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Pictured top left to right: Dan Heffernan, Nick Godfrey, Harry Hoyt, Karl Hoyt, Slater Godfrey, John Strachan, Chris Hayden, and John Conforti; Bottom left to right: David Fortunato, son of Swing Roberts, Scott Nilson, Paul Gamble, and Nate Blanchet.

Charlestown dads bring Pickleball to Union Street Playground

By Allen Reitz

On Wednesday nights on the converted Union Street tennis court, the sounds of “Thonk! Thonk!” ripple through the sur-

rounding neighborhood. These are the sounds of the world’s fastest growing sport, Pickleball, which has reached this small enclave of Boston and is continuing to grow

in prominence on a weekly basis.

Lathered up in Ultra Strength Icy Hot and with the occasion-

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Wu announces grant for public art programming

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture (MOAC) announced that MOAC has recently been awarded \$3 million in funding from The

Monuments Project at the Mellon Foundation for the city’s proposal: Un-monument | Re-monument | De-monument: Transforming Boston. With this grant, MOAC will invite temporary art installations and create free programming to

reflect upon, process, and contextualize monuments in Boston and the narratives they create.

“The Monuments Project allows us to make a historic

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Councilors offer a hearing to discuss the digitization and tracking of parking regulations

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta and Councilor-At-Large Michael Flaherty will host a hearing to discuss the digitization and tracking of parking regulations in the City of Boston on Tuesday, July 11, at 10am in the Iannella Chamber, Fifth Floor of Boston City Hall.

“My office has received multiple calls from residents requesting greater parking enforcement funding. Our neighborhoods have a high level of density with small parking spaces per unit, making a solid enforcement system imperative to ensure that all of our resi-

dents can rely on on-street parking near their homes,” said Councilor Coletta. “Boston Transportation Department (BTD) staff is currently tracking parking regulations based on institutional knowledge with no modernized internal system to assist them. By exploring the digitization and tracking of parking regulations, we can modernize our internal systems, create a pathway for efficient constituent services, and foster greater quality of life for residents.”

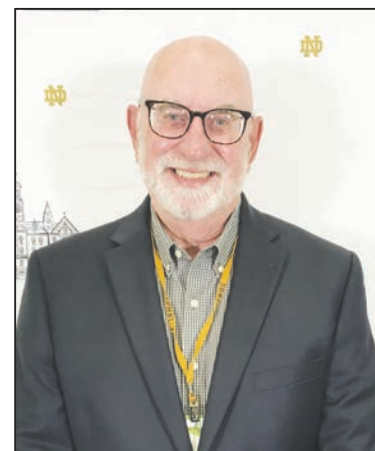
The Councilors seek to bring together city workers, administration members, and Boston

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Local attorney Tobin re-elected as Vice President of USA Hockey

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

John L. Tobin, local attorney and real estate broker, was recently re-elected a Vice President of USA Hockey by acclamation at its Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. As Vice President, he chairs USA Hockey’s Legal Council consisting of lawyers and others from around the country to advise the organization on legal matters. Mr. Tobin has also been appointed Chair of USA Hockey’s Audit Committee, National Appeals Committee, Nominating Committee and other assignments by the President of the organization, Michael J. Trimboli. USA Hockey is the national governing body for the sport of amateur ice hockey in the United States and has over one million members. Tobin has been a member of the USA Hockey Board of Directors for several years and previously served as President of



John L. Tobin.

Massachusetts Hockey and as Treasurer of Charlestown Youth Hockey. By virtue of his election, he also sits on the Board of Directors of the USA Hockey Foundation. He presently is a member of the Board of Directors of the John F. Kennedy Family Services Center in Charlestown.

★ ★ The advertising ★ ★
★ deadline for our July 4th ★
issue will be **Friday, June 30**
at **noon**. The office will be
closed on Tuesday, July 4

**Have a
Happy
and Safe
4th of July!**

Overdose Prevention Trainings offered each month

The Charlestown Coalition, in partnership with the Boston Public Health Commission, will be holding Overdose Prevention Trainings in the beginning of each month for Summer 2023. These trainings will equip community members to identify signs of an overdose, administer naloxone (Narcan) and

will provide attendees with naloxone kits.

Our Trauma Response Team members will be helping to coordinate these trainings and can often assist with obtaining Narcan for community members. Please reach out to the Coalition or Trauma Team Members for more informa-

tion or with any questions.

