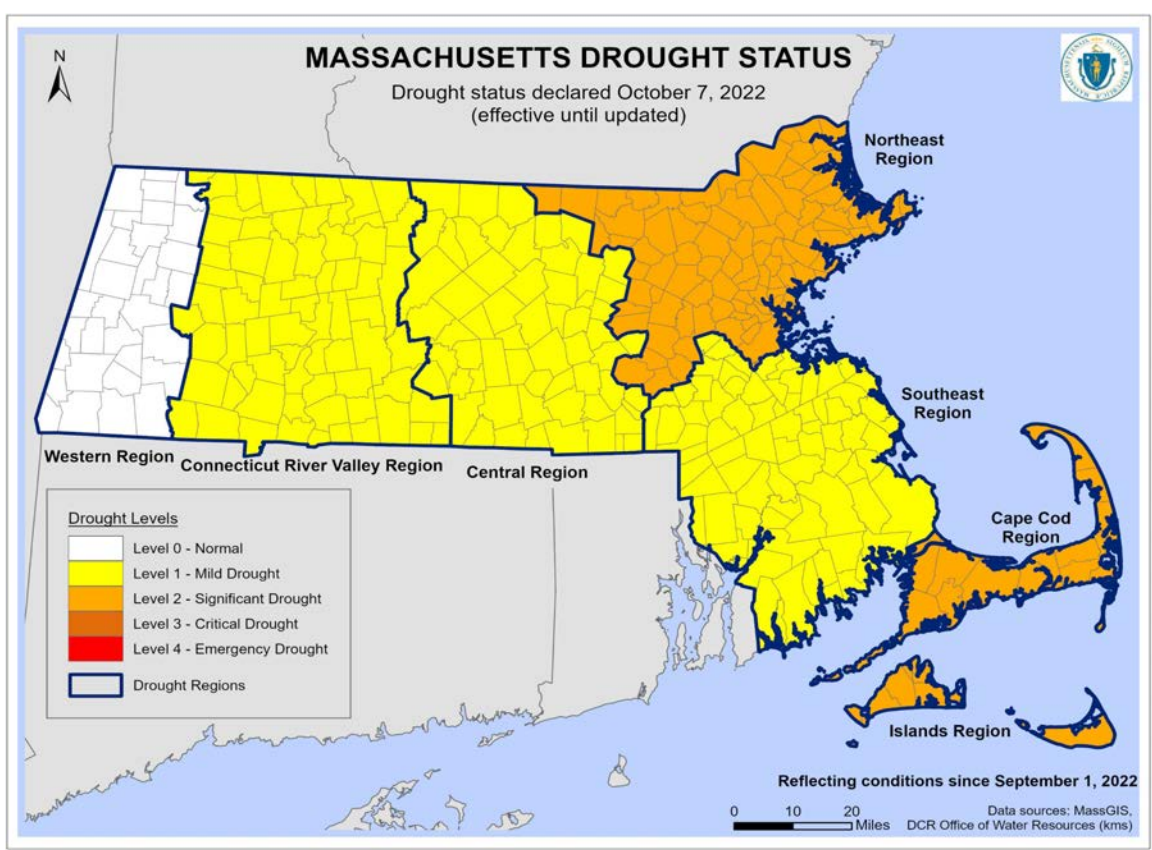
# EEA announces drought conditions have improved

With several recent precipitation events in September that directly benefited Massachusetts' hydrological systems, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card announced that drought conditions have improved in all regions of the state, and made the following drought declarations: the Western Region has been upgraded to Level 0-Normal Conditions; the Connecticut River Valley, Central Region, and Southeast Regions have been upgraded to Level 1-Mild Drought; and, the Northeast and Cape Cod Regions have been upgraded and will join the Islands Region as a Level 2-Significant Drought. As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level 1-Mild Drought warrants detailed monitoring of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, and technical outreach and assistance to the affected municipalities. Additionally, a Level 2-Significant Drought calls for the convening of an interagency mission group, which is already meeting, to more closely coordinate on drought assessments, impacts, and responses within state government.

