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## CHARLESTOWN GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS NIGHT



10 and under team player Raven Willis catches her Championship hoodie during the Charlestown Girls Softball League awards night. Three teams won Championship titles, awards were bestowed to MVP as well as Unsung Heroes and players who exhibited Sportsmanship and Most Improved. See pages 6 to 10 for more photos.

## Bunker Hill Housing Re-development to get underway in Dec.

By Stephen Quigley

After several years of community meetings, re-drawings, and delays because of pandemic-related challenges, several sections of the old Bunker Hill Housing Project will start to be razed in December.

The housing project that was built in the late 1930s served as home to tens of thousands of residents over the past 82 years. The funding for the original Bunker Hill Housing Projects came into

existence through the passage of the federal Housing Act of 1937, which helped fund what was called "slum clearance." This nationwide program cleared out dilapidated housing to create new affordable public housing. The first units of the Bunker Hill Housing Project were ready for occupancy in 1940.

The buildings to be demolished are located on Medford Street, Tufts Street, Walford Way, Corey Street, Moulton Street, Decatur

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## Suffolk selected to renovate and expand local Home Base clinical headquarters

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Suffolk, one of the largest and most innovative real estate and construction enterprises in the country, was selected by Home Base to renovate and expand its headquarters facility in Charlestown, which provides support and clinical services to United States military veterans and their families.

Home Base currently occupies 26,000 square feet of the

building's first and second floors and has chosen to partner with Suffolk to manage the interior fit-out on the building's third floor. This expansion will serve as a dedicated clinical space for the Comprehensive Brain Health and Trauma Program (ComBHAT) for Special Operators.

Founded in 2009, Home Base is a national nonprofit organization that has served more than 30,000 veterans and their families and trained more than 85,000

clinicians throughout the country. Home Base is dedicated to helping veterans, service members, military families and families of the fallen heal the invisible wounds of war by treating conditions such as posttraumatic stress disorder, depression, substance use disorders and related conditions. With this expansion of its National Center of Excellence, Home Base will increase its clinical capacity to serve veterans and their families in the ComBHAT program at no cost to the patient. This program is in high demand and provides comprehensive neurological, psychological and physical evaluations to treat traumatic brain injuries, musculoskeletal injuries and mental health conditions in veterans and service members from the special operations community.

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Sections of the old Bunker Hill Housing Project will soon be torn down to make room for new housing.

### CNC CORNER

CNC General Meeting, Tuesday, December 6, 2022 The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold an in-person, public meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 7-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford Street, Charlestown. Please bring your questions and neighborhood concerns to the meeting or email us at [cnc02129@gmail.com](mailto:cnc02129@gmail.com). Follow the Charlestown Neighborhood Council on Facebook or Instagram (@cnc02129) for updates.

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**Our office will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>**

# EDITORIAL

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, tracing its roots back 400 years to the Pilgrims and Indigenous People, long before there was even a thought of a United States of America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, religiosity, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II thanks to Russia's aggression in Ukraine.

Even amidst this time of turbulence in our own country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of how much we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be in a country such as ours.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and, inevitably (at least for some of us) a post-dinner nap while watching a football game or an early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.

## THANK YOU, NANCY PELOSI

The announcement last week by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that she will be stepping down from her leadership role in the Democratic caucus (although she will remain as a member of the House) marks an end to one of the most remarkable political careers in American history.

Nancy Pelosi first was elected to the House in 1987 in a special election after raising five children as a stay-at-home mom (which in itself is a remarkable feat!).

She soon rose to a leadership role among her Democratic colleagues for a simple reason: Nancy Pelosi was a lot smarter -- and more politically-savvy -- than any of them.

Her tenure as the first woman Speaker of the House in 2007 was groundbreaking and has paved the way for women to be accepted in the very upper-echelons of our government.

More than any other person, she was responsible for ensuring that the Affordable Care Act -- also known as Obamacare -- passed the House in 2010, a measure that has provided affordable health insurance for millions of Americans.

Despite being the object of what can only be described as hatred by her political opponents, Nancy Pelosi persevered with a determination that far outshone her political rivals and that made her the most successful and consequential Speaker of the House since the departure of Tip O'Neil in 1987.

Compared to both her Republican and Democratic counterparts of the recent past (think of lummoxes like Dennis Hastert, John Boehner, Jim Wright, and soon-to-be Speaker Kevin McCarthy), Nancy Pelosi has been a giant in American politics.

