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BUILD-A-BED EVENT

As part of National Nurses Week 2023, Spaulding Rehabilitation Nurses across inpatient sites in Cambridge, Charlestown, Brighton, and Sandwich partnered with the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless to address an urgent need for beds for homeless children. Spaulding nurses spent weeks fund raising to buy bed kits and assembled 40 beds for 40 children across for the "A Bed for Every Child" program during National Nurses Week. "We're honored to celebrate Nurses Week with Spaulding. A Bed for Every Child recognizes that sleep is as essential as food, shelter, and clothing. The healthcare professionals who participated in our build program have a profound understanding of the role of sleep

in a child's overall well-being and development. They're making a significant difference by providing beds for 40 children all across Massachusetts. Thank you for your contributions supporting our mission" said Tina

Baptista, Director A Bed for Every Child.

CHARLESTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CALENDAR

CNC General Meeting, Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 7 p.m.

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold an in-person, public meeting on Tuesday, June 6th from 7-9 p.m. The agenda and location (to be determined) will be published on our website. The next general meeting will be in September 2023.

Summer Hiatus: The council does not meet during July and August. During that time, please contact the executive committee with any pressing neighborhood concerns at cnc02129@gmail. com. Committee meetings may still be scheduled during the hiatus at the discretion of the committee chair. Given the level of devel-

opment activity and the schedule for completing PLAN:Charlestown, we expect that there will be Development Committee meetings. Council members may also hold informal drop-in events to connect with residents such as listening sessions or coffee hours

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The Helm looms over Building 108 project

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

On Wednesday, May 17, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a public meeting concerning the Building 108 project, where residents voiced their fears about the effects a potential project - The Helm on Third - might have on Building

The Building 108 project is a proposal from Power House CNY, LLC, to redevelop the site of the now-demolished power plant in the Navy Yard at 108 3rd Avenue.

The proposal would create an approximately 99,600 gross square foot research and development office building with 78,370

square feet of research and development space and 1,800 square feet of restaurant or café space with 39 below-grade parking spac-

This proposed project is in close proximity to the Consitution Inn, where there are plans drawn up to create The Helm on Third, a permanent affordable and supportive housing development that would primarily house those moving out of homelessness and those actively battling addiction or mental health

Seemingly the concerns about how these two developments would interact deal with the fact that the Building 108 project pro-

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Wu announces Safety Surge

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

In a press conference at Thetford Evans Playground in Mattapan on Monday, May 22, Mayor Michelle Wu unveiled the City of Boston's Safety Surge, an initiative to make city streets safer for every-

As part of this initiative, the city is committing to installing speed humps, redesigning intersections, and updating traffic signal guidelines throughout all neighborhoods to enhance street safety.

"We are looking to having safer streets all across Boston. Not just here around one park as beautiful and as treasured a space as it is but every single neighborhood. We want to make sure our streets are safer for drivers, for cyclists, for pedestrians, and everyone who needs to get around," said Wu.

"Our streets should be a source of connection, not a threat to our safety, and we want to make sure that we're not rationing that safety in limited areas across the city following when major incidents and injuries happen, but we want to be proactive, preventive and really work with communities at a much broader scale and much more accelerated pace to make this happen."

In terms of speed humps – the initiative will lead to the construction of 10 speed hump zones per year. These speed humps can be driven over safely at 20-25 MPH. It should be noted that, per the city's website, major arteries and roads that carry an MBTA bus route will not be included in this portion of the initiative.

Residents can visit https://www. boston.gov/making-neighborhood-streets-safer to view which streets are on the docket to receive speed humps over the next three

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Charlestown man charged with mayhem for cutting woman's face

A man was arraigned Monday in the Charlestown Division of Boston Municipal Court for slicing a woman's face near her eyes with a razor blade while she was unconscious, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Ismail Mohamed, 40, is charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery causing serious bodily injury, mayhem, and kidnapping. Judge Lisa Grant ordered Mohamed held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing on May 25.

At about 5:50 a.m. on Monday, officers responded to a call for an assault in the basement apartment of 87 Cambridge Street in Charlestown. Officers located the suspect,

later identified as Mohamed, sitting on a bed while the female victim was sitting on the floor, bleeding from her face. A large amount of blood was visible on a blanket and pillow also found on the floor. The victim appeared disoriented and unable to open her eyes. Officers observed severe bruising and swelling around both eyes, mouth and cheeks and multiple cuts above and beneath her eyelids. She was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Mohamed told police he was with the victim in the apartment when a fight ensued. He then fell asleep and when he woke up, discovered the victim to be suffering from the injuries. He then admitted to cutting the victim's face to help reduce the swelling around her eves.

Both Mohamed and the victim denied any domestic relationship. According to phone records, Mohamed was the 911 caller.

"We see domestic violence take many forms, but an assailant cutting above and beneath a woman's eyes in a stated attempt to ease the swelling caused by the assailant himself is both bizarre and disturbing. As with all domestic violence victims, this victim will be supported by prosecutors and victim witness advocates specially trained in these cases," Hayden said.

