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### STORIES WE TELL OPENING AT THE STOVEFACTORY GALLERY



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There were many visitors at the StoveFactory Gallery to view the featured work by Artists Group of Charlestown members Martha Star, Tim Evans and Carla Quattrocchi for the group exhibition “Stories We Tell.” See Pages 6-8 for more photos.

### BPDA releases Austin Street lots RFP

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to gather potential plans from proponents to redevelop the Austin Street parking lots.

The Austin Street lots, which cover about 5.6 acres, have mainly been used by students of Bunker Hill Community College – however, the lots are actually owned by the BPDA.

Over the last several months, the BPDA, with the help of public

feedback, has been putting together the recently publically released RFP. It should be noted that the BPDA can make updates, corrections, clarifications, or extensions to the RFP through emailed adden-

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### 40 Roland Street public review begins

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

The public review process for the 40 Roland Street project is now underway, with the filing of a Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR) that was received by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) on Monday, May 1.

A DPIR filing is another step in the Large Project Review process

in which the document includes “detail technical analysis of project impacts,” per the BPDA website, and can be commented on by the public, along with city agencies and the BPDA.

In a project description, the development team states that the project will “provide a robust, job-centric program mix in a

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### Charlestown resident receives Fastest Bostonian Awards from the 127th Boston Marathon

Special to the patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) announced the recipients of the previously announced inaugural awards for the Fastest Bostonian. The awards will be given to Vinny Castronuovo, who finished

the race in 2:25:56, and Shannon Lamarre, who finished the race in 2:54:34. Castronuovo is a 23 year old South End resident and mechanical engineering graduate student at Northeastern University who ran his second Boston

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COURTESY PHOTO

Two of the Fastest Bostonian Award recipients, Vinny Castronuovo (center) and Shannon Lamarre (right), of Charlestown, each hold a glass Boston Marathon-branded vase. Mayor Michelle Wu stands alongside them, smiling and applauding.

### CHARLESTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CALENDAR

**CNC Basic Services Committee Meeting, Monday, May 23, 7 pm**

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council’s Basic Services Committee will hold an in-person, public meeting on Tuesday, May 23rd from 7-9 p.m. in the Meeting Room at MGH - Building 114, Charlestown Navy Yard. Agenda: Review the Proposed Relocation of Cycle Boat Boston operations from Charlestown Marina to Dry Dock 2 in the Navy Yard. Abut-

ters and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Meeting/Event Updates: Council meetings are listed and updated on the CNC calendar, [cnc02129.org](http://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, June 6, 2023. Contact us anytime at [cnc02129@gmail.com](mailto:cnc02129@gmail.com) and find updates on [CNC02129.org](http://CNC02129.org). We look forward to seeing you all soon!



# Walk for Hunger draws in over 4,000 participants

On Sunday, May 7, Project Bread hosted the nonprofit's 55th Walk for Hunger, held for the first time in-person since 2019. More than 4,000 participants set out to raise more than \$1 million to fight hunger in Massachusetts. Walking the Boston Common or in their hometowns across the Commonwealth. The event hasn't hit the \$1 million goal yet, however fundraising will continue through the summer for most participants.

"It is incredible how thousands of people –of all ages and backgrounds –come together and take action to end hunger," says Erin McAleer, CEO at Project Bread, the statewide anti-hunger nonprofit. "The fundraising effort of our walkers ensures people here in Massachusetts can get food with dignity. Every dollar participants

raise for The Walk for Hunger improves lives across the state. Project Bread relies on the strength of our walkers as both fundraisers and advocates to do this critical work."

True to its grassroots beginnings, the nation's oldest community pledge walk unites community partners, business leaders, walkers, volunteers, public officials, media, and residents of all backgrounds together for a cause. Money raised through the annual event is funding Project Bread's urgent mission to ensure kids have reliable access to food, to directly help individuals and families, and to advocate at the state and federal levels for expedited and efficient relief for those in need. Walk funds are also supporting community organizations that are helping people

access food locally and ensuring communities have the resources necessary to respond to the hunger crisis now and over the long road to recovery ahead.

For the fifth consecutive year, partner organizations participated in The Walk for Hunger's Commonwealth program to raise funds directly for their own anti-hunger programs, while also furthering Project Bread's statewide effort. This year 34 nonprofits participated in The Commonwealth, raising more than \$116,400 and counting.

During the event, Project Bread's most distinguished award, the Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice was presented to anti-hunger youth champion Addario Miranda, 16, of Lowell, a sophomore in high



COURTESY PHOTO

More than 4,000 participants turned out for the 55th Walk for Hunger fundraiser.

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Marathon today and set a personal record. He is a member of the university's club running team. Lamarre, a 28 year old Charlestown resident, is an environmental engineer and a member of the Greater Boston Track Club who ran her fifth Boston Marathon and also set a personal record today.

This is also the first year the Boston Marathon has a category for non-binary runners, and one Boston resident made history running in this category. The City and the B.A.A. will recognize Danielle Bishop, who finished the race in

3:32:29, as the first Bostonian to participate in the race registered as non-binary. Bishop is a 28 year old Allston resident running in their fifth Boston Marathon. They are a Team Lead at New Balance, a Boston University alum, and enjoy running for fun.

"We are thrilled to celebrate three Bostonians who exemplify the spirit of the Boston Marathon," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Each of these athletes ran an incredible race. I'm grateful to the B.A.A for joining with the City of Boston to recognize the incredible talent

right here in our neighborhoods that is part of what makes this the greatest race in the world. Congratulations to Shannon LaMarre, Vinny Castronuovo, and Danielle Bishop! We look forward to celebrating with them and the larger Boston running community."

"Congratulations to our Fastest Bostonians! Vinny, Shannon and Danielle made history today and have set the stage for many Bostonians in the years to come. In typical Bostonian fashion, our champions showed grit, determination and a never-give-up attitude," said Jack Fleming, CEO and President


of the B.A.A.

The Boston Marathon is the world's oldest annual marathon. This is the first year that Boston residents with the quickest time crossing the Finish Line will receive a commemorative glass bowl engraved with the phrase "Fastest Bostonian."

