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THE CHARLESTOWN PARADES



Charlestown celebrated the anniversary of an iconic moment in American history that transpired in their neighborhood, The Battle Of Bunker Hill. Above, the annual Bunker Hill Parade show members of the William Diamond Jr Fife And Drum Corps from Lexington MA march in the Parade. See pages 4, 5 and 6 for more photos.



Right, Vienna Campanale has a patriotic carriage during the annual Edna Kelly's Doll Carriage Parade. See pages 9-11 for more photos.

CHARLESTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CALENDAR

CNC Development Committee Meeting for 10-12 Thompson Sq., Thursday, June 29, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St., 7 p.m.

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council's Development Committee will hold an in-person, public meeting on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 7 p.m.

in the ground floor community room at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens Street, Charlestown. The entrance to the community room is off Prescott Street. The sole agenda item will be a proposal for the construction of a new, four story, mixed use building at 10 Thompson Sq. consisting of retail space on the

first floor, 12 residential apartment units above, and no on-site parking. A presentation by the project proponents will be followed by an opportunity for the committee and community to ask questions about the proposed project. Please check cnc02129.org for updates.

BHHR Groundbreaking Ceremony set for June 16

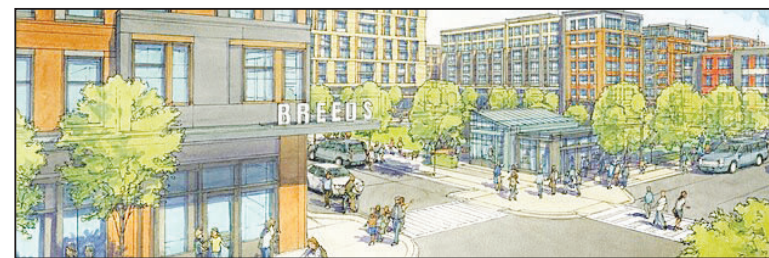
Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The public is invited to join in the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment (BHHR) Groundbreaking Ceremony on Friday, June 16 with Mayor Michelle Wu, BHA Administrator Kate Bennett, the Charlestown Resident Alliance, and Leggat McCall Properties.

This groundbreaking is the cul-

mination of an eight-year community process to plan for the redevelopment and expansion of the Bunker Hill Public Housing Community. As part of a tri-party effort, BHA and the City of Boston partnered with Leggat McCall Properties and the Charlestown Resident Alliance to expand the 1,100-unit

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Artist rendering of the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment.

MassDOT announces alternative travel options for Sumner Tunnel closure

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced a comprehensive mitigation plan to address travel impacts and provide cost effective alternative transportation options for residents and visitors ahead of the scheduled closure of the Sumner Tunnel from Wednesday, July 5, through Thursday, August 31. The tunnel will be fully closed for approximately two months to facilitate work on the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project.

The Sumner Tunnel Resto-

ration Project will offer a variety of mitigation options for individuals coming from all travel points, including free trips on the MBTA Blue Line for the duration of the tunnel's closure; free and reduced cost water ferry options; reduced Commuter Rail fares for riders; reduced parking costs at MBTA and Commuter Rail parking lots and garages; discounted tolls for residents; and additional options for travelers to and from Logan Airport.

In addition to providing the

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INSIDE... 2023 BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE, DOLL CARRIAGE PARADE, BUNKER HILL DAY BREAKFAST AND PARADE CHIEF MARSHAL BANQUET

Griffiths elected to MassCPAs board of directors

The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MassCPAs) announced that Molly Griffiths was elected to its Board of Directors for its 2023-2024 fiscal year, which began May 1.

Griffiths, a Charlestown resident, is northeast HR leader at RSM US LLP's Boston office, where she supports all aspects of HR management, including talent and performance management, career development, employee relations, compensation planning, reward/recognition and retention. RSM US LLP is the leading provider of audit, tax and consulting services to the middle market with over 17,000 professionals across the U.S. and Canada and a global presence in 123 countries.

MassCPAs Board of Directors is a group of 19 elected members that sets policies, manages programs and oversees activities that



Molly Griffiths.

benefit the 11,500-member organization and accounting profession in Massachusetts.

"MassCPAs Board of Directors is an exceptional and diverse group of individuals that will have a profound impact on defining the Society's priorities and propelling the accounting profession

forward in Massachusetts," said Amy Pitter, MassCPAs president and CEO. "I am thrilled to have Molly on the board and know that her valuable contributions and leadership will benefit the Society, our community and the profession in the coming year."

Griffiths began her career in public accounting in RSM's assurance practice, primarily serving Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and commercial clients. Alongside her unwavering dedication to her work, she actively spearheads multiple human capital and other strategic initiatives at a national level, diligently driving progress and fostering growth. In recognition of her exceptional leadership qualities, Griffiths assumes a pivotal role as a board member for both RSM's Boston Charitable Foundation and the "Harvard-Kent Partnership."

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

TAN NAMED TO SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST AT STONEHILL COLLEGE

Felix Tan of Charlestown, a member of the Class of 2024, has been named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at Stonehill College.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or

better and must have successfully completed all courses for which they were registered.