The victims of any crime, including domestic or sexual violence, should call 911 in an emergency. SafeLink, a statewide DV hotline, can be reached at 877-785-2020. SafeLink is answered by trained advocates 24/7 in English, Spanish and Portuguese, as well as TTY at 877-521-2601. It also has the capacity to provide multilingual translation in more than 140 lan-

Help is also available for members of our LGBTQ+ community experiencing domestic or intimate partner violence through The Network/La Red by calling 617-742-4911 or 800-832-1901.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

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ponents are merely building it out they will have to seek tenants to fill both the research and development space and the café space, and there are fears that the Helm might drive away tenants.

In the Zoom meeting chat, one resident alluded to these fears when they asked, "How will you be able to convince tenants to safely enter Building 108?" That question was posed almost immediately after the development team wrapped up its presentation.

Not only did the question regarding the interaction of the two projects take a bit to be acknowledged the proponents did not initially address it; it was addressed by Sarah Black of the BPDA.

Black indicated that these concerns were also raised during the Building 108 project's Impact Advisory Group (IAG) meeting just two days prior and responded to the resident's question with a statement.

"I know that given the proximity – I anticipated that there may be questions around it, but I want to make sure we're kind of keeping it separate from the review and discussion surrounding this project. So we are here tonight because there is a filing under review for a proposed project at the Building 108 Project - right - so the BPDA has an active project page on this we have an active filing under review," said Black.

"That isn't currently the case for the Consitution Inn project. There is no active filing under review. When there is a filing for that project, then we will hold a similar round of public meetings to what we are doing right now to engage the community about that project specifically - any questions you may have, any impacts on the neighborhood, and this development team is certainly welcome to attend those meetings as well because I know there have been some questions about how these two projects might interact were both to be built," Black continued.

"There will be an opportunity to have that discussion in a separate forum, but right now, I want to make sure that we're focusing on the project that is currently under review and kind of keep questions directed to this one and again make sure - that we will hold space for questions and comments around the other project, but it is not actively under review with the city right now," concluded Black.

Black did go on to say that she did not want to be dismissive of residents' questions about the interaction of the Building 108 project and the Helm on Third but reiterated her point that the Helm is not currently under review.

After Black concluded her statement, the same resident who asked the question in the chat raised their hand and reiterated it. The question was again addressed by Black, who once again reiterated that there is no official filing for the Helm on Third project.

"You're avoiding the question which has to do with the financial viability of Building 108 - what your plan will be - your backup plan will be to make it financially viable if Mass and Cass is set up outside the door - what's your plan B for that," said the resident.

"Can we let some of the developers address the question? They're the ones who are going to get stuck with this building and can't rent it, Sarah [Black]."

Further, other residents in the meeting's Zoom chat seemed not to understand how the two projects could be separated. It should be noted that while there is no official review for the project right now, there is a whole web page regarding the plans for the Helm at https://stfrancishouse.org/thehelm-on-third/.

One resident said, "These two projects will very much impact each other," while another said, "Building 108 will be directly impacted by the Helm proposal how can you separate the two?"

Eventually, one of the members of the development team - Geoffrey Lewis of Power House CNY, LLC, responded to the concerns and questions.

"Thank you for your comment. I mean, when there's something for us to look at, we'll look at it, but right now, there's nothing for us to respond to," said Lewis.

However, the resident alluded to the website mentioned above, indicating that there is something to look at and respond to.

The resident went on to say, "If I was the CEO of your organizations, I would be insisting that the BPDA not kill my Building 108 proposal two years from now."

"You're foolish CEOs if you're not doing the same," the resident

Overall, it is clear that for some residents, thoughts of the Helm on Third are overshadowing the Building 108 project. In the meantime, the current public comment period regarding the Building 108 project will be open until Wednesday, May 31.

Residents can make comments at https://www.bostonplans.org/ projects/development-projects/ building-108 or directly to sarah. black@boston.gov.



Virtual Public Meeting

40 Roland Street



Zoom Link: bit.ly/3NPSIT6

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 222 7343



Close of Comment Period:

7/17/2023

Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 40 Roland Street project located in Charlestown. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR). The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the public.

At this time, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) is continuing to host public meetings in a virtual setting for the health, safety, and accessibility of Boston residents. For more information and updates, visit bostonplans.org.

The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a Boston resident. Interpreting services are available. If you require these services, please contact the following: quinn.w.valcich@boston.gov. The meeting is scheduled for 6/5/2023. Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date.

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

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As for the intersections portion of the Safety Surge – this component will make it so the city designs 25-30 non-signalized intersections per year.

Regarding intersections, Boston's Chief of Streets, Jascha Franklin-Hodge, said, "Each year, we will design safer intersections using street safety tools that will allow for better sightlines, slower speeds, clear crossings, and defined spaces for all."

These safety tools include things like curb extensions, pedestrian warning signs, and much more which can be found at https:// www.boston.gov/departments/ transportation/street-safety-tool-

Finally, the signals aspect of the initiative includes updates to the city's Traffic Signals Operations Design Policy.