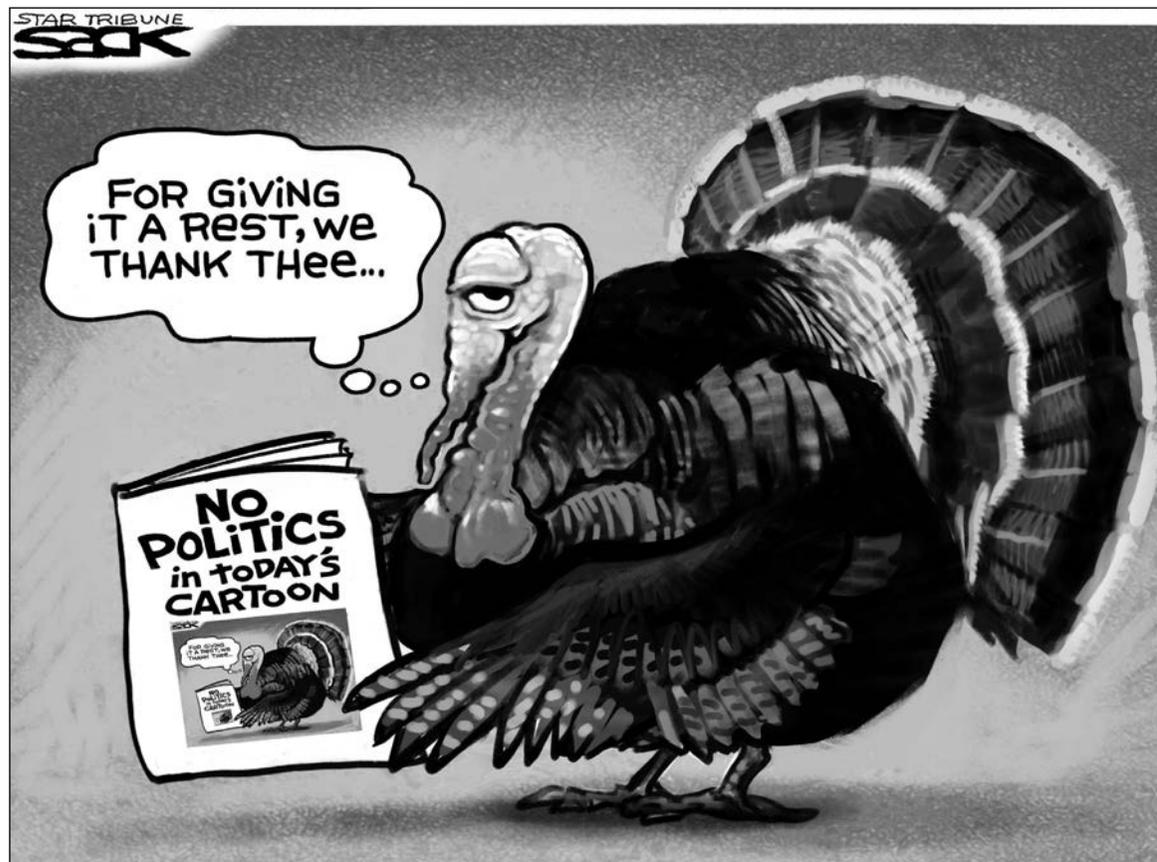
The vitriol engendered by her political opponents finally struck Pelosi personally when her husband of almost 60 years, Paul Pelosi, was attacked by a hammer-wielding assailant who broke into their home three weeks ago.

However, as she has throughout her entire life, Nancy Pelosi continues to move forward.

Despite all of her remarkable political accomplishments, the one moment that always will stand out for us is when she was caught on film in a bunker while the Trump-inspired rioters were rampaging through the Capitol on January 6

"I hope he (Trump) comes," the 80 year-old grandmother told her staff. "I want to punch him out.... I've been waiting for this...I'm gonna punch him out, and I'm gonna go to jail, and I'm gonna be happy."

That epitomizes Nancy Pelosi -- a tough and dedicated public servant who has devoted almost half of her 82 years in exemplary service to our country.



## GUEST OP-ED

### Have Thanksgiving every day

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Thanksgiving always comes and goes too fast. We often think, "We need more time to focus on the Thanksgiving holiday." For many, it seems that Thanksgiving gets sandwiched between Halloween and Christmas.

By late September, many of the stores and television commercials are focusing on Christmas.

The only way we can fix the "fast Thanksgiving" holiday is to make Thanksgiving celebration every day. We shouldn't wait until Thanksgiving to give thanks but give thanks every day.

A thankful heart is a healthier heart. Living in an attitude of Thanksgiving celebrates the gift of life and every opportunity to live life.

Many of us have dreaded the shorter days. Dark by 6 o'clock and soon by 5 or even 4:30 in some areas. I used to always dread that but my attitude has changed. I'm just happy to be alive to experience the changing seasons. Take advantage of these cooler, shorter days to get some rest. Longer days will be back soon and you can mow grass, work or walk until 9:00 or later every evening. Go with the flow and enjoy the differences.

I miss the Thanksgivings when

my mom and dad were alive and mother cooked. If everyone got together, we could have 20 people in the house. This was a tiring time for my mother. Be sure to always praise the person carrying the cooking load.

Time passes quickly. Every day we should embrace the day. When you see someone, talk to someone, share a meal with someone then by all means embrace and savor the moment. Give thanks for all occasions that you have to spend time with others whether family or friends.

Thanksgiving is not the same for many of us because there are empty seats at the table. We miss moms and dads who have left us for a better place. We miss wives,

husbands, children, and siblings who have left this life too early. This makes us sad and dampens our spirits. Yet, look around and see the people who may not be here next year. There are no guarantees. Be kind, be loving. Say good words to them. Lift them up. It will make you feel better to give thanks for people and to anoint them.

Jesus was anointed by Mary the sister of Martha before his arrest and crucifixion. Some criticized her for doing it but Jesus said she has prepared me for the burial. Let her alone he said she has done a good work. After Mary finished anointing Jesus' feet the house

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# Wu kicks off Vicinity Energy's local electrification plans

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Vicinity Energy, a decarbonization leader with the nation's largest portfolio of district energy systems, serving over 70 million square feet of building space across Boston and Cambridge, has officially kicked off its electrification plans with the deconstruction of a steam turbine at the Kendall Green Energy Cogeneration Facility. Vicinity will install an electric boiler in its place, marking a critical step in the company's Clean Energy Future commitment to reaching net zero carbon emissions across all its operations by 2050.

Boston's Mayor Michelle Wu commemorated the day at Vicinity's Kendall facility. Marking a crucial step toward a clean energy future for Boston and Cambridge, the deconstruction aligns with the Mayor's latest move to file a home rule petition to ban the use of fossil fuels for new buildings in Boston.

"It is remarkable to be able to say that Vicinity is the first energy company in the country to electrify its operations. That is a huge deal and one that will have ramifications for generations to come. For every gigantic natural gas boiler that's going to be decommissioned, for every new building that will use eSteamTM, those are jobs created right here for our residents and our communities," said Boston mayor Michelle Wu. "It is clear that the work of ensuring our planet remains livable is going to require all of us: every level of government, business, and community. We're very grateful that Vicinity's carbon-free eSteam product will power the leading industries we're already known for here in Greater Boston such as life sciences, healthcare, commercial real estate, and many more."

"With the installation of this electric boiler, we are enabling a

seamless conversion to carbon-free eSteam for our customers, including innovative commercial building owners and developers like IQHQ," said Bill DiCroce, president and chief executive officer of Vicinity Energy. "This is game-changing for our communities and a prime example of what happens when government, the business community, and the energy sector work together and embrace the region's Green New Deal."

