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#### CHARLESTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE 2023 SEASON OPENER PARADE



Little league players (above) gathered together to march in the start of the season parade. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

The Charlestown Little League 2023 Season kicked off with the traditional parade running from the Harvard-Kent School to Ryan Playground.

The parade (above) makes its way up Bunker Hill Street to Ryan Playground.

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- Paint Nights at our golf courses in June
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# BPDA hosts another public meeting for One Mystic Ave

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

On Monday, May 1, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held another meeting regarding the proposed One Mystic Avenue project – this time to discuss a draft Planned Development Area (PDA) Development Plan, which was filed on Monday, Apr. 3.

Essentially, Monday's meeting focused on the plans of the project proponents to request a PDA for the development.

According to the BPDA's website, a PDA is "an overlay zoning district that establishes special zoning controls for large or com-

plex projects."

Donald Wiest, a Founding Partner of DainlTorpy, the permitting counsel for the developer, went into a little more detail explaining what a PDA is as well.

He explained that the PDA mechanism in the zoning code has been around for more than 50 years. "The idea was that some projects are unusually complex and complicated, and they don't lend themselves well to the standard provisions of the zoning code," said Wiest.

In order for a PDA to be

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# Pan-Mass Challenge Kids Ride set for June

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

After a successful launch in the neighborhood last year, the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) Kids Ride is returning to Charlestown on Sunday, Jun. 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Paul Revere Park to raise money for cancer research and treatment which will go to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Kids Rides are part of the overarching yearly PMC fundraising campaign – which is headlined by the adult version of the bike-athon that is usually in August. The PMC has raised \$900 million for Dana-Farber since 1980.

Dana-Farber since 1980.

These Kids Rides allow youth throughout the state to help raise money for cancer research and treatment. Around 20 PMC Kids

Rides are scheduled for this year, and the kids of Charlestown will have their own ride.

The youth of Charlestown will get to help raise money to finally put an end to cancer for the second straight year, in large part due to the contributions of Rebecca Shortle, Senior Associate Director, Jimmy Fund.

Over the last several years, the PMC lacked a Kids Ride in Boston and was looking to fill that void – enter Shortle.

Shortle has worked at Dana-Farber since she graduated college in 2009 and, in her current role, works closely with the PMC. She is also a resident of Charlestown and has been since 2019,

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# Wu, Boston Fire Department celebrate inaugural Boston Fire Cadet class

announced members of the Boston Fire Department's inaugural Boston Fire Cadet class. From 10 neighborhoods and communities, the first class of cadets represents Mayor Wu's commitment to growing a workforce that represents the neighborhoods and communities the City serves. Modeled after the Boston Police Cadet Program, fire cadets hold paid, benefitted, civilian positions within the Boston Fire Department (BFD), receiving cooperative education with classroom and on-the-job training; exposure to firefighting tools and apparatuses; EMS, CPR, and Firefighter I trainings; and mentorship opportunities across the department. The inaugural class totals 32 individuals. Sixty-nine percent of the class comes from underrepresented communities - nine women and 17 people of color. The Cadet

Program launched with three weeks of pre-academy training, which started April 24.

"The new Fire Cadet Program will provide opportunities for young people from our communities to learn the skills, values, and work ethic needed to succeed in the fire service," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This important pathway connecting our communities to jobs with the best fire department in the country has been a long time coming, and I'm grateful to Commissioner Burke and our team for making this a priority. We've seen tremendous success with the Boston Police Department's cadet program over several years. By investing in the next generation of firefighters, we are building a more representative fire department and creating a safer and stronger Boston for all."

"It is an honor to welcome the

first ever Fire Cadets to the Boston Fire Department," said Fire Commissioner Paul Burke. "Their skill sets and backgrounds represent every neighborhood in the City of Boston. We look forward to turning this diverse group of women and men into Boston Firefighters. Thank you, Mayor Wu, for your hard work and persistence in making this program a reality."

The current state-mandated civil service requirements give preference to populations already overrepresented within BFD regardless of Civil Service Exam scores. The cadet program is designed to expand opportunities for underrepresented populations to join the yearly Firefighter Academy class. Following completion of the two-year cadet program, graduates may be eligible for admission into the Boston Fire Academy, a requirement to become a sworn member

of the Boston Fire Department. The program is key to ensuring the firefighter rank becomes more representative of the City's demographics. Currently, 1.2 percent of Boston firefighters identify as women and 26.8 percent identify as people of color. The City's population between the ages of 18-34 is 51.8 percent women and 50.6 percent people of color.

"We have worked long and hard over the years for the Cadet Program," said Alector Tavares, President of the Boston Vulcans. "We are excited to see this dream come to fruition. The inaugural class has a tremendous representation from all over the City; we are committed to partnering with the Fire Department for outreach and strategic initiatives with the goal of reaching more candidates from underrepresented communities."