In addition, there will be a virtual Overdose Prevention training held by the Boston Public Health Commission this Thursday June 29th at 6PM. Narcan kits can be mailed to you following the completion of the training.



VIRTUAL OVERDOSE PREVENTION TRAINING

THURS. JUNE 29TH 6PM EST

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residents to work collaboratively to bring a new modernized parking enforcement system that helps with the quality of life and boosts efficiency in constituent services.

“Establishing a digitized tracking system to show where and what parking regulations are enforced across the city will positively affect the lives of our residents and visitors. Home health aides, physical therapists, hospice workers and loved ones taking care of a sick relative need the ability to park without having to additionally worry about being ticketed or towed. A digitized parking system could be the answer to a better, more compassionate way of regulating our parking within city limits. I look forward to this very important discussion which I hope will lead to a better parking system for residents and visitors alike,” said Councilor-At-Large Michael Flaherty.

Highlights of the Order Include: “WHEREAS, BTB currently relies on institutional knowledge of parking enforcement officers to recognize parking regulations in respective neighborhoods. There is no tracking system or geographic information system (GIS) map-


ping tool that defines what regulations are where which negatively impacts both residents and BTB employees; and

WHEREAS, Consistent parking enforcement heavily relies on a structural understanding of where and what parking laws are being implemented, appropriate staffing of enforcement officers, and efficient route development; and

WHEREAS, While BTB is currently experiencing understaffing, establishing a tracking system that allows the department to see gaps in service can ensure that residents who live in high density areas can safely and reliably find parking near their homes; and

WHEREAS, Investment in digital tools that are easy to navigate can make it more efficient for residents and city workers to access information, request services, sign up for alerts, and enforce parking regulations; and”

The hearing will be held under the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology, chaired by Councilor Brian Worrell. Members of the public are encouraged to provide written or oral comments.




Virtual Public Meeting

PLAN: Charlestown


Wednesday, July 12
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/PLANctownNeighborhoodNeeds
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 662 0282



Project Description:
Please join the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) for a virtual community meeting at 6pm on July 12th, to discuss PLAN: Charlestown's neighborhood needs recommendations. PLAN: Charlestown is the neighborhood's ongoing comprehensive planning initiative. This meeting will be focused on needs such as arts and culture, open space, mobility, retail, and food security. **This is the second of two meetings about neighborhood needs.** The previous meeting focused on neighborhood services (schools, EMS, fire, police, etc) was held on June 14th, and the recording is available on the project webpage. We hope you will come to share your thoughts and ask questions!

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The Friends of Charlestown's Elderly

Christmas in July Party
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Boston Harborfest brings color, music, and spectacle to downtown

The 42nd edition of Boston Harborfest, the country's largest, and Boston's most expansive, Fourth of July celebration, runs June 30 through July 4 with events stretching from Downtown Crossing to the North End and from the Boston Common to Boston Harbor. The Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (Downtown Boston BID) is a co-sponsor of Harborfest, with the City of Boston, MeetBoston, and others. Harborfest kicks off in Downtown Crossing June 30. Local and international leaders will be on hand; Downtown Boston BID President Michael J. Nichols hosts. "The rich history and culture of Boston comes alive for Harborfest," Nichols says. "Downtown is the perfect backdrop for recalling the American Revolution, honoring our country's move to freedom, and celebrating the dynamic city and country that has emerged ever since. Residents and 4th of July visitors will love the events, the music, the art and the people-watching here and on the waterfront during Harborfest week."

Harborfest coverage highlights in Downtown Crossing:

DAILY: Daily events June 30 through July 3 include live performances from local performers

and musicians across genres will entertain visitors from stages in Downtown Crossing, kid-friendly puppet shows from Through Me To You Puppetry, roaming musicians, historical re-enactors, and costumed characters.

JUNE 30: 12 noon to 1 p.m. - Harborfest Opening Ceremony. A ceremonial cake-cutting with public officials and hospitality leaders kicks off Boston Harborfest 2023. Roving re-enactors and staff from the USS Constitution engage with visitors, while the Massachusetts 215th Army Band begins an afternoon of performances. Includes cutting and serving of the ceremonial cake, "living historians," and more. **FREE.** (The Steps at Downtown Crossing).

11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Downtown Boston Arts Market. A vibrant market in the heart of downtown highlights a wide selection of goods from local artisans. Shoppers will find handmade items from around Massachusetts - everything from jewelry and clothing to textiles, beauty and personal care items, and more. (Summer Street Plaza).