The electric boiler will enter service in 2024. At that time, the company will procure electricity from renewable, carbon-free energy sources such as wind, solar, and hydro to generate eSteamTM, the first-ever carbon-free renewable energy product. IQHQ will be Vicinity's first customer to power the rapid decarbonization of its buildings in Boston's Fenway neighborhood: 109 Brookline and Fenway Center Phase 2 with carbon-free eSteamTM.

"Today, we are excited to be celebrating the installation of the electric boiler," said Jenny Whitson, director of sustainability & ESG at IQHQ. "By Vicinity taking this step to offer developers like us the opportunity to source electric steam generated by renewable energy, we are able to achieve our climate goals and carbon emission reduction targets for our projects."

Over the years, Vicinity has evolved as new, cleaner fuel sources have become commercially available. The company's predecessors burned coal to generate steam before migrating to oil, natural gas, and combined heat and power (CHP). Because district energy systems are agnostic to fuel type, they can quickly implement these new, more sustainable technologies and fuel sources. Electrification is the next crucial step to decarbonize Boston and Cambridge at scale and ensure both municipalities meet their new energy standards and emission mandates.



Mayor Michelle Wu takes a sledgehammer to an oil tank.

The Kendall Green Energy Cogeneration Facility simultaneously produces thermal energy and electricity in one efficient process to serve approximately 75% of Vicinity's customers throughout the region. When the electric boilers begin service, all of these facilities will have access to carbon-free, renewable energy at once.

"Here in Kendall Square, a place known for global innovation, we are proud of Vicinity's contribution to urban decarbonization with eSteam," said Beth O'Neill Maloney, executive director at the Kendall Square Association. "Vicinity's electrification plans will help contribute to the decarbonization of Cambridge

and Boston without building-level changes. Vicinity is a global sustainability leader, charting a new path forward for district energy."

Vicinity is on track to fully electrify its steam generation in Boston-Cambridge and introduce other technological advancements into its operations, including industrial-scale heat pumps and molten salt thermal energy storage. The company's other locations across the country will undergo similar electrification processes in the coming years.

Click here to read more about eSteamTM, district energy systems, and Vicinity's commitment to innovation and the environment.

About Vicinity Energy

Vicinity Energy is a clean energy company that owns and operates the nation's most extensive portfolio of district energy systems. Vicinity produces and distributes reliable, clean steam, hot water, and chilled water to over 230 million square feet of building space nationwide. Vicinity is committed to achieving net zero carbon across its portfolio by 2050. Vicinity continuously invests in its infrastructure and the latest technologies to accelerate the decarbonization of commercial and institutional buildings in city centers. To learn more, visit [www.vicinityenergy.us](http://www.vicinityenergy.us) or follow us on LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook.

## Real Estate Transfers

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Staiger, Maximilian C	Apel, Wolfgang	22 Parker St #22R	\$1,200,000
Chestnut Prop Hldg LLC	Mcmahon, John	30 Chestnut St #3	\$700,000
N Suffolk Mental Health	71 Perkins RT	71 Perkins St	\$1,491,000
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## BPHC encourages precautions on Thanksgiving holiday

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The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) today advised residents to stay vigilant to protect themselves from COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses such as flu and RSV when celebrating Thanksgiving, as gathering indoors and travel increases the likelihood of transmission.

Levels of COVID-19 virus in local wastewater are now at 404 RNA copies per mL, which is a 3.3% increase over the past 7 days and a 17.5% increase over the past 14 days. (Data through November 18). In addition, the 7-day total of new COVID-19 hospital admissions has increased by 44.1% over the past seven days and have held stable, increasing by 21.6%, over the last two weeks. (Data as of November 17). Boston's hospitals are straining to meet the influx of flu and RSV pediatric patients, and an increase in COVID-19 cases could put even

more pressure on our health care system, which is why BPHC urges residents to take appropriate precautions.

"As many people travel and spend time with family, we can reduce the risk of transmission of respiratory illnesses, like COVID-19, flu, and RSV," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations, getting a flu shot, wearing a well-fitted mask while traveling and testing for COVID-19 before gathering are important ways to protect yourself and your family and friends during this holiday season."

BPHC encourages residents to test for COVID-19 before gathering, stay home if you are sick or test positive for COVID-19, wear masks indoors and while traveling for added protection, keep windows open to promote proper air filtration, and spend as much time

outdoors as possible.

Proper hygiene practices like washing hands often, regularly disinfecting shared surfaces, and covering your mouth when coughing and sneezing are also effective for reducing the spread of COVID-19, RSV, and the flu.

If you plan on getting a PCR test, make sure to do so by Tuesday, November 22, to ensure you can get your results back in time.

COVID-19 vaccines, boosters and testing, as well as flu shots, are widely available throughout Boston. BPHC offers free, walk-in COVID-19 and flu services at multiple locations in the city. If you or anyone in your family tests positive for COVID-19 or flu, ask your doctor about getting treatment. Treatments for COVID-19 and flu are available for adults and children and can save lives.

For more information about where to find a COVID-19 vaccination or testing clinic near you, visit [boston.gov/covid19](https://boston.gov/covid19).

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CHARLESTOWN YOUTH BASKETBALL IS OPEN FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON

Charlestown Youth Basketball is now OPEN for registration for the 2022-2023 season! CYB provides opportunities for youth in grades K2 through 7th grade. The K2/1st grade coed clinics focus on introduction to the game of basketball, working on basic skills and fundamentals. The

2nd-7th grade divisions focus on skill development through team practices as well as game competition. Every interested child is welcome; scholarships are available! Please register your child at [www.charlestownyouthbasketball.com](http://www.charlestownyouthbasketball.com). Registration deadline is December 4. Volunteer coaches are also needed! The season is scheduled to begin the week of January 3. Please email [cybsignups@gmail.com](mailto:cybsignups@gmail.com) with any questions.