The reception to honor Boston's fastest runners will be announced soon.


Established in 1887, the Boston Athletic Association is a non-profit organization with a mission of promoting a healthy lifestyle through sports, especially running.

The B.A.A. manages the Boston Marathon, and supports comprehensive charity, youth, and year-round programming. The Boston Marathon is part of the Abbott World Marathon Majors, along with international marathons in Tokyo, London, Berlin, Chicago, and New York City. Beginning in 2024, Bank of America will serve as the Presenting Partner of the Boston Marathon. The 127th Boston Marathon is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 17, 2023. For more information on the B.A.A., please visit [www.baa.org](http://www.baa.org).



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## Virtual Public Meeting

# PLAN: Charlestown

**May 24, 2023**  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**Zoom Link:** [bit.ly/UDandPreservation](https://bit.ly/UDandPreservation)  
**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864  
**Meeting ID:** 161 208 8682



**Project Description:**

Please join the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) for a virtual community meeting at 6pm on May 24th, to discuss PLAN: Charlestown's urban design guidelines and preservation recommendations. PLAN: Charlestown is the neighborhood's ongoing comprehensive planning initiative, considering how to plan for new development, open space, and mobility, among many other issues. This meeting will be focused on both standards to govern new development in the neighborhood, as well as ways to enhance the residential fabric of Charlestown's core. We hope you will come to share your thoughts and ask questions!

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary



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dums.

A statement that alludes to the goals of the RFP found in the introductory section of the document states, “The BPDA seeks to convey the Property to allow mixed-use development that, in conformance with PLAN Charlestown, will bring a mix of housing, with an emphasis on affordability, to the Charlestown area along with community-driven ground floor activation and open space.”

Specifically, the goals or development objectives laid out in the RFP include conformance with PLAN: Charlestown, the creation of affordable housing, ground floor activation, public/open space, healthy development, arts and culture, and diversity and inclusion.

Furthermore, the RFP goes into more detail on what the BPDA is looking for in each of the aforementioned objectives. In terms of conformance with PLAN: Charlestown, some of the goals include housing for a range of incomes, “generous” on-site open space, a sports practice field, improving pedestrian and bike connections, and much more.

Concerning affordable housing, the RFP states, “At least 60% of all residential units must be income-restricted to a maximum of 80% Area Median Income (AMI) for rentals and/or 100% AMI for homeownership.”

Development objectives for ground floor activation include prioritizing things like neighborhood services, retail, and restaurants, with ranges of size and affordability, to get local businesses in the area.

While the public/open space

objective emphasizes the inclusion of four practice spaces as well as the inclusion of “green corridors.”

Another emphasized objective was healthy development in that potential proponents would have to monitor air pollution due to the site’s proximity to the highway. The RFP also details that there should be an emphasis on including spaces for arts and culture.

In addition to some of the development objective details mentioned – of which there are many more mentioned in the document – the RFP also outlines design guidelines for potential proponents.

One of these guidelines pertains to the height of potential redevelopment in that taller buildings should be constructed closer to the highway and reduced as you move further away.

Moreover, the RFP states, “Pro-

posals that include taller building heights above 150 feet, which is particularly encouraged at the portion of the site closest to the MBTA station, must demonstrate the provision of excellent benefits to the community.”

Other design guidelines focused on specifics regarding connectivity, open space in the site area, resilient development, and more. In terms of parking included, the guidelines call for a parking ratio that is not greater than 0.4/unit for residential uses and 0.4/1,000 square feet for commercial and retail uses.

Keeping the development objectives and design guidelines in mind, proposals are evaluated with several criteria and ranked either highly advantageous, advantageous, or not advantageous.

The evaluation criteria include assessments of the development

concept, urban design, sustainable and healthy development, the demonstration of the ability to execute the project as presented, and the diversity and inclusion plan, which constitutes 25% of the BPDA’s evaluation.

Interviews could also be a part of the evaluation of proposed plans which could be included at the BPDA’s discretion.

This evaluation process will be done by an Evaluation Committee – which is made up of BPDA staff, City staff, and the Project Review Committee (PRC). The PRC is part of the opportunity for residents to make sure their voices are heard, as it will be a committee of those in the Charlestown community.

“On June 1st, 2023, the BPDA will issue an application for interested Project Review Committee members. Selections will be made

by June 30th, 2023,” reads a statement in the RFP.

More information on the PRC can be found at <https://www.bostonplans.org/planning/planning-initiatives/austin-street-parking-lots-disposition-planning>.

As the RFP has just been released, the deadline for submissions is Monday, Jul. 10, at 12:00 p.m.

Residents should be aware that there will be time for additional public comment following presentations of proposals.

To learn all the specifics regarding development objectives, design guidelines, evaluation criteria, and more, visit <https://www.bostonplans.org/work-with-us/procurement-portal/rfp-listing-page?id=1339>, where you can enter your information and download the RFP.

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### CITY OF BOSTON/COUNTY OF SUFFOLK BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES (BCYF)

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

**Repair, Maintenance, and Painting work at the BCYF  
Mirabella Pool and Bathhouse**

**EV00012306**

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/](http://boston.gov/procurement/) and clicking on the supplier portal button to access event ID # **EV000012306**. 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)

## ADVERTISEMENT

### CITY OF BOSTON/COUNTY OF SUFFOLK BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES (BCYF)

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

**Transportation services for Camp Joy**

**EV00012305**

Contact Information  
Hazel McAfee, Grants Manager  
617-635-4920 X2704

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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 Procurement website and Supplier Portal at the following link (<http://boston.gov/procurement>) and accessing the event ID # **EV00012305**

All sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than **4:00 pm on Tuesday May 23, 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.

The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid will commence on or about July 10, 2023 and will end on August 04, 2023.

Marta Rivera, Commissioner  
(May 08, May 15, 2023)

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# EDITORIAL

## DESANTIS VS. DISNEY: THIS IS WHAT AN AUTOCRACY LOOKS LIKE

The ongoing battle that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has been waging against the Walt Disney Company not only demonstrates what a petty, vindictive, and mean-spirited little man he is, but also illustrates the danger that an autocratic ruler poses to our democracy.