JULY 1: In addition to this evening's Boston Harborfest Fireworks viewable at Long Wharf at 9:15 p.m. and the Pre-Fireworks

Concert at Christopher Columbus Park at 6 p.m., Downtown Boston highlights include:

1 to 4 p.m. - Middlesex County Volunteers Fife and Drums. Historic ensemble performs throughout the neighborhood, bringing authentic folk music and iconic patriotic hymns from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. Performance locations include Summer Street Plaza, Old State House, Old City Hall, and Old South Meeting House. **FREE.**

2 to 3 p.m. - Macy's Fashion Show. A festive Macy's Independence Day-themed fashion show highlights the latest streetwear looks on citizen models from the neighborhood, including the best of new summer trends. **FREE** (Steps at Downtown Crossing).

JULY 2: 12 Noon to 3 p.m. - Patriotic Poochpalooza. Costumed four-legged patriots face a guest panel awarding prizes for Best in Show, Best Team, Most Creative and Most Patriotic. A doggie marketplace pop-up includes treats for pets. **FREE.** (Steps at Downtown Crossing).

JULY 3: In addition to the Christopher Columbus Park Harborfest Concert from 1-5 p.m. and liver performances in Downtown Crossing from 12-7 pm., today's

Downtown Boston highlights include:

2 to 4 p.m. - Chowderfest Chowder Tasting. A selection of restaurants from around the Boston area offer up tasty samples of the celebrated New England summer staple for visitors to enjoy. **FREE.** (Steps at Downtown Crossing).

JULY 4: 9 a.m. - City of Boston's 247th Independence Day Celebration. A short parade steps off from City Hall Plaza and passes the Granary Burial Ground, where wreaths will be laid on the graves of patriots. Parade continues to the Old State House where the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company will continue its tradition of reading of the Declaration of Independence from the balcony. **FREE.** Parade viewing

available along the route.

10 a.m. - The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company reads the Declaration of Independence from the balcony of the Old State House.

1:30 p.m. - A Day of Unity: Reading Fredrick Douglass. This event centers on a community-led reading of Frederick Douglass' abolitionist speech "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?" Embracing both stirring historical and joyful contemporary elements, the "A Day of Unity" includes live music from Darlene Wynn, Tempo International Rhythm & Steel, African Drum Circle, and DJ Joe Johnson. Uprising Dance Theatre performs. Event concludes with an ice cream social. **FREE** (Steps at Downtown Crossing).



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EDITORIAL

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

With the Fourth of July falling on a Tuesday this year, many of us will be enjoying an extra-long holiday weekend for which the weather hopefully will cooperate.

The Fourth of July brings back fond recollections from our youth, when we celebrated the Fourth with cookouts at our grandmother's house at Yirrell Beach on Pt. Shirley in Winthrop.

Those happy summer memories on the beach with family members, many of whom are no longer with us, are etched indelibly in our mind's eye and always bring a smile to our face as if they happened just yesterday, though they occurred decades ago.

Amidst all of our celebrating however, we often overlook the reason why we have a Fourth of July: It was on that date 247 years ago when a group of America's leaders and best thinkers gathered in Philadelphia to declare their independence from England by means of a proclamation to the world in which they stated, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We hasten to point out that in 1776, "men" literally meant only "white men." About 20 percent -- almost 500,000 persons -- of the country's 2.5 million population were enslaved. Half of the rest -- women -- were treated as chattel and did not have the right to vote in America until more than 150 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

But in the context of 2023, the basic premise of the Declaration of Independence -- "all men are created equal" -- resonates as loudly and as clearly as ever. To be sure, there are forces in our country that do not adhere to that belief. Racism, sexism, and prejudice still exist to far too large an extent.

But if we believe in the vision expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who declared, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice," the essence of the Declaration of Independence remains as true today as it did in 1776.

ENJOY THE LONG WEEKEND SAFELY

An often-overlooked aspect of the Fourth, especially during a long holiday weekend, is that too many among us will engage in behavior that is risky not only to ourselves, but to our loved ones and others around us.

Fireworks are illegal for everybody in Massachusetts, but that has not stopped the proliferation of fireworks in recent years. In Massachusetts alone in 2022, fire departments reported 106 fires and explosions attributed to fireworks, an increase of nearly a third from 2021. More than half of these incidents took place during the week of July 4. All told, fireworks-related incidents in Mass. last year caused 38 injuries and \$414,279 in damages.

Every year there are more than 10,000 injuries across the country that require emergency room visits, with many fireworks' users losing fingers and suffering burns that will maim them for life.