Applicants must be ages 18 to

25, hold a high school diploma or equivalent certificate, currently reside in the City of Boston and have maintained residency for the last three years, and possess a valid Massachusetts Drivers License with a good driving record. Cadets were selected following a thorough and rigorous interview process, including a phone screen and traditional job interview; a fitness evaluation; a background check, with the cadets selected and approved by Commissioner Paul Burke.

The Fire Cadet Program was created following passage of a home rule petition sponsored by State Representative Chynah Tyler.

"I am so glad to have stood on the front lines to ensure that this opportunity is actually obtainable for those who traditionally have a challenging pathway becoming a firefighter here in Boston just for being who they are - oftentimes that is Black, Latino and people of color," said State Representative Chynah Tyler. "I look forward to working with the City to continue to remove these barriers through the awareness, strength, and conditioning that the cadet program will provide."

"This is a great opportunity for our young people, especially young women and people of color, to receive firefighting and EMS training and mentorship, which will help them succeed and better serve our communities in the future," said Council President Ed Flynn. "The development of this cadet program is critical to ensuring that Boston will have a steady stream of trained young people who reflect the communities that they serve to continue this important work of public safety in our City."

The following individuals are members of the first Boston Fire Cadet Program.

• John Adduci, Charlestown

• Myer Rijo-Segal, Charlestown

"I want to be a firefighter because I have always been passionate about saving lives. I've seen first hand the heroic work Boston Fire and surrounding departments do for my community," said Cadet Destiny Santiago of East Boston. "I have also seen the limited path for Hispanic women in this field and believe this could take me on the proper path I need and give me the guidance to be a role model in my community and lead the way for women and the Hispanic community. Growing up there were always limited opportunities for me living in a housing development. I believe this Cadet program

is the first step to a better future

and will provide the guidance to jump start my career and passion."

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Contact Information Hazel McAfee, Grants Manager Hazel.McAfee@Boston.Gov 617-635-4920 x 2704

The City of Boston (the City), acting by the Commissioner of the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, hereinafter referred to as the Official, invites sealed bids for the performance of the work generally described above, and particularly set forth in the Invitation for Bids.

The bid documents will be accessible online from Monday, May 01, 2023, through Friday, May 12, 2023, by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at boston. gov/procurement/ and clicking on the supplier portal button to access event ID # EV00012306. Questions regarding the contract, email Hazel McAfee and reference the event number listed above.

All sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than **4:00 pm** on **Friday May 12, 2023** by logging onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above event number.

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance and performance bonds as may be applicable.

Sealed bids shall be opened electronically by the Official on Friday May 12, 2022 at 4:00 PM. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid will commence on or about May 15, 2023.

Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner (May 1, May 12, 2023)

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Camp Joy Transportation Service at the Ohrenberger Community Center, July 10, 2023 through August 04, 2023. Transport up to 70 campers to and from the program, with and without disabilities, between 3 years to 22 years of age.

The bid documents will be accessible on line from **Monday May 08, 2023** by visiting the City of Boston Public
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Marta Rivera, Commissioner

(May 08, May 15, 2023)

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approved, a development plan must be filed that explicitly outlines aspects of the project like proposed uses, parking, landscaping and must outline public benefits "to ensure that these deviations do not unfairly burden the surrounding neighborhood," per the BPDA's website.

It should also be noted that for full approval, the PDA proposal for this project must be approved by both the BPDA and the Zoning Commission.

As currently constituted, the 480,680-square-foot proposed development is slated to be 279 feet tall with 25 floors comprised of 636 units, including 20 units for veterans through the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program (VASH). Moreover, the project proposes 171 parking spaces, significant green space, and improved pedestrian and bike connections throughout the area.

As part of the presentation, Wiest outlined an ample amount of public benefits in the development plan and indicated over time that the proponents have used feedback to shape the project to best benefit the neighborhood.

"We understand we cannot, will not meet every need in the neighborhood, but we have done our level best to keep our ears open and understand what the significant needs in the neighborhood are and to make commitments to those needs," said Wiest.

Some of the outlined public benefits include providing 636 units during what Wiest called a crisis for housing - 127 of which are new affordable rental units. Moreover, the development would create about 1,500 construction jobs and 60 permanent full-time jobs for potential retail and building staff.

Another major public benefit mentioned was an environmentally-sustainable construction approach. "This will actually be one of the most environmentally-sustainable residential buildings in North America when it's done,' said Wiest.

Additionally, there are other public benefits, such as improved pedestrian and bike connections, the creation of an area shuttle bus program, public realm improvements, and much more mentioned by Wiest.

"We think this is actually the best residential site in the entire city ... If you're coming into Boston from the north, this site is going to be highly visible; it'll be a beacon of entering our great city," said Wiest.

