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# CHARLESTOWN

PATRIOT-BRIDGE —

## LT. MICHAEL P. QUINN SCHOLARSHIP DINNER



The Lt. Michael P. Quinn Scholarship, dedicated to assisting a student from Charlestown in their path through higher education. Above, Quinn Scholarship recipient for 2022 Elle Woods (third from right) with past recipients Kathleen O'Neil-Smith (1979), Devin Gallagher (2018), Madison Rodriguez (2020), Chris O'Brien (1990), and Jeremy Shea (2019) Saturday, April 1, at Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus Hall. Right, serving as Honor Guard were US Marines Corporal Jordan Brown, Staff Sgt Nathaniel Elmore, Sgt Mason Stelmach, and Sgt Ulises Tapia. See pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

#### worked in Charlestown before, I By Dan Murphy Since arriving in the neighborhood last Thanksgiving weekend,

home in Charlestown

Fr. Sheridan finds new

Fr. John Sheridan immediately felt at home in Charlestown.

"I have worked all over the area, and although I had never

felt right at home from the beginning, and right from the beginning, people have been marvelous," said Fr. Sheridan, pastor of the Charlestown Catholic Collab-

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Fr. John Sheridan, pastor of the Charlestown Catholic Collaborative.

## CHARLESTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CALENDAR

#### **CNC** Development Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m.

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council's Development Committee will hold an in-person, public meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 7-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford Street, Charlestown. The sole agenda item will be the proposed conversion of 150 Third Ave, Charlestown, MA (f/k/a The Constitution Inn) into

approximately permanent affordable rental housing and related services for residents. A presentation by the project proponents, the Planning Office for Urban Affairs and St. Francis House, will be followed by an opportunity for the committee and community to ask questions about the proposed project.

CNC Development Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 26, The Charlestown Neighborhood Council's Development Com-

mittee will hold an in-person, public meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7 p.m. (location TBD) The sole agenda item will be the Plan:Charlestown Hybrid Scenarios presented at the March 30, 2023 BPDA meeting. https:// www.bostonplans.org/planning/ planning-initiatives/plan-charlestown Members of the BPDA PLAN:Charlestown team will discuss the proposed zoning changes and land use scenarios to be followed by an opportunity for the

committee and community to ask questions and offer comments on the proposal.

Meeting/Event Updates: Council meetings are listed and updated on the CNC calendar, cnc02129. org. Our general and committee meetings are open to the public so residents do not need an invitation to attend and are not required to RSVP or reserve a space. However, if you would like to receive a calendar invitation for an event and email updates with important

meeting updates, then just click an event's 'Add to Calendar' button and provide your email address.

As always, please bring your neighborhood questions, concerns, and suggestions to our monthly general meeting. The next General Meeting will be Tuesday, May 2, 2023. Contact us anytime at cnc02129@ gmail.com and find updates on CNC02129.org. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

## PLAN: Charlestown hybrid scenario revealed

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

On Thursday, Mar. 30, the Boston Planning Development Agency (BPDA) unveiled a new hybrid scenario to Charlestown residents concerning zoning in the areas of Sullivan Square and the Rutherford Corridor.

In May and June of last year, the BPDA proposed two scenarios for updated zoning in Charlestown. Scenario one focused on "Jobs and Connections," while scenario two emphasized "Housing and Open Space."

Since last summer, the BPDA has taken feedback from those previously presented scenarios to create a hybrid iteration of its plans for Charlestown. This new iteration focuses on changes to land use, density, open space, and connections.

Regarding land use, the proposal focuses on adding residential and mixed-use areas while limiting office or lab space. There were no additions to industrial land use in this proposal.

The proposed residential areas are placed along the neighborhood's edge, at the waterfront, and near transit areas.

"An important point here is

that we don't just mean housing in these areas. These are residential areas that should allow for shops and services on the ground floor in order to serve residents and to create vibrant, walkable, and new neighborhoods in Charlestown," said Andrew Wald, an Urban and Community Designer for Interboro Partners – an architectural design firm that consulted with the BPDA on the hybrid scenario.

Mixed-use areas would mostly be placed further west of Rutherford Avenue near transit areas and Hood Park, among other places. While new office or lab space areas would be relegated to space closer to the highway and along the industrial edge.

When talking about density, Wald indicated how polarizing a topic it was in terms of the feedback the BPDA received from its previous two scenarios.

He said, "So, looking at the surveys, people had a lot to say about density – it's both good and bad."

This new hybrid scenario proposes that density and building height would increase as you move closer to the highway. As an example, Wald showed a slide that depicted buildings closest to the highway that could range as tall as

350 feet and 19 stories and would gradually reduce as you got closer to Rutherford Avenue.

Although there would be an increase in density in this part of the neighborhood, Wald explained that useable green space would also increase.

"So, even though we're saying that, you know, we're increasing density, we're also increasing the amount of usable public green spaces in this neighborhood," said Wald.

"This is one of the exciting things about this proposed scenario is with new construction also comes the opportunity to develop new parks and open spaces."

The proposal would create around 28 acres of new open space, including greenways, a waterfront park, three large parks, and several smaller neighborhood parks.

"We're also recommending that new developments include publically accessible green space on their sites in order to enhance the public realm, but also to improve stormwater capture and reduce urban heat island effects," said Wald.

As for connections, there were several changes proposed in this hybrid iteration. There would be an improvement of crossing along Rutherford Avenue and several new main and service streets created – mainly west of Rutherford Avenue.