These updates include an increase in the use of pedestrian head starts - meaning pedestrians will get the walk sign before drivers can proceed, an increase in no turn on red areas, and an increase in the use of "auto recall," which gives pedestrians the walk sign automatically without hitting a

The city plans to update at least 50 intersections a year with these new updates to the Traffic Signals Operations Design Policy.

The city is also doing major corridor projects in areas the city's website says have a "history of excessive speeds and crashes that have resulted in death and injury." These areas include Blue Hill Avenue, Centre Street in West Roxbury, Cummins Highway in Mattapan, and Tremont Street in the South End.

"The streets we build must reflect our belief that everyone, regardless of their age or ability, should have the freedom to travel safely and without fear," said Franklin-Hodge.

"The City of Boston is putting that idea into action in asphalt, in concrete, in paint, in flex posts, and signs and signals as we work toward a future where no family ever has to experience tragedy or trauma on our streets."

In terms of how the city is balancing safety and traffic - considering Boston's traffic was ranked the fourth worst in the entire world in 2022 by INRIX - a transportation analytics company - Wu said, "Traffic is one of Boston's biggest concerns."

"We're building housing; we're investing in our schools; we're adding new jobs people have to be able to get around to where they need to go. As our city grows, it won't work if the only way you can get around is driving a car," she continued.

Wu alluded to the idea that the changes made through the new Safety Surge would make other forms of transportation more viable before saying there is also a need to continue pressuring the MBTA.

"It can't be an either-or conversation about whether people can reliably get to work or whether they can be protected and safe as they're walking around their communities. We need to do both; we know we can," said Wu.

For more information on the Safety Surge and all its components, you can visit https://www. boston.gov/transportation/safety-surge.

"I want to thank all of our residents across each and every neighborhood for your advocacy and looking forward to continuing that with the specific changes that we'll be making in the weeks to come," said Wu.



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY IEREMIAH ROBINSON

Mayor Michelle Wu joined business leaders from across the City for the first annual Legacy Business Awards at Boston's Historic Fanieul Hall.

Wu announces inaugural list of Legacy Business awardees

Mayor Michelle Wu last week announced the inaugural list of Legacy Business awardees, a group of 30 businesses including Bunker Hill Barber Shop that represent the rich diversity and cultural fabric of all Boston neighborhoods. This program - the most expansive in the country - was developed by the Office of Small Business within the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet and will support

awardees through increased visibility and connecting them with City services. This new program will provide targeted technical assistance with a focus on succession planning, growth, business updates, and employee ownership. Businesses will also receive a commercial lease toolkit, legal consultation and other resources from City of Boston partners.

"Our legacy businesses are

pillars in our communities and expand opportunity for our residents and families across Boston," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm thrilled that we get to honor these staple businesses who invest and uplift our communities. Congratulations to our thirty newly selected legacy businesses and we look forward to being able to sup-

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Meeting/Event Updates: Council and committee meetings are listed and updated on the CNC's calendar on 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 pro-

vide your email address.

As always, please bring your neighborhood questions, concerns, and suggestions to our monthly general meeting or, during the summer hiatus, to the executive committee at cnc02129@gmail.com.



Virtual Public Meeting

PLAN: Charlestown Urban Design Meeting #2

June 1, 2023 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/UDGuides2 Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 160 945 6590



Project Description:

Please join the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) for a virtual community meeting at 6pm on June 1st, to discuss PLAN: Charlestown's urban design guidelines for the Rutherford Ave and Sullivan Square areas. This is the second of two meetings focused on urban design. 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, while the previous urban design meeting focused on ways to enhance the residential fabric of Charlestown's core. We hope you will come to share your thoughts and ask questions!

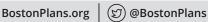
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EDITORIAL

LET US REMEMBER THOSE WHO "GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE"

Although the Memorial Day weekend signifies the start of the summer season and is observed by families and friends who gather for barbecues and similar festivities, we should keep in mind that Memorial Day is our most solemn national holiday in which we remember those who gave their lives in defense of our country.

Their sacrifice in the many wars our nation has fought since our country's founding should serve as a reminder that freedom isn't free.

Although today we technically are at peace, the world feels anything but peaceful. Totalitarian adversaries either are wreaking havoc (Russia in Ukraine) or threatening to do so (No. Korea and China).

If the lessons of the past and present teach us anything, it is that we cannot take our freedom for granted. The same troops who at the present time are providing humanitarian and military aid in far-off places around the globe could be called upon to engage in a far different and far more dangerous mission at a moment's notice.

We should keep in mind too, that the willingness of our military personnel to serve in defense of our country not only places them in harm's way, but also imposes great sacrifices upon their families.

This realization made us think back to the roots of Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day in the aftermath of the Civil War, with the proclamation by Gen. Logan on May 5, 1868, in which he declared:

"The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit. Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan."

In the aftermath of World War I, the term Supreme Sacrifice came into the national lexicon to describe those who gave their lives in that terrible conflict and has been associated with our wars for the past century.

However, prior to that time, President Abraham Lincoln coined a different phrase -- the "last full measure" -- in his speech at Gettysburg to honor the Union soldiers who fought and died to preserve the nation in that epic battle that turned back the Confederate Army.