The essence of the dispute, for those who may not be familiar with it, is this: The State of Florida granted special incentives to the Disney Company more than 50 years ago in order to entice Disney to turn what had been swampland in Central Florida into what has become a global behemoth, employing tens of thousands of Floridians and bringing literally billions of dollars into state coffers.

That Florida-Disney partnership was similar to what every state in the country has done over the past 60 years in order to encourage private development. Even Massachusetts, not exactly known as a business-friendly state, has had many programs that have provided tax breaks to private developers for large-scale projects.

In early 2022, former Disney CEO Bob Chapek took issue with a bill signed by DeSantis (the so-called Don't Say Gay law). Chapek did so in support of many of Disney's employees, who found the bill to be offensive.

In response, DeSantis simply could have said, "Disney is entitled to its opinion, but the voters and legislature agree with me," and that would have been the end of it. Instead, DeSantis has turned the disagreement into an all-out war on Disney, seeking to strip it of the special tax-status that has existed for almost six decades. He even went so far as to suggest that he would build a new state prison adjacent to Disney World.

There are two important things to note: First, DeSantis had been governor for four years (and an elected Florida official for more than a decade) and never once had suggested that the long standing Disney-Florida relationship should be changed. It was only when Disney expressed an opinion in opposition to his law that DeSantis took retaliatory action.

Second, similar partnerships exist with other corporate entities in Florida (most notably Universal Studios), yet DeSantis is not suggesting that those agreements be undone.

Ron DeSantis's war on Disney in an obvious attempt to show that he is just as much a "macho man" as Donald Trump in an effort to appeal to Trump's extreme voter base. But as we all know, men who constantly feel the need to prove their masculinity are incredibly insecure — and when these small-minded men are in positions of power, this makes them incredibly dangerous.

Ron DeSantis's actions against Disney have achieved the impossible — he makes Donald Trump look like a reasonable person. As DeSantis contemplates a run for president, his effort to silence the First Amendment rights of Disney and others serves as clear evidence of his unfitness to be President and a stark manifestation of the danger he would pose to our democracy.



### LETTER to the Editor

#### IS PERMANENT SUPPORTED HOUSING THE BEST WE CAN DO?

To the Editor,

This week, the City of Boston announced new federal funding of \$16.5 to be used in the war against homelessness. (Boston Globe, 5/4/23: "Mayor Wu announces \$16.5 million in federal funds to help homeless people." By Danny McDonald) Last week, our city received \$42 million in grants, also earmarked to tackle this humanitarian crisis. As we allocate this money, I hope we are challenging and improving our homeless policies at the state and local levels.

Every week we read about another hotel or motel, emptied during the pandemic, now being repurposed for housing for the homeless—specifically permanent, supportive housing. In Charlestown, this hotel is the YMCA's Constitution Inn; proposed to become the Helm; with the St. Francis House and POUA at the possible receiving end of the transaction.

Permanent supportive housing is a specific housing concept—one without preconditions for treatment of addiction, substance abuse, mental illness or other behavioral issues. The problem is that the majority of homeless people—somewhere between 50% and 90% depending on the study, continue to use drugs and alcohol

with a roof over their head. Given the complex causes of homelessness, without treatment many return to the streets.

While onsite services are available in the permanent supported housing model, the number of employees and their job functions are structured differently than in a treatment facility. Residents may be in all different states of substance abuse, with some wanting to get clean. We all know someone struggling with addiction or mental illness, and the herculean effort it takes to make progress. Imagine the pain and anxiety of drug withdrawal, if one is located to next door to a drug user. This is a nightmare scenario, preventing any step towards independence, social inclusion, or health.

Charlestown is a prime example of how compassionate people with good intentions can present the Helm—resulting in less than 5% neighborhood support. Before the word NIMBY is even whispered, it is important to understand "WHY" this small, historic, family-filled neighborhood is galvanized against the Helm concept.

Out of 25 Boston neighborhoods, 40% of income restricted housing is clustered in just five—Charlestown being one of them. We have a citywide homeless problem, yet only 20% of neighborhoods exceed the city's need for income restrictive housing. And, with just 20,000 residents,

Charlestown's transportation is limited, as is healthcare access, infrastructure, and jobs. What is the criteria for the city choosing this neighborhood-- beyond an empty building?

The real issue extends beyond Charlestown, and is as simple as it is basic. It's about the drugs, and the "in your face" evidence of their use. What neighborhood in their right mind is welcoming drug users and drug dealers? Fentanyl and opioid addictions are rampant, and deadly. Whatever side of the harm reduction strategy you support, the reality is that users buy drugs—now indirectly with subsidy monies-- dealers sell them drugs, and in a resident setting of 150 people—drug use is inescapable. There will be needles outside.

In order to work together to help the homeless, those who manage any home must not endanger any neighborhood. Ironically, substance abuse and the resulting cost of it, is one of the causes of homelessness. It's important to make data-driven decisions, adding accountability for the funding that is tied to results. Perhaps this latest financial influx will encourage strategic review, and the change management that will drive healthier outcomes. Perhaps this funding can be targeted to prosecuting drug dealers, and increasing treatment outreach and incentives.

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# Hood Park hosts first annual Spring Fest

Hood Park is excited to announce its inaugural Hood Park Spring Fest, which will take place on May 13, 2023, from 11:30am to 3:30pm. The public is welcome to join us for this springtime celebration, which will be held at Hood Park's public green space which located at 100 Hood Park Drive and 6 Stack Street in Charlestown, MA and is admission free.

Springfest promises to be a fun-filled day with a variety of local vendors and onsite retailers, including Tradesman, Landry's Bicycles, The Handle Bar Cycling Studio and introducing Boston Veterinary Clinic. The event will feature live music, and delicious food and beverages available for purchase, additionally, there will be plenty of free activities for the whole family to enjoy, including face painting, a petting zoo, yard games, balloon designing, and

more activities for those attending.

For visitors who are taking public transportation, getting to Hood Park is a breeze. Simply hop on the MBTA Orange Line to Sullivan Station and take a quick walk to Rutherford Avenue. Alternatively, you can use the Blue Bike docking stations located on-site or use Landry's Bicycles bike valet if you prefer to cycle. If you plan to drive, Hood Park's parking garage offers three-hours of free parking.