Regarding public transit, the plan proposes adding three new shuttle services that would "Link Charlestown and the Navy Yard directly to the Orange and Green lines, as well as service to North Station, to Encore, and to the airport," said Wald.

Also, the plan would include trips are shorter and much more

more high-frequency bus service and even commuter rail service at Sullivan Square station. Several bike lanes would also be included in the plan.

In addition to working with Interboro Partners as a consultant, the BPDA also partnered with Nelson\Nygaard, a transportation planning company, to analyze the effects this plan would have on transportation in Charlestown.

Previous iterations of PLAN: Charlestown caused some transportation problems observed by Nelson\Nygaard, such as overcapacity on high-frequency bus routes and areas like the Alford Street and Gilmore bridges along with Mystic Avenue – key gateways in and out of the neighborhood.

However, this new hybrid iteration includes recommendations from Nelson\Nygaard that affected the plan's land use and transportation service aspects to quell those concerns.

Land use changes included reducing the neighborhood's office and lab space and the allowed square footage for new development. At the same time, the transportation changes included a silver line extension from Chelsea to Sullivan Square, more frequent bus service, and the commuter rail service mentioned above.

"In terms of the land use changes – this had a significant impact – a significant improvement in terms of reducing vehicle trips by 10 to 12% during both the a.m. and p.m. peak periods – so very pleased with those findings," said Jason Novsam, a Senior Associate with Nelson\Nygaard.

"We see that a larger share of trips are shorter and much more likely to be completed by walking, biking, or transit – again – with less office and lab space, we're pulling in less commuters from further regions of the Boston area, and we see the key gateways Mystic Avenue, Cambridge Street, Gilmore Bridge being much more able to support the proposed evolvement."

When speaking about how the additional transit service recommendations would affect Charlestown, Novsam indicated that they created more demand for ridership and would eliminate capacity issues they had previously observed.

It should be noted that these analyses were done with assumptions that include the proposed PLAN: Charlestown street networks, that the Orange Line has been improved and is running every six minutes during peak hours, the MBTA bus network redesign has been fully implemented, the three newly proposed shuttle services are implemented, and the reconfiguration of Sullivan Square and Rutherford Avenue is complete.

Overall, while several residents voiced their concerns about the plans, others were a fan of the proposal, and there will be several ways to provide feedback in the coming weeks.

The BPDA will hold a monthlong comment period on this scenario, including various office hours at the Charlestown Public Library, a meeting at the CNC, and tabling throughout the community.

Residents can visit: https://www.bostonplans.org/planning/planning-initiatives/plan-charlestown to view the recorded presentation and slideshow, learn more about the next steps, and fill out a survey with feedback.

# Harvest on Vine Emergency Food Pantry APRIL DISTRIBUTIONS - 49 Vine Street

Set-up: THURSDAY (not Good Friday) April 6th - 3:30PM

Distribution: Saturday, April 8th - 10:00 AM Set-up: Mon., 4/24 - 3PM Distribution: Tues. , 4/25 - 2PM

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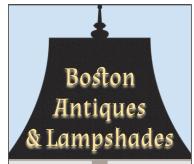
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## **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

## North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through April 15

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

#### Scheduled Work

- Installation of bridge deck formwork
- Installation of sidewalk steel and formwork
- Installation of electrical utility conduits on bridge structure
- Installation of gas and water utilities on bridge structure

Work Hours

• Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

#### Contraflow Pilot

- The MassDOT-implemented contraflow pilot will continue to be in effect during evening peak traffic (3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday.
- Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic during set up and operation of the contraflow.

#### **Travel Tips**

For everyone using the temporary bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

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

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

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

- BRUINS: April 6 at 7:00 p.m., April 8 at 8:00 p.m., and April 11 at 7:00 p.m.
- CELTICS: April 5 at 7:30 p.m., April 7 at 7:30 p.m., and April 9 at 1:00 p.m.

How can I find more informa-

Stay up-to-date and informed by following the @MassDOT twitter account and Mass 511 for realtime updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

#### SHERIDAN (from pg. 1)

orative, comprising the parishes of St. Francis de Sales, and St. Mary-St. Catherine, as well as Harvest on Vine food pantry and Good Shepherd School, both of which are under the auspices of St. Mary-St. Catherine. "Also, it helps that I'm a big hockey fan," he added.

A native of Newton, Fr. Sheridan hails from a family of eight brothers and sisters. His father, Denis, came from County Mayo, Ireland, while his mother, Elizabeth, was baptized at St. Joseph in Somerville. And for Fr. Sheridan, now 59, the church has always been a constant in his life.

"I have always been very much a part of my parish," he said. "My family has always been good Catholics. That's how God works - He works in families first, and along the way, step by step, friends and other folks continue to develop what was always there, given to me by God and led me to where I am today, leading two great parishes in Charlestown."

A product of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Parish, the Newton Public Schools, and St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Fr. Sheridan was ordinated a Diocesan priest in 1990. He has served as curate, chaplain, and pastor in a variety of assignments throughout the Archdiocese, including three collaboratives. His previous assignment was Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish, comprising of Our Lady of Grace in Chelsea/Everett and St. Mary of the Assumption in Revere/Malden.

Since coming to Charlestown, Fr. Sheridan has lived at St. Catherine's rectory while working at both St. Mary-St. Catherine and

St. Francis de Sales parishes.

