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Shown (left to right) are Kayla Collins of the Berkshire Partners Blue Hill Club, Armani Baez Jones of the Yawkey Club of Roxbury, Brielle Jean of the Edgerley Family South Boston Club, Leslie Aponte of the Josh Kraft Mattapan Teen Center, Ariana Alarcon Flynn of the Charlestown Club and Luis Urbaz Caraballo of the Gerald and Darlene Jordan Club are honored with the Youth of the Year Award with Nicholas President and CEO of BGCB Robert Lewis Jr.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS CELEBRATE YOUTH SUCCESS

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB), the city's leading

youth-serving organization, hosted the 1st Annual Club Night this past Tuesday at 521 Overlook in Fenway Park. The first-of-its-kind

event served as an opportunity for attendees to celebrate, honor, and witness the best of Boston and Chelsea's talented youth.

"Tonight is [about] the best of Boston. It is bringing together our young talent to showcase them, to expose them to you. [It is] for you to see and feel and experience what goes on in our club" said Nicholas President and CEO Robert Lewis Jr. "[A night of] celebration, music, family, entertainment, that's what our city needs during a time where others are wondering what young people our doing, young people our succeeding and that's what [BGCB] is about: youth success".

In conjunction with its 130th anniversary, six BGCB teens and graduating seniors were honored with the most prestigious recognition bestowed upon a Club mem-

HARVARD KENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY



Harvard Kent School Principal Mark Silva, Harvard Kent Leadership and Scholarship President Colleen Boyce, and Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta at the Scholarship Award Ceremony at the school on June 9. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.

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Clougherty could be ready for next year's Fourth of July

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Residents of Charlestown might be able to spend their Fourth of July next year poolside at the new and improved Clougherty Pool, which is set for demolition this summer and subsequent construction.

During community meetings over the past few months, it has been projected that the new pool will be opened in the summer of 2024, followed by the opening of the renovated bathhouse in the summer of 2025.

However, during the latest community meeting on Tuesday, Kerrie Griffin, Director of the Public Facilities Department, expanded

on the summer of 2024 projection.

"Right now, we are hoping that you will be in here celebrating the Fourth of July next year in the pool area," said Griffin.

"That's our goal — to turn it over so that you have, you know, July 1st on for the pool," she added.

The project, which began at the end of last summer with a study, has been fast-tracked, according to Niall Murphy, a Project Manager with the Public Facilities Department. This fast-tracking trimmed the design process from what would normally be 12 to 18

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Healey recommends appointment of Everett as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Governor Maura T. Healey announced that she is recommending Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. for appointment as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court. Everett is currently the Executive Director of the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency for the City of Boston and, through her legal career, has represented families with cases before the Probate and Family Court. She would be the first Black person to serve as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court.

The Probate and Family Court Department handles court matters that involve families and children, such as adoption, divorce, child support, and wills. In the case of a vacancy, the Governor has the authority to appoint the Register of Probate and Family Court with the advice and counsel of the



Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

Governor's Council to serve out the remainder of the term, which currently goes through the end of

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YMCA appoints Bridgette Ridlon as Executive Director of Charlestown branch

YMCA of Greater Boston President and CEO David Shapiro today announced Charlestown-native Bridgette Ridlon as the new Executive Director of the Charlestown YMCA.

“Bridgette is serving the community she grew up in with creativity, commitment, and service,” said Shapiro. “She has deep experience with the Y and more specifically the branch in Charlestown having navigated the branch through many chapters. She is the right leader to help write the next chapter as we invest and expand our services in Charlestown.”

Ridlon started her YMCA career in 2001, in Charlestown as a lifeguard when the current Y was an Armed Services Y. She would later become the Program Director in 2006 after graduating from The University of Massachusetts with a degree in Exercise Physiology. Bridgett assisted in leading the transition as the Armed Services Y merged and became part of the Greater Boston Y in 2007. From 2011 to 2020 Bridgette worked at the Y’s East Boston Branch as senior program manager, eventually becoming the branch’s operations director. She returned to the



Bridgette Ridlon.

Charlestown branch in 2020.

“I was raised in a family of strong community advocates and I am proud to help carry on that tradition,” said Ridlon. “Charlestown is a special community and I’m so grateful to have this opportunity to help contribute to its vibrancy.”

Ridlon is the niece of the late David Whelan, former long-time Charlestown advocate, who dedicated his life tirelessly to the Charlestown community before his passing in 2015. While active in the community, David sat on many local boards, including one of the inaugural members of the Charlestown Y’s Board of Directors.

Ridlon was born and raised in Charlestown. She attended St. Francis De Sales and Charlestown Catholic for elementary school and graduated from Boston Latin Academy.

She currently resides in Medford with her husband Eric and their son Jack.

The YMCA of Greater Boston is one of Massachusetts leading non-profits committed to strengthening communities by improving health, empowering youth and activating people for good. Every day the Y works with thousands of people to ensure that everyone has access to Y programs and services. As the nation’s fifth largest charity, the Y is creating a community of caring people through meaningful memberships. For more than 170 years, the Y has been developing skills and emotional well-being through education and training, welcoming and connecting diverse populations, preventing chronic disease and building healthier communities. The YMCA of Greater Boston is America’s first Y. For more information visit Home - YMCA of Greater Boston (ymcaboston.org), or follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Henry Santana endorsed by local officials

Henry Santana, candidate for Boston City Council At-Large, has been endorsed by State Senator Lydia Edwards, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, and former City Councilor Matt O’Malley.