About Stonehill College
Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community

of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

NEWS BRIEFS

COFFEE WITH A COP COMING JUNE 16 TO STARBUCKS

The Boston Police Department will be hosting Coffee with a Cop on Friday, June 16, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Starbucks at 1 Thompson Square.

There will be no agenda for or speeches given at this event; instead, it's just an opportunity to ask questions of and get to know officers in the neighborhood. Starbucks will provide the complimentary coffee, and guests will receive a free BPD travel mug.

For more information, call the Neighborhood Watch Unit at 617-343-4345.

BPD COMMUNITY MEETING SET FOR JUNE 19 AT A-15 HEADQUARTERS

The new District commander of A-1/15, Captain Sean Martin,

will be hosting a community meeting on Monday, June 19, at 5:30 p.m. at District A-15, 20 Vine St. Charlestown. All are welcome.

GARDEN TOUR OF HISTORIC CHARLESTOWN

Come and explore gardens in historic Charlestown Saturday, June 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Nestled behind stately brick facades and tidy clapboard homes, these gardens are hidden oases of beauty and calm. The tour starts at Gardens for Charlestown (499 Main Street), where you will pick up your guidebook. Tour tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 day of the event.

Raffle. There will be several amazing prizes to raffle off the day of the Garden Tour. If you purchase raffle tickets online, you will be provided them in person at the Gardens on June 17. Raffle tickets are \$1.

Sprouts Community Garden welcomes all to its annual celebration

The Charlestown Sprouts Community Garden is opening its space to the public to celebrate another year of building infrastructure, community, and knowledge of growing food on Saturday, June 17. The party will include a wide range of fun activities, culture, and refreshments. It is free and open to the public.

Charlestown Sprouts' Annual Celebration will run from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and will feature Tai Chi at 10:00 am in Chinese and English, hands on learning-to-fish at 11:00 am, and community art and cooking demonstrations beginning at 12:00 pm. Additionally, there will be scavenger hunts throughout the event as well as a fishing derby.

The Celebration is definitely drawing excitement from among gardener families. According to Megan Popp, a Sprouts gardener since 2012, "Our community and our waterfront location are some of the things that make Sprouts such an amazing place." Megan, who is also the Clerk of Charlestown Sprouts added, "This celebration will really highlight those unique aspects of our garden through activities like Tai Chi, fishing and cooking demonstrations."

Charlestown Sprouts was organized in the 1990s, originally serving children and youth at the

Charlestown Boys and Girls Club. It moved to its current location on Terminal Street in 1997, incorporated in 1998, and is a federally recognized charitable organization. Currently Sprouts has 68 gardening spaces for families. Sprouts members work collectively to maintain the garden's public area and infrastructure but most grow food individually. Its mission is to be a welcoming natural space in the city that brings together diverse people of all ages to grow, harvest, share, and eat healthy food.

In past years, Sprouts has activated the garden and surrounding area with Chinese lion dancers, Kung Fu demonstrations, Dragon Boat paddling exhibitions, and gardening. This year there will be more hands-on activities and a larger focus on the Little Mystic Channel. "I'm so excited to celebrate the things that make Sprouts special with other gardeners and the rest of Charlestown," said Ms. Popp.

Any updates to Sprouts' Annual Celebration will be posted on their Facebook page at facebook.com/charlestownsprouts.

Residents interested in being added to the Charlestown Sprouts garden plot wait list should contact 617-669-4509 or email charlestownsprouts@gmail.com.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through June 24

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project through June 24. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

Weekday Lane Closures at Keany Square Continues through 6/16

- Weekday lane reductions along Keany Square and the temporary bridge will continue through Friday, June 16 to assist with utility work. Closures will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Pedestrian access will not be limited by these lane closures.
- The contraflow will not be in operation during this lane closure period.

Scheduled Work

- Installation of concrete deck placements
- Installation of bridge deck formwork
- Installation of bridge barrier and sidewalk formwork
- Cutover of utilities to permanent bridge

Work Hours

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

Travel Tips

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

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

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

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

- OTHER EVENTS: 6/25 at 8:00 p.m.

How can I find more information?

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

You can also sign up to receive project updates via email by clicking this link.

Project website: [Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement](https://mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement)

Project email: NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us

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public housing community into a 2,699-unit mixed income community that fully replaces and preserves the existing public housing.

This project, the largest public housing redevelopment in the history of Boston, will also be Passive House certified, reaching the highest standards for efficiency and sustainability.

The ceremony is set for 11:30 AM at Walford Way between Corey Street and Tufts Streets.

Refreshments and community celebration to follow event

DA Hayden warns public of scammers claiming to be with the Suffolk DA's office

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden warned the public of scammers attempting to steal money by claiming to be representatives of his office on phone calls to potential victims.

Hayden said the callers identified themselves as workers in the Suffolk County District Attorney's office and told those answering the calls that they owed money and must pay to avoid prosecution. At least two such calls have been reported to Hayden's office.

"The district attorney's office never calls anyone and demands money. If you get a call like this, hang up immediately and contact your police department. This is another variation on a scam we see quite often and we hope no one is victimized by it," Hayden said.