### SUFFOLK (from pg. 1)

Led by Suffolk Chairman, CEO and sole proprietor John Fish, Suffolk has donated approximately \$1.5 million of in-kind services to the project, including construction management services provided by Suffolk Construction and design services provided by Suffolk Illuminate, Suffolk's in-house design team. Suffolk also plans to assemble a team consisting mainly of veteran Suffolk employees and subcontractors to manage and work on this project.

"I have always held deep admiration and gratitude for United States military veterans and their families who have dedicated their lives to the service of our country and defense of our freedom and way of life," said John Fish, Chairman and CEO, Suffolk. "On this Veterans Day, I am honored and privileged to announce our close partnership with General Hammond and Home Base, an incredible nonprofit committed to helping our veterans during their greatest times of need. We look forward to working closely with all our stakeholders to deliver a spectacular new home for this worthy organization and the heroes it serves."

"The creation of our Special Operations Force (SOF) Traumatic Brain Injury program three years ago has created an unprecedented demand for care, with more than 800 Navy SEALs, Green Berets and other members of the SOF community requesting this treatment," said Brigadier General (Ret.) Jack Hammond, Executive Director, Home Base. "This staggering number has created a significant need to expand our state-of-the-art facility to increase our capacity, and the announcement of this partnership on Veterans Day – as we take time to thank Veterans of all eras who have selflessly served our Nation – could not be more perfect. On behalf of Home Base, I want to thank John

Fish and the Team from Suffolk for their incredibly generosity, which will enhance our ability to meet this growing need and deliver this lifesaving care to the SOF community for years to come."

Suffolk is leveraging its construction management and design expertise and resources to provide value throughout the lifecycle of this project, beyond just the typical management of the construction phase. Suffolk Illuminate has planned and developed the design of the space, performed pricing exercises and continues to collaborate closely with the Suffolk project team on the design, scope, constructability and cost management of the project to ensure it is delivered on schedule and on budget. The Home Base headquarters project is an example of Suffolk's diversification across vertical service lines and added value earlier in the planning and design process which results in a more seamless, predictable construction experience.

As a national organization striving to be America's Contractor by mirroring the values of integrity and hard work on which America was founded, Suffolk has demonstrated an enduring commitment to organizations that serve veterans of the United States armed forces. Suffolk has partnered with Massachusetts Fallen Heroes and is a longtime supporter of Home Base, participating in panel discussions and fireside chats with Home Base leadership to help raise awareness of its work. Suffolk, which currently employs approximately seventy veterans, is an active recruiter of veterans for leadership and project management positions through its Accelerated Military Development rotational program, which aims to create a seamless transition between military service and professional careers in construction.

### OP-ED (from pg. 2)

was filled with the smell of the ointment. When you love and are kind to people it always brings a better fragrance and atmosphere into the house. A part of this is showing Thanksgiving for them and toward them. Mary ended up with that ointment on her hands and in her hair. When you do good

stuff for people to honor them a lot of that good stuff comes back to you.

Have Thanksgiving every day. Give thanks, express thanks and live in a spirit of being thankful. Your attitude will make your day better and encourage others around you.

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



## Virtual Public Meeting

### Austin St Parking Lot Scenarios Meeting

Tuesday, December 13

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: [bit.ly/AustinStLots](https://bit.ly/AustinStLots)

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 530 8263

#### Project Description:

Please join the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and the PLAN: Charlestown team for a virtual community meeting on December 13th from 6 pm to 7:30 pm to discuss draft development guidelines and scenarios for the future public disposition of the BPDA-owned Austin Street parking lots. This meeting builds on the visioning workshop held in October. Feedback will inform the draft Request for Proposal, which will be presented in future public meetings.

PLAN: Charlestown is the neighborhood's ongoing comprehensive planning initiative led by the BPDA. For more information about PLAN Charlestown, please visit <https://bit.ly/3ym5UCO> or contact Jason Ruggiero at [jason.ruggiero@boston.gov](mailto:jason.ruggiero@boston.gov)

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

# DiDomenico delivers keynote speech at Life Sciences Apprenticeship graduation

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico delivered the keynote speech for the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation (MassBioEd)'s Life Sciences Apprenticeship Program graduation. MassBioEd, a non-profit focused on education, training, and workforce development within the burgeoning Life Sciences sector, honored the inaugural graduating class of its Life Sciences Apprenticeship program at a ceremony held at the MassBioHub. State Senator Sal DiDomenico joined with MassBioEd's employers participating in the program to recognize the 21 graduates, who hail from 14 different Massachusetts cities and towns and worked for 11 different life science companies around Massachusetts.

The Life Sciences Apprenticeship Program supports the growing demand for talent in the life sciences sector by providing a unique opportunity for accelerated education and training to Massachusetts residents who are new to the workforce or interested in transitioning into the life sciences field. The graduation event coincided with the start of National Apprenticeship Week, a federal observance celebrating apprenticeship programs that support racial and gender equity and help advance critical talent pipelines to address larger workforce



Senator Sal DiDomenico delivering the keynote speech for the MassBioEd's Life Sciences Apprenticeship Program graduation.

challenges.

"I was honored to be invited as the keynote speaker at this inspiring graduation ceremony," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "This program provides individuals from underrepresented backgrounds with skills to attain a high-paying career where they can work

on cutting-edge medicine and research that will help improve the lives of patients all over the world. This is an incredible program that has and will continue to help countless people in our communities and close the skills gap in Massachusetts."

Launched in 2021, MassBioEd's Life Sciences Apprenticeship program aims to create a diverse

pipeline of trained individuals for difficult-to-fill positions at local companies and provide a pathway to a career in life sciences and improved future career prospects for individuals in the program. The program includes tracks in biomanufacturing and clinical operations, with a third career pathway to be introduced in 2023. Apprentices complete three to five months of classroom education followed by one year of paid on-the-job training at a partnering life sciences company. To date, 20 employers have participated in the program, and at least 17 apprentices already have been offered full-time positions. In 2022 MassBioEd enrolled 66 apprentices in the program, 65 percent of whom are people of color. These individuals were also recognized at the event for completing the educational portion of the program.