“Henry is the public servant we need right now. He is a professional, trustworthy, independent thinker. He is a coalition builder who is effective and kind,” said Lydia Edwards. “He can work with anybody and will fight for everybody.”

State Senator Edwards represents the 3rd Suffolk District, serves as Housing Chair in the State Senate, and is an East Boston resident. Prior to her election in 2021, she served as Boston City Councilor representing Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End. Santana has also received an endorsement from current District One Councilor, Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta.

“I am proud to endorse Henry Santana for Boston City Councilor At-Large,” said Coletta. “Henry is a son of Boston. He grew up in public housing, attended Boston Public Schools, and spent years in city government serving the residents of Boston. He is well prepared for this role, both in his

lived and professional experience, and the City will be better with his empathetic and effective leadership.”

Santana has also been endorsed by former City Council President Pro Tempore and District Six Boston City Councilor, Matt O’Malley.

“Henry Santana has the experience, drive, and passion to be an exceptional City Councilor. He is running to bring this city together and will work tirelessly for each neighborhood and every resident,” said O’Malley. “He’ll focus on the big issues like climate, housing, and the economy, while never losing sight of the importance of delivering top notch constituent service. I am proud to endorse his candidacy.”

“It’s an honor to have support from proven leaders State Senator Lydia Edwards, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, and former Councilor Matt O’Malley. Their support reflects a broad coalition that shares my vision for a better Boston,” said Henry Santana, candidate for City Council At-Large. “Senator Edwards’ commitment to advocating for residents at City Hall and in the State House is an inspiration. I’m honored to receive

her endorsement and to fight alongside her. Councilor Coletta’s endorsement is particularly meaningful as she understands the needs and dreams of our neighborhoods firsthand. I am grateful for her trust in my ability to be an empathetic and effective leader,” said Santana. “Likewise, I’m grateful to have the support of former Councilor Matt O’Malley, a trusted community leader and a longtime advocate for our neighborhoods and our environment. Together, we can prioritize community, listen to residents, and forge a united path forward for Boston.”

Santana’s campaign centers community and a commitment to listen to residents, prioritize quality city services, and move Boston forward together. He has also received endorsement from former Boston City Councilor Kenzie Bok and the Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club. To learn more, please visit henrysantana.com and follow the campaign on social media at @Santana4Boston.

Henry Santana’s campaign for City Councilor At-Large will host a Day of Action canvassing in Roxbury following the Roxbury

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the 2024.

“The Register of Probate and Family Court has a critical role to play in supporting families and children, particularly during the most challenging moments of their lives,” said Governor Maura Healey. “Stephanie Everett is uniquely qualified to step into this position as she has interacted with the court as both a young mother and an attorney, and she has built an incredible career advocating for justice and equity for her community of Boston. I’m proud to recommend her for Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court and believe she has the experience, professionalism, determination and empathy needed to serve the families, lawyers and staff that rely on the Court.”

“Stephanie Everett has dedicated her career to serving the people of Boston, and the Governor and I are excited for her to take her service to the next level,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “Her voice, perspective and leadership will be invaluable in shaping the future of the Probate and Family Court. We look forward to working closely with our colleagues on the Governor’s Council to advance this appointment.”

“The Probate and Family Court is largely unknown to many Massachusetts residents – until they need it. That often comes at the most painful moments of their lives, when a marriage dissolves or they have a child at a young age or they experience the death of a loved one,” said Stephanie Everett. “As someone who has experienced the Court from both sides, as a young mother and as an attorney, I’m intimately familiar with the impact it can have on people’s lives, as well as the fear, frustration and confusion that families face far too often when interacting with the Court. I’d be honored to have the opportunity to serve as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court and to use my experience to guide other families through the system and leverage every resource at our disposal to better ensure the future success of every person who interacts with the Court.”

In 2021, Everett was appointed the City of Boston’s first Executive Director of the newly created Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, which is responsi-

ble for investigating complaints of police misconduct and ensuring that the Boston Police Department’s internal affairs review process is fair and thorough. In this role, she oversaw a budget of \$1.4 million and a staff of 11 full-time employees. As a member of Mayor Michelle Wu’s cabinet, she advised the mayor on public safety matters. Everett also successfully advocated for funding to create a yearlong internship program and youth advisory council to bridge the gap of youth access to government and strengthen relationships with law enforcement.

“Stephanie Everett is a brilliant and effective attorney and public servant who has devoted her career to serving others, particularly our most vulnerable residents,” said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. “In our years working closely together, I’ve seen firsthand Stephanie’s deep commitment to transparent and accessible government, and I know she will bring her values and her many talents to this important role. I applaud Governor Healey and her team for this nomination and urge Attorney Everett’s swift confirmation. We will miss her in our administration, but are grateful that the families of Suffolk County will be well served under her leadership.”

Prior to her work with the city, Everett was a solo law practitioner for eight years. She served as the lead counsel on jury and bench trials before Criminal and Juvenile Sessions and as a member of the Norfolk County Bar Advocate Program, accepting indigent clients facing criminal charges and families involved with the Department of Children and Families. She also served as a legal expert for various panel groups seeking to inform underserved and underrepresented communities with information about their rights and changes in law.

Everett has also served as the Chief of Staff of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, and Manager of Public Safety for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. She is a graduate of Northeastern University and Suffolk University Law School and a member of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association.



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BPHC reminds residents about dangers of opioids after 7 percent increase in fatal overdoses

Following the release of preliminary state data for 2022 on opioid-related overdose deaths, the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is reminding residents about the dangers of opioid use and its harmful impacts on our communities, as well as the presence of fentanyl in the drug supply.