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


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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Olshaw, Eric	Nesbitt, Christopher	37 Monument Sq #1	\$1,600,000
Law, Kai	Cordery, Stephen	42 8th St #5314	\$668,000
Costello, Taylor	Grenham, Marianne	100 Main St #6	\$1,190,000
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PLAN: Charlestown

In-Person Public Meeting

Wednesday
June
28
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Starting/Meeting point:
City Square Park.

Points of interest:
Monument Square; Doherty Park; Bunker Hill Street.


Project Description:

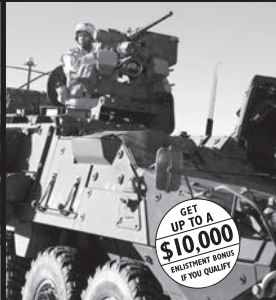
Please join your neighbors and members of the PLAN: Charlestown team for a Wednesday evening Walking Tour in Charlestown! **The Walk will be from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM on Wednesday, June 28. The route will be through the Original Peninsula. Starting/Meeting point, City Square Park. Points of interest: Monument Square; Doherty Park; Bunker Hill Street.** This is an opportunity to learn more about the Urban Design Guidelines and Preservation recommendations emerging out of PLAN: Charlestown. The walking tour will be roughly 2 miles long and moderately paced. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to join for part or all. *Weather permitting.*

For more information, visit the PLAN: Charlestown website - bostonplans.org/plancharlestown.

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THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

Charlestown celebrated the anniversary of an iconic moment in American history that transpired in their neighborhood, The Battle Of Bunker Hill. The week long celebration culminated with the Bunker Hill Day Parade on Sunday that wound its way through the neighborhood.



Chelsea and Natalie McGovern watch the Parade on Bunker Hill Street.



USS Constitution Commander and Grand Marshall of the Bunker Hill Day Parade Billie Farrell, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, City Councilors Michael Flaherty, Ruthzee Louijeune, and Erin Murphy, Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan, State Senators Sal DiDomenico and Lydia Edwards, and David Eastmond cut the ceremonial ribbon to inaugurate the Parade.



Members of the various historic militias and regiments fired a volley after the National Anthem was performed by the Navy Band.



Isla Cline with Catherine and Charlie Breakey prepare themselves as another militia fires a volley in their vicinity.



Alyssa Farris and Kyla Vitale.

GARDEN TOUR

of Historic Charlestown

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

Start at the Gardens at the corner of Main and Bunker Hill Streets, pick up your guide book, and enjoy a self-guided walking tour with 12 stops at some of the most beautiful private gardens in Charlestown.

Tickets \$30, or \$25 in advance at gardensforcharlestown.org/events

All proceeds support Gardens for Charlestown, Inc. a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to greenspace preservation, community, and education since 1978.



Members of the Everett High School Band march and preform.



Welcome back to the South Philadelphia String Band. They gave an excellent and vibrant performance.

THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE

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Boston Mayor Michelle Wu marches in the Parade.



Members of the Estrella and Garcia families watch the Parade on Bunker Hill Street.



Redcoat Ali Campanelli of The First Footguards marches under the giant American flag held in front of St Francis de Sales Church on Bunker Hill Street by members of the Boston Fire Department.



Jon, Katie, and Nicholas Delrimo.



Claire Conn-Delcuze gets a view of the action on top of the shoulders of her dad Stephen Delcuze.



Giovani Santamaria and grandmother Sharon.

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Nora Evers, Taelyn and Timothy (2nd from right) Donahue, and Matthew Fitzsimmons and Olivia Fitzsimmons.



Members of the Lincoln Minute Men march up Monument Ave.



Boston City Councilors Michael Flaherty and Erin Murphy (right) with USS Constitution Commander Billie Farrell (2nd from right) and Lieutenant Commander Robert Dreitz.



Willey, Katie, and Bea Whitman.



Ada and Asher Sayer, Finley and Max Weber, and Penelope Castner.



Happy Bunker Hill Day!



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Members of the Acton Minute Men fire a volley.



Even Santa Claus didn't want to miss the Bunker Hill Day Parade.

EDITORIAL

NOISE IS KILLING US

For those of us who live in the Greater Boston area, the noise that is all around us -- the roar of jets from the flight paths over our heads, the constant thrum of traffic on our bridges and expressways, the deafening sound of those obnoxious leaf blowers and lawn mowers, the harshness of motorcycles on our roads and of power boats (and those obnoxious jet skis) on the water, and the blare of sirens by fire engine and police vehicles (just to name the most obvious ones) -- is impossible to escape.

We always considered the constant noise to be a part of the background of our environment, the price we pay for living in the city. But the evidence is mounting that noise is much more than a mere annoyance -- it is killing us in subtle, yet measurable ways.

Researchers have found that noise doesn't merely affect our auditory senses (i.e., hurt our ears), but literally reverberates throughout our entire body. Noise causes a stress response in the brain that in turn triggers responses that snake their way along our cardiovascular and nervous systems.