Lincoln's brief oration rates as the greatest-ever testament to those who have given their lives in defense of their country. We never tire of reading his plain yet profound words, and as the years pass, they seem to take on new meaning. Similar to the state of the nation when Lincoln delivered his speech on November 19, 1863, at the official dedication of the Soldiers National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, we are divided along lines that seem irreconcilable. Not only are we facing challenges to our democratic ideals abroad, but here at home as well.

We are printing the full text of the Gettysburg address in the hope that our readers draw as much inspiration from it as we do:

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

"We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

"But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

We hope our readers appreciate the eternal truths of Lincoln's sentiments, which are as relevant today as they have been since the founding of our nation.

We wish all of our readers a happy Memorial Day weekend.

GUEST OP-ED

Reevaluate your church mission spending

Dr. Glenn Mollette

For fifty years of my life, I've been associated with churches that have given over four million dollars collectively to outside denominational endeavors.

The typical mainline denominational church/parish will collect weekly offerings from their members. A percentage of this money each month is given to a state office. The state office will in turn keep a large percentage of the money for state denominational purposes. The rest of it will be sent to the national office. Some denominations have an international mission office and an American denominational office.

Local churches are always encouraged to give more of their weekly offerings to the state and national causes. The state and national entities employ people who do denominational work. They have full time salaries, medical insurance, retirement plans and usually newer model cars to drive. They need more money like most everyone else. Many churches will give ten and often as high as 25 percent of their general offering to these outside entities.

The denomination rewards the church by praising them. Patting them on the back. They will usually list the top 100 giving churches on their denominational website or state publication piece. They will work hard to enlist the pastor of the church to serve on state committees. This is done to make the pastor feel important and to keep their hand in the local church through the church's pastor. Executives from the denomination will come a couple of times a year to visit the church and praise them for their generosity. This usually is about the summation of what the local church gets back from their sacrificial 10 to 25% percent giving.

In far too many cases the local church deprives itself of needed money to fund their own local needs. The local minister often has to scrape to get by while the church is mailing a big check to the denominational hierarchy.

I've been a strong advocate of International and state missions most of my life. However, I'm tired of seeing so many small churches do without while the state and national entities regardless of the denomination, do and have more.

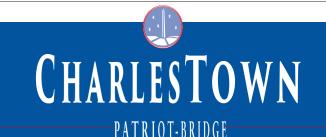
If your church has been mailing 15 percent of its money down to the state office every month then why not keep eight percent of that to do local mission work in your neighborhood? Will the state or national office come to your town and help the homeless? Are they in your town helping unwed mothers and ministering to pregnant teenagers? Are they supporting the local halfway house for drug addicts and safe house for abuse victims? Are they going door to door in your neighborhood telling people about God's love? Too many churches rationalize, "We are doing mission work by sending our money to the state office."

Churches should use more of their mission money at home. Your local area has needs. Jesus gave The Great Commission to go into the world but too often we miss what is right in our face. I'm for supporting mission work around the world but your greatest mission work is in your neighborhood.

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LETTERS to the Editor

A SINCERE THANK YOU

To the Old Charlestown Schoolboys,

A sincere thank you to the Old Charlestown Schoolboys for awarding me with the Edward Mahan Scholarship. I am very grateful to be the recipient of this Scholarship as it will help ease the burden of my college expenses. Being a part of the Charlestown community and being recognized by the Old Charlestown Schoolboys is a great honor and privilege. Thank you again,

John C. Flanagan

ABSENTEE LEADERSHIP FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Mayor Wu,

I am writing to you to express my opposition to the overdevelopment of Charlestown through the multiple, simultaneous development projects that are slated to add 11,000 new residents to the neighborhood with no additional infrastructure or resources and lacking community support. It is noted by many residents and voters of Charlestown your continual dismissal of the necessary considerations and feedback on the serious overdevelopment being proposed on your tenure.

In the face of this opposition, you have erroneously been honored by the "Friends of the Navy Yard" in Charlestown for your "leadership" on Tuesday May 23rd. This honor is ironic to say the least given your complete neglect to advocate and represent your constituency in Charlestown. To add insult to injury, your office has indicated that you will not be present at the event to accept this honor - proving your consistency in being an absentee leader.

Mayor Wu, it is important to remember that your role as the city's Mayor is not a position of power, but one of public service. It is your responsibility to act in the "best interest" of the people who elected you. By disregarding the needs and opinions of the people of Charlestown, you are failing in your duty as a representative of this community. Charlestown cannot stand by quietly while your administration experiments with our community.

I urge you to take this input seriously and start prioritizing the concerns of your constituents. It is time to engage in open dialogue with the community, actively listen to us, and make decisions which are based on our best interest. We, the citizens who have elected you, deserve a leader who is committed to serving this community with integrity, accountability, and the empathy we deserve.

Nancy Mara-Aldrich

DIDOMENICO CELEBRATES UNIVERSAL SCHOOL MEALS



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking next to Representative Andy Vargas to his left.