Other risky behavior also spikes during the holiday weekend. From 2017 to 2021, there were 1,460 drivers who were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes over the Fourth of July holiday period, of whom 38% were drunk.

This same admonition also applies to boat owners, who all-too-often think that being in the water while under the influence is safe and acceptable behavior.

In addition to happy memories from our youth, the Fourth of July also resurrects a tragic memory of a friend, an athletic young man in his 20s who was one of our basketball buddies, who became intoxicated at a backyard barbecue. He fell off a small porch when he missed a step and fractured some vertebrae, leaving him a paraplegic and wheelchair-bound for the rest of his life.

That tragic event happened almost 30 years ago, but the shock of hearing of our friend's accident, and then seeing him for the first time in a wheelchair, never to play basketball again, is something we never will forget.

In the 1800s and early 1900s, the Fourth of July served as a convenient excuse for young men to go on a rampage throughout their communities, vandalizing public and private property. The term "a safe and sane Fourth" was introduced at the turn of the 20th century to discourage deliberate acts of rowdiness.

Although we no longer celebrate the Fourth as wantonly as our ancestors did, nonetheless we all must do our part to make sure that we observe the Fourth's festivities safely and sanely, both for ourselves and our loved ones.

We wish all of our readers a happy, fun-filled, and safe Fourth of July.

LETTER to the Editor

WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY

To the Editor,

I want to take you in a little time machine, rolling back the clock seven years. In 2016, Charlestown's Shipyard Park, was a bit downtrodden. The fountain was not working, the lighting was more than 30 years old and some of the glaring spotlights seemed like they were designed for a prison courtyard. The gardens were derelict and they attracted some derelict people, too. But this park had fantastic bones. It was a wonderful gem which just seemed to need a little polishing and TLC. As good ideas go, a handful of people collided around the same notion, and in 2017 Navy Yard Garden & Art was born.

We partnered with the park owner's the BPDA, and Dick Muligan and Devin Quirk specifically, to realize that bit of polishing. We set out to rehab derelict gardens, improve the ambient lighting in this park, provide the Adirondack chairs which give a front row seat to the best view in Boston. If your travels take you to Shipyard Park, you will note we have moved from red to white to beige Adirondack chairs...each time seeking out a beefier design that is squirrel proof. Who knew that squirrels would think chairs are a perfect snack?

We also created three different sculpture exhibits, the latest of which is "Of Many Minds," the 20 representational sculptures by Michael Alfano that you see stretching along the Boston Harborwalk from the Boston National Historical Park to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. We learned that public art can signal a warm welcome to people coming to a new place like the Navy Yard. It can say "this is a place that is cared for, and it is safe, and we want you here." And art can inspire and uplift the long-term residents, workers, and students in their daily travels.

Our first major effort to bring a permanent sculpture to the Navy Yard is Navy Yard Night Sky. It's the only installation of its kind on the East Coast of the United States, a four panel programmable mesh lighting piece that was designed and built in Germany and shipped to Boston during the crazy shipping delays of the COVID pandemic.

An installation of this scale takes

vision and funding. We thank the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund, the Norma Ricci Foundation, and the BPDA for their central roles in making this sculpture possible. In addition, the support of the neighbors, community organizations, Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard, and The Anchor are invaluable.

It's hard to imagine how empty this amphitheater was before The Anchor started operations. In 2019 we set a goal to activate the beautiful World War II era "ghost" building in Shipyard Park with a digital light sculpture. The vision was to bring a sense of the night skies to our community: a place where we have many wonderful assets, but seeing the stars is not one of them. We plan to commission various artists to give the community very different takes on Navy Yard Night Sky.

We are so excited to have "The Myth of Nut," our second piece up and running and to introduce it, and the artist, to you the greater Charlestown community.

Sohaila Mosbeh is a Brooklyn-based interdisciplinary designer and her path to us in Boston included earning her industrial design bachelor degree from the German University in Cairo and two masters degrees, one from Parsons The New School, and the second from NYU.

For her update of Navy Yard Night Sky, Sohaila was inspired by how similar Boston Harbor is to Alexandria, Egypt, in terms of the colors of the sea and sky and the strong presence of historical artifacts. This similarity led her to center the ten-minute loop with the Egyptian goddess of the sky Nut (pronounced "newt.") The

goddess is represented by an oval shape and Mosbeh states that "Nut is dancing above the human (i.e.. us) below." Mosbeh incorporated representations of the actual stars in this location, which she sourced from the official NASA database.