After Wiest finished presenting the proposed public benefits, the meeting was opened up to questions and comments. During this portion of the meeting, at least two residents were trying to figure out why the project proponents decided to go through the PDA process.

One resident, Joanne Massaro, wondered if the proponents were requesting a PDA to circumvent impending zoning changes that could be coming from PLAN:



Artist rendering of the proposed One Mystic Avenue project.

Charlestown.

"I don't see the value of what you'd get out of this other than circumventing the recommendations that are coming out of the plan," said Massaro.

However, Wiest indicated that was not the case saying, "We don't have the ability to circumvent the city's recommendations. We are going to end up with a plan-compliant project in the end, and the PDA zoning will be consistent with what the plan recommends."

Wiest's response seemed to cause more confusion for Massaro, who then asked about the value of getting an approved PDA if the project would be zoning compliant.

"The value to us is PDAs are designed for projects like ours. We're not a standard project on

a standard lot - we're a distinct project on a unique site. There's only one site like this – we think – remaining in the city," said Wiest in response to Massaro.

"It's a big site; it's not close to any particular sensitive abutters right on top of a multimodal transit station, it's a good site for dense housing, and it's appropriate for a PDA," he added.

Wiest's responses did not seem to clear up any confusion because, later in the meeting, another resident, Dan Jaffe, essentially shared the same uncertainty as Massaro.

Seemingly in an attempt to clarify, Wiest said, "There are two issues here. As you rightly say, there's plan compliance - what does PLAN: Charlestown call for after several years of study, and we are going to be proposing a

plan-compliant project."

"We also need a zoning approval to get the right to get a building permit, get a bank construction loan; without zoning compliance and zoning approval, we can't build."

Other comments included support from a local union representative, questions about the lighting for the project, and concerns about the traffic the development might cause.

As for the next steps, the public comment period for the draft PDA Development Plan closes on Friday, May. 19. Written comments can be made on a BPDA webpage https://www.bostonplans.org/ projects/development-projects/ one-mystic-avenue or emailed to Sarah.Black@boston.gov.

#### PAN-MASS (from pg. 1)

so when the PMC was looking to expand its Kids Rides to Boston, Shortle knew just the place for it.

"Charlestown is just such a supportive community ... and there are a lot of young families who stay in town and a lot of young families who have kids in the elementary schools here - it's a really strong community, so it felt like it [the Kids Ride] would really bring something to our community as well to give these kids a way to fundraise," said Shortle.

Last year, Shortle volunteered to be the coordinator of the Kids Ride in Charlestown to the tune of tremendous success.

Just last year, in the first-ever installment of a PMC Kids Ride in the neighborhood, 69 riders raised over \$18,000 - 100% of which went to Dana-Farber for cancer research.

Although the money raised for Dana-Farber through last year's Charlestown Kids Race was important to Shortle, another extremely special aspect for her was the participation from her two children - Charlie, age four, and Nell, age two.

"They're still so little, so it's hard to explain a lot of this, but they can understand hopping on a bike and people cheering them on and the idea that we're going to raise money and give it to people who need help - so that has been really, really special for me," said Shortle.

While last year's ride was a hit, Shortle has her eyes set on some bigger goals for June's rendition of the Kids Ride. Shortle said she would love to get closer to 100 kids riding around the quarter-mile loop at Paul Revere Park to raise money to fight cancer.

Currently, there are over 30 participants signed up already which Shortle said she thought is probably more than they had registered at this time last year. For those interested in signing up, the required fundraising commitment is \$40.

Moreover, the recommended



Participants in lasts years PMC Charlestown Kids Ride

age for participants is between two and eight years old; however, Shortle mentioned: "any kids can participate." It should be noted that the general age range for PMC Kids Rides is two to 15 years old.

Shortle urged those who are

interested to come on out to the ride in June and support a good cause, saying, "It's a ton of fun; we're going to have a face painter, we're going to have a local radio station there."

"We have snacks; the kids get a

water bottle, a hat, and a t-shirt, so lots of fun stuff - we'll have lots of fun prizes for fundraising."

For more information and to sign up for the Kids Ride, visit https://kids.pmc.org/charlestown.

# EDITORIAL

#### THE EQUATION IS VERY SIMPLE: MORE GUNS = MORE SHOOTINGS

Although mass shootings -- especially in schools -- typically draw the most attention from the media, the reality is that these shootings account for a very small percentage of death-by-firearms in our country.

The recent spate of random, isolated shootings -- the 16 year-old boy who was shot by an 84 year-old man in Kansas City when he mistakenly knocked on his door; the 20 year-old young woman who was shot by a 65 year-old man in upstate NY when her car mistakenly drove up the wrong driveway; the six year-old girl and her father who were shot by a 24 year-old man when her basketball rolled onto his property in No. Carolina; the high school cheerleader who was killed when she mistakenly approached the wrong car in a parking lot in Texas; and the murder of a family of five in Texas by a man who was target shooting with his AR-15 late at night -- are more typical of the manner in which innocent Americans (in shootings that are not crime-related) are killed by firearms.