Last week, Senator DiDomenico ioined Proiect Bread, Cindv Long, the Food and Nutrition Service Administrator for the US Department of Agriculture, Representative Andy Vargas, and many others for a roundtable discussion celebrating the work that the legislature, schools, and anti-hunger organizations have done in Massachusetts ensuring robust access to school meals. "I am proud to work alongside these dedicated groups, advocates, and colleagues and we will keep pushing and advocating until the Universal School Meals program is fully funded and made permanent in our state," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "This is the vear to the make it happen and our school meals permanent throughstudents and families should not out the Commonwealth is one of have to worry about food in our my highest priorities this session."

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OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOYS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 110TH REUNION

Staff Report

The Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association met on Sunday afternoon, May 21, for the 110th reunion of the schoolboys in the Father Daniel Mahoney Knights of Columbus Hall.

Nearly 200 were in attendance

in what was the second in-person event since COVID-19 closures forced the cancellation of reunions in 2020 and 2021. With President Jim O'Brien at the helm, he and the other Association officers welcomed the crowd of friends and enjoyed the traditional chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes with

peas and banana fritters in cherry

After dinner, to get the meeting started every year, the oldest member present is given the school bell to ring in honor of yet another reunion celebrated. This year, Charlestown's Thomas McNicholas, 96, did the honors of ringing

the school bell as his son, William, looked on.

Secretary/Treasurer Ronan Fitz-Patrick read the names of members who have passed away in the last 12 months, and Father Paul Coughlin said the opening prayer.

Two award-winners were also celebrated during the reunion. The James W. Conway Community Service Award went to James 'Jimbo' Tucker, while the George E. Murphy Fellowship Award went to John Killoran, of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club.

The event was a return to the numbers and excitement of pre-COVID gatherings and followed the annual Scholarship Dinner



Scholarship Committeemen Moe Gillen and Mario Fabiano.

held last week on May 14 where 17 scholarships worth \$18,000 were awarded.



Bill Leahy, Bill Burke, Bill Gallagher, and Executive Committeeman Charlie McGonagle.



Executive Committeemen Tom O'Brien and Keith Lordan.



Former quarterbacks Joe Ryan and Rich Harty.

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2	2	750	\$1,690	60%	0	0
6	1	600	\$1,950	100%	0	0
4	2	750	\$2,340	100%	0	0

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# of bedrooms	60% AMI	100% AMI		Household size	60% AMI	100% AMI	
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0		-		2	\$67,300	\$112,200	
1	37,333	52,000		3	\$75,700	\$126,200	
l				4	\$84,100	\$140,200	
2	45,066	62,400		5	\$90,850	\$151,450	
				6	\$97,600	\$162,650	

Minimum Incomes Apply. Minimum incomes do not apply to households with housing assistance (Section 8, MRVP, VASH).

Applications are available during the application period for 21 days, from June 1, 2023 to June 22, 2023.

To request an online application or to have one sent by email visit https://bit.ly/WoodburyAppReqForm or call 617-567-7755.

After careful consideration and an abundance of caution, the City of Boston has decided to cancel the in-person application distribution period. If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at **617-567-7755**, to request that we mail you one and to ask us for any support or guidance you might need to complete the application.

We will be holding 1 virtual informational meeting on **Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 6 pm** through the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81654447861?pwd=RUdMa3ZBZzhqTGpBNk9CZ3NQNlhxUT09

Meeting ID: 816 5444 7861

Passcode: 545249

Or call: 929-205-6099

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than June 22, 2023. Mailed to: Metro Management, 80 Border Street, 3rd Floor, East Boston, MA 02128

- Selection by Lottery.
- Asset & Use Restrictions apply.
- Boston Residency Preference.
- Household Size Preference for units with 2 or more bedrooms.

For more information, language assistance, or reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities please call **617-567-7755** or email **WoodburyAptsLottery@ebcdc.com**





"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

~ John F. Kennedy



State Senator
Sal-Didomenico

OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOYS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 110TH REUNION



(Standing L-R) John Coleman, Executive Committeeman Tom Cunha, John Barstow, and Paul Power. (Seated L-R) Jack Power, Bud Whelan, and Dan Smith.





President Jim O'Brien with Executive Committee members Joe Jackson and (seated) Jack Connors.



The annual tradition of ringing the Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association bell to kick off the reunion goes to the oldest member in attendance. This year, the honors for the 110th reunion were done by Thomas McNicholas, 96, who attended with this son, William. Thomas still lives in Charlestown and attended the

Edwards School.

The head table for the 110th annual reunion of the Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association included John Leahy, Secretary/Treasurer Ronan FitzPatrick, Jack Pierce, Vice President William Lordan, President Jim O'Brien, Moe Gillen, Father Paul Coughlin, Jack Connors, and Joe Jackson.



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(Standing L-R) John Fabiano, Stephan Fabiano, and Bill King. (Seated L-R) Pat Locke and Andy O'Hearn.

The Good Shepherd School would like to thank the Charlestown community for their support in our annual fundraising event, which took place on April 29th!