"Even though recent rainfall over the past month has been extremely beneficial to the

Commonwealth's water systems, it is important to remember that the majority of the state has had an insufficient amount of precipitation this year," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Beth Card. "State agencies will continue to closely monitor conditions, especially in locations that didn't receive as much rain, such as the coastal part of the Northeast, the elbow area on Cape Cod, and Islands Regions, and we ask that everyone continues practicing water conservation in an effort to further assist the rebounding of local water systems."

Today's declarations are the result of recommendations made by the state's Drought Management Task Force, which is composed of state and federal officials, and other entities. The taskforce will continue to meet until water levels return to normal in the affected regions. The task force noted that September rains have resulted in some recovery for both streamflow and groundwater; however, drought impacts continue to be seen, including some remaining dry streams and numerous slow-recharging or deeper wells across the state. Due to remaining low groundwater and less rain since the end of September and start of October, streamflow in some areas are beginning to



decline again. Therefore, additional precipitation is needed to continue recovering from the drought and fully recharge the ecosystem. Additionally, coastal regions northeast of Boston, as well as the elbow of Cape Cod from Hyannis to Wellfleet are still exceptionally dry.

Below are recommendations for

communities and individuals living and working within a Level 2 – Significant Drought region and a Level 1 – Mild Drought region, including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are also asked to check with their local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place.

For Regions in Level 2 – Significant Drought  
Residents and Businesses:  
1 Minimize overall water use.  
2 Limit outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.

(DROUGHT Pg. 9)

## VOTE EARLY BOSTON

Saturday, October 22 - Friday, November 4, 2022

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, -**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 11 A.M. - 7 P.M.**

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- Dewitt Center**  
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- Boston Public Library - Central Branch (Johnson Building)**  
700 Boylston Street, Back Bay, MA 02116
- Jackson Mann School**  
500 Cambridge Street, Allston, MA 02134
- Richard J. Murphy K-8 School Cafeteria**  
1 Worrell Street, Dorchester, MA 02122

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 12 - 8 P.M.**  
**Saint Nectarios Greek Church (Banquet Hall)**  
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**BCYF Tobin Community Center (Lower Level)**  
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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 12 - 8 P.M.**  
**Florian Hall**  
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, -**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 11 A.M. - 7 P.M.**  
**Harvard/Kent Elementary School Gymnasium**  
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## BOSTON CITY HALL

**WEEK 1 | OCTOBER 24 - 28**  
Monday, October 24 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, October 25 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 26 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thursday, October 27 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday, October 28 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**WEEK 2 | OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 4**  
Monday, October 31 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Tuesday, November 1 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 2 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thursday, November 3 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday, November 4 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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**TOUR** (from pg. 1)

DiDomenico played a crucial role in adding environmental justice priorities to An Act creating a next-generation roadmap for Massachusetts climate policy (S.9), which was signed into law in March of 2021. As the end of the legislative session neared, he helped lead the charge on passing another ambitious piece of clean energy legislation, An Act driving clean energy and offshore wind (S.2819), which was signed into law in August of this year. These laws will drive down greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate the expansion of Massachusetts' clean energy industry, all while adding jobs and growing the state's economy.



Senator Sal DiDomenico (second from left) was joined by Massachusetts Clean Energy Center CEO, Jennifer Daloisio, Museum of Science President, Tim Ritchie, and State Representatives Dan Ryan and Jeff Roy to tour the Wind Technology Testing Center.

**BRIDGE** (from pg. 1)

Coletta said that she will bring up the matter with Mayor Wu to determine whether a better solution can be implemented, adding that North Washington Street is a Boston roadway and details must be undertaken by Boston Police, not the State Police.

The two-week update of the project presented by Mass DOT officials is as follows:

**Scheduled Work:** Inspection and testing of tub girder welds; weld repairs.

**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, if walking in a large group, be mindful of motor vehicles coming from both directions.

Motorists should take care to pay attention to all signage and proceed carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane

markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other traffic control tools will be implemented to create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (which is under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety reasons during construction operations, with alternative access provided via the Water Street underpass.