Gun murders have climbed sharply in recent years. About 80% of murders in the U.S. in 2021-20,958 out of 26,031 – involved a firearm. That marked the highest percentage since record-keeping began in 1968 and represents a 75% increase in the past 10 years.

However, fatalities in mass shooting incidents in 2021 totaled only 706 Americans, accounting for a small fraction of the 20,958 murders-by-guns.

Similarly, while mass shootings in schools make the headlines, they account for only a very small proportion of gun deaths among children. The number of American children killed by firearms has risen dramatically in the past two years by almost 50%, from 1,732 in 2019 to 2,590 in 2021.

It should surprise no one that the states with the highest rates of gun-related deaths – counting murders, suicides and all other categories – include Mississippi (28.6 per 100,000 people), Louisiana (26.3), Wyoming (25.9), Missouri (23.9) and Alabama (23.6), all of which have lax gun ownership laws (as well as "open carry" and "stand your ground" laws).

By contrast, the states with the lowest rates include New York (5.3), Rhode Island (5.1), New Jersey (5.0), Massachusetts (3.7) and Hawaii (3.4), all of which have strong gun laws.

More tellingly, our death rate by firearms of about 10 per 100,000 Americans is far higher than in countries with strict gun ownership laws, such as Canada (2.1 per 100,000) and Australia (1.0), as well as European nations such as France (2.7), Germany (0.9) and Spain (0.6).

The equation is very simple: More guns = more shootings -- a trend that is increasing in our country with no end in sight.

#### DIANNE FEINSTEIN SHOULD RESIGN

California senator Dianne Feinstein, who is 89, has been too ill to show up to the Senate since February. As a result, the Senate Judiciary Committee, of which Feinstein is a member, has been unable to move forward on scores of judicial nominations by President Joe Biden.

And just this past Thursday, the Senate voted 50-49 to overturn a critical Biden administration effort to control truck emissions.

Feinstein, who has been in the hospital with shingles, has missed 75 percent of the Senate votes this session, and has not indicated when (if ever) she plans to return.

In addition, Feinstein's mental acuity has been in question for many months.

We wish to make two points about elected public officials who clearly are incapable of performing the duties of the office to which they have elected and for which they have taken a solemn oath:

First, elected public officials are not "owed" anything, regardless of how many years they have served in office. When a person runs for office, the obligation is strictly one-way: They are public servants, and if they no longer are capable of serving their constituents, they should place the public interest above their own ego and should leave.

Second, a public office is not like any other job. If any of us call in sick or go on leave, someone else will step in to do our job. But that is not true of a public official, for whom there are no "subs."

Dianne Feinstein has had a long and laudable career of serving our country -- and she should continue to do so by resigning forthwith.

#### **LETTER** to the Editor

#### RATS: IT TAKES A VILLAGE

To the Editor,

As a friend and I were walking around the splash pad that was being refurbished in The Navy Yard last week, we came upon a dead rat lying next to the surround of the splash pad. Fortunately for us, one of the workers told us he would dispose of the rat, we thanked him.

Speaking of rats, as I was driving down Medford St. a few years ago, I noticed the trash bins were filled to the brim and were uncovered and many of the rusted sides had huge gaping holes. The sea gulls were feasting on the 24 /7 buffet. It gave me pause as to what other creatures had access to this feast? As I was taking pictures, a resident approached me to discuss what I was doing. After a conversation of my concerns that perhaps rats were also enjoying this feast, he brought me over a building that he said were large rat holes burrowed right into the building. I took more pictures.

I contacted the Boston Housing Authority to rectify this situation for the residents and a few trash bins were replaced, Inspectional Services were notified as well. That was a few years ago and driving by the same bins there are the same rusted, uncovered bins filled with trash and the seagulls feasting during the day and who knows what rodents are continuing the feast at night.

Further, it is known that rats carry and transmit more human diseases than any other life form, except maybe the mosquito. If this is the case, then why are the trash receptacles offering these rodents a steady supply of food and not made more rat proof so that the residents of the Bunker Hill Housing Development and beyond are not subjected to unwanted bites, diseases, and other health issues?

It was reported recently that a new "rat czar" will monitor and deal with the rat problem. In the meantime, we all need to advocate for better maintenance and education regarding all the open bins in our community as rats are outsourcing new foods outlets as we now see here in the Navy Yard. Rats "are on the move" and should be a wake- up call for us all in our one square mile and beyond to not keep providing food and shelter. The welcome mat should be replaced by an unwelcome mat

and this rat issue resolved sooner than later.