Thank you to Blackmoor and LongCross Bar for hosting us, and to our participating restaurants:

Brewer's Fork, City Square, Dovetail
Johnny Pomodoro, Pier 6, Monument,
Sullivan's Public House, Washoku Renaissance, and Waverly

With the support of our attendees, all of our donors, and the amazing restaurant - it was another great success for our school! We hope to see you next year for Taste of Charlestown 2024!



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To celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, the Charlestown Patriot Bridge will be printing a series of articles detailing the creation of the association and the efforts and dedication that went into the building of the Bunker Hill Monument, an important and lasting reminder of the lives lost in the pursuit of liberty on June 17, 1775. For more on the BHMA please visit their website www.bunkerhillmonumentassn.org.

THE ASSOCIATION IS FORMED

A group of about twenty-five Boston-area community members gathered at Boston's Exchange Coffee House in May 1823. Together, they prepared a petition to the Massachusetts legislature to establish the Bunker Hill Monument Association (BHMA). The group of men planned to raise funds to preserve the battlefield where soldiers fought during the Battle of Bunker Hill. They also wanted to build a monument commemorating this battle, one of the first battles of the American Revolution. They knew that their monument would be among the few Revolutionary War monuments in the United States at the time and it would be by far the largest.

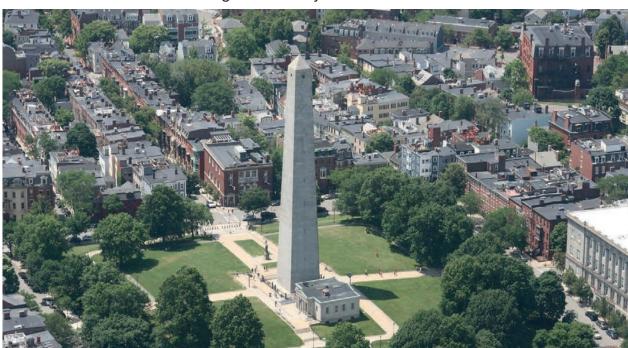
These Bostonians joined the early 1800s trend in the US of building more Revolutionary War monuments. This trend became popular for a few reasons. Many Americans anticipated the quickly approaching 50th anniversary of the Revolutionary War, which would begin in 1825, and they viewed these events as milestones in the formation of the United States. Many veterans of the Revolutionary War were aging, and Americans wanted to honor them before they died. The monuments would recognize their sacrifices and encourage national patriotism. Long after the death of the last Revolutionary War veteran, a tradition of memorializing American soldiers from that war continues today. In 2018, New York citizens installed a monument honoring the diversity of the Colonial combatants.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

In Boston, not only did the organizers recognize the reality of the passing of veterans, but they also faced the possibility of losing the battlefield. For nearly fifty years, the Bunker Hill battlefield had remained untouched, attracting visitors to the site. In 1822, an owner of a portion of that battlefield wanted to sell the land for development, so a small group of Bostonians took action. William Tudor, a magazine publisher from a notable Boston family, met with four friends: Congressman Daniel Webster, Harvard professor Edward Everett, Merchant Thomas H. Perkins, and Doctor John C. Warren, nephew of a Battle of Bunker Hill hero. Dr. Warren immediately bought the two acres of battlefield for sale on behalf of the group.



Joseph Warren by Henry Dexter in Bunker Hill Lodge.



Dedicated in 1843, the Monument commemorates the Revolution's first major battle.

The BHMA offered membership into their Association for a minimum of \$5 per person. This was a large sum, considering the average person earned about \$15 a week. The BHMA expected mostly prosperous supporters to finance the monument.

The BHMA wrote letters to prominent leaders and community members across the state, country, and world, inviting them to become members of the BHMA. They sent letters to a variety of notables, from former US Presidents, such as Adams and Jefferson, to the well-known South American leader, Simón Bolívar. Not all prominent men responded positively. Caleb Stark replied to the BHMA's invitation by saying that veterans of the Revolutionary War never received their pensions, and he resented that the debt owed them "is to be paid by a stone!" Son of famed Colonel John Stark, Caleb Stark served at the Battle of Bunker Hill.

NEXT WEEK: Find out how the funding was accomplished and who played a major part in it.

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"If any spot in this country should be consecrated as holy ground on which to erect the temple of liberty, that spot surely is Bunker Hill."

-Henry A.S. Dearborn, Board member of the Bunker Hill Monument Association and son of a Battle of Bunker Hill veteran.

Congratulations to the Bunker Hill Monument Association on their 200th Anniversary!



AWARDS (from pg. 3)

cil President Ed Flynn. "I'm happy to see that longstanding businesses in District 2 are being recognized, including ones in Downtown, Chinatown, South Boston, and the South End. Congratulations to all the awardees, let's continue to support our wonderful neighborhood businesses."

"I am grateful for Mayor Wu's unwavering commitment to supporting and preserving legacy businesses throughout the City of Boston," said Councilor Brian Worrell, Chair of the Committee on Small Business and Professional Licensure. "The Legacy Business Program provides vital support to these businesses, helping to ensure their continued success for generations to come. By recognizing the importance of these businesses and providing them with the resources they need to thrive, we can maintain the cultural fabric and unique character of our neighborhoods."