"I know I am filling the shoes of two great pastors, Fr. Dan Mahoney and Fr. Jim Ronin," he

Fr. Sheridan extends his gratitude to Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN, St Mary- St Catherine's pastoral associate; James Santosuosso, the Charlestown Catholic Collaborative's finance and operations director; Joan and Ken Rae; and the staffs and councils of the Parish Councils "for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the Charlestown Catholic Family."

Moreover, Fr. Sheridan said: "I'm also thankful to Rev. JD Mangrum at Christ Church for his warm welcome, insight, and prayerful encouragement."

In anticipation of the future, Fr. Sheridan invokes one of his oft-used phrases: "Look up. Look ahead."

He added, "As we are grateful for the incredible history that surrounds us here, our hearts are always looking ahead for new ways to serve Christ. May we build together in hope and confidence in Christ."

Fr. John will be formally installed as pastor of both parishes on June 4 by his St. John's Seminary classmate, Most Rev. Mark O'Connell.

The day's events will include a special 11 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's (St. Mary – St. Catherine of Siena), followed by a reception at St. Francis' Bishop Lawton Hall.

"Please join us for Holy Week, Sacramental celebrations and on June 4 as we all look up and look ahead," said Fr. Sheridan.

## **BOSTON AUTOPORT** SCHOLARSHIP 2023

## TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE **BOSTON AUTOPORT SCHOLARSHIP, GRADUATING SENIORS MUST BE:**

- A resident of Charlestown- preference will be given to residents of Charles Newtown Co-Operative, or Boston Housing Authority-owned property in Charlestown
- Accepted to a college, university, technical or vocational program- preference will be given to students pursuing a technical or vocational program

Scholarship applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023.

For more information on this scholarship, including an application checklist and criteria please email Audrey Nagle at anagle@massport.com

**BOSTON AUTOPORT** 





## **PLAN: Charlestown**

## Office Hours at the Charlestown Public Library

**THURSDAY** APRIL 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY** 

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

APRIL 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**FRIDAY** 

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) welcomes all Charlestown community members to come chat with the PLAN: Charlestown team at Charlestown's public library!

PLAN: Charlestown is the neighborhood's ongoing comprehensive planning initiative, which kicked-off in 2020, and has just released a new scenario depicting a possible future for the neighborhood's land use, open space, transportation, and density. The team is collecting feedback and wants to hear from as many residents as possible, so please stop by with your thoughts, hopes, and questions!

**Charlestown Public Library** 179 Main Street, Charlestown, MA 02129

Interested in chatting with staff but unable to join? Please contact Jason Ruggiero at jason.ruggiero@ boston.gov to schedule a time to chat.



Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

## EDITORIAI

## HAPPY RAMADAN, EASTER, AND PASSOVER

One of the things that we take for granted as Americans is our freedom to worship -- or not to worship -- as we see fit.

What brings this thought to mind is the plethora of religious-oriented observances that are occurring this month: the Muslim holy month of Ramadan has been ongoing since March 22 and extends through April 20; the week-long Jewish celebration of Passover begins today (Wednesday); Easter Sunday, preceded by Good Friday, is this Sunday for Catholics and Protestant denominations; and the Orthodox Christian observance of Easter is set for next Sunday.

In addition, the Cambodian community will be celebrating the Cambodian New Year for three days from April 14-16.

This confluence of religious holidays serves as a reminder to all of us that the concept of freedom of religion began -- and still exists -- in America. Most of the Pilgrims, as well as many of the other early settlers of America, were religious separatists who had broken from the Church of England and who came to America in order to be free from persecution (though the Pilgrims, who were known as Puritans, were themselves intolerant of other religions),

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our readers of all religious preferences a happy and healthy holiday season.

## GOOD LUCK, MR. ENG --

### YOU'LL NEED IT

Governor Maura Healey last week announced the appointment of Phillip Eng as the next General Manager of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). Eng is an engineer with nearly 40 years of experience in transportation, including serving as the President of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) Long Island Rail Road and the Interim President of New York City Transit.

To say that Mr. Eng will be facing a number of significant and immediate challenges is not even an understatement.

His appointment comes on the heels of an announcement by the T a few weeks ago that speed restrictions between 10-25 miles per hour on the Red, Orange, Blue, and Green Lines -- in other words, the entire system -- were to go into effect immediately because of the decrepit condition of the rail beds on the T's tracks.

As we can attest after riding on the Red Line two weeks ago -- in which we crawled along at a snail's pace for almost the entire ride from South Station through Quincy -- the T's Rapid Transit system is anything but rapid and more aptly could be described as the Turtle Trolley.

In addition to unsafe tracks, the T also has to deal with the roving gangs of thugs on its trains who terrorize passengers with seeming impunity, as has been the case recently on the other end of the Red Line, where passengers were mugged during rush hour at Harvard Square station.

The T also has to address a serious shortfall of workers. According to news reports, the T is offering new employees a \$7500 cash signing bonus in order to make a dent in its present shortfall of 2800 workers. The manpower shortage already is having an effect on the frequency of bus routes. But given the low unemployment rate in the state, the T's prospects of getting the new workers it needs to function at anywhere near 100 percent optimization seem slim.