The effects of noise are especially pernicious at nighttime because noise can interrupt a normal sleep pattern, thereby triggering a stress response even if the person does not recall being awakened.

Researchers at Mass. General who have analyzed the brain scans and health records of hundreds of patients report that those who live in areas with high levels of transportation noise are more likely to suffer from arterial inflammation and major cardiac events. Noise may even trigger heart attacks, and higher levels of aircraft noise have been tied to heart-related mortality.

It is estimated that 100 million Americans are subject to a level of noise that is harmful to our health. If the ill effects of noise are as bad as researchers say, it is not surprising that Americans' life spans are shorter -- even when taking into account our ongoing opioid epidemic, COVID, and high suicide rate -- than in countries that are not as "developed" as ours.

And for those of us who try to take care of ourselves by eating well, exercising, etc., it is very depressing to realize that the noise that surrounds us cancels out our best efforts at living a longer and healthier life.

THE MIRACLE IN THE AMAZON JUNGLE

The news this week of the rescue of the four children, ages 13, 9, 4, and 11 months, who survived in the depths of the Amazon jungle for 40 days after their small airplane crashed (killing the pilot, their mother, and another adult passenger) is nothing less than miraculous.

This part of the Amazon in Colombia is so remote that it took two weeks for rescuers just to locate their plane and then five more weeks to track down the children.

The children are members of an indigenous tribe who teach their children about the wonders -- and the dangers -- of the jungle. According to a statement from the Organization of the Indigenous Peoples of the Colombian Amazon, the children's survival was "a sign of the knowledge and relationship with the natural environment of life, which is taught and learned from the mother's womb and is practiced from a very early age."

The childrens' maternal grandmother said that the eldest child, a 13-year-old girl, had a "warrior"-like nature and their grandfather said the 9- and 4-year-old brothers were very "skilled" at walking through the forest.

They knew what fruits and seeds they could eat and which ones to avoid, how to capture water, and were aware of the many types of venomous snakes that live in the jungle. During the night, they slept in tree trunks to avoid predators.

Needless to say, as one expert noted, "Four Western kids of the same age would have died" there. In fact, we'd add that everyone reading this column would have died in the jungle, save perhaps for someone who has undergone wilderness training in the military.

The childrens' story of their survival illustrates how far removed we in the so-called "civilized world" are from nature -- most of us can't even avoid poison ivy or ticks in our own backyards. It also should make us ask this question: Are we better off with the life we have created, or have we sown the seeds of our own demise by our intentional destruction of the natural environment?

READER FULLY SUPPORTS MITIGATION

To the Editor,

As the former Superintendent of the Sumner/Callahan Tunnels and Boston Transportation Commissioner I fully support the MassDOT mitigation program for the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project. This extensive infrastructure investment project is vitally needed to assure the continued structural integrity of the nearly 100-year-old tunnel whose structural failure would have devastating consequences for East Boston as well as the region's transportation

LETTER to the Editor

network. I remember my first day in 1990 in charge of the Tunnels when I discovered that the Sumner Tunnel ceiling was on the verge of collapse from corroded hanger rods, a potential calamity especially during rush hour. I immediately closed the tunnel and initiated a complete ceiling replacement project. To MassDOT's great credit the current Sumner Tunnel Restoration project is designed to avoid such an event which would be a calamity for East Boston.

The two-month Project mitigation program includes free Blue Line service for the entire route plus an additional daily train, a free Eastie ferry service, additional ferry service between Boston and

the North Shore, discounted Tobin Bridge tolls for East Boston EZ pass residents, and other Measures. MassDOT's decision to change the Restoration project schedule so that it will occur during the traditionally slowest traffic period of the year is also a significant mitigation commitment.

All in all, the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is absolutely required for public safety and continuity of essential transportation programs serving the region, including East Boston. The comprehensive mitigation program ought to continue to evolve.

Thank you,

John Vitagliano

USS Constitution went Underway for Women Veterans Day

USS Constitution went underway from Charlestown Navy Yard, Mass. on Friday, June 9th, to commemorate Women Veterans Day.

Women Veterans Day, held on June 12, marks the anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, signed in 1948, legally allowing women to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces.

USS Constitution is scheduled to reopen to the public for tours at 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. today.

The underway included a 21-gun salute viewable from Fort Independence on Castle Island.

USS Constitution fired an additional 17-gun salute as she passed U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston, the former site of the Edmund Hartt's Shipyard, where USS Constitution was built and launched on Oct. 21, 1797.

USS Constitution is currently undergoing a planned maintenance period, restoring the main mast, yards and other various projects.

USS Constitution, is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat, and played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855.

The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence.

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

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


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THE EDNA KELLY'S DOLL CARRIAGE PARADE

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

The Edna Kelly's Doll Carriage Parade is the oldest event in Pride Week besides the actual parade. For over 100 years the children of Charlestown got to have a parade of their own the day before the one for Bunker Hill Day. The Edna Kelly's Doll Carriage Parade is organized by the Bunker Hill Associates, David Whelan Scholarship Fund, and City Of Boston Credit Union.



The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles carriage was a collaboration between the Fidler, Golden, and Smith families.