The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and the eastern/harbor-side bridge sidewalk will remain

closed until it is rebuilt.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. The following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

**CONCERT:** Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m.,

**BRUINS:** Oct. 20 at 7:00 p.m., Oct. 22 at 1:00 p.m., Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Oct. 27 at 7:00 p.m.

**CELTICS:** Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m.



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**DROUGHT** (from pg. 8)

3 Follow local water use restrictions, if more stringent.

**Immediate Steps for Communities:**

1 Adopt and implement the state's nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level 2 restriction calls for limiting outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m. If local restrictions are more stringent, continue to keep them in place during the course of the drought.

2 Limit or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.

3 Establish water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

**Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities:**

1 Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication.

2 Provide timely information to local residents and businesses.

3 Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.

4 Check emergency inter-connections for water supply.

5 Develop or refine your local drought management plan

using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

**For Region in Level 1 - Mild Drought**

**Residents and Businesses:**

1 Toilets, faucets and showers are more than 60% of indoor use. Make sure yours are WaterSense efficient;

2 Limit outdoor watering to 1 day a week (only from 5:00PM – 9:00AM), or less frequently if required by your water supplier;

3 Switch to more drought-tolerant plants.

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1 Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication;

2 Provide timely information to local residents and businesses;

3 Check emergency inter-connections for water supply;

4 Develop a local drought management plan.

Additionally, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing systems, including assistance on use of emergency connections and water supplies.

The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00AM.

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## CITY PAWS

# Grooming guidance

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Part of our job as companion animal guardians is ensuring our animals receive their necessary grooming. We joke about spa days when our Westie has a grooming appointment, and we love seeing her looking her best. However, grooming is also about the animal's comfort and health.

### Grooming Can Be Scary

In an interview with Psychology Today, Stephanie Zikmann, author of "The Magic of Holistic Grooming," explained why grooming is difficult for some dogs.

"Anywhere hair grows has to be carefully groomed, which means that for most breeds, every inch of a dog's body is handled, often against their will." She added, "The grooming environment is also noisy, smelly, and full of potential stressors, which, if not first carefully introduced and desensitized to, will cause the dog's senses to overload, increasing stress and anxiety in the envi-

ronment."

You are responsible for training and desensitizing your animals to accept all the touches and tools needed to provide the care and maintenance to keep them safe, healthy, and happy. Do your best to spot and lessen the stress around grooming, whether that is daily tooth brushing or a visit to a groomer for a bath and haircut.

### Step-by-Step

The trip to the groomer or the vet can be less stressful if that ride or walk happens more often, and if many of those times, your dog just receives a smile, a pat, and a treat.

The same is true for touches by human hands. Gently touch every part of your dog often throughout its life. Then when clipping a toenail or cleaning an ear is uncomfortable, the dog will have experienced so many kind touches that they understand that every contact does not hurt.

### Home Grooming

When you are grooming at

home, take steps that allow your dog or cat to feel safe, secure, and less stressed while you work. Use a non-slip mat instead of a slippery surface to bring the pet to an easy working level. Consider offering a lick mat with a favorite treat like peanut butter or cheese to distract a stressed pup.

Daily tooth brushing will help protect not only a dog or cat's dental health but also their entire system. Dental problems can spread bacteria throughout an animal's organs and lead to chronic and acute illnesses. Moreover, this can save money you might spend on veterinary dental procedures.

Like many double-coated terriers, our Poppy tends to weave her downy undercoat into mats. But, if we regularly attend to the areas that snarl the most, we don't have to resort to mat breakers or cutting out the snarls with scissors.

Shorten your work when your animal starts to show signs of stress. For example, Ed checks our dog's dew claws every week since Poppy has not had a lot of patience



Every positive grooming experience helps to train and desensitize your dog. (Photo by Ayla Verschueren)

with long sessions of filing those down.

### Side Benefits to Grooming

Grooming activities can bring you and your dog or cat closer and help you bond. If you can make it a gentle, pleasant experience, it might relax both of you. Methodically brushing and combing a pet will improve its coat. Grooming is also a way to find lumps, bumps,

and other abnormalities. Make short grooming sessions a part of your daily interaction with your dog or cat rather than an hour-long chore you both dread. And, end each task with praise and perhaps a tiny treat!