Don't forget to bring your furry friends along for the festivities! We encourage individuals and families to take advantage of the large, fenced-in dog park located on-site. We look forward to welcoming everyone to Hood Park Spring Fest for a day of springtime fun and excitement!

Hood Park is a dynamic, mixed-use urban campus in the heart of Boston's vibrant and historic Charlestown neighbor-

hood. Originally home to the New England dairy company H.P. Hood and Sons, the 20-acre site has been completely reimagined as an innovation district and community destination for residents, employees and visitors to live, work, play and gather. Hood Park includes first-class lab and office space, a dynamic mix of activated retail, luxury apartment living and publicly-accessible open spaces including Hood Green, a one-acre lawn and focal point of the development. Pedestrian friendly and transit oriented, Hood Park is conveniently located steps away from the MBTA Orange Line and Interstate 93, and is quickly accessible from Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville. For more information, including development updates and the latest events and activations at Hood Park, visit [hoodpark.com](http://hoodpark.com) or follow us on Instagram @HoodParkCharlestown.

## REVIEWS (from pg. 1)

gateway location" and "include a significant number of affordable units to complement and diversify the project's principal focus on facilitating emerging industries."

The description also reads, "In addition, a prominent open space along Cambridge Street will provide community green space."

The project, as described in the DPIR – is comprised of a few different properties, 145, 128, and 89 Cambridge Street, and 10-40 Roland Street, which is a total of about 4.44 acres. Moreover, the project proposes to utilize these properties to create 753,783 gross square feet comprised of office and lab space, as well as residential and retail development.

Since the proponents filed a Supplemental Information Document (SID), the project has undergone some changes – the addition of 89 Cambridge Street to the project being one which added around 7,000 square feet of open space.

Other changes include decreases in gross floor area, lab/office square footage, residential square footage, and parking. However, the changes also brought increases in the overall site area, retail square footage, and open space. There was also a slight increase in the number of residential units.

As part of the proposal, three new buildings will be constructed to provide the aforementioned office and lab, residential and retail spaces. A life science/commercial building would be built at 10-40 Roland Street, standing

nine stories and 156 feet tall.

There then would be two residential/retail buildings constructed on Cambridge Street – both at six stories and 70 feet tall. However, the building at 128 Cambridge Street would have considerably more open space and 75 units, while at 145 Cambridge Street, there would be 52 units.

In total, the project would offer 127 residential units, with 26 being IDP units, along with a vast amount of open space, 279 vehicle parking spaces, and 447 parking spaces for bikes.

In addition to constructing the three buildings mentioned above, several public benefits are outlined in the DPIR.

Some of these benefits described include the creation of around 1.63 acres of publically accessible open space and public realm improvements, including safety and connectivity enhancements for pedestrians and bikers. There are also plans to plant over 100 trees and create 25,000 square feet

of subsidized community retail space for local small businesses.

It should be noted that this information about the proposed 40 Roland Street project is only the tip of the iceberg – as the over 500-page DPIR is publically accessible on the project website at <https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/40-roland-street>.

As of now, there are two meetings scheduled regarding the project. A virtual public meeting will be held on Monday, Jun. 5, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to discuss the DPIR. Then the following Monday, Jun. 12, an Impact Advisory Group (IAG) meeting will also be held virtually from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to discuss the DPIR.

In the meantime, the BPDA has encouraged residents to make comments about the project – which can be done at the aforementioned link. The current public comment period is slated to be open through Monday, Jul. 17.

## LETTER (from pg. 4)

Charlestown citizens and officials want a moratorium on this proposed sale. Gabriela Coletta, Dan Ryan, Michael Flaherty, and Erin Murphy, our elected officials, are calling for a return to the drawing board on the Helm proposal. 95% of those surveyed, agree. Charlestown has been fighting its own drug war for years. Does anyone have the right to make it even harder for our town to get clean?

We are empathetic to all who need a "safe harbor" in Mayor Wu's words. This can occur without damaging our community. Federal funds come from us, and the policies they fund must be effective. It is time to rethink how we define the cure, and not spread the disease.

We have an incredibly innovative city, with exceptional health care—two of Boston's strongest attributes. If we can do better, why wouldn't we?

Tracy Iannelli,  
Charlestown resident since 1991

## VICTORY FOR THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON

To the Editor,

Judge Saris's ruling is a victory for transparency, accountability,

and the people of the City of Boston. The United States District Court identified a deeply flawed process, and I welcome the opportunity to join my colleagues in rewriting more equitable voting districts that protect our constituents' Constitutional rights. I pledge to work collegially and in good faith with my colleagues to do right by our residents, our neighborhoods, and our Constitutional oaths of office.

The map that the Council approved, over my objections and those of three other councilors, unfairly divided neighborhoods. As I've said before, we should not compound the mistakes of the past by making new ones. And a process as important to our democracy as the right to vote, as protected by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, should be conducted openly and without concealed agendas.

I'm going to work to ensure that the people's voices are heard as this process moves forward, and that the City Council brings this out from behind closed doors and into the sunlight Bostonians - all of us - deserve.

Erin J. Murphy  
At Large Boston  
City Councilor

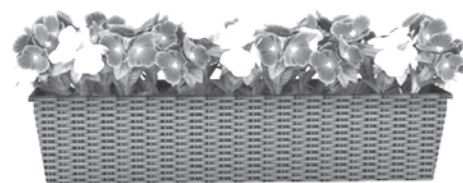
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# MGH Charlestown HealthCare Center offers Alcohol Awareness Month Q&A

By Lori Hooley RN, Ben Bearnot MD,  
and Jim Morrill MD

For all of recorded history, alcohol has been a part of American culture and many cultures around the world, well known for making us feel good during celebratory moments and helping us find relaxation during challenging times. However, alcohol also carries serious risks. Heavy alcohol use can not only harm the person drinking, but can also take a devastating toll on family and friends. In honor of Alcohol Awareness Month, we would like to take a moment to address some common questions that we as health care providers receive from many of our patients regarding alcohol use.