"Biotech has always interested me, and I was adamant about finding a career that I enjoy -

this apprenticeship turned out to be a golden opportunity when I needed it the most. I will always look back on this experience with appreciation," said David Gazelian, a member of the graduating class and current Biomanufacturing Technician at Alnylam Pharmaceuticals. "One of the most valuable aspects of the apprenticeship was the people I met. They inspired me to take every day and learn something new. This apprenticeship has opened the door to a new career path for me, and words can't describe how thankful I am to be part of this."

Partnering employers include major life sciences companies such as Bristol Myers Squibb, Pfizer, Thermo Fisher Scientific, AbbVie, and Takeda.

To learn more about the Apprenticeship Program, please visit <https://www.massbioed.org/apprenticeship-program> or contact [Apprenticeship@massbioed.org](mailto:Apprenticeship@massbioed.org).

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More photos on Pages 7-10.



8 and under Fall special awards: Sportsmanship Avery Pizzotti, Most Improved Hayden Miller, Unsung Hero Cadence Kielbasa, and MVP August Fry.

14 and under Fall special awards: Most Improved Stella Lapera, Sportsmanship Hannah Flynn, Unsung Hero Elle Edleman, and MVP Cosette Thompson.



Recipient of the Joseph T Hayes Award Alexa Humphrey with other nominees Hannah Flynn and Cameron Collier all holding their endorsement letters, members of the Hayes Family, coaches Jack Schievink, Mike Lynch, Billy Nugent and Dennis Collins who is holding the endorsement letter for Ava McCue who was unable to attend the Awards Ceremony.

10 and under Fall special awards: Unsung Hero Audrey McKenzie, Most Improved Averie Morales, MVP Alexa Humphrey, and Sportsmanship Loreli Kielbasa.

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Alexa Humphrey with coach Mike Lynch.

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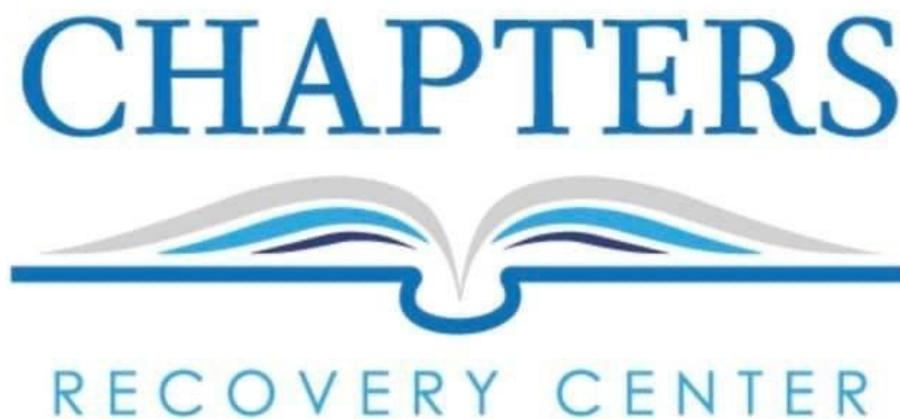


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8 and under Spring Columbia team special awards: MVP Cora Morgan, Unsung Hero Hazel Wright, and Sportsmanship Christine Guthrie.



12 and under Spring Team special awards: Unsung Hero Caroline Bresler, Unsung Hero Caroline Collins, Most Improved Ariadne Katsonpenakis, Sportsmanship Maya Castro, and MVP Madison Doe.



10 and under Summer Navy team special awards: MVP Kathryn Lynch, Sportsmanship Alexa Humphrey, Most Improved Rylan O'Neil, and Unsung Hero Parker Moysowycz.



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# Wu announces “Alright” poetry event with Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor’s Office of Arts & Culture, in collaboration with Boston Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola, announced the City will host ALRIGHT on Thursday, December 1, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Boston Center for the Arts Black Box Plaza (539 Tremont St, Boston, MA 02116). This event is part of a broader celebration of Boston as Host City of The Earthshot Prize, a global initiative designed to find and grow the solutions that will repair our planet this decade.

“The arts must play a crucial role in bringing our communities together for the scale and creativity of actions needed to tackle climate change,” said Mayor

Michelle Wu. “I look forward to this event and am grateful to Porsha for creating this space to inspire what’s possible for climate action.”

“‘Alright,’ led by Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola and artist and curator Cierra Peters, is an interactive arts experience and show that engages a conversation around the Black Diaspora and climate change. Inspired by Kendrick Lamar’s lyrics, “We gone be alright,” this art experience uses an Afro-futurist pedagogy to frame the role Black individuals have in writing and claiming a future we want to and can live in by their own design.

“‘Alright’ pairs optimism with action to move through what feels like dystopian space,” said Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola. “It’s interactive in that the audience

in ‘Alright’ are both players and actors, as we all have a hand to play in shaping the future we wish to live in.”

The event will feature music from DJ Real P, dance vignettes choreographed by Kaleisha Chance at 4Star Dance Studio, poetry from Crystal Valentine, a live performance from Fanta Vibe, and more. Audience members will be spirited through the evening via forest god/dess Dzidzor Azaglo of Black Cotton Club.

“This is an exciting opportunity for the City to explore the intersection between arts and the environment, and to center Black voices,” said Chief of Arts & Culture Kara Elliott-Ortega. “We look forward to inviting the entire city to join us in imagining a better future for everyone through dance, poetry, and song.”

The ‘Alright’ event is free and open to all, and attendees are encouraged to dress in the theme of “enchanted garden” and to consider the environment in their dress choices by wearing existing items or shopping sustainably. Free tickets can be reserved here.