New data released by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health last week noted that 352 people died from opioid overdoses in Boston in 2022, a nearly 7% increase from 2021 (330 total deaths). From 2019 to 2022, Boston experienced a 36% increase in opioid related deaths, more than twice the statewide rate of increase (16%) over the same time period.

A key factor for this increase is the role of fentanyl, a highly potent synthetic opioid, involved in more than 90% of opioid-related deaths in both the state and among Boston residents in 2022.

Xylazine, known as “tranq,” an animal tranquilizer has also been increasingly found in the drug supply and increases the risk of overdose through oversedation.

“This ongoing tragedy requires increasing our focus on overdose prevention throughout our city,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “We must respond by scaling up evidence-based interventions that decrease the harm associated with drug use and keep people alive. We must also address pervasive inequities and ensure that lifesaving prevention, care, and treatment are available to all.”

The 2022 data show that opioid-related overdoses have disproportionately impacted Black and Latinx individuals in Boston: 30% of all opioid overdose deaths in Boston were among Black individuals and 21% were among Latinx individuals.

Opioid overdose deaths among Black individuals in Boston increased by 29% from 2021-2022, and deaths among Latinx individuals increased by 9% from 2021-2022.

From 2020-2022 combined, the average annual opioid over-

dose mortality rate for Black and Latinx residents was 66% and 31% higher than white residents, respectively. The rate of overdose death for Black residents from 2020-2022 is a 130% increase from the rate observed from 2017-2019. Data compiled by BPHC in its recent Health of Boston Report show the leading cause of premature deaths among male Black and Latinx residents for 2017 through 2021 combined was accidents, with opioid overdoses accounting for most of these deaths. These data emphasize the need for increased attention to equitable access to harm reduction prevention, and treatment services in Boston.

BPHC and the City of Boston remain committed to responding to this crisis in collaboration with the state, clinical, and community partners through a public health approach that expands access to lifesaving treatment, harm reduction services, prevention, and recovery support. In addition to providing harm reduction tools like syringes and safe smoking

supplies, BPHC’s AHOPE (Access, Harm Reduction, Overdose Prevention and Education) program offers drug testing services to drug users to identify the presence of fentanyl, xylazine, or other substances. Access to treatment services is also available through the PAATHS (Providing Access to Addictions Treatment, Hope and Support) program. To contact PAATHS, please call 1-855-494-4057. Anyone in the City of Boston can call 311 anytime to access treatment services or care.

Expanding access to Narcan (naloxone) is another critical aspect of the response to overdoses. BPHC distributed nearly 15,000 doses of Narcan to residents and community partners in 2022, and outreach workers reverse up to five overdoses a day.

Boston EMS responded to 4,245 narcotic related incidents in 2022 and administered Narcan to 2,181 patients. Not only do these heroic actions save lives, but they also help build all-important relationships with clients to that help engage them and link them to ser-

vices. Naloxone is available over the counter at pharmacies across Massachusetts. BPHC offers free training on how to respond to overdoses and administer naloxone.

In 2022, BPHC began funding two day-spaces in Roxbury and Back Bay that serve as safe environments where individuals can get connected to clinical care and services and get meals, basic amenities, and build trust with our providers.

As more and more individuals come to Boston for treatment and resources, BPHC and the City support Governor Healey’s commitment to increase harm reduction capacity in cities and towns across the Commonwealth.

BPHC urges the city to remain vigilant for signs of overdose. Common signs of an opioid overdose include slowed breathing, blue lips, and unresponsiveness. If you encounter someone who you believe has overdosed, call 911 immediately, perform rescue breathing, and administer naloxone.

CHARLESTOWN BEAT

COMMUNITY ROOM: The 2nd floor Community Room at 20 Vine St. is available to neighborhood groups for meetings.

Please call Christine Vraibel at 617-343-4627 or email christine.vraibel@pd.boston.gov to reserve.

POLICE RELATED INFO: Contact the District A-1 Community Service Office at 617-343-4627.

Warrant Arrest

07/09/2023 – At about 7:33 p.m., officers on patrol in Charlestown observed two suspects walking on Rutherford Avenue toward Washington Street. Police were familiar with one of the suspects from a previous incident and also knew that the suspect had multiple outstanding warrants out of Lowell District Court and Lawrence District Court, respectively. At that time, officers arrested the suspect for the aforementioned warrants mentioned and transported him back to District A-1 headquarters for booking.

Fraud - Credit Card/ATM Fraud

07/10/2023 – At approximately 10:30 a.m., an officer assigned to the front desk of Area A-15 headquarters in Charlestown received a walk-in report for identity theft/fraud perpetrated at 18 Carney Court.

The officer spoke with the victim, who stated she noticed a discrepancy in her credit report while talking with her Financial Advisor. Upon further investigation, the advisor informed the victim that she has two Bank of America accounts open in her name. The victim stated she wanted to file the report to remove the accounts from her credit report.

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1

Yung, Megan

Carter, Julia R

Carrier, Caitlee F

Sypek, Andrew

Sauder, Laura A

Gillespie, Sean

Rubino, Austin

Cain 4th, Leo J

Altamirano, Evan

SELLER 1

Hubbard, Cara

Cahill-Watts, Alicia

Buckley, Matthew A

G Fam Rt

Fl Bartlett LLC

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Davenport, Andrew M

Fass, Anna K

Mcgonagle Rt

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6 Concord Ave

32 Baldwin St

42 8th St #2320

43 Elm St

47 Elm St

57 Bartlett St #6

114 Elm St #1

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EDITORIAL

PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS NEED TO GET REAL

The opposition by some progressive Democrats to President Joe Biden's decision to send cluster bombs to Ukraine is yet another indication of how out-of-touch with reality they can be on certain issues.