How do you know whether you or a family member's alcohol intake is healthy or unhealthy?

Moderate alcohol use for healthy adults generally means up to one drink a day for women and up to two drinks a day for men. One drink is measured as: 12 fluid ounces (355 milliliters)

of beer, 5 fluid ounces (148 milliliters) of wine, or 1.5 fluid ounces (44 milliliters) of hard liquor (80 proof). Heavy or high-risk drinking is defined as more than three drinks a day or more than seven drinks a week for women and men older than 65, and more than four drinks on any day or more than 14 drinks a week for men younger than 65. Binge drinking is defined as four or more drinks within two hours for women and five or more drinks within two hours for men.

What are the effects of alcohol on the brain and body?

Drinking alcohol at any level has physiological and psychological effects, including effects on mood, perception, judgment, balance, blood pressure (lower during drinking, higher after drinking), and the function of muscles and nerves. However, excessive drinking as defined above can increase your risk of serious health problems, including:

- Certain cancers, including breast cancer and cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus and

liver.

- Pancreatitis (painful inflammation of the pancreas).
- Heart muscle damage (alcoholic cardiomyopathy) leading to heart failure
- Stroke
- High blood pressure
- Chronic liver disease
- Depression, including suicidal thoughts
- Accidental serious injury or death
- Brain damage and other problems in an unborn child
- Risk of acute alcohol withdrawal syndrome

How can you tell if someone has an alcohol use disorder?

Substance use disorders—including alcohol use disorder—can involve one or more of the “3 C’s”:

- Cravings (thoughts, feelings, people, places, things that bring on an urge to use the substance);
- Control issues (using more/longer than planned, unsuccessful attempts to cut down or quit, or increasing time spent obtaining,

using, or recovering from use); or

- Consequences (failure to fulfill major obligations at work, school, or home).

People with alcohol use disorder almost always develop tolerance (a progressive need to drink more to have the same effect) and withdrawal (physical effects of abruptly stopping drinking), which can involve elevated blood pressure and severe mental status changes and often requires hospitalization.

Are there treatments for risky alcohol use or alcohol use disorder?

There can be shame associated with seeking treatment, but alcohol use disorder is a treatable medical condition. And treatment works! Millions of people across the country are in long term recovery. The route to recovery can involve counseling, such as behavioral therapy, and medications (such as Naltrexone or Acamprosate) that have been proven in studies to reduce the desire to drink. Some people need inpatient

medical detoxification to stop drinking safely. Mutual support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, which patients can access outside the medical system and are a crucial lifeline to many people in recovery, can help people stop drinking, manage relapses, find fellowship, and cope with necessary lifestyle changes.

Where can I go for further information?

Your Primary Care Physician will be able to answer any questions you may have regarding healthy or unhealthy alcohol use. They will be able to assist in recognizing, treating, or managing alcohol use disorder. You can also find more information online from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Alcohol Portal | CDC), National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (Alcohol's Effects on Health | National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) (nih.gov)), or Alcohol Addiction Centers (What is Alcoholism? - Learn About Alcohol Addiction).

## USPS honors author and illustrator Tomie dePaola

The U.S. Postal Service celebrates children's book author and illustrator Tomie dePaola with the release of a Forever stamp. A dedication ceremony for the stamp was held May 5, at the Currier Museum of Art.

“There are many gifted children's book authors and illustrators, but Tomie dePaola's genius is unique in so many ways: He could communicate with — and without — words, and touch readers across cultures and generations,” said Steve Monteith, chief customer and marketing officer, who was the dedicating official for the ceremony. “At the Postal Service, we feel great kinship in this idea. We help Americans of all backgrounds

and generations stay connected, no matter where they are.”

Other participants at the ceremony included Bruce McColl, director of engagement at the Currier Museum of Art; Dr. Susan Lynch, former first lady of New Hampshire and Currier Museum of Art board member; Judie dePaola Bobbi, sister of Tomie dePaola; Erin Fehlau, WMUR-TV anchor; Jon Anderson, president and publisher of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing; Sarah Mackenzie, founder of Read-Aloud Revival; and Kathleen McCaffery, English language arts consultant at the New Hampshire Department of Education.

DePaola (1934-2020) produced

an extraordinarily varied body of work that encompasses folktales and legends, informational books, religious and holiday stories, and autobiographical tales. Deceptively simple, his stories contain layers of emotional meaning that appeal to readers of all ages.

DePaola is probably best known for the “Strega Nona” picture book series. Set in southern Italy, the gently humorous stories focus on Strega Nona, or “Grandma Witch,” who uses magic to help with matters of the heart and to cure her neighbors' ills. Published in 1975, the first book in the series received a Caldecott Honor as one of the most distinguished picture books published that year.

The “Strega Nona” stories read like well-worn folktales, as do plenty of dePaola's other works. Some of his books retell legends that have shaped cultures around the world. Other stories are dePaola inventions. Many of his books emphasize family relationships and draw on dePaola's personal experience. “I've discovered,” he once said, “that children most respond to books based on my own life.”

Whatever the subject, dePaola's illustrations are instantly recognizable. Characterized by bright but muted tones and flat, two-dimensional perspectives, they offer a distinctive mix of Romanesque



The Forever stamp honoring Tomie dePaola.

painting styles and traditional folk art. Objects that meant the most to dePaola — notably hearts and white birds — recur throughout his work.

In all his books, dePaola tried to convey three fundamental truths: Success depends on hard work, happiness relies on embracing one's true self, and love and kindness underscore all.

In 2011, the American Library Association awarded him the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award (now the Children's Literature Legacy Award) for his “substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children.”

DePaola died in Lebanon, NH,

after complications from surgery following a fall. Following his death, the Currier Museum established the Tomie dePaola Art Education Fund to support art instruction for young people from all backgrounds. Counting more than 100 pieces of art by dePaola in its permanent collection, the museum shares his long-held belief in the power of art to transform a child's life.

The stamp art features a detail from the cover of “Strega Nona.” Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp with dePaola's original art. News of the Tomie dePaola stamp is being shared with the hashtag #Tomie-dePaolaStamp.