Legacy businesses are longstanding, independent enterprises that make a strong contribution to residents, communities and neighborhoods across Boston. They are cultural anchors and repositories of community traditions and stories. These iconic businesses have helped define Boston as an innovative, family friendly and world-renowned city. By recognizing these businesses on an annual basis, this program will help to further Mayor Wu's vision of a family-friendly city that ensures each neighborhood is a vibrant destination for all to visit and support.

"We were proud to fulfill Mayor Wu's pledge to recognize and honor those businesses that continue to make our neighborhoods the cultural jewels they are today," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "Due to the work of our Small Business team, residents

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will be able to come together every year to celebrate the achievements of these local community institutions, and the City will be able to provide needed resources to ensure they remain for generations to come."

"The response was tremendous, and this has truly been a community driven process, which is part of the beauty of it," said Aliesha Porcena, Director of Small Business. "Boston residents submitted over 1,400 nominations, and we are so happy to acknowledge the group of inaugural businesses this month. Our office is supports small businesses to start, grow, and stay in Boston. This inaugural cohort represents 30 businesses that are staples in our communities, and part of our rich history- it's an honor to celebrate these businesses who have given our city and communities so much. We are committed to provide continued support and services to these businesses".

"El Oriental de Cuba has been a favorite family owned restaurant for the past 30 years, and it is an honor to be recognized by the City of Boston," said Yvonne Torres, owner of El Oriental de Cuba. "Receiving the Business Legacy award not only acknowledges the restaurant itself, but the incredible community of Jamaica Plain that has kept this restaurant alive during and after the pandemic. My father Nobel Garcia and late owner, well known and loved by everyone, would have been extremely proud to see his restaurant be recognized as a legacy institution."

To qualify for the Legacy Business program, businesses must

- Operated for at least 10 years in the same location within the City of Boston.
- Contributed to the cultural, historical, and societal assets of Boston's community or neighbor-
- A plan to maintain its business in the City.

The process of identifying the 30 Legacy Businesses included nominations from the public, review by the City Council, and selection by a committee that included representatives from City departments, and Main Streets organizations. Selections were based on application scoring and community support. The committee ensured that the list was representative of Boston by industry, neighborhood, gender, and race.

"Ron's has been a part of life in Hyde Park going back decades. As a kid I bowled and attended birthday parties there. They hosted visits for us as school kids demonstrating the ice cream making process.

The Covitz family are generous and contribute to local programs. Their ice cream is amazing. I am always proud to bring friends and visitors to try some," said Lauren Firnstein, Boston resident.

"'Liz's Hair Care embodies black excellence & legacy. Owned and operated by Liz, a black woman from Boston, LHC has been in business for over 20 years and Liz has over 30 years of hair experience. She empowers POC to look and feel their best by making them look beautiful, offering hair care tips, and giving them the advice needed to excel. Her salon is perfect for the new professional or the college student looking to nail that interview. She is committed to teaching new stylists and leaving a positive mark on their future of hair care. She is kind, funny and always willing to go out of her way for her customers! Her historical shop will leave a lasting mark on Boston history!" said Ashley Jackson, Boston resident.

"Neighborhood businesses have contributed to the fabric of our city's culture and represent the diverse people who live in our city," said Brianna Millor, Chief of Community Engagement. "Congratulations to all of the Legacy Business Program Winners!"

In addition to the Legacy Business Awards and related programmatic support, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion has committed \$1 Million in grant funding to be awarded to a non-profit organization to help support long-standing small businesses in the City of Boston.



The Massachusetts Department of Transportation

invites you to attend

Virtual Public Information Meetings

Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project

Wednesday, May 24 virtualmeeting.link/Sumner-May24 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 25 virtualmeeting.link/Sumner-May25 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is hosting two virtual public information meetings to update the public on the first of two full closures of the Sumner Tunnel. The first closure will take place from July 5, 2023 to August 31, 2023. The second closure will take place next summer from July 2024 to August 2024.

etings will discuss project goals, construction activities and travel options for the public during the closure. All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments. Both meetings will provide the same information. Holding two meetings is an effort by MassDOT to accommodate everyone's schedules as best possible. Spanish and Arabic interpretation will be available at both meetings

Prior to the meetings, if you have specific questions or concerns for the project team, please email us at:

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SOCIAL WORK ORGANIZATION TOUTS SUPPORT FOR BILL SPONSORED BY DIDOMENICO

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) for a legislative briefing alongside State Representative Christine Barber, and State Representative Mike Kushmerek. The briefing highlighted a bill DiDomenico filed alongside colleagues and NASW, the SUPER Act (S.160/H.1253), which will enable more providers to enter the social work field at a time of huge demand.

"Massachusetts is facing a well-documented shortage of behavioral health professionals, including social workers," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "Social workers are some of the most essential workers in our state and we must do everything we can to support them and the people they serve. This bill will uplift the social work profession, bringing more providers into the field and empowering residents to access services from a diversity of providers"



Senator DiDomenico speaking alongside advocates.