To be sure, the use of cluster bombs can have many drawbacks, the most significant being that a certain percentage of the bomblets remain unexploded on the battlefield, thereby creating a hazard that remains long after the fighting is over. However, when compared to the horrors being wrought upon the Ukrainian people by the Russian invaders, the potential negative impacts of cluster munitions by the Ukrainian military are miniscule. Moreover, let's not forget that the Ukrainians are using these weapons in their own country and will be targeting Russian troops at the front lines, thereby limiting the effect of these weapons upon their own civilian population, unlike the Russians, who indiscriminately have been dropping cluster bombs on Ukrainian civilians from the day they invaded.

In an ideal world, no nation would use cluster bombs -- though in an ideal world, there wouldn't be any war. The simple fact is that the Ukrainians will be using these weapons in their own defense on their own land and they should be the ones to decide what are the acceptable risks. The knee-jerk reaction of some Democratic politicians ignores the reality of what is happening in Ukraine each and every day.

Moreover, these Democrats who oppose the White House on this issue offer no solution to the imminent problem of the Ukrainians running out of artillery shells in their effort to dislodge the Russian invaders. In addition, these Democrats are playing into the hands of Putin, giving him some hope that American politicians will hamstring the Ukrainians in the defense of their country.

While it may be generally true that two wrongs do not make a right, that is not the case in Ukraine. If these cluster bombs help drive out the Russians, they will have been well worth it.

And to use another metaphor, we can't allow the Ukrainians to bring a knife to a gunfight.

WHERE IS THAT RUSSIAN "REBEL" ARMY?

Two weeks ago, the news headlines were all about the supposed attempted coup by Yevgheny Prigozhin, the head of the Wagner group, who reportedly was marching his 8000 man army to Moscow. But since then, both he and his army have all but disappeared.

Well, maybe we've been watching too many of those mini-series shows on Netflix and the other streaming channels, but we hope that U.S. intelligence agencies are tracking this guy and his army -- because it wouldn't surprise us if Putin and he have planned some sort of subterfuge, a ruse, by which they will launch a surprise attack on Ukraine from Belarus or somewhere else in the north of Ukraine.

And if they do, the U.S. and NATO will need to be ready to send in our air support to bomb the Wagner advance (technically, they'll be bombing the private Wagner group, not the Russian army), because if the Ukrainians are caught flat-footed, Prigozhin could be in Kyiv within hours.

LETTER to the Editor

TREE TALK

To the Editor,

Can there be anything more boring than a tutorial on trees and how Charlestown is faring regarding our tree canopy? A recent news flash is concerning as the hottest recorded temperature on this earth occurred on Tuesday, the 4th of July and continued for a number of days. While we all were celebrating Independence Day, this news should come as a wake-up call to each one of us. And why?

We cannot celebrate our independence from trees and tree canopies. We are dependent on the benefits of each tree we are surrounded by. Trees play a critical role in creating healthier, safer, and more connected communities. They clean our air, filter our water as well as slowing storm surge and flooding in our cities. Trees provide shade and cool our cities by up to 20 degrees, which can help prevent heat-related deaths in our urban areas, as well as reducing energy cooling costs.

Charlestown has 3% of the total land mass of Boston and has 1% of Boston's tree canopy. Charlestown has one of the lowest tree canopies at 11% in Boston as the average in Boston is 27%. Factoring in our 20,000 residents and growing in our one square mile is a recipe for you and I to be impacted by climate change affecting our environment and quality of life.

Currently, the Leggatt McCall [developer], will destroy 286 mature trees at the Bunker Hill Housing Development. Replacing them with immature, younger trees, and a 1/3 chance of survival, which does not bode well for that development.

The tree inventory in Charlestown is going backwards. We lose

trees to moving trucks, disease, heat island effect and lack of water. The city only has planted an average of 25 trees in one square mile. Of those planted, only a third survive. Replacement immature trees take decades to develop canopies and can -not provide benefits compared to the loss of existing canopies.

The new buildings proposed at the development are massive and will create a huge heat island effect. The City of Boston has policies to address climate change, and rising sea levels, however they do not apply in Charlestown, where the aftermath of tree destruction in the development will drastically affect our health. Something needs to change to insure a proper environmental and healthy neighborhood.

It's past time for the BPDA to seriously think about their lack of planning. This is a no brainer to put the quality of life for Charlestown before profits. To continue with this trajectory will put more of us in the hospital and dependent on a lifetime of medical intervention. This is not okay.

Charlestown is surrounded by toxic air pollution, such as Sullivan Square, a diesel bus depot and repair lot, Rutherford Avenue traffic, Route 93 traffic, MBTA rail, the Tobin Bridge, Boston Sand and Gravel, North Washington bridge congestion, Chelsea Street congestion, Diversified Auto Car Carriers, parking lots for the car carriers as well as the Salt Mountain and Cement Factory.

All this pollution doesn't miraculously disappear by itself. We need to understand that mature trees filter the greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide that cause climate change, and at the same time they produce oxygen that we breathe,

as they shade and cool our environment. Immature replacement trees can -not adequately do their job, then where does one think the carbon dioxide and other noxious gases go? Right to our lungs with every breath we take.

This administration needs to step up to the plate and protect our air quality, our public health, and our environment. This "Green New Deal" City with written policies must apply them to Charlestown, with the largest overdevelopment site in the country. Radical action is needed now as we and the planet can't wait for a miracle. "Affordable housing" does not mean residents must suffer an "urban desert" and "heat island" development without a natural environment for the benefit of their physical, mental, and spiritual health.