Some festive kids went with a Mardi Gras theme. Charlotte Caitlin and Cailin Lacey and a friend.



Kennedy Cavallaro went as her favorite Disney princess Ariel and had some friends along for the carriage ride.

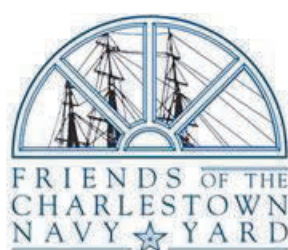


Erin Seip really wants to be a Monument chef.



Darth Vader as portrayed by Lucas Abaskarone leads Groggu, portrayed by Cole Buonfiglio on the Millennium Falcon, put together by the Lynch family.

**Happy
Bunker Hill
Day!**



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Good luck runners in
the Battle of Bunker Hill
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THE EDNA KELLY’S DOLL CARRIAGE PARADE

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



The Kentucky Derby was the theme for these kids’ presentation.



Some kids went for a shopping experience for their carriage display.



James Nelson took turns with his friend Rowan Collier (not in picture) to ride the Masters golf cart.



Sean Breen (right) holding his daughter daughter Anna with his Sister Paula (2nd from left) and her husband Ryan Driscoll and their kids Shane, Paul and Cam produced their Beauty And The Beast world.



Paige and Connor Crowley are Under The Sea with their carriage ride.




Madeline Taglilatela with mom Catherine and Dave Collins being held by grandmother Lisa Collins all enjoyed a Wild Safari together.



Millie Engles and Magnolia Burns really love the Gardens Of Charlestown.

Happy Bunker Hill Day!



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Sal DiDomenico

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Clara McNiff, with her mom Jessica, went with a look she titled “Iridescent Light”

THE EDNA KELLY'S DOLL CARRIAGE PARADE

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



The Edna Kelly's Doll Carriage Parade Team.



Addie Murphy went for a classic doll carriage approach to the carriage parade.



Dellia LeBlanc pays homage to her favorite book, Corduroy.



Cole Buonfiglio rides in the Millennium Falcon Grogu style.

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DIDOMENICO JOINS GOV. HEALEY AND COLLEAGUES FOR RAISING OF STATE HOUSE PRIDE FLAG

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined the governor and colleagues at the State House for the State House Pride Flag raising. Senator DiDomenico is a lifelong ally of the LGBTQ+ community and has fought during his Senate career to expand LGBTQ+ rights and make our state a welcoming and inclusive place for all residents.

“It was inspiring to stand on the State House steps with our first openly gay governor, Governor Maura Healey, members of the Massachusetts LGBTQ+ Legislative Caucus and Senate President Karen Spilka as we celebrated Pride Month and raised the Pride flag outside the State House,” said Senator DiDomenico. “I am proud to work alongside my colleagues in the legislature to ensure our state continues to celebrate, recognize, and protect all members of the LGBTQ+ community.”



Governor Maura Healey speaks at the Pride Flag raising.

Boston 10th in 2023 ParkScore rankings

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Boston has landed near the top of the 2023 ParkScore list, compiled by The Trust for Public Land, that ranks public access residents and visitors have to parks and park amenities. The annual report uses mapping technology and demographic data to determine how well the largest cities in the United States are meeting the need for parks. Boston tied for tenth place on the 2023 ParkScore index, climbing two spots from its 2022 finish and rejoining the ParkScore top ten for the first time since 2020. Boston shares tenth position with New York City.

“We’re thrilled that Boston has moved up from twelfth place in 2022 to tenth place in this year’s ParkScore list,” said Ryan Woods, Commissioner of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. “This recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to providing our residents with accessible, high-quality parks and park amenities. We will continue prioritizing services and investment in our parks, ensuring that Boston remains a vibrant, family-friendly, and green city for all residents and visitors.”

Boston and San Francisco are the only ParkScore cities to provide 100 percent of residents with access to a local park within a 10-minute walk of their homes. Boston repeated its perfect park access rating this year despite

strong population growth—an impressive accomplishment.

Boston also lifted its ParkScore with solid access for park acreage. Boston reserves 17.7 percent of the city’s area for parks, among the country’s best and far above the national ParkScore average of 9.8 percent. Boston earned top marks for splash pads and other water features, St. Paul received top marks for basketball hoops, and Las Vegas scored best for playgrounds.

ParkScore ratings are based equally on three factors: park access, which measures the percentage of reside

nts living within a 10-minute walk of a park (approximately ½-mile); park size, based on a city’s median park size and the percentage of total city area dedicated to parks; and services and investment, which combines the number of playgrounds per 10,000 city residents and per capita park spending.

Boston is among the national leaders working to promote community health at local parks. For example, the West of Washington Coalition, a neighborhood group in Dorchester, seeks to provide access to parks by sponsoring community events that welcome neighbors to its newly established WOW Family Park. The park offers access to the outdoors by

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BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL PARADE CHIEF MARSHAL BANQUET

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Charlestown residents and guests enjoyed the Chief Marshal Banquet June 8 leading up to the annual Battle of Bunker Hill Day Parade. The event was hosted by the J.W. Conway Bunker Hill American Legion Post 26.