The ten minute loop is visible from dusk to dawn nightly and we invite you to visit and enjoy this new installation.

Jules Pieri, Navy Yard Garden & Art, Board Member

PLAN CHARLESTOWN VERSUS THE REALITY

To the Editor,

After reading the recent article in the Patriot Bridge, "Projected population growth has BPDA, [Boston Planning and Development Agency] add neighborhood services," I was left with more questions than logical, common-sense answers. Count me in as "fools ask questions that wise men cannot answer."

For starters, Charlestown's current population is 20,000 residents per square mile. According to the BPDA spokesperson and assumptions, the population in 2050 could max out to 36,800 residents in one square mile. Furthermore, the spokesperson stated, "in reality what we think it will actually be is that 2050 Charlestown finally gets back to its population from 1950, but we're planning for a higher number than that as a buffer."

In the 1950's after World War 2, Charlestown was a working community, employed at the

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Sumner Tunnel Closure: You've Got Options

This summer, MassDOT's Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project will close the tunnel from 7/5 to 8/31. The MBTA offers simple ways to get to Boston. Park the car and hop on the **Blue Line**, **Commuter Rail**, or **Ferry**.



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- Free parking at Blossom Street Pier parking lot

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2023 GARDEN TOUR CAMPAIGN RECEPTION

Gardens for Charlestown held its 2023 Garden Tour Campaign on June 16, in appreciation for garden tour hosts and sponsors for supporting the organization.

“These gardens are beautiful and tucked away behind the build-

ings. You can’t see them from the sidewalk,” said Co-Chair Brent Hayes-Hand about the 11 hidden gardens. “You get a chance to see private spaces that are stunning. That’s the best part for me.”

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA



Representative Dan Ryan and Chris Schavione, former president.



Mike Boyson and Kristin Sauer, Garden Tour hosts.



Alejandro Palacios and Heidi Gearhart, home owner on Garden Tour.



JoAnn Grigoli and Meredith Scott, who share a plot in the Gardens for Charlestown, and love growing dahlia flowers.



Sponsor Kayla King, of Kaybea Collection, and Maggie Somerset.



Brit Claridge and Julie Straus, Garden Tour host.



Co-Chairs of the Garden Club: Julianne Gearhart, Melanie Cevetello, President, and Brent Hayes-Hand.



Garden Tour hosts and sponsors gathering to cheer with champagne during the June 16 Garden Tour Campaign Reception in the Gardens for Charlestown.

2023 GARDEN TOUR OF HISTORIC CHARLESTOWN

COURTESY PHOTOS



Shown are photographs taken along the Garden Tour of Historic Charlestown that was held on June 17



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FRIENDS OF CITY SQUARE PARK HOST THE GHETTO PEOPLE BAND



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Ghetto People Band (GPB) kicked off the season for Friends of City Square Park in typical cool vibes fashion. Talent, humor, energy and chill, GPB is one of our favorite bands. To become a Friend of City Square Park please email Grace Bloodwell - bloodwell@gmail.com. The next concert will be on Wednesday, July 12, with East Coast Soul Band at 5:30 p.m. They are not to be missed.

PUBLIC ART (from pg. 1)

investment in education and dialogue,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Exploring Boston’s public spaces by engaging with our monuments will create new opportunities for bolstering civic engagement, community conversation and resident creativity.”

“Through the monuments and memorials that mark them, our civic spaces are where many of us first learn about the American Story,” said Elizabeth Alexander, President of the Mellon Foundation. “These grants strengthen new possibilities for commemoration in American cities so we can better understand that story and the history that informs it, and so we can celebrate the collective achievements and extraordinary acts these new monuments and memorials will honor in civic spaces across the country.”

Boston’s programming through

The Monuments Project will engage the community through activations including:

- Monument-related temporary public art installations through commissions from the City’s Transformative Public Art program with five additional community curatorial collaborators: Emerson Contemporary, Pao, Museum of NCAAA, NAICOB, and Now+There;

- Accessible text, audio, video artwork interpretation and public programming (e.g., library reading groups or summer reading for the city) with MassArt and Harvard;

- Public conversations at The Embrace curated by Hutchins Center; and

- Intergenerational public dinners held at BIPOC/ALANA owned businesses.

“The Mayor’s Office of Arts & Culture will be able to offer

programs and new artworks for residents to engage in conversation about monuments, public memory, and our daily lives,” said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts & Culture. “Our hope is that through community-led dialogue we can expand and deepen the Boston stories that shape our collective narrative.”