Saving the 286 trees is a start, the development must be relooked at, reworked and reimagined, there is no other choice for the community of Charlestown. Trees are looking out for us, so we have to look out for them.

Andy Warhol once said, "I think having land and not ruining it is the most beautiful art that anybody could ever own."

Having trees in our life here in Charlestown perhaps is the most beautiful piece of nature we have, own, celebrate and bequeath to future generations.

Contact Mayor Wu at Mayor@Boston.gov, before more children and residents gasp with asthma, respiratory and cardiac disease. Breathing is our human right. Save our heritage trees.

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/mayors-office>

Ann Kelleher

SANTANA (from pg. 2)

Unity Parade on Sunday, July 16. Sign up at henrysantana.com/volunteer.

Henry Santana has dedicated his career to serving the Boston community. Born in Bani, Dominican Republic, Santana moved to Mission Hill as a child where he grew up in public housing and was a Boston Public Schools student. Santana began his career in public service as a counselor and

later the Program Director of the Mission Hill Summer Program, an academic summer enrichment program for youth in his neighborhood. Santana stayed involved in local politics, eventually joining the campaign of Kenzie Bok to organize Mission Hill residents and run her field operations. He then served as Bok's Mission Hill/Fenway Liaison, where he worked to improve community processes

and advocate for residents at every turn. Most recently, Henry served as the City of Boston's first Director of Civic Organizing, working on behalf of Mayor Wu to empower residents to get involved in their neighborhoods through civic engagement and service. Henry is running for City Council At-Large to bring a new perspective to the Council and lead Boston forward.

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BHMA holds its 200th annual meeting

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

On Saturday, June 17, the Bunker Hill Monument Association (BHMA) held its 200th Annual Meeting in the Community Room of the Bunker Hill Museum. Under the gavel of BHMA President Annette Tecce, the Officers presented reports from the Committees that included a report from the Treasurer, Tom Coots, indicating that the Association was financially solid and a report from Bill Foley, Chair of the By-Laws Committee proposing a number of changes to the Association's By-Laws. The motion to accept the revisions to the By-Laws was accepted.

Speakers for the program included Superintendent Michael Creasey of the National Park Service who reported on the activities at various local NPS locations. Supt. Creasey also discussed the preparation for repairs to the Bunker Hill Monument cap stones and some of the preparations that are underway for the celebration of the Country's 250th Anniversary in 2025.

The assembly was also treated to a presentation by Alan Hoffman, President of the MA Lafayette Society, who described the major events along the way of the "Farewell Tour" of General Lafayette in 1824-25. Mr. Hoffman's profound knowledge of Lafayette

was demonstrated throughout his presentation by his artful juxtaposition of historical facts and interesting anecdotes. Mr. Hoffman's presentation was very well received by the assembly and it was followed by a very active question and answer session.

The Report of President Tecce included a summary of the Association's activities over the year including the progress toward a formal Agreement between the BHMA and the NPS as well as a number of changes designed to improve communication among members of the Association. In addition, the President described briefly a project the BHMA will undertake over the upcoming year to restore three historically important oil paintings.

The three oil paintings are full-length portraits of George Washington, Andrew Jackson, and Daniel Webster. All the paintings date to the 1850's and were given to the municipality of Charlestown by its citizens who commissioned and paid for the paintings by public subscription. Ownership of the paintings was first vested in the City of Charlestown which transferred that ownership to the City

of Boston upon Charlestown's annexation by Boston in 1874, with the proviso that the paintings remain forever within Charlestown.

The paintings first hung in Charlestown City Hall in City Square, specifically in the Council Chamber and later in the rooms occupied by the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library upon annexation to Boston. When the City Hall was demolished in 1917 and replaced by the current "Municipal Building"-cum-District Courthouse, the paintings were displayed in the new Branch Library building on Monument Square (now the site of the Bunker Hill Museum). When that building was replaced by the current Branch Library building in Thompson Square in 1970, the paintings were placed in the courtroom of the Charlestown District Court, it having the high ceilings necessary to accommodate the tall paintings. In that environment, the paintings have become dingy and grimy from airborne pollution and damaged from vandalism. If left in their present venue, their condition will continue to deteriorate and their exposure to further



The oil painting of Daniel Webster.

vandalism is a hazard to their continued existence.

Restoring these invaluable pieces of art to their former glory and making them available to the Charlestown community and general public will take time and will require resources that the BHMA will need to develop. However, the long term benefit of adding these important works to the collection of Revolutionary War related artifacts seems well worth the effort.

Anyone who wishes further information is urged to visit the BHMA website at www.bunkerhillmonumentassn.org.

Rob Whitney tapped to serve on Boston Community Preservation Committee

Patriot-Bridge Staff

Following a unanimous vote from the City Council on June 7, Beacon Hill resident Rob Whitney was appointed to a three-year term on the Boston Community Preservation Committee.

The Committee comprises nine Boston residents who make recommendations to the Mayor and the Boston City Council on the use of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds for projects benefiting affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space and recreation. Most recently, on April 18, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Committee announced the approval of 56 new projects in Boston, totaling over \$40 million.

Whitney said he's "honored" to have been selected to serve on the Committee.

"I'm very excited to be joining this Committee and to be working with the other Committee members in reviewing proposed projects benefiting affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space and recreation in Boston that



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Beacon Hill resident Rob Whitney, who has been selected to serve a three-year term as a member of the Boston Community Preservation Committee.

might be eligible for Community Preservation Act funding," Whitney wrote in an email. "Mayor Michelle Wu and the Committee have done such great work in recent years approving outstanding new projects in Boston and I look forward to starting my term on the Committee very soon."