The T also is dealing with a huge decrease in ridership across all of its modes of transportation. We took the Hingham Ferry to Rowe's Wharf last week during rush hour. Before the pandemic, there would be a long line of commuters snaking along the waterfront from the Rowe's Wharf hotel to board the ferry back to Hingham.

Instead there were no more than 10 people waiting to get onto the boat -- and this was at 5:30 on a Friday evening, usually a prime-time rush hour boat that ordinarily would be packed with commuters. This decrease is not confined to the ferry. According to the T's own figures, there were 1.2 million daily riders of the T in February, 2019. However, in February 2023, the number was 702,000 -- a huge decline that is not expected to increase any time soon.

In addition, the T's ambitious plans to electrify its buses have encountered significant delays. In order to electrify its buses, the T needs to construct new garages that are capable of charging an electric bus fleet. However, the garages that already are under construction in Cambridge and Quincy are facing significant delays and the third garage on the Arborway in Jamaica Plain already is two years behind schedule. Plus, according to news reports, the T is facing delays in the delivery of the electric buses it has ordered.

It is clear that even with a significant infusion of cash from the legislature, the T will have difficulty bringing its system into the 21st century. Moreover, given the already-low ridership and the poor quality of service, the T will continue to lose riders who cannot afford to be late for work everyday because of decrepit infrastructure and a lack of workers.

The MBTA always has been a favorite target for criticism from the press and politicians. However, the many years of neglected maintenance, which are due entirely to underfunded budgets from the legislature, combined with the after-effects of the pandemic, have brought the T to the crisis situation it is facing today.

Mr. Eng may very well be a superb choice for the top job at the T, but no one should expect him to work miracles.

All of us should wish him the best of luck because a modern and efficient public transportation system is essential for the Boston Metropolitan area to thrive.



## **LETTER** to the Editor

## DEAR FRIENDS OF CHARLESTOWN NEAR AND FAR

To the Editor,

The integrity of our historic neighborhood and respect for America's first veterans are under threat.

On Tuesday, April 11th, the Charlestown Historic Battlefield District Commit-

tee will host a public meeting from 7:15 to 8:15 PM at the American Legion Post 26 at 23 Adams Street, just off the Training Field.

Please join us!

As citizens of Charlestown, we have a responsibility to honor and defend our legacy of liberty — a trust to be transmitted to posterity.

Johanna Hynes

## Raising funds for cancer research at Dana-Farber

On April 17, the following residents are running to defy cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 127th Boston Marathon®:

- Dave Antos
- Marie Caulfield
- Steph Martin

Along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, they will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to collectively raise \$6.5 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 34th annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC). One hundred percent of the money raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team benefits Dana-Far-

ber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which supports promising science research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$115 million for the Barr Program to date.

In 1990, Dana-Farber was among the first charity organizations to be recognized by the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A), which organizes the Boston Marathon. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team offers its members extensive fundraising support, training guidance from 1976 Boston Marathon Men's Open Division Champion Jack Fultz, and team training runs. Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge runners who are not time-qualified for the Boston

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Some want to downsize, others are looking for new adventures

About one-sixth of home-buyers are older than 50, according to the National Association of Realtors. This has opened up new areas in the real estate market, while encouraging some agents to narrow their focus to this growing segment.

#### **NO MAXIMUM AGE**

There is no maximum age to apply for a mortgage, and there are laws in place making age-based discrimination illegal. Still, you and your prospective lender need to keep certain realities in mind. You will have to be sure that savings and retirement income will be enough to cover expenses when you eventually leave the workforce — and you can't wait too long. Lenders won't qualify those whose only income is derived from IRAs, 401(k)s or other account distributions. (Remember that

withdrawal from these retirement distributions are subject to penalties.)

#### **SPECIALIZED HELP**

The National Association of Realtors has developed a new designation called senior real-estate specialist to provide any needed special assistance. These pros have additional training in helping older buyers and sellers with the often-complicated decision making and financial planning involved with purchasing a home late in life. Their skillsets also include in-depth knowledge of estate-planning, tax implications and benefit programs aimed at helping seniors with these transactions. They'll also be able to recommend properties and developments that are closer to desirable amenities like senior centers, recreation options and community services.

#### **BEFORE YOU BUY**

Price not withstanding, not every property is suited for purchase by a senior. Educate yourself on the lending

options available for seniors in your area with help from a trusted real estate professional. Once you've secured a pre-approval, every step of the home search should be geared toward your individual situation: The property should have the potential for fast and very high appreciation, since you might not complete the entire 30-year payment cycle on your mortgage.

If you're considering a condo, remember that owner-ship includes

but they're paired with additional owner-association fees. That might make this a poor option if you're trying to keep monthly expenses low. Whatever you choose, make sure all of your potential showings are move-in ready, with few or no need-ed repairs. With an expert agent guiding the way, you should be able to find a dream home at any age.



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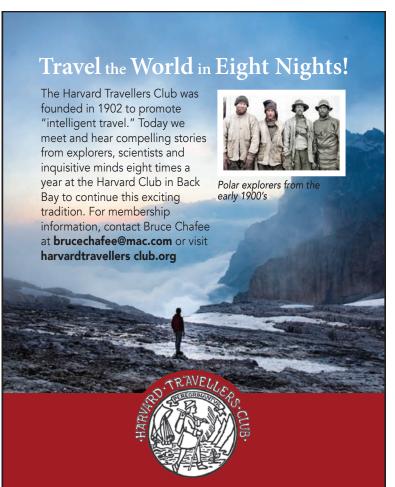
## LT. MICHAEL P. QUINN SCHOLARSHIP DINNER



Classmate of Lt. Michael P. Quinn at Holy Cross 1968 Mike Slein with his wife Bonnie and Brian Kingston, also Holy Cross class of 1968.