In recent years, the City of Boston has commissioned several important new long-term memorials such as The Embrace, Journey of My Soul: The Legacy of Frederick Douglass, and the Chinatown Workers Statue Project, and facilitated the removal of works such as the Christopher Columbus statue and Emancipation Group after broad community conversations.

With funding from The Monuments Project, MOAC will continue conversations spurred by these changes over the last six years while connecting diverse creative communities, expanding Boston’s leadership in public art nationally, and fostering a more engaged and reflective relationship between our

city and its monument landscape.

“In a relatively short amount of time, the possibilities for the commemorative landscape in Boston have expanded significantly,” said Karin Goodfellow, Director of Public Art for the Mayor’s Office of Arts & Culture. “Through this grant, we will keep the conversation going in a public space and pivot from older, transactional approaches to commissioning and understanding public art to a dynamic, transformational approach centering on love, healing, and community.”

Partnerships with community collaborators will bring together parties that haven’t often been able to collaborate in imaginative work in Boston. Through these partnerships, MOAC will facilitate nuanced dialogues across a variety of media that center community engagement.

The confirmed collaborators as of this announcement are:

- City of Boston Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture and Boston Art Commission

- Embrace Boston (represented by Elizabeth Tiblanc, Director of Programmatic Initiatives)

- Emerson Contemporary (represented by Foster Chair of Contemporary Art Dr. Leonie Bradbury)

- The Friends of the Public Garden (represented by Liz Vizza, Executive Director)

- The Hutchins Center for African & African American Research at Harvard University (represented by Dr. Brandon Terry)

- Massachusetts College of Art and Design

- Museum of the National Center for Afro-American Artists (NCAAA) (represented by Edmund Barry Gaither, Executive Director)

- North American Indian Center of Boston (NAICOB) (represented by Jean-Luc Pierite, President of the Board)

- Now and There (represented by Kate Gilbert, Executive Director)

- Pao Arts Center at Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (represented by Cynthia Woo, Director)

The City of Boston’s programming for The Monuments Project is envisioned as a two-year project. As a part of this process, MOAC will create a paid advisory group of thought leaders and community members from across the city to help direct community engagement, as well as hiring coordinators, consultants, and other staff to execute the project.



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CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE MURPHY COMES TO CHARLESTOWN



COURTESY OF GABRIELLA GUERARD

City Councilor at-Large Erin Murphy was in attendance for a number of recent events throughout Charlestown, including the Boston Pride Parade, as well as the Bunker Hill Day Parade and the Bunker Hill Kickoff Breakfast.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through July 8

Construction Look-Ahead for the North Washington St. Bridge through July 8 is as follows:

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: 7/7 at 7:00 p.m. and 7/8 at 7:30 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
Project email: NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us

LETTERS (from pg. 4)

Navy Yard, the shipyards, the Schrafft Center, the sugar factories, HOOD, and the Assembly Square Ford Motor Plant as well as small businesses that supported the huge Charlestown WW 2 effort.

People walked to work, and many lived in rooming houses. There were few residents with cars.

Today, does it even seem logical to return to the population of 1950? The BPDA seems to think so.

This assessment coming from a senior planner at the BPDA astounds me. Reality doesn't seem to factor in what the BPDA wants to happen, build more and more in our one square mile.

The reality: Charlestown, being the oldest neighborhood in Boston, is located on a peninsular surrounded by three bodies of water. Having been built on filled wetlands, it is designated as an area of severe flooding, rising sea levels as well as the impending climate change. There are four ways to enter and exit Charlestown. Building towers, etc., in known flood zones? Seems to be no problem with the BPDA's thinking or not thinking.

The reality: Charlestown has a low tree canopy and with the destruction of close to 300 trees to make room for the Bunker Hill Development, a heat island will result impacting the health and welfare of all residents of Charlestown. Another metric to consider, Boston has the worst traffic in the country and the fourth worst in the world.

The reality: Research has shown that parks and greenspace are essential to our overall health, physically and mentally.

However, the reality: Almost daily, we are inundated with evidence that procuring medical / psychiatric care and help is fraught with the exodus of health care workers in search of new careers,

being burnt out or retiring. Which, as a nurse, stymies and concerns me. How are we to maintain a decent quality of life surrounded by brick, cement, and glass towers? We need the greenspace and trees to keep us from illnesses such as asthma, respiratory, and cardiac disease, our life expectancy is reduced.