Billie J. Farrell, Commander of the USS Constitution, was the guest of honor as the Chief Marshal of the parade. Farrell is a 2004 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds a Master of Science degree in operations

management from the University of Arkansas. Farrell is the first woman to serve as Commander of "Old Ironsides."

The large crowd showed its appreciation to Commander Farrell's leadership and service to her country, giving her two standing ovations before and after her remarks as "Anchors Aweigh," the official march song of the United States Navy, was played in the hall.



Daniel "Doc" Sheehan and life-long Charlestown resident and community leader, Moe Gillen.



Lions Club Zone Chairman Larry Murphy (left) and Lions Club Treasurer Moe Gillen (right) join the Chief Marshal Banquet's guest of honor, Commander Billie J. Farrell, for a photo at the event.



Seated are Gerry Donnaruma, Judy Evers, and Jean Tochtermann. Standing are Jo Donahue, Eileen Ward, Shirley Lanahan, Eddie Freeman, and Mary Harrington.



Rep. Dan Ryan (second from left) invited as special guests to the banquet, veterans Billy Buckley, United States Coast Guard, Tim Lawton United States Marine Corps, and Tom Haggerty, United States Marine Corps.

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providing free, non-competitive programming for adults, children, and families to play, exercise, and socialize.

WOW Family Park will soon be part of the planned Fairmount Greenway, a 9-mile urban trail through Boston's Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Readville neighborhoods connecting to multiple park options. Trust for Public Land is a partner in this effort and assists with various facets of the project by providing funding opportunities and planning expertise.

For more information and to stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks, call (617) 635-4505, visit Boston.gov/Parks, join our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails, and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL PARADE CHIEF MARSHAL BANQUET

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Daniel “Doc” Sheehan (right) joins in the standing ovation for Commander Billie J. Farrell before her remarks at the Chief Marshall Banquet June 9 at the Knights of Columbus.



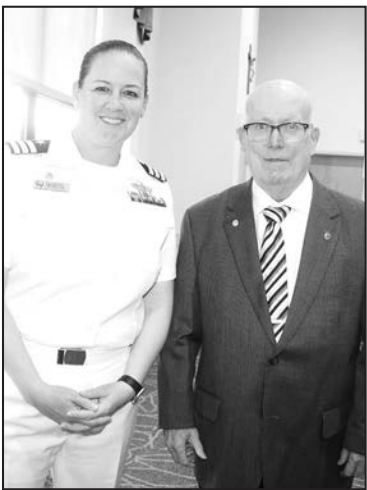
Sen. Sal DiDomenico receives a welcome to Charlestown from lifelong resident Moe Gillen.



Distinguished guests at the Head Table (seated) are Commander of the United States Ship (USS) Constitution, Billie J. Farrell, Daniel “Doc” Sheehan, and Rep. Dan Ryan. Standing are Parade General Chairman Arthur Hurley, the Rev. John Sheridan, and National Parks Supt. Michael Creasey.



Banquet Welcoming Table Volunteer Mylene Duggan, Banquet Committee Chair Daniel “Doc” Sheehan, and Sen. Sal DiDomenico.



Commander Billie J. Farrell, Chief Marshal of the Battle of Bunker Hill Parade, is welcomed to the banquet by Banquet Committee Chair Daniel “Doc” Sheenan.



Enjoying the Chief Marshal Banquet for the Battle of Bunker Hill Parade are (front row) are Kylie Unger and Kassidy Unger; (back row) Amanda Zettel, Katie Unger, Sara Keeler, Shane Unger, and Jeff Zettel.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, with Charlestown Liaisons Judy Evers and Elaine Donovan.



Guests at the Charlestown Preservation Society table, (front row), Sean Melia, David Nava, Pippa Nava, Chris Doggett, and Sara Doggett. Back row are Tiffany Riddle, CPS President Amanda Zettel, Emily Kish, John Benson, and Lynne Byall Benson.

THE BUNKER HILL DAY BREAKFAST

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

The Bunker Hill Day Breakfast is a traditional start to the most important day of the year for Charlestown. With the keynote speaker being former US Ambassador to the Vatican and Mayor of Boston Raymond Flynn, it seemed that the celebration was well underway.

This year there was someone who was present in everyone's thoughts, MaryAnn "Mimi" Wrenn, who passed away this past December. She was a force in the community, working at the Com-

munity Centre and with youth in the city. She was connected to many in Charlestown and her absence was heavy on all. Each speaker this morning remembered her, it seemed that everyone talked of her, adults who were kids shaped by her kindness and dedication honored and cherished her memory.

Before the festivities of the Parade began, there was much reflection on MaryAnn "Mimi" Wrenn.



David Whelan Scholarship recipient Colin Hingston with Bunker Hill Associates President Jimmy Lister and Scholarship Administrator Kim Mahoney.



David Whelan Scholarship recipient Caroline Collier (center) with Bunker Hill Associates President Jimmy Lister and Scholarship Administrator Kim Mahoney.