US Marines Brigadier General Kyle Ellison is presented with a gift, a map detailing the Battle Of Bunker Hill.



Lt. Michael P. Quinn was a son of Charlestown. He served as a Lieutenant in the US Marines during the Vietnam War and was killed in action there on Aug 29, 1969. Shortly afterward his friends established the Lt. Michael P. Quinn Scholarship, dedicated to assisting a student from Charlestown in their path through higher education. Michael Quinn's life was dedicated to service to his community and country and his name continues that to this day. The dinner was held Saturday, April 1, at Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus Hall.



City Of Boston Veterans Services Commissioner Robert Santiago speaks.



Quinn Scholarship recipient Elle Woods (right) with her brothers Patrick and Connor.



Lt. Michael P. Quinn Scholarship recipient Elle Woods speaks. A Boston Latin graduate, she is attending Northeastern University's Bouvé College Of Nursing.



Quinn Scholarship recipient Elle Woods' grandparents Nolan and Sharon Baratta, brothers Patrick and Connor Woods, aunt Nancy Walsh and family friends Carol and Janice Cobe.



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Maura Driscoll, Dawn Greenwood, and Jim Lydon

## LT. MICHAEL P. QUINN SCHOLARSHIP DINNER



Quinn Scholarship recipient Elle Woods with her mother Erin (right) and family friends Mary Gillan and Arthur Hurley.



Keynote speaker Marine Corp Brigadier General Kyle Ellison speaks. He was honored to return to Charlestown and being a part of an event connected to a hero such as Lt. Michael P Quinn. He noted events such as the Scholarship Dinner Dance are vital and critical for our nation.



Boston City Councilor Erin Murphy and Veterans Services Commissioner Robert Santiago with Bill Sinnott and Treasurer Ronan Fitzpatrick.



member John Caldwell gets some help from his wife, Sarah.



Bobby Leahy, retired US Navy chaplain Father Steve Rock of Christ The King Church in Reading MA, and John McCaul.



Danny Norton leads the Honor Guard in to begin the ceremony.

## The Ken Stone Memorial

## Paul Revere Ride



Paul Revere and his horse, Brown Beauty, in City Square Park on his way to Lexington and Concord.

Monday, April 17th City Square Park arrive at 10:00am

> Paul Revere arrives at 10:15am



Recipient of the Lt. Michael P. Quinn Defensive Player Of The Year At Holy Cross Award Nick Hale (center) with Larry Brown and Chris O'Brien.

Organized by the Friends of City Square Park with cooperation from the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the National Lancers and the Boston National Historical Park.



In case of rain please go to: friendsofcitysquarepark.org for information

## Legislation authorizing transportation funding benefits DiDomenico's District

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate last week to pass a bill that includes \$350 million in authorizations for transportation needs across the state, including \$200 million for the state's Chapter 90 program, which provides municipalities with funds for transportation-related improvements, including road and bridge repairs.

"Families throughout my district deserve reliable and safe roads, bridges, buses, and trains so they can get to work, pick up their kids

from school, and enjoy every part of our community," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "I was proud to support this transportation funding because it is an investment in the wellbeing of our families and our state's economy for years to come. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Senator Crighton, and Senator Kennedy for all their work putting this legislation together and passing it swiftly."

"This legislation will maintain and improve our state's infrastruc-

ture, ensure that residents have safe and reliable transportation options, and support sustainable, regionally equitable economic development in communities across the Commonwealth," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "I'd like to thank Senator Crighton for his work in crafting this legislation, Senator Kennedy for his help in advancing it, and all of my Senate colleagues for working collaboratively to ensure the transportation needs of our cities and towns are addressed in a regionally equitable manner."

This legislation also authorizes \$150 million in programs that will assist municipalities with various transportation-related projects. This includes \$25 million for each of the following:

- The municipal small bridge program;
  - The complete streets program;
- A bus transit infrastructure program;
- Grants to increase access to mass transit and commuter rail stations;
- Grants for municipalities and regional transit authorities to

purchase electric vehicles and the infrastructure needed to support them;

• And new funding dedicated to additional transportation support based on road milage, which is particularly helpful for rural communities

A different version having previously been passed in the House of Representatives, the two chambers will now reconcile differences before sending the bill to the Governor's desk.

## Runners // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Marathon receive an invitational entry into the race.

Runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family and friends of those who have been

affected by cancer. Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment:

• Invitational runners - runners who receive their entry

from Dana-Farber have a minimum fundraising commitment of \$7,500.

• Own entry runners - runners who have joined the DFMC after

obtaining their own race entry have a fundraising commitment of \$4,000.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge, visit

RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at (617) 632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu. Follow DFMC on Facebook: www.facebook/marathonchallenge. On Twitter: #RunDFMC.

About Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research

Since its inception in 1990, the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$115 million for the Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research. Dana-Farber Trustees J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver founded the program in 1987 to honor Mrs. Weaver's mother, Claudia Adams Barr, who lost her battle with cancer 30 years earlier.