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.*

## Bunker Hill Community College to Hold Public Meeting on the College's Vision for the Future Campus

October 20 meeting is open to all, with more information available at [bhcc.edu/visionproject](http://bhcc.edu/visionproject)

Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) will hold a public meeting on the Vision Project for the Future Campus, on Thursday, October 20, at 5:30pm in Room C-202 on the BHCC campus. Members of the public are invited to attend, learn more about the College's Vision and offer comments.

As BHCC prepares to celebrate the College's 50th anniversary in 2023, the College is now planning for the next 50 years. The school's new student success center is currently underway—it is the College's first building in a decade. However, the College's other facilities, many of which were constructed in the mid-1970s, are beyond their useful life and have a significant critical repair backlog. The College is asking the state's Asset Management Board for permission to explore a public-private partnership with

a qualified developer, who would create a campus master plan and deliver a new, fully-constructed and modern facility for the College, as well as College and community open space, with minimal to no state funding.

At the October 20 meeting, the College is seeking public comment on its proposal to the Asset Management Board, which is available publicly at [bhcc.edu/visionproject](http://bhcc.edu/visionproject). Should the proposal be approved, the College plans on holding additional meetings with the community and interested stakeholders.

In the coming months, the College plans on visiting Charlestown community groups for information sessions on the The Vision. If you are part of

a Charlestown community group and would like members of the College's leadership and project team to attend one of your meetings to discuss planning for the BHCC campus, please contact Brendan Hughes, Director of Public Relations, at [brendan.hughes@bhcc.edu](mailto:brendan.hughes@bhcc.edu).



### The Vision Project for the Future Campus Public Meeting

**Thursday, October 20, 2022**  
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# Museum celebrates milestones with free birthday block party

On Saturday, October 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET, the USS Constitution Museum celebrates two historic milestone birthdays as USS Constitution turns 225 and the Museum turns 50 years with a free, public Birthday Block Party at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

People of all ages are invited to participate in a host of fun activities and games to mark the day, including a USS Constitution-themed 9-hole miniature golf that will take golfers around the Navy Yard on a course that features trivia reflecting the history of the ship and museum. In addition to enjoying a slice of birthday cake

(while supplies last), birthday-goers can also play yard games and interactive activities, hosted by our military branches and USO New England. The Navy Band Northeast's popular group will also be performing.

This event commemorates the start of USS Constitution's historic 225th Anniversary, as well as the USS Constitution Museum's 50th year engaging the community in the stories of Old Ironsides. The museum will continue to mark the milestones through new initiatives serving educators, families, active military, veterans, and communities.

The event is free to the public.

In the event of rain, a more limited range of activities will be conducted inside the Museum. More information is available on the Museum's website. No registration is required.

About the USS Constitution Museum

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum's mission is to engage visitors in the story of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American

experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. The USS Constitution Museum is a 2022 winner in USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice in

the "Best History Museum" category and Boston Parents Paper's Family Favorites in the "Historic Sites & Tours" and "Museums and Attractions" categories. For more information, visit [usscm.org](http://usscm.org).

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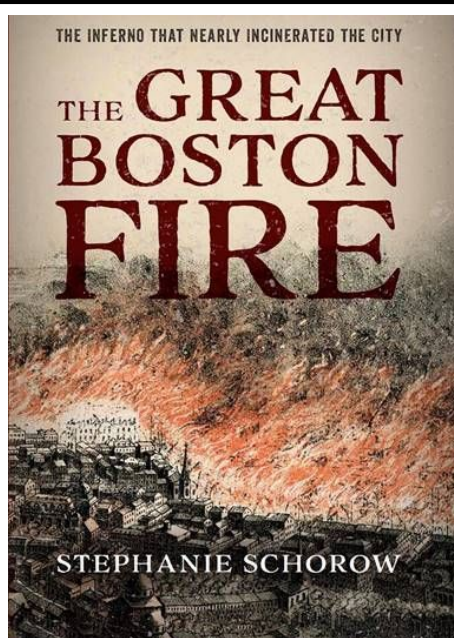


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## USS Constitution to go underway with former crew members for 225th anniversary

USS Constitution is scheduled to go underway for its 225th Anniversary on Friday, October 21, at 10 a.m.