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DIDOMENICO’S LEGISLATION INCLUDED IN GOVERNOR HEALEY’S RELATIONSHIP & SEX EDUCATION GUIDELINES

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined Maura Healey, Senate President Karen Spilka, advocates, and his State House colleagues to celebrate the Governor’s Administration updating DESE’s outdated health and physical education framework to provide our students with sex and relationship education that is inclusive, medically accurate, and age appropriate. These guidelines haven’t been updated for over 20 years and will be considered by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. If the Board decides to move forward with the proposal, there will be a 60-day period for public comment followed by potential revisions and a vote on implementation later this year.

“As lead sponsor of the Healthy Youth Act bill, I take great pride in the health and well-being of our students and see this framework update as the natural progression toward passage and implementation of my legislation,” said State Senator Sal DiDomenico. “I want to thank Governor Maura Healey and her team for making this a priority, ensuring our students can protect their health, form respectful relationships, and build the bright futures they deserve.”

Senator Sal DiDomenico is lead



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking at the press conference alongside Governor Healey, Lieutenant Governor Driscoll, State House colleagues, and advocates.

sponsor of the Healthy Youth Act bill, An Act relative to healthy youth (S268), which has been proposed in the legislature for over a decade. This bill is similar to DESE’s new proposed guidelines but would make them permanent and give them the force of law which will ensure Massachusetts public schools electing to teach sex education curriculum use age-appropriate, medically accurate, and research-based information that covers a comprehensive range of topics. The legislation also calls for sex education to be inclusive and appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Senator DiDomenico will continue to push for passage of the Healthy Youth Act.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Senate President Karen Spilka.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Governor Maura Healey (3rd from right), Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll (left), Representative Jim O’Day (middle), his Chief of Staff Christie Getto Young (2nd from right, and staff.

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Commonwealth Shakespeare Company announces the cast and creative team of 'Macbeth'

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company (CSC) and Steven Maler, Artistic Director, announce the complete cast and creative team for this summer's production of Shakespeare's tragedy "Macbeth" on the Boston Common. Performances begin on July 19 and run through Sunday, August 6 at the Parkman Bandstand. The production is presented in partnership with the City of Boston, Mayor Michelle Wu, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods, and Boston Chief of Arts and Culture, Kara Elliott-Ortega.

In Shakespeare's classic tragedy, an unexpected prophecy sends Macbeth on a quest to become King of Scotland. Consumed by ambition and prompted to action by his wife, Macbeth's desire for power unleashes his unbridled hunger for power. This murderous tale explores the consequences of our choices when we lose our moral compass.

Actor, writer, director, and producer Faran Tahir* returns to CSC to play the title role. He received enthusiastic media and audience reception in the title role of Richard III on the CSC stage in 2019 and has recently completed the much-acclaimed run of The Kite Runner on Broadway.

The role of Lady Macbeth will be performed by stage, TV, and film actor Joanne Kelly* in her CSC debut, previously seen in Boston as Inge Morath in Fall at the Huntington Theatre. She recently starred in the Matt Damon/Ben



The set design of Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth on the Boston Common.

Affleck set-in-Boston television show City on a Hill and was a cast member playing Juliet in the famed Canadian series Slings and Arrows.

The complete cast includes Marianna Bassham* as Malcolm, Jesse Hinson* as First Witch, Nael Nacer* as Macduff, Omar Robinson* as Banquo, Joe Penczak* as Duncan/Siward, Daniel Rios, Jr.* as Ross, Fred Sullivan Jr.* as Sergeant/Porter/Doctor, and Eviva Rose as Young Macduff. The ensemble roles are played by Lily Ayotte, Nick Baum, John Blair, Elijah Brown, Annika Burley, Alexa Cadete, Jack Greenberg, Jessica Golden, Bella Grace Harris, Cleveland Nicoll, and Xander Viera.

The creative team includes Direction by Steven Maler^, Scenic Design by Riwh Rakkulchon**, Costume Design by Nancy Leary**, Lighting Design by Eric

Southern** and Maximo Grano De Oro, Sound Design by Dewey Dellay** and David Remedios**, Fight Direction by Robert Walsh, Intimacy Consultation by Jessica Scout Malone, Assistant Director Nikta Sabouri, Production Management by Jenna Worden, Stage Management by Brian Robillard*.

Performances of Macbeth will take place at the Parkman Bandstand on the Boston Common and are FREE of charge. Audience members can bring blankets or chairs or can rent chairs in advance or on-site for \$10 and are permitted to bring modest food items to consume at the show. Seats in the CSC Friends section will be available for reservation in late May along with your donation. Dinner-and-a-Show Packages will be available in partnership with Boston Chops Downtown Crossing.

CSC provides a range of accessibility services, including open captioning, assistive listening devices, and large print programs at every performance, and ASL interpretation and audio description at selected performances.

All performances will be Open Captioned as part of our new Access Infrastructure Initiative, made possible through the generous support of the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation.

Audio Description and ASL Interpretation will be offered Saturday, July 29, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. and ASL Interpretation on Friday, August 4, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., with a Rain Date for Audio Description and ASL Interpretation at Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

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HARVARD KENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

The Harvard Kent Leadership and Scholarship Partnership held its Scholarship Award Ceremony at the school on June 9.

Colleen Boyce, president of

the Harvard Kent Leadership and Scholarship Partnership, joined School Principal Mark Silva in making the scholarship presentations to students.