## COMMUNITY MEETING

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

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If you have any questions, contact  
**Jack Kelly 617-669-4657**  
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DIDOMENICO HOSTS FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS COALITION AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

Last week, Senator DiDomenico joined the Feeding Our Neighbors Coalition for a legislative briefing in support of his bill to provide basic needs assistance for Massachusetts immigrant residents (S.76/H.135). The event highlighted the need for DiDomenico's legislation and funding in the budget to restore basic food and cash assistance benefits for legally present immigrants, and included remarks from Senator DiDomenico, Representatives Judith Garcia and Tony Cabral, medical professionals, and community leaders, such as Gladys Vega of La Colaborativa, that work with immigrant families.

Thousands of immigrants remain ineligible for federal SNAP and cash assistance benefits due to harsh eligibility restrictions put in effect since 1996. Massachusetts has provided state-funded nutrition and cash assistance benefits in the past, from 1997 to 2002 when the Legislature unanimously voted to provide key benefits.

"While the prices of food and housing are rising, thousands of Massachusetts residents are being denied vital food and cash assistance benefits because of unreasonable and cruel eligibility restrictions," said State Senator Sal DiDomenico. "Government can and should do everything it can to ensure its residents have basic living standards, and this is an easy



Senator Sal DiDomenico (back row, fourth from right) hosting coalition advocates and in his office after the briefing.

step to take to protect countless people who are suffering in my district and across our state. I want to thank the Feeding Our Neighbors Coalition for their work on this issue and I will continue to partner with these organizations and my colleagues to get this unjust policy fixed."

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STORIES WE TELL OPENING AT THE STOVEFACTORY GALLERY

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Work by Artists Group of Charlestown members Martha Star, Tim Evans and Carla Quattrocchi was hung for the group exhibition “Stories We Tell”. The opening event at The StoveFactory Gallery was well attended by friends and family of all ages.



Kat Diplas with Ory and Eli Albert and their grandmother, featured artist Martha Starr.

A gallery visitor takes in the work of Carla Quattrocchi.



Jerry and Leigh Williamson speak with artist Tim Evans.



Karen Grover, Patric and Erika DelCioppo view some of the art by Martha Starr.



Artist Tim Evans with his wife Tuesday.



Artist Tim Evans discusses his work with gallery visitors.



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Marcus Ramsden looks at *Ciao Milan* by Tim Evans.



Eli and Tom Albert.



StoveFactory artist Michael Dean wasn't showing his work for this exhibit but he contributed to its artistic ambience with a guitar concert.



Artist Carla Quattrocchi.



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Tina Busa looking at Karla Quattrocchi's work.



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Karen Grover looking at the work of Martha Starr.



Robert Rook and Adriene Sipos.



Artists Tim Evans, Martha Starr, and Carla Quattrocchi.



Artist Carla Quattrocchi (center) speaks with Margaret Burns and Barbara Torrey.



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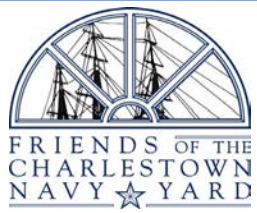
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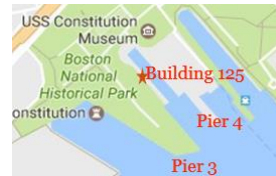
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Artist Martha Starr.



Work by Tim Evans.



# Largest Pizza Festival returns to Boston's City Hall Plaza

The Boston Pizza Festival is pleased to announce its return to City Hall Plaza in Boston's government center. The largest consumer pizza event in New England will take place on Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Boston Pizza Festival will feature over 30 of the best pizzerias in the New England and Greater Boston areas, along with select participating pizzerias hailing from Italy. The festival will feature something for everyone, with vegan and gluten-free options. Each pizzeria will be cooking in Marra Forni artisan pizza ovens. This year, Anheuser-Busch will be sponsoring the refreshments throughout the weekend, alongside 19 Crimes for the wine. The two-day celebration will also showcase a children's pizza tossing station, an interactive pizza-making demo with the Dough Connection, and live music and entertainment.

"After a three-year hiatus, we cannot wait to bring back an impressive roster of pizzerias representing the best Boston has to offer, along with a few special selections Raffaele and I handpicked straight from Italy," said Giancarlo Natale, co-director of the Boston Pizza Festival. "Our hope is to make this year our biggest and best Boston

Pizza Festival to date."

Admission to the festival is free, with pizza tokens available for \$3.00 available for purchases in varying packages upon arrival. Each token is good for one full-size slice of pizza.

"From classic Margheritas to creative toppings and artisanal pies, the Boston Pizza Festival will showcase the very best of the vibrant pizza scene in Boston and beyond," said co-director, Raffaele Scalzi. "We look forward to continuing to share our passion for pizza with fellow Bostonians and visitors as the festival returns to the city.

Some of the participating pizzerias include:

- Rina's Pizzeria (Boston, MA)
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- Montebella's (Gluten-Free)
- DaCoopas Pizza (East Boston, MA)
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And a dessert pizza booth selling Nutella pizzas!

## Test your knowledge on Lithium-Ion battery response

In support of this year's Safety Stand Down campaign, June 18-24, the Safety Stand Down Sweepstakes Quiz is now live, featuring questions that reinforce key messages and practices behind this year's theme, "Lithium-Ion Batteries: Are You Ready?"

Each year, the Safety Stand Down campaign and sweepstakes quiz are organized by the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Safety, Health & Survival Section, the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), and the Fire Department Safety Officers Association (FDSOA), with the collective goal of focusing attention on a particular responder safety concern during the third week in June. This year's Safety Stand Down works to help ensure that firefighters know how to safely handle lithium-ion batteries in a variety of situations and scenarios.

In support of this year's Safety Stand Down, emergency ser-

vices personnel are encouraged to take and promote the quiz. Those who complete it by Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET will be automatically entered in a sweepstakes where 200 randomly selected participants will win a limited-edition challenge coin commemorating the 2023 theme. The quiz is available on the Safety Stand Down website at [www.SafetyStandDown.org](http://www.SafetyStandDown.org).