Over 140 former crew members will join Old Ironsides' current crew to celebrate the ship's historic 225th milestone.

The underway will include a 21-gun salute viewable from Fort Independence on Castle Island at approximately 11:15 a.m. and an additional 17-gun salute as she passes U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston at approximately 12:15.

USS Constitution's cruise will be viewable from the Boston Harborwalk, Castle Island, and Charlestown Navy Yard.

The 225th Anniversary Underway begins a year-long celebration of USS Constitution's 225th year around the sun.

Old Ironsides will open various contests throughout the next year

until the ship's 226th birthday, Oct. 21, 2023.

The contests are scheduled to include essay writing, art, poetry, social media, and more.

Each contest will be posted on USS Constitution's social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) with details, and how to enter.

The Museum invites the public to join the festivities at a Birthday Block Party on Saturday, October 22, from 11 am-3 pm.

Family-friendly activities and games will mark the day, including a USS Constitution-themed 9-hole miniature golf course.

Birthday party-goers can also participate in lawn games courtesy of USO New

England, activities run by fellow military branches, and music by the Navy Northeast Band.

The event is free for all ages and

no registration is required. More information is available at ussmc.org.

USS Constitution is open to free public visitation Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The USS Constitution Museum is open to the public every day from 10 a.m. to 5 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.

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Henry David Thoreau Scholars have studied a wide variety



Henry David Thoreau.

of environmentally related areas, including biology, epidemiology, oceanography, international affairs and environmental law, and upon completing their undergraduate degrees, they became members of the Henry David Thoreau Society. Thoreau Scholar alumni have published articles in the Henry David Thoreau Environmental Digest, initiated environmental projects on planetary health, and formed companies and

organizations including the animation company, Oxbow, satellite imagery startup CrowdAI, and the nonprofit energy organization Equitable Origin.

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation further assists its scholarship winners by identifying environmentally related internships, offering internship stipends, and providing networking opportunities. Upon graduation from college, Henry David Thoreau Scholars are inducted into the Henry David Thoreau Society. A sign of success of the Henry David Thoreau Foundation's mission is the support past scholarship winners provide to present scholarship winners.

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

## Burglary

10/12/22 - Officers spoke with a victim who stated his vehicle had been broken into and ransacked at some time during the

## night.

The victim stated that everything was thrown around his car, but the only his work cellphone, which he had stored in his glove

compartment, was missing from the vehicle. There did not appear to be any sign of forced entry. Area A-1 detectives were investigating the matter further.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## STATE HOUSE SCIENCE FAIR SET FOR OCT. 20

The Museum of Science presents the State House Science Fair on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the State House.

Museum educators will be on hand for the event, bringing their STEM expertise to this science fair. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in experiments, try out exhibit components, and explore additional hand-on activities. Light refreshments will also be served.

The public is invited to this event, and no R.S.V.P. is necessary to attend.

## FALL-O-WEEN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL RETURNS OCT. 21 TO THE COMMON

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department host the second annual Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival on the Boston Common Parade Ground at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets on Friday,

Oct. 21, from 5 to 8 p.m.

A "monster mash" of activities will include music, giveaways, arts and crafts, rides on the trackless train, pop-up mural activity from the Mayor's Mural Crew, a stilt walker, fresh water from the Boston Water and Sewer Commission Water Truck, and field games, individual, and group play facilitated by Knucklebones.

For more information, visit [boston.gov/falloween](http://boston.gov/falloween). To stay up to date with news, events, and design and construction work in Boston parks, sign up for the email list at [bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails](http://bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails) and follow our social channels @boston-parksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

## VETERANS PARADE TO BE A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Boston's Office of Veterans Services, in partnership with American Legion District 7 Suffolk County, will host the 2022 Veterans Parade on Saturday, November 5. The 'Celebration of Service' themed-march will start at Noon in Copley Square. The West Point and Navy Band Northeast's

Marching Bands along with the Wentworth Institute of Technology's Office of Military Connected Services are among the many units participating. This year's theme showcases Veteran's Day as a celebration, as well as a time to pause and reflect on the accomplishments of the armed forces.