The 'voices of Charlestown' need to be heard by our mayor, elected officials, the Boston Housing Authority, Inspectional Service, and other departments to work together to eradicate this rat epidemic. As an aside, two rats can produce 1250 rats annually. Do your part and make some calls. This will take a "village" and not just the rat czar to maintain a safe and healthy existence for all.

Ann Kelleher

#### HELMNO.COM: HOW TRUST ERODED IN MISINFORMED DEBATE

To the Editor,

I've been in substance abuse recovery for over a decade. I am grateful for that moment I "hit bottom" and was forced to make hard choices that led to me getting help. It was not the help I wanted, but the help I needed. Had someone offered me a free room back then, I might still be in that room today, all alone, slowly killing myself. Part of the process is helping others and I volunteered to bring group meetings to rehabs, mental hospitals, and prisons. I have friends and loved ones in recovery. Thus, the Constitution Inn Helm on Third project has been on my mind. It is the idea of giving active alleged addicts a free apartment without requiring treatment - it runs deeply against everything I've seen and everything I've been through.

But when it comes to the Helm, you should not rely solely on personal stories like mine. Ask for data. It is the proponents' duty to provide evidence backing their plan. Without a factual foundation, our discussions have nothing to stand on. We wasted time arguing over words like "shelter" and "housing." We expressed concrete fears about needles and drug dealers, and in response we heard vague terms like "services" and "management". There was talk of a bowling league! With every new meeting, there seems to be less trust and more opposition. And we may be past the point of no return. I don't see how this project can proceed in any form. It is time to say "no."

The April 13 presentation came closest to a serious basis during Dr. Jim O'Connell's brief statement. He called the proposal "really robust." He caveated with "I realize this is not shared" and said "we have great hope that - whether here or anywhere else - this is exactly the kind of housing that will result in what we think is great success." I appreciate "hope," but is there evidence? Is there a randomized trial showing Permanent Supportive Housing improving the health (not "housing retention") of residents, when implemented at the same scale and in the same kind of neighborhood? I could not find one.

I found data in Dr. O'Connell's own paper, Housing Boston's Chronically Homeless Unsheltered Population: 14 Years Later from Med. Care in 2021. They followed 73 people in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) across Boston. 95% had psychiatric illnesses. 93% had "substance use disorders." 11% were evicted, but 38% were moved 45 times "to avoid an eviction". 45% died during the 14-year period. Their conclusion

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#### ABRAHAM LINCOLN POST 11 HOSTS VETERANS SERVICES FORUM

The recent inaugural Veterans Services Forum was sponsored by Abraham Lincoln Post 11, GAR, at the Memorial Hall building located at 14 Green Street, Charlestown.

This event was designed to bring to one location several experienced veteran services organizations, each of which can assist veterans with personal, medical, and vocational counseling and resources.

The event is in response to the concerns of veterans of all ages that it is often confusing and difficult to understand what services are available to them and how to find the right service to address a particular issue.

Representatives from the Veterans' Administration, the Boston and Massachusetts Offices of Veterans Affairs, and other state and city resources attended and were able to offer education, guidance, and advice. This was an inaugural event, and it will be repeated on a periodic basis in the future. Anyone interested in learning about future events can email lawrence. stevens@friendsofmemhall.org to be added to our mailing list.

Joseph Zuffante, President of Abraham Lincoln Post 11 GAR, commented after the event that both the representatives from the veterans' groups and the veterans who attended were pleased with the opportunity to gain so much information in such a short time. One young Vet said it was an eye-opening experience. He noted he had no idea that so many resources were so readily available and now that he knows he will seek them out.



Anthony Jackson (left) and Patrick Bailey are from the VA regional office for Veterans Benefits.



Karen Foley (left) and Melissa Pagan are Veterans Benefits Specialists from the Veterans Affairs office in Boston.

### DA Hayden appoints Zabin as first assistant district attorney

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden today announced the appointment of Edmond J. Zabin as first assistant district attorney, a key legal and administrative position in the office.

"Ed brings an unmatched depth of experience, institutional knowledge and professional achievement to this vitally important position. His guidance and acumen will be tremendously helpful as we set the course of the office in all of its many aspects—crime prevention strategies, illegal firearm initiatives, juvenile and young adult diversion efforts, trial preparation and community outreach and engagement. Ed is the ideal person to oversee our many teams and programs," Hayden said.

Zabin, a graduate of Colby College and Northeastern Law School, joined the Suffolk DA's office in 1993, working first on the appeals team and then as a prosecutor and supervisor at Dorchester District Court. He served on the general

felony unit and the senior trial unit before moving to the homicide unit in 2002. He became deputy chief of the homicide unit in 2006. He has served as chief of the homicide unit since 2008.