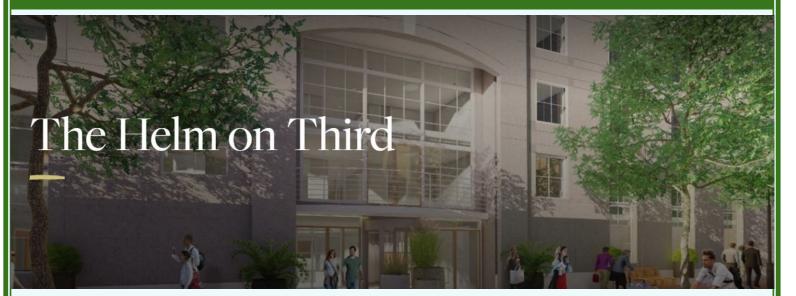
About Dana-Farber Cancer

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute is one of the world's leading centers of cancer research and treatment. Dana-Farber's mission is to reduce the burden of cancer through scientific inquiry, clinical care, education, community engagement, and advocacy. Dana-Farber is a federally designated Comprehensive Cancer Center and a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School.

We provide the latest treatments in cancer for adults through Dana-Farber Brigham Cancer Center and for children through Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center. Dana-Farber is the only hospital nationwide with a top 5 U.S. News & World Report Best Cancer Hospital ranking in both adult and pediatric care.

As a global leader in oncology, Dana-Farber is dedicated to a unique and equal balance between cancer research and care, translating the results of discovery into new treatments for patients locally and around the world, offering more than 1,100 clinical trials.

## THE HELM ON THIRD COMMUNITY MEETINGS



We look forward to meeting with everyone and presenting current plans we're proposing for The Helm on Third, at a meeting hosted by the Charlestown Neighborhood Council.

Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm-9:30pm Knights of Columbus Council #62 (545 Medford St, Charlestown, MA 02129)





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## Wu announces Kenzie Bok as incoming administrator of the Boston Housing Authority

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that Councilor Kenzie Bok will serve as the next Administrator of the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), the public agency charged with providing affordable housing to more than 62,000 Boston residents. Bok will begin a transition period next month before current Administrator Kate Bennett steps down later this summer.

"The Boston Housing Authority has been a lifeline for generations of Boston families, and in this moment of housing crisis, the BHA must be a model for housing as health, safety, opportunity, and community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Kenzie brings a deep com-

mitment to our BHA communities along with an expansive vision of how public housing should anchor our neighborhoods and city—I'm thrilled for her leadership and look forward to building on the strong foundation set under Kate's stewardship by the entire BHA team. We are all so grateful for Kate's decades of service to our residents and work to ensure a smooth transition over the coming months."

"Public housing is a public good, and all of Boston benefits when our public housing communities are strong," said Kenzie Bok, incoming BHA Administrator. "I'm so excited to return to BHA to put our residents and voucher-holders at the heart of everything our City does, by providing safe high-quality housing for every family and by ensuring the best access to jobs, services, and all the opportunities Boston has to offer. To truly have a City for all, we have to boldly invest at the local, state, and federal levels in the BHA housing that continues to anchor so many of our communities. I was lucky to learn from my predecessors in this role, Kate Bennett and Bill McGonagle, that residents come first at BHA, and I'm looking forward to working with Kate over the coming transition to continue that essential focus."

Prior to her election to represent District 8 on the City Council in 2019, Bok was the Senior Advisor for Policy and Planning at the BHA. In that role, she spearheaded the BHA's efforts to vary the subsidy amount of federal housing vouchers by ZIP code. Previously, all voucher recipients received the same subsidy regardless of where they were applying to live in the Greater Boston area. The change has allowed for significantly greater flexibility for voucher recipients in deciding where they want to live and continues to be an impactful program today.

In 2016, Bok helped lead the successful ballot initiative campaign to enact the Community Preservation Act (CPA) in Boston, which has generated tens of millions of dollars for affordable housing in the City. She has also held community leadership roles in various local organizations, including the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO)

and the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA). After graduating from Harvard College, Bok earned an M.Phil and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Cambridge in England as a Marshall Scholar, and formerly taught courses at Harvard on housing justice.

Bok will replace outgoing Administrator Kate Bennett, who was appointed to the role in 2020 after previously serving as Senior Deputy Administrator and various roles in the BHA since 1998. Bennett has helped oversee the capital improvements at the Mildred C. Hailey Apartments in Jamaica Plain, the Choice Neighborhoods revitalization at the Whittier Street public housing development in Roxbury, the redevelopment of Orient Heights in East Boston, and the Bunker Hill redevelopment in Charlestown. Under Bennett's leadership, the BHA remains resident-centric and has cemented itself as a nationally recognized leader in innovation, environmental safety, and redevelopment work. Bennett has worked in affordable housing development. policy and planning for more than 25 years, with a particular focus on public housing revitalization. Prior to joining the BHA, she managed affordable housing programs for the City of Chelsea and the City of Newton.

"I am delighted that Councilor Bok will become the next Administrator at the BHA," said Kate Bennett, current BHA Administrator. "She is the right person to take BHA to the next level. She is passionate about the Authority and its mission, she knows our staff and residents, and she is a brilliant housing advocate."

As the largest public housing authority in New England, the BHA houses close to nine percent of the City's residents. The BHA's mission is to provide stable, quality affordable housing for low and moderate income persons; to deliver these services with integrity and mutual accountability; and to create healthy living environments which serve as catalysts for the transformation from dependency to economic self-sufficiency.