The reality: The BPDA swallows up all available land for building while disregarding the quality of life for its residents. We strive to take care of our health needs. The BPDA seems to ignore any scientific evidence for making sure we all have a decent quality of life. We need to have a healthy environment to stay out of the hospital.

To the BPDA, stop wasting your time and our quality of life by projecting what the needs of Charlestown will be in 2050. Pay attention to reality and what needs to be done now for all the residents of Charlestown.

Listen to the Charlestown residents. We want smart development, that is integrated with the needs of the community which address climate change, plants and maintains mature trees and green natural areas to mitigate heat island effect which is taking its toll on our environment and our health.

Close to 4,000 residents asked for a Master Plan and we have Plan Charlestown. The BPDA is not listening to or working for the community.

The reality is that the BPDA is really the Boston Building and Development Agency as there is no planning.

The reality is that each breath of polluted air we breathe, can be lessened, or prevented by an astute agency that seriously considers life more important than profits.

Thank you,

Ann Kelleher

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33 Restricted Rental Units

# of Units	# of bedrooms	Estimated Square Feet	Rent	Maximum Income Limit	# built out for mobility impairments	# built out for Deaf/hard of hearing
*1	1 BR	627	30% of HH Income	30% AMI	-	-
*5	2 BR	664	30% of HH Income	30% AMI	-	-
4	2 BR	782	30% of HH Income	50% AMI	-	-
5	2 BR	813	\$2,004	60% AMI	1	-
3	2 BR	810	\$2,160	80% AMI	-	-
*3	3 BR	875	30% of HH Income	30% AMI	-	-
1	3 BR	1057	30% of HH Income	50% AMI	-	1
4	3 BR	934	\$2,315	60% AMI	-	-
2	3 BR	869	\$2,670	80% AMI	-	-
*1	4 BR	1,050	30% of HH Income	30% AMI	-	-
2	4 BR	1,085	30% of HH Income	50% AMI	-	-
2	4 BR	1,174	\$2,583	60% AMI	-	-

***(1) One Bedroom, (2) Two Bedrooms, (1) Three Bedroom, (1) Four Bedroom** Homeless Set-aside units will be filled through direct referral from HomeStart. For more information please contact us at the email address or phone number below. For direct referrals, please visit <https://www.homestart.org/bostonhsa>.

Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))					Maximum Incomes (set by HUD/MOH + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI))				
# of bedrooms	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AM	Household size	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AM
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	\$31,150	\$51,950	\$62,340	\$82,950
2	N/A	N/A	\$57,300	\$74,057	2	\$35,600	\$59,400	\$71,280	\$94,800
3	N/A	N/A	\$65,888	\$91,542	3	\$40,050	\$66,800	\$80,160	\$106,650
4	N/A	N/A	\$73,200	N/A	4	\$44,500	\$74,200	\$89,040	\$118,450
					5	\$48,100	\$80,150	\$96,180	\$127,950
					6	\$51,650	\$86,100	\$103,320	\$137,450

Minimum incomes do not apply to households with housing assistance (Section 8, MRVP, VASH) or for the units in this development that include a project-based voucher.

Applications are available during the application period for 42 days, from **June 12, 2023 to July 23, 2023**

Applications are available in person on the following days, dates, and times in the following place(s)			
Day	Date	Time	Location
Weekdays	6/12/23 to 7/21/23	9:00 am to noon	233 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119
Weekdays	6/12/23 to 7/21/23	1:00pm to 4:00pm	233 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119
Thursday	6/22/23	6:00pm to 8:00pm	215 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119
Saturday	6/24/23	10:00am to 2:00pm	233 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119
Tuesday	6/27/23	6:00pm to 8:00pm	233 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119
Thursday	6/15/23	6:00pm to 8:00pm	484 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02116

To request an online application or to have one sent by email visit <https://bit.ly/DudleyCrossingAppRequest>

We will be holding informational meetings on **June 27, 2023 at 6:00pm** at **Thomas I. Atkins 215 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119** . Join virtually, too, through the following link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83020707335?pwd=aDBSY0U5RDJoeVcvMXBpaXdKSTFOdz09>

We will be holding informational meetings on **June 15, 2023 at 6:00pm** at **Castle Square 484 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02116**. Join virtually, too, through the following link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82670889506?pwd=dklvN1hQT3N3REIHm5YdFVlVlB0U09>

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than **Sunday July 23, 2023**
Mailed to **233 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119**

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'PLANT YOUR OWN WINDOW BOX' EVENT

The second year for the "Plant your own Window Box" event was a great success at the Nazzaro Center on Saturday June 10.