USS Constitution Commander and Parade Grand Marshall Billie Farrell (3rd from right), Massachusetts State Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Rep Dan Ryan (right), Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta, and Bunker Hill Associates President Jimmy Lister and Vice President Nolan Carrier.



David Whelan Scholarship recipient Mackenzie Nee with Bunker Hill Associates President Jimmy Lister and Scholarship Administrator Kim Mahoney.



USS Constitution Commander Billie Farrell speaks. She is the Bunker Hill Day Parade Grand Marshall for 2023.



Neighborhood Voice Alliance & Charlestown Voice invite our neighbors to

TONIGHT June 15, 2023, 7:00-8:30PM

Neighborhood Listening Session

hosted by Melissa Doherty Brennan

at Bishop Lawton Hall, 303 Bunker Hill St.

RSVP Chair Melissa Doherty Brennan: mdoherty15@msn.com

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June 21, 2023, 5:30-7:30PM

at Blackmoor Bar and Kitchen, 1 Chelsea St.

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Jack Pierce, USS Constitution Commander Billie Farrell, Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan, Bunker Hill Associates Treasurer Ronan Fitzpatrick with President Jimmy Lister, and former United States Ambassador to the Vatican and Mayor of Boston, Raymond Flynn.



Former United States Ambassador to the Vatican and Mayor of Boston, Raymond Flynn with Bunker Hill Associates President Jimmy Lister and his sons James and William.



Bunker Hill Associates Secretary Kim Mahoney, member John Caldwell President Jimmy Lister, and Treasurer Ronan Fitzpatrick present Vice President Nolan Carrier with the President's Award. The President's Award is given dedication and appreciation to the commitment of the recipient to Bunker Hill Associates.



Comic legend of Charlestown Steve Sweeney gets everyone laughing.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta (2nd from right) with Bunker Hill Associates President Jimmy Lister and Vice President Nolan Carrier (right) and Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan.

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The Monument Award was dedicated to MaryAnn “Mimi” Wrenn. Her husband Paul Wrenn (2nd from right) accepted it for her. Standing with him is Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan with Bunker Hill Associates Vice President Nolan Carrier, President Jimmy Lister, Secretary Ronan Fitzpatrick, and Secretary Kim Mahoney with Shannon Fabiano. The Monument Award is presented to a current or former Charlestown resident who has dedicated themselves to helping others through acts of bravery or kindness. The recipient is someone who exemplifies the true meaning of being a Charlestown Townie and who never forgets the incredible life lessons they’ve learned growing up in the one square mile that all from Charlestown call home.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu speaks with Francine Gannon.



Bunker Hill Associates Unsung Hero Award recipient was Hank Locke (3rd from right) with son Quinn (3rd from left) Associates Secretary Kim Mahoney, Vice President Nolan Carrier, President Jimmy Lister, and Treasurer Ronan Fitzpatrick.



Tony V brings the audience to laughter with his jokes.



Two comedic titans of Charlestown meet and do battle with their wit and jokes.



Former United States Ambassador to the Vatican and Mayor of Boston, Raymond Flynn (center) with Bunker Hill Associates Secretary Kim Mahoney, President Jimmy Lister, Treasurer Ronan Fitzpatrick, and Vice President Nolan Carrier.



Happy Bunker Hill Day

SUMNER (from pg. 1)

East Boston Ferry as a free transit option, the MBTA has added a new ferry service between Lynn and Central Wharf in Boston to provide an additional transit option during the Sumner Tunnel closure.

These are preliminary measures and MassDOT and the MBTA will continue to consider additional mitigation options as well as new and innovative approaches to modes of transportation.

“We know the closure of the Sumner Tunnel will be a daily impact to those living, working, and traveling in this region,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Gina Fiandaca. “The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is a crucial investment in transportation infrastructure in the Commonwealth, and we are working hard to provide as many mitigation measures as possible to those impacted. I want to thank our partners for their efforts in creating mitigation options while this work is ongoing, and our residents and travelers for their willingness to explore alternative travel options over the next two months.”

“Since launching the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project last year, we have been working closely with our partners to identify any and all mitigation measures we can put in place,” said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. “Our message to residents and those traveling is when moving through this area, if possible, leave

your car at home and explore the MBTA’s transit options, including the Blue Line, Commuter Rail, and ferry service options available to you.”

“I’m pleased that together with MassDOT, the MBTA is able to offer free Blue Line service to those impacted by the Sumner Tunnel closure this summer,” said MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. “The MBTA has been working hard to reduce travel times on the Blue Line in anticipation of this project. We have the capacity needed on the Blue Line to serve our existing and new customers on this line, and I encourage those who can to take advantage of this free service in July and August.”

Additional details on mitigation options are below:

Travel To/From East Boston And North End

MBTA Blue Line and Parking

The entire Blue Line in both directions will be free to riders. Gates will be open at all Blue Line stations from Wonderland to Bowdoin.

An additional train will be added to the Blue Line in the mid-day period to help support more riders riding the line.

All MBTA parking lots and garages on the Blue Line will be reduced to \$2/day. Additional free parking is available near Wood Island Station.

Visit mbta.com/Sumner for additional information.