During the week of Safety Stand Down, fire departments across the country are asked to suspend all non-emergency activities and train on lithium-ion battery response; an entire week is provided to ensure that all shifts and personnel can participate. Leading up to Safety Stand Down, fire service leaders and training officers can visit the campaign website to access a wealth of information, training, and resources that can help prepare for these efforts. New content and event updates will be added to the website in the weeks to come.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### MALDEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS FROM CHARLESTOWN, MA ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the third quarter of the 2022-2023 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: President's List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes.)

Malden Catholic Honors – Quarter Three 2023 from Charlestown: President's List (90 to 100 in all classes)

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Colin Kyle

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# FRESH AND LOCAL

## Daily routine is important

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A predictable daily routine can create a strong bond between an animal and a person. Your daily schedule should include dependable times for your pet's meals, exercise, play, and quiet time when everyone can relax and rest. Routines are important to animals and are one way of reducing stress and preventing behavior problems.

Adherence to a routine is most important to young dogs, cats, and new family members. These animals are learning what we expect of them and what they can expect of us. Trainers will often stress the need for a routine when you're in training mode.

However, there is another side to dependence on a routine. Animal behavior expert Cathy Madison, in an article for PreventiveVet, wrote, "As your dog gets more comfortable in their new home, it's useful to mix up their routine every so often to prevent separation anxiety, and lessens both your and your dog's stress in case you can't make it home in time for a regular feeding or walk." She con-

siders structure more important than a strict routine.

As you create a structure or routine that will work for your lifestyle and your animal's needs, remember that your actions will provide clues that tell a dog or cat what will happen next. If your dog sees you dressing for the outside world in the morning, it may cue the pup that a walk is coming soon. If you move to the kitchen around mealtime, your cats may line up where you usually put their bowls. Before long, you may find that the kitties are lining up to remind you that it's suppertime. And your dog may bring you a toy at the time when you often play toss.

### Internal Clock?

Do you ever feel as if the furry members of your household have a built-in clock that tells them when it's time for food, play, or exercise? You may be right.

The American Kennel Club reported, "Researchers at Northwestern University's Department of Neurobiology found evidence that previously unknown neurons



Does your dog bring you a toy at the time when you often play toss?

in an animal's brain are activated when the animal is in waiting mode."

While this is an early study on this aspect of animal behavior, anyone who has been reminded of dinnertime by their dog knows there must be some reason for the animal's accurate assessment of eating time.

Dogs and cats, like humans, have a circadian rhythm, an internal sense that tells them when to sleep or when to be active. And a hungry tummy may be an alert that mealtime should be coming soon. Sitting on the sofa may be

an invitation for some cuddle time with a dog.

### Support System

Sometimes, you may need a support system to help you provide your companion animals with a human to meet their routine needs. Not only do you want someone ready to assist you or take over for you, but that person should have some idea of the existing daily structure your animals expect.

Beyond seeing the need for food, elimination, and companionship, someone should know

if routine medications are needed and have access to whatever information your veterinarian may have for your animals. Every guardian should provide a friend or neighbor access to their home and the information needed to care for your animals. To give someone access to veterinary care and records, add that person to the records at your veterinarian's office.

*Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your request.*

## Boston Parks and Recreation Summer programs now online

Looking for outdoor fun this summer? Check out the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's complete schedule of free events and activities for all ages. Visit [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks) to learn more.

You can select from a variety of free activities such as concerts, movies, fitness classes, sports cen-

ters, watercolor painting workshops, and fun children's activities.

Highlights include:

- Summer Fitness Series
- The opening celebration at the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool on June 27
- Arts & Craft Workshops for children ages 3 to 10
- Boston Children's Summer

Festival at Franklin Park




- Paint Nights at our golf courses in June
- Movie Nights in parks city-wide
- ParkARTS Neighborhood Concerts
- Sports Centers in East Boston, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Jamaica Plain
- Intimate concerts on our golf clubhouse patios
- The Tito Puente Latin Music Series in the South End, East Boston, Mission Hill, and Jamaica Plain
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# Mass. April revenue collections total \$4.782 billion

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that preliminary revenue collections for April totaled \$4.782 billion, \$2.163 billion or 31.2% less than actual collections in April 2022, and \$1.435 billion or 23.1% below benchmark. April 2023 revenue collections were impacted by the elective pass-through entity (PTE) excise. After adjusting for DOR's estimate of the net impact of PTE excis April 2023 collections are \$1.447 billion or 20.2% below actual collections in April 2022, and \$915 million or 13.8% less than benchmark.

FY2023 year-to-date collections through April totaled approximately \$32.317 billion, which is

\$2.174 billion or 6.3% less than collections in the same period of FY2022, and \$1.171 billion or 3.5% below the updated year-to-date benchmark. After adjusting for DOR's estimate of the net impact of PTE excise, FY2023 year-to-date collections are \$406 million or 1.2% below actual collections in the same period of FY2022, and \$841 million or 2.5% less than the updated year-to-date benchmark.

"The decrease in April collections in comparison to April 2022 is primarily driven by a decrease in non-withholding income tax," said Commissioner Snyder. "The decline in non-withholding income tax is mostly attributable to a decrease in capital gain tax collec-

tions and an increase in PTE members applying credits to reduce their tax payments."

Historically, April has been the single largest month for collections, ranking first of the twelve months in eight of the last ten years. There are two main causes for April's relative strength. First, the individual tax filing season reaches its peak. Payments made with returns are concentrated in April, while refunds are spread across February, March, and April. Second, the first income estimated payment installment for the current tax year is due in April.

Details:

- Income tax collections for April totaled \$3.125 billion, \$1.558 billion or 33.3% below

benchmark, and \$2.129 billion or 40.5% less than April 2022.

- Withholding tax collections for April totaled \$1.354 billion, \$13 million or 0.9% below benchmark, but \$75 million or 5.8% more than April 2022.
- Income tax estimated payments for April totaled \$297 million, \$24 million or 8.6% above benchmark, but \$191 million or 39.2% less than April 2022.
- Income tax returns and bills for April totaled \$1.991 billion, \$1.589 billion or 44.4% below benchmark, and \$1.980 billion or 49.9% less than April 2022.
- Income tax cash refunds for April totaled \$517 million in outflows, \$20 million or 3.8% below benchmark, but \$32 million or

6.5% more than April 2022.