Zabin was named a Super Lawyer Rising Star by Boston Magazine in 2005 and received the Suffolk Award for Outstanding Superior Court Prosecutor the same year. In 2013, Zabin was named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, as well as the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association prosecutor of the year.

Zabin and his wife, who have three children, live in Boston.

### COMMUNITY MEETING

R2 Resilient Remedies will be making a presentation and update on their business plan and progress in the community.

May 18, 2023 from 7-9pm Knights of Columbus #62 Hall 545 Medford St., Charlestown, MA

If you have any questions, contact Jack Kelly 617-669-4657 Jack.kelly.iiiboston@gmail.com



Anthony Carter from Mass.gov/veterans.





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Nicole Feldner takes pictures of the neighborhood fun.



Little League players gather at the Harvard-Kent School to begin the parade and kick off the 2023 season.

# Harvest on Vine Emergency Food Pantry May Calendar

Friday, May 12th - 3pm - Set-up Saturday, May 13th - 10am - Distribution Thursday, May 18th - 1 pm - Mishawum Mishawum handles the set-up & distribution with HOV

Fri. 5/ 26 - 3pm - Set up before holiday - Tues., 5/30 - 2pm - Distribution

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AJ and Martha McLoughlin.



Cooper and Jake Spiak.



Little League buddies excited about the season's start.



Little League players gather at the Harvard-Kent School to begin the parade and kick off the 2023 season.



The parade makes its way up Bunker Hill Street to Ryan Playground.



Sgt. Paul Chevrette.

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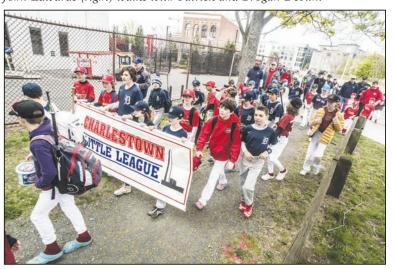
Carson rides dad Ryan Preszler.



Best friends Brock Hess and Aiden Quirk.



John Edwards (right) walks with Patrick and Brogan Devlin.



Players, coaches, families make their way to Ryan Playground for open-



Players continue the parade to Ryan Playground.



The parade makes its way up Bunker Hill Street to Ryan Playground.



The parade ends at Ryan Playground for the season to begin.

#### CHARLESTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON OPENER

The Charlestown Marlins and Rockies met on the baseball field to see what they had, and the results were amazing skills with a tie score of 26-26.



Emmett Gorman catches the ball at first base.



Joel Davies and Theo Conis-Shapiro look on as Ian Schramm throws to first base.



Lincoln Venezia has a difficult moment on third base.



Elliot Collins gives a solid try at hat



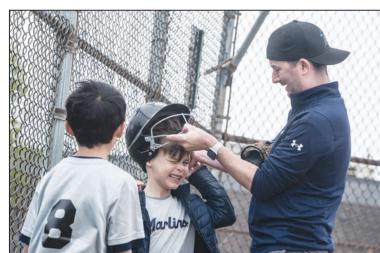
Henry Schultze keeps his eye on the ball before making the hit.



Charlestown Little League Rockies and Marlins.



Zoe Gibbons makes a run to home.



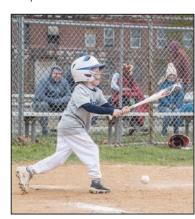
With a little help Joel Davies is extracted from his helmet.



Ian Schramm gets a good hit.



Zoe Gibbons puts might into her hitting the ball.



Elliot Collins tries again at bat.



Finn Wood has a lot of energy while waiting on base and Jack Keighery keeps his professional cool.

#### CHARLESTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE HOLDS OPENING DAY CEREMONIES FOR THE 2023 SEASON



Sen. Sal DiDomenico greets Peter Cook and Ana Cook and their sons, Noah Cook and Jason Cook, as they arrive at Ryan Field for Opening Day of the Charlestown Little League season.



Pictured at the Opening Day ceremonies for Charlestown Little League Saturday at Ryan Field, from left, are City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Chief of Community Engagement Brianna Millor, Charlestown Liaison to Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services Sean Breen, Charlestown Little League President Josh Bresler, and State Rep. Dan Ryan.



Five Charlestown Little League players had the honor of catching the ceremonial first pitches that were throw by Boston dignitaries and friends of the league. From left, are Brendan Nehill, Liam Hamill, Carter Olsen, Luchie Pimental, and Ashton Peterson.

Charlestown Little League held its Opening Day parade and ceremonies Saturday for the 2023

The players and coaches marched down Bunker Hill Street and into Ryan Field for the ceremonies that were led by second-year President Josh Bresler.

During the ceremonies, Charlestown Little League paid tribute to lifelong resident "Cissy" Greatorex, who passed away in January. Bresler told the assemblage that Cissy was "a very important and special friend of the league."