Discounted Tolls

Discounted tolls will be provided for the Tobin Bridge and Ted Williams Tunnel for those registered in the Resident Discount Program.

Real Time Traffic monitoring will be available at 13 local intersections.

East Boston Ferry

The East Boston ferry will be free during the tunnel’s closure.

The East Boston ferry service project operates between East Boston at Lewis Mall and the downtown Boston area at Long Wharf. East Boston ferry service schedules are available online with all ferry service schedules available at mbta.com/ferry.

Travel To/From The North Shore Commuter Rail and Parking

Zone 1A (\$2.40) fares from Salem and Swampscott Commuter Rail. Parking at Salem and Swampscott is just \$2 per day.

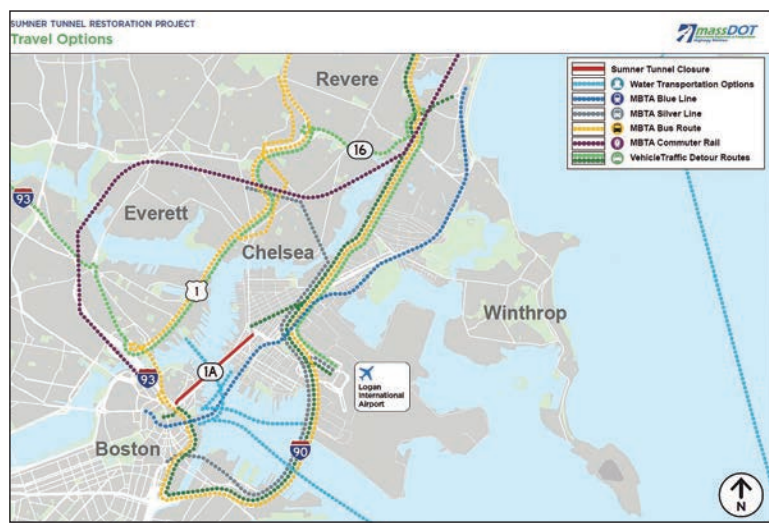
Free parking at lots north of Salem, including Beverly, Gloucester, Hamilton/Wenham, Newburyport, North Beverly, Monserrat, Rowley, and West Gloucester.

Blue Line benefits also apply. Travelers are encouraged to utilize the Wonderland Station parking lot if coming from the North Shore.

Lynn Ferry

The Lynn Ferry will operate between the Blossom St. dock in Lynn to Central Wharf in Boston (near Aquarium).

Free parking at the City of



Mitigation options include free MBTA Blue Line trips, free and discounted ferry service, new ferry service to and from Lynn, reduced Commuter Rail fares, toll discounts, and additional options for Logan Airport.

Lynn-owned lot will be available near the Blossom St. dock. Bicycles are allowed on the ferry.

Riders may use a Zone 1A fare (\$2.40).

The Lynn Ferry will operate five days/week on weekdays only, with 10 trips per day. Schedules are being finalized and will be released as soon as they’re available.

Travel To/From Logan Airport Logan Express

There will be a 25% discount when you buy tickets online, and children under 17 ride free.

Adding additional parking capacity at Braintree Logan Express.

MBTA Silver Line (SL1 & SL3) buses can use the I-90 EB Emergency Ramp.

“Skip the Security Line” at Logan will be available for all water transportation users (must show ticket).

Added stop at Logan Airport by the Winthrop Ferry.

MassDOT also has a working partnership with public safety agencies and Boston EMS to support public safety during the Sumner Tunnel closure. There will be two dedicated ambulances for East Boston, two rotating ambulances to support the day shift, two rotating ambulances to support the evening shift, and one rotating ambulance to support the overnight shift.

As part of the public outreach process, over the last five years MassDOT has engaged with a wide range of community stakeholders, large employers, advocates, trade organizations, and community groups. A hands-on approach has been undertaken to inform as many people as possible about the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project – including pop-up information sessions at various

little league fields, community events, food pantries, and neighborhood associations. For a list of upcoming public information events this month, click here.

Built in the 1930s, the Sumner Tunnel is the first traffic tunnel in Massachusetts and one of the oldest in the nation. The Sumner Tunnel is one of four ways into the City of Boston and processes over 39,000 vehicles per day and is the main connection for East Boston, Logan Airport, and a main entry point for the North Shore.

The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is a \$160 million investment in the Commonwealth’s infrastructure. The project’s scope includes removing and replacing the tunnel ceiling and repairing the overhead arch; demolishing and replacing the tunnel deck and roadway surface; repairing tunnel walls and installing fireproof panels; installing new LED lights inside the tunnel; upgrading CCTV and fire alarm systems; installing new utility conduits and cables under the bridge deck; and focusing on environmental resiliency with new equipment that will reduce air pollution and improve storm readiness.

This period between July 5 and Labor Day historically has the lowest traffic volumes of the year and is outside of the school year making it much more manageable for traffic management. A second full closure of the Sumner Tunnel will then occur in the summer of 2024, for approximately two months during a similar period between July and August.

For additional details on the Sumner Tunnel, please visit mass.gov/sumner-tunnel and sign up for email updates at MassDOT.

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