Garden tour offers rare glimpse of private gardens June 17

Come and explore ten gardens in the historic Charlestown neighborhood on Saturday, June 17, from 10:00-3:00. Nestled behind stately brick facades and tidy clapboard homes, these gardens are hidden oases of beauty and calm. Inspiration abounds, with gardens that take advantage of shady courtyards, or spaces that reflect

the long history of these special homes.

The tour begins at the Gardens for Charlestown Community Garden, with refreshments provided by Starbucks and homemade breakfast breads from some of our gardeners. You will receive a guidebook that will gain you admission to all the gardens on the route. The

tour map also marks participating shops, restaurants, and cafes in the neighborhood. In addition, there will be a raffle of items provided by local Charlestown restaurants and businesses.

Gardens for Charlestown is a beautiful open garden space hosting 65 individually worked plots tended by 85 gardeners, all of whom live in Charlestown. The garden hosts numerous community programs and events, including a partnership with the Harvard Kent School which brings hand-on gardening and nutrition experiences to BPS children, while enhancing reading, math, and science skills. All proceeds from the tour support Gardens for Charlestown's

501(c)(3) educational programs, garden maintenance, and mission of greenspace preservation

Advance tickets are available for purchase online at a reduced rate of \$25 (day-of tickets will be\$30 at the Community Garden). Raffle tickets will also be available online at \$1 each. To purchase advance tickets, please go to www.gardensforcharlestown.com/events. You can pay by credit card or PayPal, or else reserve your ticket online and pay by check.

Gardens for Charlestown and the start of the tour is conveniently located at the intersection of Main and Bunker Hill Streets, two blocks from the Sullivan Square T-Station. Free street parking is available, and MBTA bus service (#92 or #93) from Haymarket Station directly to the garden.

About Gardens for Charles-

Gardens for Charlestown was established in 1978 and incorporated in 1980 as charitable 501(c) (3) non-profit, whose purpose is to promote community pride, gardening, and open green space in Charlestown. Sixty-six individual plots are available for use by members in exchange for a modest fee and a volunteer commitment. Its members also work to maintain a stunning border garden, green space, and a handicapped accessible seating area open to the public from dawn to dusk. Each year, Gardens for Charlestown collaborates with the Harvard-Kent School in a program that endeavors to enhance childrens' interest in reading and help them explore the elements of earth science and math reflected in gardening. Hundreds of children have been served through the Tend and Tell program managed and staffed by our members and volunteers.

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Sullivan Murphy Rt	18 Allston Street LLC	18 Allston St	\$1,400,000
Patel, Kartika	Nancy S Bryant 2015 T	24 High St #3	\$760,000
Kirienko, Andrei	Bagnall, Daniel	27 Parker St #1	\$750,000
Cahill-Watts, Lynton	Penta, Louise E	30 Monument Sq #107	\$935,000
Hawks Nest RET	Dunn, Mathew	45 1st Ave #204	\$600,000
Neuber, Andrew	Flynn 4th, Stephen E	61 Sullivan St	\$960,000
Kirchick, Jeffrey S	Riley, Daniel	103 Bartlett St #2	\$1,250,000
Sharon L Taylor RET	Martin, Michael P	106 13th St #237	\$494,000
R A Masiello & T W Savage	Appel, Jason	197 8th St #802	\$1,115,625
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WELCOME RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



The Kennedy Center welcomed Boston Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune (Center) to the JFK Early Education Program for a tour and meeting last week. Staff were thrilled to showcase the Head Start and Boston Public Schools' Universal Pre-K (UPK) early education services. The Councilor's leadership and ongoing support is much appreciated.

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Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P1044EA Estate of:

Ruth Ellen

Also known as: Ruth E. Fisher Date of Death: 04/19/2003

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by Phyllis Hickey of Charlestown, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a

written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/27/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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5/25/23

News Briefs

POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR **MEMORIAL DAY**

In recognition of the sacrifice made by generations of service men and women in defense of our nation, Post Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, for Memorial Day. There will be no mail delivery, other than guaranteed overnight parcels. Full retail and delivery services will resume on Tuesday, May 30.

MEET ARTIST SOHAILA MOSBEH. THE MYTH OF NUT

The community is invited to meet artist Sohaila Mosbeh on Tuesday evening, June 14, 2023 at The Anchor in Shipyard Park/ Charlestown Navy Yard. Come learn of Ms. Mosbeh's inspiration

for the digital light installation "The Myth of Nut" (pronounced "newt') and stay to watch the ten minute digital loop at sunset. Located in the heart of the amphitheater, the permanent light exhibit consists of four large panels of programmable mesh lighting installed between the roof beams on the second floor of the amphitheater, which is adjacent to the park's beloved water fountain.

Sohaila states that the light installation is heavily inspired by the natural elements within Shipyard Park, including the spectacular waterfront and the soft glow of the night sky. The location for the light installation is heavily reminiscent of the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria, Egypt, a city full of historical artifacts from ancient Egypt to ancient Greece. The light installation is a permanent exhibit. Questions? Email info@navyyardgarden.org.



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