For 25 years "Cissy" and her Edward Greatorex, husband, Charlestown League. oversaw

"Cissy grew it to what it is today while looking out for everyone. We stand on her shoulders," said

Bresler said that 322 players will compete in the Charlestown youth baseball program this season, continuing a post-pandemic resurgence for the organization. There are four Major, six Triple-A, and eight Rookie teams, in addition to the T-Ball program. Major Division teams will play intercity games versus Everett Little League in addition to their regular in-house schedule. There will be post-season Williamsport Little League and Mayor's Cup Tourna-



Sports photographer Calan Cahill was on hand for Opening Day of the 2023 Charlestown Little League season Saturday at Ryan Field.



Charlestown Little League presented flowers to the Greatorex family in remembrance of lifelong Charlestown resident and icon "Cissy" Greatorex. Pictured, from left, are Jimbo Tucker, Ethan Greatorex, Kevin Greatorex, James Greatorex, Vice President Chris Tucker, and President Josh Bresler.



# **Virtual Public Meeting**

# **Building 108**

May 17, 2023 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Zoom Link: bit.ly/3Loca2D Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 160 813 9456



**Project Proponent:** Power House CNY, LLC

#### **Project Description:**

The proposed project located at 108 Third Avenue in the Charlestown Navy Yard includes research and development office building totaling approximately 99,600 gross square feet that will contain 78,370 square feet of research and development space, 1,800 square feet of restaurant/café space, and 39 below-grade parking spaces. The BPDA will be hosting a virtual Public Meeting in connection with the Project Notification Form associated with the Building 108 project received by the Boston Planning & Development Agency on March 7, 2023.

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5/31/2023

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

#### LETTERS (from pg. 4)

was "low housing retention and poor survival." The Helm proponents haven't presented their numbers (better or worse) across these parameters to the community. I helped link this paper, and others like it, to the Research section of charlestownvoice.com. Why did it fall on ordinary residents like me to introduce these metrics into the debate?

What percentage of people get sober after one year of such housing? What percentage increase will there be to crime and police visits to the neighborhood? The city picks up over 200,000 needles off the streets per year. How many more will we see in Charlestown? Who are the "private institutions" lending money to this project? What percentage return do the "investors" expect? How are their financial incentives aligned with our safety and residents' well-being? We've been asking questions since October. Instead of clear and publicly accessible answers, we've had opaque "small group meetings."

In science, the exercise of gathering data in hope of proving a hypothesis is called an "experiment." In recovery circles, we like to say, "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing, over and over, expecting different results." The US homeless population

remains nearly flat despite 20 years of PSH projects like the Helm. Perhaps future experiments will find the right model for eradicating homelessness. I doubt it will be this model. And surely, it is neither time nor place for this experiment in this neighborhood. The YMCA and the City need to find another use for the building.

To respond to this project with a community-wide "no", we started an online petition at www.Helm-NO.com. There were over 400 signatures in three days. We hope that more of our fellow residents take a moment to read, sign and share it with their families, friends, and neighbors.

Alex Poliakov Navy Yard Resident and Charlestown Voice Contributor

#### THANK YOU TO THE **CHARLESTOWN** COMMUNITY. **CHARLESTOWN PATRIOT BRIDGE**

To the Editor,

We want to express our thanks to all who turned out on a chilly Saturday to celebrate Earth Day and joined with friends and members of the community to learn about the issues facing our planet. We also showcased the community support for a public park on the historic Pier 5 for all of Charlestown, Boston and its visitors to enjoy. The children who attended had a wonderful time making giant bubbles, face painting, playing games and enjoying pizza from Spinelli's and ice cream courtesy of HP Hood.

The Pier 5 Association, Inc. (www.pier5.org) who hosted the event want to thank everyone who participated and acknowledge the generosity of our local donors. Thank you to Allo Playspace, H.P. Hood Ice Cream, Asana Yoga, Rosie and Ed Cardinali of Cycleboat Boston, Cut Splice Hair Salon, Thayer & Associates Management Company, Courageous Sailing, Cambridge Savings Bank, St. John's Church, and Ken Flynn of the Flynn Insurance Agency.

We also wish to thank the exhibitors who made Earth Day educational, rewarding and fun.

Thanks to Dr. Ricky Stern of "e" inc., science partner of the Pier 5 Association: Laura Kiesel and Massachusetts Audubon Society; NOAA Endangered Species Art Contest; Boston Climate Action Network (BCAN); Museum of Science curricula division; Massachusetts Youth Climate Coalition (MYCC); Landry's Bikes; Bootstrap Composting; Charlestown Nursery; Charlestown Mothers Association Book Exchange; Boston Water for bringing their water truck; Courageous Sailing; Charlestown Boys and Girls Club; The MBTA Mobility Center; Talkin Birds; Charlestown Public Library; Rodentcide; Paul and Rachel Revere: Gail Miller as Rosie the Riveter; local authors Martin Cadene and Nancy Wovers Cadene of "Our Neighbors Have Feathers"; Bob Donahue of Sextant fame: Eco-Man of Eco Enlightened; Dawn Hymers of the Eastern Service Workers Association; budding documentarian Sarah Tarlin of Emerson College; Jane Gricci of Cambridge Savings Bank; Rosemary Macero for seed planting and her signature shellfish 'Petting Zoo"; Bruce Lawson, the Bubble Man; and for providing wonderful entertainment throughout the day, the Love Dogs Band.