Founded by Prince William and The Royal Foundation in 2020, The Earthshot Prize is a global environmental prize to discover, accelerate and scale ground-breaking eco-solutions to repair and regenerate the planet. Inspired by President John F. Kennedy’s Moonshot, which united millions of people around the goal of reaching the moon, The Earthshot Prize aims to catalyze an Earthshot challenge to urgently encourage and scale innovative solutions that can help put the world firmly on a trajectory towards a stable cli-

mate, where communities, oceans and biodiversity thrive in harmony by 2030. The five challenges are: Protect and Restore Nature; Clean our Air; Revive our Oceans; Build a Waste-free World; and Fix our Climate.

The Prize aims to turn the current pessimism surrounding environmental issues into optimism but championing inspiring leadership and helping to scale incredible cutting-edge solutions. It will discover 50 winners over 10 years with the power to repair the planet. More than a prize, The Earthshot Prize works in partnership with a Global Alliance of Partners to support the scaling of the solutions discovered and selected each year.

# ABCC kicks off “Operation Safe Holidays”

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

To ensure safety for the citizens of Massachusetts, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) will be conducting alcohol enforcement operations at bars in major Massachusetts cities from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year’s Eve.

The primary objective will be to prevent impaired driving and other alcohol-related harm during the holiday season, which is known for heavy alcohol consumption. The ABCC will focus enforcement efforts at bars identified as the last to sell alcohol to a convicted drunk driver.

“We want to make sure that everyone gets to enjoy the holidays with family and friends while at the same time avoiding tragedy and staying safe,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC. “Vigilant enforcement and deterring bar owners from over-serving prevents problems before they happen and helps keep people safe.”

The program is run in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) Impaired Driving Crackdown, from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year’s Eve, and is funded through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security - Highway Safety Division.

“The RMV supports this enforcement work as safety on the roads is critical. Impairment impacts your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle. With December being National Drunk and Drugged Impaired Driving month, we encourage everyone attending holiday parties and social gatherings to have a plan for a designated driver or a ride-share service to bring them home. Be responsible and make the right decision to keep family, friends and other drivers, pedestrians,

and bicyclists safe this holiday season,” said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie.”

The ABCC will also be working with local police departments that have identified high-risk locations in their communities.

Alcohol is involved in 40 percent of traffic crash fatalities resulting in 17,013 fatalities and injuring an estimated 275,000 people annually. Data indicates that well over 50% of impaired driving arrests originate at bars.

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The public is invited to attend USS Constitution's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, November 29, beginning at 3:30 p.m. on the ship.

The free event will include a visit and photo opportunities with Santa Claus, free hot chocolate and cookies, holiday music, ship tours, and remarks from the ship's commanding officer.

Guests are invited to view the ship's gun firing in observance of evening colors, a ceremony for lowering the American Flag on the ship at sunset, which will be at 4:13 p.m.

The tree lighting ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. and photos

with Santa Claus will be available after the ceremony.

Entry to board USS Constitution will end at 5 p.m. and guests will be permitted to remain on the ship for free tours until 6 p.m.

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

The USS Constitution Museum is currently open 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.

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

The ship earned the nickname of Old Ironsides during the War of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship's wooden hull.



Last year's tree lighting on the USS Constitution.

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# Wu announces historic investments in programs for low- and middle-income homebuyers

Building on her commitment to creating affordable housing in Boston, Mayor Michelle Wu announced a significant investment in creating homeownership opportunities. The Mayor has directed \$60 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to be allocated to the development of income-restricted housing for eligible Boston residents and financial assistance programs to help residents in buying homes. The City will make 150 parcels of land available to developers to build income-restricted homeownership opportunities and will be providing grants that will deliver lower mortgage interest rates and up to \$50,000 in direct assistance, including down payment and closing cost assistance, to income-eligible first-time homebuyers. Funding will also be used to launch a homeownership program for qualified Boston Housing Authority residents.

The proposed investments in homeownership are part of the Mayor's commitment to address housing affordability and stability through the operating budget, the Capital budget, and federal recovery funds to build and acquire new affordable units, upgrade public housing, expand housing stability services, and expand a voucher program.

"Housing is the foundation of a healthy, thriving City," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "In Boston this is an urgent issue that impacts every neighborhood, every generation, every demographic. We are moving as fast as possible with every single lever that the City has, making land available in partnership with community developers and making the financing possible with increased down payment assistance to ensure every resident

has access to affordable homeownership opportunities."

"This announcement is a big win for creating homeownership opportunities in our communities while simultaneously improving neighborhoods through the activation of vacant lots," said Councilor Brian Worrell. "This initiative is an important investment in addressing our housing shortage and allowing families to realize the dream of homeownership."

"Investments that both create new affordable homes and provide meaningful financial assistance will allow more families to buy in Boston," said Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing. "In the upcoming months, we will be working hard with our partners to make sure that Boston residents learn of, and act on, these important opportunities."

In June, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) announced the completion of the Public Land for Public Good: Citywide Land Audit of all city-owned property. This report was the culmination of an effort to comprehensively inventory all City-owned properties, identify vacant and underutilized properties, and set in motion accelerated efforts to best utilize these properties to serve Boston's communities, particularly through the development of affordable housing. Of those parcels, 150 were designated as suitable for the development of housing. In early 2023, the City will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to developers for the first 70 parcels to create homes for residents to own. A portion of the ARPA funds will be used to subsidize the construction of the housing units, making the new homes affordable to moderate-income households.

come households.

"The BPDA is working diligently to expand affordable homeownership opportunities for all Bostonians, as a way to bolster equity and inclusion in our housing market," said Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison. "The results of the land audit, in combination with the Mayor's directive to streamline the BPDA's approval process for affordable housing, will get us there."

In addition to building new homes, the Mayor's Office of Housing will fund three financial assistance programs that will aid households looking to purchase a home in Boston. The Boston Home Center (BHC) First Time Homebuyer program, the Saving Toward Affordable Sustainable Homeownership (STASH) program, and the ONE+Boston program.

Income-qualified buyers will be eligible for downpayment and closing cost assistance of up to 5% of the purchase price, not to exceed \$50,000 through the BHC first-time homebuyer assistance program. The City's down-payment assistance can be matched with the State's 5% down-payment program, allowing homeowners to receive a grant of up to 10% of the purchase price of a home.