- Sales and use tax collections for April totaled \$757 million, \$17 million or 2.3% above benchmark, and \$22 million or 3.0% more than April 2022.
- Meals tax, a sub-set of sales and use tax, for April totaled \$103 million, \$3 million or 3.1% below benchmark, but \$5 million or 5.2% more than April 2022.
- Corporate and business tax collections for April totaled \$674 million, \$76 million or 12.6% above benchmark, but \$21 million or 3.0% less than April 2022.
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We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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## FRESH AND LOCAL

### Cook more, use less

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Many of us have cooked more over the past three years. We've found that while we were cooking more, we used less. We gravitated to meals that required fewer ingredients, made do with what we had on hand, and required less clean-up.

While we have a wide array of kitchen equipment, we use less and less of it these days. Our kitchen spring cleaning resulted in a donation box of items we hadn't used in years. As we honed our culinary skill set, we relied less on one-trick-pony gadgets. The few things now in our stove-side utensil crock are ones we use every week.

#### What Do You Use?

One easy way to determine what you regularly use is to put a small piece of blue painter's tape on each item in your kitchen crock or favorite utensil drawer. When you use it, remove the tape. A month later, look at the utensils you didn't use and decide if they deserve prime space.

As you move some items to secondary storage, look for duplicates. Unless you collect wooden spoons, how many do you need? If you replaced one silicone spatula with a brand you prefer, why are you keeping the old one? Next,

consider those single-use gadgets. If you no longer use your garlic press because you have the knife skills to pulverize garlic on a cutting board, you can pass the device on to a newer cook.

All of us will have items we keep for sentimental reasons. We have an old tray Ed's parents used to serve his mother's pizza. Penny uses it for her mise en place when cooking. We have some items we bought to set up our first kitchen decades ago, including a wooden spoon, a set of measuring cups and spoons, and a cast-iron skillet.

#### Rental Kitchen Lessons

Over the years, we've experienced how little we need to cook in a rental kitchen. At times we had to make do with what was offered by the hosts. Dull knives often resulted in the purchase of an addition to our extensive knife collection. Now, Penny has a small tool kit of essential items we bring when we travel by car. It includes a sharp chef's knife, a serrated knife that can double as a bread knife, a small knife sharpener, tongs, chopsticks, a server's corkscrew, and a sharp vegetable peeler.

#### Recycle Unused Equipment

Some charitable organizations accept kitchen and household items in good condition. Locally



Here are the often-used tools that won space in our stove-side utensil crock after a recent kitchen cleanout.

you can contact Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries, The Salvation Army, and Boomerangs to see what they can use. You can also offer your extras on sites like Freecycle, Next Door, Craig's List, and "Buy Nothing Groups."

You could offer your extra equipment to a new household. We had a significant cleanout when a friend had two young relatives

setting up their first apartments. We joined her effort to stock their kitchens with extra equipment from ours. It was satisfying to help a new generation of cooks and recycle what we weren't using.

The coming warm months are a great time to practice making meals with less. Try limiting yourself to a sharp knife and cutting board for most of your prepara-

tion. Use fewer pans, spoons, and other gadgets. This practice will improve your kitchen skills and encourage you to consider which items in your drawers and cupboards you can do without!

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CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL TURF REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Boston Parks understands the Charlestown High School Fields are a major recreational part of the Charlestown community and we continue to strive to reduce impacts during construction. We appreciate your patience during the renovation of these facilities.

- What Has Happened In April:
- Removal of the existing turf surface including the carpet and infill began April 17.
  - The rubberized track surface was removed and the asphalt base was milled to accept a new base.
  - Utility work for new drinking fountains was completed and the water lines are stubbed to the location for 2 new bottle fillers.

- What To Expect In May:
- Football Field and Track
  - A new asphalt base will be installed in Early May. The asphalt needs several weeks to cure before the final surface can be scheduled.
  - Multipurpose Softball/Soccer field
  - Permits will continue to be honored for use of the field at least through Bunker Hill Day.
- Football field prepared for turf and track ready for asphalt base.
- Anticipated Construction Time-lines
- Early June 2023: Turf delivery for both fields
  - June 2023: Football field installation begins

- Late June/Early July 2023: Multipurpose field demo begins
  - July 2023: multipurpose field installation begins; rubberized track surface begins
  - August 2023: both fields re-open
- Other Items:
- Please use 311 to document non-emergency issues relating to park use, and 911 for emergency situations relating to public safety. Construction questions and concerns can be directed to Cathy Baker-Eclipse, Project Manager for Boston Parks and Recreation (cathy.baker-eclipse@boston.gov).



Renovations continues on the Charlestown High School Field.

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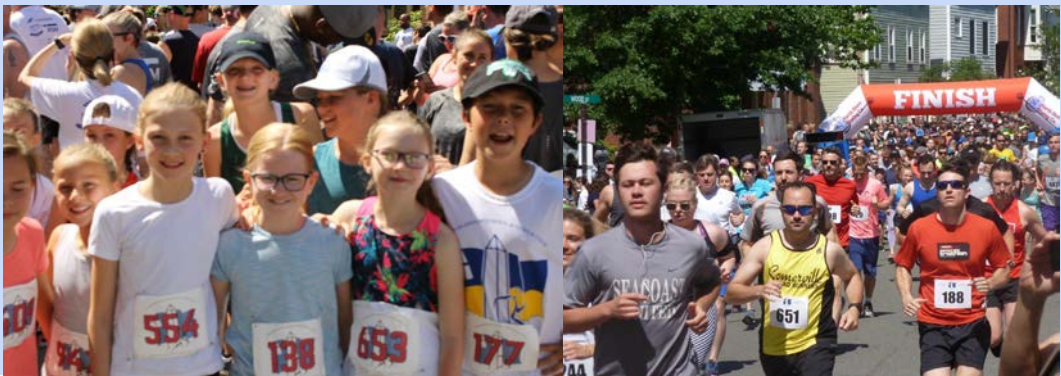
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