## Charlestown Neighborhood Council **Meeting Calendar** https://www.cnc02129.org/meetings



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## Neighborhood Round Up

#### **NEW HEALTH'S** ONE BOSTON DAY **FOOD DRIVE**

Saturday, April 15 will mark the tenth anniversary of the Boston Marathon Bombing, a tragedy that took four lives and impacted countless more. In the aftermath, the city of Boston has made significant efforts to bring our communities together through One Boston Day, a day that recognizes the generosity, resilience, and care that our citizens demonstrated following the attack. In the years that have followed, the city has encouraged its community members and organizations to come together and participate in acts of kindness that continue to help our city.

This year for One Boston Day, NEW Health will host a Food Drive to assist our neighbors in the North End and Charlestown who are in need of nutritious foods. Residents of Charlestown are encouraged to donate food items to the health center's community fridge, located at 15 Tufts Street during the week of April 10- April 15.

If you are interested in more information on the NEW Health Food Insecurity Program, go to newhealthcenter.org and go to the Food Insecurity page. If you have questions regarding the One Boston Day Food Drive, email Danny Coakley at dfcoakley@mgh.harvard.edu.

### **ARTISTS' GROUP OF CHARLESTOWN** KICKS OFF THEIR **2023 EVENTS**

On March 31, the StoveFactory Gallery, 523 Medford St., re-opens this spring with the Artists' Group of Charlestown (AGC) Spring 2023 Exhibition entitled Light and Shadow: Bringing Art to Life. This Exhibition focuses on the behavior of light on subject matter, its shadow, and how this relationship renders depth, dimension and drama as a result.

According to the Gallery Chair, Julie Alailima, Light and Shadow

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will include a body of work of art from all forms of media - 97 works of art have been selected. Members of the AGC Gallery Team aided in the difficult task of reviewing all the art submissions, and helped ensure that the pieces in the exhibition fit in the theme of the show and were high quality.

Light and Shadow opens with a reception on Friday, March 31st from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. It will continue to run the following Saturdays and Sundays (April 1st & 2nd, 8th & 9th, and 15th & 16th) from 12:00 - 5:00 PM.

About the StoveFactory Gallery and Artists' Group of Charles-

The StoveFactory Gallery is a 950-square foot space in a renovated 19th century factory building with exposed beam ceilings, white walls, and windows.

The Artists' Group of Charlestown (AGC), a non-profit organization, was founded in 1996. With grants, generous donors, and dedicated member volunteers, the AGC exists to fulfill its mission: to showcase artists' works and to promote high-quality cultural programming for the local community. The StoveFactory Gallery and Studios are the home of the Artists' Group of Charlestown, where almost all their programming is held.

## WILD AND SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL **BENEFITS EINC! -**APRIL 29

The Wild and Scenic Film Festival benefits Charlestown nonprofit "e" inc.! Learn more about global and local environmental initiatives from this year's selected films and enjoy an evening together with your community.

Throughout the evening, we will have light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar serving wine, beer, and soft drinks.

All proceeds from the event enable "e" inc to continue to expand their planet science and sustainability education programs for Boston youth.

Tickets at eventbrite: https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/e-incswild-and-scenic-film-festival-2023-tickets-573083627557

## FRIENDS OF RYAN "DUCE" MORRISSEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Friends of Ryan "Duce" Morrissey Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce that scholarships totaling \$27,500 will be offered in 2023. Scholarships are available to college freshman, college upperclassmen, and high school students. Details and application forms may be obtained from our website. www.ryanmorrisseyscholarship.com Questions: ryanmorrisseyscholarship@gmail.

### FRIENDS OF CITY **SQUARE PARK BOOK CLUB**

Join fellow residents as we read and discuss nature-inspired books, as chosen by the group. If you are interested in joining, please contact Grace Bloodwell, bloodwell@ gmail.com.

## APPLICATIONS NOW **BEING ACCEPTED** FOR '23 QUINN **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications for 2023 Michael P. Quinn Scholarships are being accepted through April 15.

All applicants must be a resident of Charlestown for the past five years, as well as a graduate with the Class of 2023

Be advised this scholarship award is for \$16,000 for the recipients first year of college only. Applications can be picked up at Guidance Department at Charlestown High School, Boston Latin, Boston Latin Academy, the Boys & Girls Club, Charlestown Library, and Malden Catholic High School.

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## Student led lobby day at State House champions college hunger

More than 60 students, legislators, and advocates convened at the Massachusetts State House for a student-led lobby day around the often-overlooked issue of college hunger. As 37 percent of public university students in Massachusetts face food insecurity, and with the Healey Administration's focus on keeping the Massachusetts workforce competitive and higher education affordable for all, the Massachusetts Hunger-Free Campus Coalition and MASSPIRG Students congregated around deep-rooted food insecurity among students and corresponding legislation to relieve it.

The Massachusetts Hunger-Free Campus Coalition assembles over 40 colleges, students, advocates and anti-poverty organizations to dismantle barriers to healthy, consistent meals for students. Co-led by The Greater Boston Food Bank, the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, and the Mass Law Reform Institute, the coalition promotes food access through awareness and advocacy, and connects students facing food insecurity with federal assistance programs and other resources. MASSPIRG Students represent colleges across the state, organizing students around issues of public health, climate change and democracy.