Down-payment assistance can be used with the ONE+Boston program which provides discounts on interest rates for first-time homebuyers. With the ONE+Boston program, qualified Boston residents who earn between 81% and 100% AMI will receive a half percent (0.5%) discount rate off the reduced interest rate offered through the ONE Mortgage product (currently about 6.625%). Boston residents who earn below

80% AMI will receive up to one percent (1%) off of the current ONE Mortgage rate. The down-payment assistance combined with the discounted mortgage rates through the ONE+Boston program will greatly increase the buying options for qualified residents.

This targeted funding will also enhance the STASH program. The STASH program is the first-in-the-nation matched-savings program for first-generation homebuyers who are earning below the area median income and are buying in the City of Boston. The program, designed and managed by the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA) provides first-generation homebuyers with education and counseling on purchasing a home. In addition, first-generation buyers that complete the program and save \$2,000 towards a home purchase are eligible to receive a 10-1 match if they buy a home in Boston.

"The additional funding for the STASH program and the ONE+Boston program will be necessary in allowing many first-time and first-generation homebuyers to continue their plans of buying in Boston, even as the market becomes increasingly difficult," said Symone Crawford, Executive Director, Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, MAHA.

To assist Boston's public housing residents and voucher participants in purchasing their first homes, the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) has created a new program in partnership with the City of Boston. BHA's First Home Program is providing eligible BHA residents with enhanced down payment assistance of up to \$75,000 for a home purchased within the City of Boston. This

program is available to all qualifying BHA public housing and Section 8 residents who purchase a home within the City of Boston. BHA has a goal to reach 100 households through this program. Section 8 voucher participants can use their housing subsidy towards their mortgage payments through the Section 8 (HCV) to Homeownership Program, a program the BHA is expanding through this initiative. BHA applicants will receive home buying counseling support from the new BHA Homeownership advisor. BHA residents can learn more about the program at [bostonhousing.org/firsthome](http://bostonhousing.org/firsthome).

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

These investments in homeownership build on Mayor Wu's initiatives to address Boston's housing affordability, including filing a Home Rule Petition relative to real estate transfer fees and senior property tax relief, signing an Executive Order relative to affirmatively furthering fair housing, convening a Rent Stabilization Advisory Committee to inform future legislative proposals and signing an Executive Order to streamline the approval process for affordable housing.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405 Docket No. SU22P2455PM In the matter of: Elaine Tirrell Of: Charlestown, MA To the named Respondent and all

other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Elaine Tirrell is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Shelly Oakes of Braintree MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/13/2022.

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named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 02, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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# Baker signs \$3.76 billion economic development bill

Governor Charlie Baker signed a \$3.76 billion spending plan that promotes economic development, strengthens health and human services, advances clean energy and resiliency, expands affordable housing production and invests in Massachusetts communities, businesses and workers. The legislation includes funding for several proposals introduced by the Baker-Polito Administration in the FORWARD economic development bill filed in April and in multiple supplemental budget proposals, including the most recent proposal from August to close out Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22).

"This legislation will make strategic investments in economic development, increase affordable housing production and support our health care system," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We appreciate the Legislature's efforts to pass this bill which is necessary to invest the Commonwealth's significant state surplus and time-sensitive federal relief dollars. While I am disappointed that the bill does not include permanent tax relief that is affordable and was supported by our administration and the Legislature, I am pleased that the Commonwealth's strong financial position allows us to make these critical investments on behalf of our communities."

"This bill addresses a wide range of needs across Massachusetts, from investing in long-term housing affordability to

enabling transformational projects in hundreds of cities and towns," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "This funding will play a crucial role in the continued growth of local economies, businesses and families and we look forward to seeing it put to work."

The bill is funded by a combination of state resources, including FY22 surplus revenue, and federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-FRF). Notably, the Governor vetoed an outside section that would cap the use of ARPA-FRF funding to \$510 million (of the \$2.3 billion that remains available in ARPA-FRF funds). Federal law requires that the entirety of these federal funds be committed by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. Vetoing this section will allow the Commonwealth to prioritize the use of the time-limited federal dollars.

"This legislation will build upon our efforts over the last several years to strategically deploy billions in federal and state funding to bolster the Commonwealth's economy through the pandemic and accelerate recovery," said Administration and Finance Secretary Michael J. Heffernan. "We appreciate the collaboration of our colleagues in the Legislature on this important bill, which will further support key areas of need, make long-lasting improvements to Massachusetts infrastructure,

and invest in local communities across the state."

Highlights of the bill include:

Health and human services

- \$850 million in near-term relief for fiscally strained hospitals, human service providers, nursing facilities, rest homes and community health centers

- \$200 million to support the Commonwealth's continued response to and management of COVID-19

- \$25 million for low-threshold housing for individuals experiencing homelessness

- \$20 million to address the varied needs of immigrants and refugees

- \$20 million to combat gun violence

- \$20 million for the Victim and Witness Assistance Board

- \$17.5 million to support access to reproductive care and family planning services

Education

- \$150 million to stabilize early education and care providers

- An additional \$315 million transfer to the High-Quality Early Education & Care Affordability Fund via an outside section amending the FY23 budget

- \$50 million to support scholarships for Massachusetts students enrolled in higher education nursing programs

Housing production and affordability

- \$100 million for workforce housing production

- \$100 million for homeownership expansion through the Commonwealth Builder program

- \$100 million to support the creation of affordable housing through the Affordable Housing Trust

- \$57 million for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

- \$50 million for the Equitable Developers' financing program

- \$153 million to support a variety of businesses in need across the state, including \$75 million for hotels, \$45 million for businesses reaching underserved markets, and \$40 million for small businesses

- \$75 million to support broadband infrastructure and internet access

- Hundreds of local community and economic development projects

- Clean energy and environmental infrastructure

- \$175 million for investments in publicly-owned green space and environmental infrastructure, including \$75 million in environmental justice communities