The Partnership is a community volunteer organization that raises funds for students, grades 3-6, who receive scholarships when they graduate from high school

and move on to college.

At the ceremony, eight scholarships were presented to Harvard Kent students. Six graduating high school seniors each received

\$2,500 scholarships.

State Rep. Dan Ryan presented Citations to each scholarship recipient.



Former Harvard Kent Principal Jason Gallagher, current principal of the Boston Latin School, received an enthusiastic welcome from students upon his return for the scholarship award ceremony.



Graduating high school seniors, who each received \$2,500 scholarships, from left, Youssef Jorchi (Boston Latin, UMass Boston), Junqiang Mai (Boston Latin School, Suffolk University), Kelly Zhang (John D. O'Bryant High School, MCPHS), and Gift Udeh (Boston Latin School, Boston College). Not pictured: scholarship recipients Winston Bullock Norman and Omar Larrama.



Retired Harvard Kent School teacher Maria D'Itria (right) and Harvard Kent fifth grade teacher Cindy Muekel, pictured at the scholarship award ceremony.



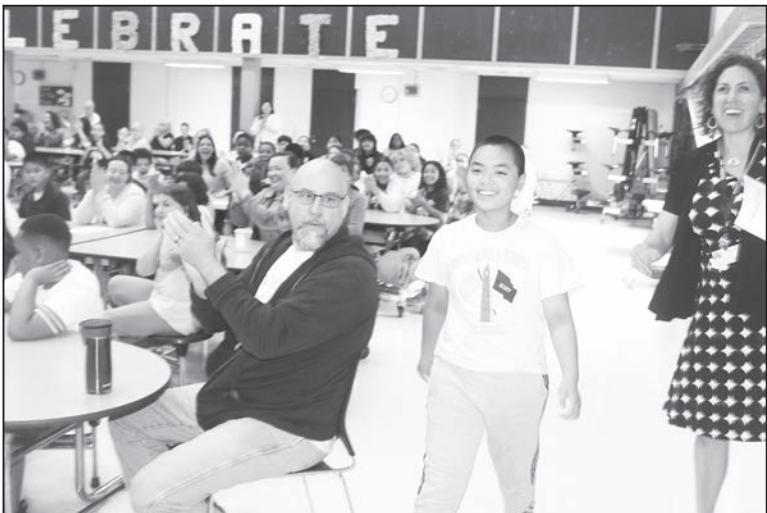
Third grade scholarship recipient Augusta Fry, pictured with family.



Third grade scholarship recipient Dina Aziry, with her family. Making the presentation are Harvard Kent Principal Mark Silva, Boston Latin School Principal Jason Gallagher, Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, State Rep. Dan Ryan, Harvard Kent Leadership and Scholarship President Colleen Boyce, and Boston City Councilor-at-Large Julia Mejia.



State Rep. Dan Ryan speaks at the Harvard Kent Leadership Scholarship Award Ceremony.



Harvard Kent student Ivan Zhou smiles during the walk to the stage to accept a scholarship from the Harvard Kent Leadership and Scholarship Partnership at the June 9 award ceremony.

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Sixth grade scholarship recipient Wander Hernandez De Los Santos, pictured with family.



Sixth grade scholarship recipient Daniel Salgado, pictured with family.



Fifth grade scholarship recipient Linna Mai, pictured with family, including her older brother, Junqiang Mai, who received a \$2,500 college scholarship.



Fifth grade scholarship recipient Ivan Zhou, pictured with family.



Fourth grade scholarship recipient Alexandra O'Shea, pictured with family.



Fourth grade scholarship recipient Jaseline Pena Santana, pictured with family.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

CARR NAMED TO UA DEANS LIST

Isabella Carr of Charlestown was named to The University of Alabama Deans List for fall semester 2022.

A total of 12,791 students enrolled during Fall Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). These driven students are making waves across UA's more than 70 undergraduate programs and 12 colleges and schools.

The UA dean's and president's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

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REGIS COLLEGE CELEBRATES 93RD COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Empowered and inspired by their Regis education to serve as leaders and advocates for a more just and compassionate global society, members of the Class of 2023 celebrated their accomplishments with an inspirational commencement ceremony at the

Leader Bank Pavilion in Boston featuring WHDH's Amaka Ubaka who delivered the commencement address and received an honorary degree, along with philanthropists Bill and Joyce Cummings. More than 1,300 students graduated with degrees ranging from associate to doctoral levels.

"It is now up to you to take what you have learned and leave this ceremony committed to bettering the world around us with your knowledge and compassion. As the journey continues for each of you, I am confident in the future because you are in it," Regis College President Antoinette M. Hays, PhD, RN said to the graduates.

Ubaka delivered the commencement address urging graduates to embrace their "rebel hearts," a term used by the late singer Harry Belafonte to encourage individuals to stand up for what they believe in, even if it goes against the norm.

"Whether it's through volunteering, activism, or pursuing a career that aligns with your values and passions, each of you has the power to create positive change. Remember that life is a journey, not a destination. There will be ups and downs, twists and turns, and unexpected surprises along the way. Embrace the journey and don't be too hard on yourself if things don't always go as you planned in your head," said Ubaka. "As you move forward, remember that your unique experiences and perspectives are what make you special. Embrace your rebel heart, pursue your passions, and don't be afraid to take risks."

Thousands of friends and family members attended the ceremony, bringing their support and enthusiasm in celebration of the graduates' achievements.