During the program, speakers shared personal experiences and called for prioritization of the urgent issue alongside legislative action. The program called for the passing of An Act Establishing the MA Hunger-Free Campus Initiative (S.835 / H.1293), which would fund hunger relief solutions and resources across college campuses including food pantries, educational resources around SNAP and provide a single point of contact for hunger needs on campuses. The coalition and MASSPIRG students are seeking additional funding in the FY24 state budget - \$4 million – towards the Hunger Free Campus Initiative.

The bill's legislative sponsors; State Representative Andy Vargas of Haverhill, State Representative Mindy Domb of Amherst, and Senator Joan Lovely of Salem as well as co-sponsor Senator Sal DiDomenico of Everett joined to share sentiments and support of the pressing issue.

"Hunger can have a profoundly negative impact on students, including loss of concentration and heightened depression and anxiety" said Senator Joan B. Lovely (D-Salem). "For college students who struggle to afford tuition, rent, and the high cost of living, the effects of food insecurity can be especially detrimental.



Pictured (left to right) are Sean Simonini, MASSPIRG Chapter Chair at UMASS Lowell, MA State Rep Andy Vargas, and Senator Sal DiDomenico.

That is why I am proud to partner with Representatives Vargas and Domb, MASSPIRG, and the MA Hunger Free Campus Coalition to file legislation to establish a Hunger-Free Campus Initiative. By creating on-campus programs that improve access to food, like those found at Salem State University and North Shore Community College, we can help our students lead healthy, productive lives both inside and outside of the classroom. I will continue to champion this important work on Beacon Hill to end hunger across our colleges and universities."

'We know that hunger exists on college campuses, but too often college students are overlooked," said State Representative Andy Vargas, (D-Haverhill). "College students manage busy schedules and often work full-time jobs on top of managing their schoolwork. No student should have to worry about where their next meal is coming from or compromise their education to eat. While many campuses have created incredible programs to support their students, we need a systems-wide approach to maximize federal funding and

scale best practices. The passage of our bill will give colleges infrastructure to address hunger on campus in a sustainable way, and I'm grateful to the Hunger-Free Campus coalition for their advocacy." -

"Today's students are responding to historic economic pressures whether it be escalating costs of college, the burden of student debt, the escalating costs associated with textbooks, housing and transportation, and in many cases, childcare," said State Representative Mindy Domb (D-Amherst). "In this puzzle and trade-offs surrounding their economic insecurity, something has to give, and too often it is food. We know that food insecurity on campus exists, and it undermines students' academic success, completion, and retention. Hungry students can't learn and can't succeed, and that includes students in college. The Hunger Free Campus legislation will help deliver the interventions that work to reduce college student food insecurity and support our students."

"I am proud to cosponsor the MA Hunger-Free Campus Initiative bill and advocate for funding in the FY24 state budget to ensure no student goes hungry at any public college in our state," said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "We spend a lot of money to ensure our state universities have talented professors and world class resources, but this money is wasted when students are hungry, can't concentrate in class and can't afford to feed themselves. I look forward to working with Senator Lovely, Representative Vargas, Representative Domb, and the MA Hunger Free Campus Coalition to pass this critical piece of legislation."

Following the speaking program, student representatives met with legislators for lobby meetings around the coalition's priorities and advancing solutions for college hunger.

"The students who are spending their time today to improve the quality of life for all students are the very ones that will continue to be on the forefront of improving our communities through organizing, advocacy and service," said Dierdre Cummings, MASSPIRG Legislative Director.

"No student should ever have to go hungry," said Sean Simonini, MASSPIRG Chapter Chair at UMASS Lowell. "How can we be expected to do our best work if our biggest worry is where our next meal is going to come from? The thought that over 1-in-3 college students - including my classmates - have faced food or housing insecurity is more than enough reason for our legislature to pass the Hunger Free Campus Act now."

Several members of the MA Hunger Free Campus Coalition were also present at today's event at The State House. This statewide coalition was formed in 2019 and today includes over 40 schools, civic agencies and hunger-relief organizations across Massachusetts.

"In a commonwealth that prides itself on its world-class higher education, that invests millions of dollars in public education every year, we've fallen behind in making sure that our students don't go hungry," said Kate Adams, Policy Manager at The Greater Boston Food Bank. "We're encouraged that Governor Healey has made significant commitments to expand access and remove barriers to higher education, but we can't miss the essential role that food plays in the retention, achievement, and graduation of students."





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Wally Southern and Phil Mansfield assisting Russ Greenwood of Time Out Clock Repair who fixed the clock, President of the Abraham Lincoln Post 11 Joe Zuffante, and Vice President Stan Leonard



The clock is back and working again.



Detail of the clock, manufactured in 1888



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Russ Greenwood of Time Out Clock Repair makes some adjustments after setting the clock back into place upstairs at Memorial Hall.

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# Holy Week

# IN THE CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## Holy Thursday

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9 am Morning Prayer at St. Catherine's Chapel 3 pm Stations of the Cross in both churches

5:30 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St. Francis de Sales Church

7:30 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St. Mary's Church

Holy Saturday

9 am Morning Prayer at St. Catherine's Chapel 5:30 pm Easter Vigil at St. Francis de Sales Church

7:30 pm Easter Vigil at St. Mary's Church

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8 am Mass at St. Mary's Church 9:30 am Mass at St. Francis Church 11 am Mass at St. Mary's Church

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Holy Saturday - April 8

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