- \$150 million for clean energy initiatives, including transfers to the Clean Energy Investment Fund, Electric Vehicle Adoption Incentive Trust, and Charging Infrastructure Deployment Fund

- \$115 million for water quality improvement projects through the

Massachusetts Clean Water Trust

- \$100 million for improvements to port infrastructure

- \$25 million to support food security infrastructure

Transportation

- \$112 million to support key needs at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), including implementation of Federal Transit Authority (FTA) directives

The Governor signed the large majority of the 271 outside sections included in the bill, including sections that make corrections that will allow for the successful implementation of new tax credits related to offshore wind and the hiring of National Guard members. The Governor also approved policy sections that will improve the operation and effectiveness of the Brownfields Redevelopment Fund and smart growth zoning through an improved Starter Home Zoning chapter of the General Laws. Additional sections will change the Department of Public Health's (DPH) standing order authority related to COVID-19 testing and treatment and will establish effective and efficient administrative processes through which DPH will manage the licensure and oversight of Registered Sanitarians and Certified Health Officers.

Governor Baker returned two outside sections to the Legislature with proposed amendments and vetoed a total of 24 sections.

## HOUSING (from pg. 1)

Street, and Sam Morse Way. The developer, the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment, is a public-private partnership of the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) in conjunction with the Charlestown Resident Alliance (CRA), Leggat McCall Properties, the Joseph J. Corcoran Company, and Declaration Partners.

"The Bunker Hill community has waited a long time for this moment," said BHA Administrator Kate Bennett.

"Between the countless meetings, negotiations, a pandemic, and inflation, Bunker Hill residents have been incredibly engaged and patient. We are so happy that their patience has been answered and that we finally are able to start construction."

Phase One of the project includes site preparation and dem-



Residents are shown at the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment community-wide open house on October 22.

olition of 126 units in six, currently-vacant buildings. A total

of 110 development households have already been relocated (62

on-site; 48 off-site). Phase One also includes construction of 350 new units in two buildings located on the eastern half of the site.

When site preparation and demolition are completed, construction (projected to begin this spring) will begin on the first building that will deliver the most affordable housing units.

In total, the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment project encompasses 26 acres. The redevelopment master site plan includes the demolition of 42 buildings, consisting presently of 1,100 BHA units, and the construction of 2,699 new residential units in 15 buildings ranging from 4-10 stories high.

All units will be built to the same quality standards. The project will include up to 50,000 square feet of retail space and a

community center of up to 14,000 square feet.

The project will have off-street parking and seven acres of open space. It is projected that the total build-out will take 8-10 years.

Residents are encouraged to visit [www.bunkerhillhousing.com](http://www.bunkerhillhousing.com) for the latest project updates and additional information. In addition, as work begins, residents can also reach out to the project team directly with any questions as follows:

General Questions: [info@bunkerhillhousing.com](mailto:info@bunkerhillhousing.com) or 617-422-7023

Construction Questions: [info@bunkerhillhousing.com](mailto:info@bunkerhillhousing.com) or 617-422-7083

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# State Fire Marshal offers cooking safety tips for Thanksgiving

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is urging residents to make fire safety a priority in the kitchen as we approach Thanksgiving Day, the number one day for home fires in Massachusetts.

“Each year, we see about twice as many fires on Thanksgiving as on the next-closest day,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “Don’t let a fire ruin this special time with your family and loved ones. Practice fire safety when cooking and heating your home, and be sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that can alert you to danger.”

### Cooking Safety Tips

There were 678 Thanksgiving Day fires in Massachusetts from 2017 to 2021, and 87% of them started with cooking activities at home. These Thanksgiving Day fires caused seven civilian injuries, seven fire service injuries, and more than \$3 million in esti-

mated losses. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to stay fire-safe in the kitchen this year:

Be sure your oven is empty before turning it on.

Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.

Turn pot handles inward over the stove.

Remember to “stand by your pan” and stay in the kitchen when boiling, frying, or broiling.

Use a timer when baking or roasting and never leave the house with the oven running.

The best way to respond to a stovetop fire is to “put a lid on it” and turn off the heat.

The best way to respond to an oven or broiler fire is to keep the oven doors closed and turn off the heat.

If the fire is not quickly snuffed out, leave the house and call 9-1-1 from outside.

### Thanksgiving 2021

Residential cooking fires on

Thanksgiving Day dropped by more than 20% last year, falling from 127 in 2020 to 97 in 2021.

After a devastating fire in New Bedford on Thanksgiving 2020 that caused severe injuries and displaced almost 30 people, there were no fires attributed to turkey fryers last year. Fire safety experts strongly discourage the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such as UL or ETL, and the risk of hot oil spilling or igniting is high. The National Fire Protection Association states that home use of “turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer.” They recommend using new “oil-less” turkey fryers.

### Gas Ovens: A Source of Carbon Monoxide

Generally, the confined space of

a closed gas oven used for cooking does not produce enough carbon monoxide (CO) to present any dangers, but it can present a hazard if used for several hours consecutively – such as when roasting a turkey. If you have a kitchen exhaust fan, use it; if not, crack a window for fresh air when using the gas oven for a prolonged period. Working CO alarms are vitally important to protect you and your loved ones from carbon monoxide poisoning.

### Home Heating: #1 Source of Carbon Monoxide, #2 Cause of Fires

Heating is the second leading cause of fires on Thanksgiving and the primary source of carbon monoxide in the home. Give your furnace an annual check-up, have chimneys cleaned and inspected by a professional at the beginning of heating season, and place space heaters on flat, level surfaces where in locations where they won’t be bumped or tripped

over. Keep a three-foot “circle of safety” free of anything that can burn around all heat sources.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the Department of Fire Services’ Thanksgiving web page.

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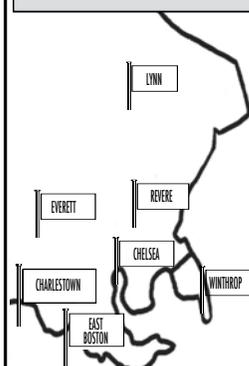
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