Over 50 North End and Charlestown residents came with their own window boxes to be filled with soil and flowers, and boxes

were provided with window boxes if they did not have one. Many people who came to the event last year came again this year, and said they were looking forward to an event next year as well.

Gardening experts Al Skinner, Robyn Reed and Meg Drielak, w-

ere on hand to teach everyone how to plant the window boxes, and how to maintain them over the season. The event was sponsored by NEAA.

Contact information is Robyn Reed, who can be reached at robynr@foccp.org.



Al Skinner showing a new young gardener how to put soil in the boxes.



There was a great variety of shade and sun-loving flowers for everyone.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Event Organizer Al Skinner and Stephanie, who brought her own planter to be filled with soil and flowers for the second year.

LEGAL NOTICE

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CITATION ON
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SU23P1293EA
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Bonnell, Jr.
Date of Death:
03/30/2022

To all interested persons:
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Date: June 22, 2023
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SU21D0572DR
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Guy L. Smith, Jr.
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First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 16, 2023
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Register of Probate

6/29/23
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DIRTY WATER BRASS BAND PERFORMS DURING BUNKER HILL DAY PARADE



COURTESY PHOTO

Dirty Water Brass Band performed during the Bunker Hill Day Parade on Sunday, June 11, but instead of being in the parade, the group played in front of the Charlestown Working Theater, specifically for attendees waiting for the parade to finally arrive at that end of Bunker Hill Street. Pictured, left to right, are first row: Dave Lewin, Sean Hamer, Mary Curtin, Meredith Pecukonis, Peter Goransson, Rob Rodehorst, Dan Grindle, and Brian Martin; back row: Don Stevenson (drums) and Tim Opperman (sousaphone).

PICKLEBALL (from pg. 1)

al squeaks of several knee braces in action, a growing number of Charlestown dads, affectionately called the “Picalars,” have taken over the tennis/basketball/preschool kids racetrack court to play a game that is part tennis and ping pong.

Normal calls like “out” and “net” are mixed with Pickleball phrases such as “you stepped in the kitchen” or the score is 2-3-1, which means the score is 2 serving 3 and it’s the 1st of 2 serves. If it sounds confusing, it is, and only the true Pickle diehards can remember the correct combination of numbers to call out before the serve.

John Strachan, the informal leader of this band of Pickle misfits, was quintessential in bringing this game to Charlestown.

“We have two courts, with room for a 3rd, allowing for 12 people to compete in Pickleball comfortably. Membership to the

Picalars has been based on word of mouth and the ability to swing a paddle, not necessarily how quickly you can move on the court,” stated the multiple-knee replacement Strachan.

While Wednesday nights are where you can find the Picalars in action, many others have started playing over the weekends adding to the popularity of Pickle.

“Pickleball is here to stay in Charlestown,” added Hoyt. “The camaraderie, the tough competition and the pure hook of the sport is what makes this game and Wednesday nights so special.”

After the games on Wednesday, the Picalars head to their local clubhouse, Sullivan’s Public House, to converse about the multiple aces, line points and overhead slams that may or may not have happened.

Allen Reitz is a Fellow Picalar and longtime Charlestown resident.

54TH ANNUAL BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL ROAD RACE

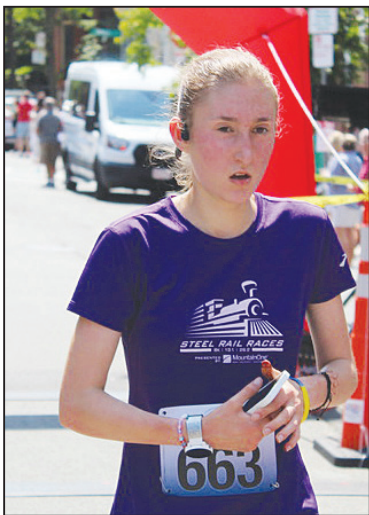
The 54th Annual Battle of Bunker Hill Road Race was held on June 10. The field was the biggest with 1,100 runners. Top honors went to: First Place Male was Alex Kramer. First Place Female was Hailey Desmarias. The Honorary Starter was Frak Keane.



Runners gathered after the race for group photos.



The June 10 race hosted 1,100 runners.



First Place Female Hailey Desmarias.



First Place Male Alex Kramer.

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Runners ready for the start of the 54th Annual Battle of Bunker Hill Road Race.

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