We were gratified to see our elected officials come and support us: City Councilor, Gabriela Coletta and her Charlestown liaison Elaine Donovan; our councilors-at-large, Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia and Erin Murphy as well as our State Representative, Dan Ryan. Joining us from City Hall was Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of the Environment, Energy and Open Space; Brianna Millor-Hammond,

Chief of Community Engagement; Sean Breen, Charlestown's Liaison; and Christine Maher of the Mayor's Youth Council. Thank you all for taking the time to join

This event would not have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers. Thank you to Ellen Kitsis and Larry Stevens, Michael Kelleher and grandson Toby, Connie and Arthur Gutierrez, Sue Conway and Jim Browne, Laurie Nee, Tanya Guidi, Tony Troiano and his son Alex, Jen Bodde and Courageous Sailing Center for loaning us their tables, Charlene Colt, Maureen Reilly, Bob and Diane O'Leary and their son, and Nancy and Peter Maher.

And to Marian Tse for manning the table to raise funds for our local food pantry, Harvest on Vine, and to Mary Ann Foley for showcasing the Harvard Kent School Leadership and Scholarship Partnership. Thank you to all who contributed to these worthwhile organizations.

Thank you to the Patriot Bridge for covering our event and a special shout out to the Boston Fire Department and Lt. Hank Perkins, Sheriff Steven Tompkins from the Sheriff's Office, and our sailor volunteers from the USS Constitution.

> The Pier 5 Association, Inc. www.pier5.org

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Motor Vehicle Accident - Personal Injury

04/22/2023 - At about 11:30 a.m., an officer responded to a radio call for a incident involving a motor vehicle accident with a pedestrian struck at the Alford Street Bridge.

Upon arrival, police spoke with the operator of the bridge, who stated that the gates were lowered to stop the traffic from coming onto the bridge. As the bridge was going up to let a boat pass, a moped struck the gate, causing

The officer spoke with the moped operator, who stated that he did not see the gate as he drove straight into it with his son on the back of the moped.

The moped operator and his son both sustained minor injuries. EMS and Boston Fire arrived and transported both parties to Mass General Hospital for medical

#### **Animal Incidents**

04/22/2023 - At approximately 7 p.m., a Good Samaritan walked into District A-15 with a lost dog that he found at Medford Street and Old Ironside Way.

The officer notified operations, and the Animal Control unit responded to District A-15. The officer from Animal Control took custody of the dog to be secured at the Animal Control building in

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU23C0200CA In the matter of: Jameson Michael A Petition to Change Name

of Adult has been filed by Jameson Michael Duncan of Charlestown, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Jameson Michael Duncan-Sav-

age IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at:Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/18/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn. First Justice of this Court. Date: April 19, 2023 Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate

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# **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

# North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through May 13

The Construction Look-Ahead for the North Washington St. Bridge through May 13 is as fol-

#### Scheduled Work

- Installation of concrete deck
- Installation of bridge deck 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

• CELTICS: May 9 time to be announced, and May 14 time to be announced.

# Lane closures underway on Tobin Bridge

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced it has implemented evening and overnight lane closures on the Tobin Bridge on Route 1 southbound on the upper deck's left lane, from the Everett Avenue on-ramp to approximately the old toll plaza area. The closures will occur during the months of May and June, (and is a continuation of work that began last month.) The closures are occurring weekly, Mondays through Thursdays, starting each night at 6:00 p.m. and concluding the following day

by 5:00 a.m. Two lanes of traffic will remain open at all times during these lane closures.

The lane closures are needed to support Tobin Bridge structural repairs and safety walk rehabilitation operations. Advance warning signs will be

used onsite to notify drivers about the planned closures and provide

All scheduled work is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encour-

- Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511. com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic condi-

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#### CHARLESTOWN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HOLDS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The Charlestown Boys and Girls Club held their 130th Anniversary Celebration for adults at the Club on Saturday Night [April 1].

Shown in the photos are scenes of those who attended the event.

It was an amazing night of celebrating in the two buildings with more than 300 Friends, parents, Alumni, Neighbors and Supporters.

The event was supported by McCarthy Brothers Liquors, FLOUR Bakery, Brewers Fork, Sal's Pizza Truck and Groove Photo.