Says Commissioner of Veterans Services Robert Santiago, "I'm so excited about this parade. This parade is the kick-off to Veterans Month here in Boston and throughout Massachusetts, and we love being a part of it. We have a lot of amazing units signed up and look forward to seeing everyone lining the streets of Boston as we celebrate and honor our veterans and service members on November 5th!"

Those who wish to view the parade should begin gathering on Boylston and Tremont streets around 11:30 AM. The parade is expected to last until roughly 2PM and will end at Boston Common where guests are encouraged to gather and continue the celebration. For organizations interested in participating in the parade, contact Bryan Bishop at [bryan.bishop@boston.gov](mailto:bryan.bishop@boston.gov).

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# Wu announces reopening of Youth Development Fund applications

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Office of Human Services (OHS) announce applications are now open for the 2023 Youth Development Fund (YDF) fall grant. The YDF is a yearly competitive grant aimed at supporting non-profit organizations that work with Boston youth and young adults ages 10-25. A total of \$1,500,000 will be awarded to Boston nonprofit organizations providing positive violence intervention, prevention, and response services throughout the city. Applications are now open and responses are due Saturday, Oct 28th at 4:00 p.m.

“Developing and protecting

our youth by creating an engaging community is one of the most important responsibilities we have as a City,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “We are grateful to all of the non-profit organizations delivering violence prevention services in our neighborhoods, and look forward to providing continued support in building this community.”

“We are excited to be able to continue to support many of our non-profit partners in the work of building community and providing high-quality, safe and engaging activities for youth and young adults in Boston,” said Jose Massó, Chief of Human Services.

“This robust network of programs meets youth where they are and is a key part of our violence prevention strategy.”

This fund aims to increase the number and variety of youth development programs intentionally contributing to metrics that prevent youth and young adult violence in Boston neighborhoods. The Youth Development Fund will prioritize the following types of organizations:

- Boston-based nonprofits in neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by gun or youth violence
- Youth-serving entities with an intentional focus on outreach

and engagement of high-risk/proven-risk youth and young adults or other specified underserved youth population

- Organizations using the positive youth development framework and/ or meaningful youth engagement practices

There will also be a concentration on supporting activities that implement prevention strategies intended to shape individual behaviors as well as relationship, community, and societal factors that influence the risk for violence. Examples of evidence-based youth violence prevention strategies include but are not limited to:

- Strengthening youth and young adults’ developmental skills
- Connecting youth to caring adults and a safe space when not in school
- Creating protective community environments
- Intervening to lessen harms and prevent future risk

Last year’s YDF funds were allocated to 55 community-based organizations across Boston that, together, served youth and young adults in all neighborhoods of the city. In total, 6,334 youth were served and 85 percent of those served are youth of color.

## PLAYGROUND (from pg. 1)

took place in 2015, which included improvements to the basketball and hockey courts.

“Thanks to all the park users and neighbors who took part in our community meetings and helped select the new features you see today,” said Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods. “We’re pleased to reopen this playground while we still have fall weather for Charlestown residents of all ages to enjoy it. The park will really shine in the new year with the return of spring.”

New features include a complete renovation of the playground with equipment for 2 to 5 and 5 to 12-year-olds, fencing, gates,

drainage systems to meet Boston Water and Sewer Commission standards, lighting upgrades to improve efficiency, and shrub and tree plantings. There is now a walking path around the central lawn area with new seating, picnic areas with decorative paving, and a drinking fountain. Renovations have also been made to replace the hockey court kick boards, and to resurface, standards, backboards, and hoops at the basketball court.

“The neighborhood is thrilled to have our little slice of heaven, McCarthy Playground, completed and open,” said local resident Megan Castro citing the new features including the bike repair

station with pump. “The park has already been bustling with neighbors young and old who are thrilled to have the park back open and accessible to all. Thanks so much to Mayor Wu and the Boston Parks Department for doing such a beautiful job updating this community park.”

For more information, please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505. Stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks by signing up for our email list at [bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails](https://bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails) and following our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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