The following local students earned degrees:

Ann Merullo of Charlestown graduated Magna cum laude with a BS in Nursing

Kristina Brown of Charlestown graduated with a Master of Social Work

Shantelle Duplantis of Charle-

stown graduated with a MS in Nursing - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Regis College is a coed university 12 miles west of Boston in Weston, Mass. founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. With over 3,200 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students enrolled on campus and in fully online graduate programs, Regis provides an academically rigorous education within the schools of nursing, arts and sciences, business and communication, and health sciences. In line with Regis' mission of providing innovative, industry-focused learning opportunities, the university offers academic partnerships with hospitals and local employers, a clinical dental center in Waltham, Mass., and bachelor's completion and accelerated nursing programs at its campus in Lawrence, Mass.

TURISSINI NAMED TO SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST

Julia Turissini, of Charlestown was named to the spring 2023 dean's list at the University of Findlay. To earn this achievement, a student must attain a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Located in Findlay, Ohio, the University of Findlay is known not only for science, health professions, animal science and equestrian studies programs, but also for cultivating the next generation of business leaders, educators and global citizens through a dedication to experiential learning, both in and outside of the classroom. Established in 1882 through a joint partnership between the Churches of God, General Counsel and the City of Findlay, the University of Findlay has more than 80 majors leading to baccalaureate degrees and offers 11 master's degrees, and five doctoral degrees. More than 3,500 students are enrolled at Findlay, and the University is nationally recognized by U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review.

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"[BGCB] has just always been a second family to me and always had my back no matter what. They have taught me to lead with passion and know that I have an amazing support system [at the clubs]," said Charlestown Club Youth of the Year Ariana Alarcon Flynn.

deserve a little reminder that we are more than the limits that we set for ourselves".

Members and guests celebrated the night away with ballpark snacks, watching musical performances and dance choreographies overlooking Fenway Park. From Taylor Swift medleys to Michael Jackson's "Beat It", youth of all ages showcased their talents, upholding BGCB's mission to ele-

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ber, the Youth of the Year award. Teens were honored for their superior leadership skills, academic achievement, ability to overcome obstacles, and service to their Club and community.

"We are unstoppable, not because we do not have failures or doubts but because we continue on despite them," said Josh Kraft Mattapan Teen Center Youth of the Year Leslie Aponte. "We all

Coletta sends letter to Boston Public Schools regarding exam school policy, investments in all high schools, and the John D. O'Bryant move to West Roxbury

In a letter to Superintendent Mary Skipper, Councilor Gabriela Coletta urged Boston Public Schools to take a comprehensive look at the state of some of the district's recent policy decisions, including asking for transparency and access to data regarding the exam school policy, highlighting the importance of high quality education across all high schools, and equitable transportation measures regarding the relocation of the John D. O'Bryant School. The letter was developed in an effort to provide a nuanced approach to these policies and advocate for the vast circumstances of families in Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End.

In her letter, Councilor Coletta said, "While I commend the intention of the updated Exam School Policy to increase access and diversify our exam school student population, as with any new policy, there can be unintended consequences that leave out the very students we hope to serve." Citing the flawed tier system, she noted that some of the most vulnerable students are left behind with loopholes – such as students in income-restricted housing and working-class parents living in tiers seven and eight. Boston Public Schools has taken the position to not revisit the policy until 2026, but Coletta said, "I believe there is opportunity to embed an individualized student needs assessment across tiers to ensure all students from lower income families are included in this policy." Revisiting this tier system is crucial to ensure that there is an equitable distribution of seats and that we are offering a healthy compromise to families across the city.

Councilor Coletta also requested that Boston Public Schools

share data publicly as requested by parents from a letter sent on May 10, 2023, which includes: Admission rates by tier for students with and without bonus points; cut off scores for each exam school in each tier; and percentage of invited applicants who received bonus points but are not economically disadvantaged by tier.

Coletta applauded the announcement of investing in Charlestown High School as an open enrollment and early college institution, noting that, "Investments such as this allow all students to obtain academic rigor, career pathways, and wraparound services to reach their fullest potential." She requested to see a menu of options offered by non-exam schools for incoming students to amplify the work happening across Boston and help families find alternatives within the district.

Coletta also expressed concerns about the relocation of the John D. O'Bryant School to West Roxbury. "While I understand the work that it has taken to designate this location and make the investments needed for both Madison Park and O'Bryant students to excel, it is essential that we address the needs of every student that attends or may attend the O'Bryant," stated Coletta. She outlined the challenges for students commuting from East Boston, resulting in a 94-minute commute to school. "Studies have shown that long commutes can impact sleep, exercise, extracurricular opportunities, and academic success. Policy decisions like this one have significant impacts on student physical and mental health, and it is essential that we examine these impacts for students across the city when making these decisions," said Councilor Coletta.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge

The Construction Look-Ahead for the North Washington St. Bridge through July 22 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.)

Contraflow Pilot

- The MassDOT-implemented contraflow pilot will continue to be in effect during evening peak traffic (3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday.
- Police details, lane markings,

temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic during set up and operation of the contraflow.

Travel Tips

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

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

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety

during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

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

- OTHER EVENTS: July 15 at 6:00 a.m., and July 19 at 7:30 p.m.

How can I find more information?

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months to about seven.

As far as updates on the project go, last month, Northern Contracting Corporation was awarded a contract for the first phase of the project — the demolition.

"Northern started mobilizing on site this week, and demolition construction is slated to last until October," said Murphy.

While the bidding and subsequent award of a contract for the demolition portion of the project have been taken care of, there seems to be a bit of a snag in the bidding process for the project's second phase — the pool and pool deck reconstruction and bathhouse renovation.

The bidding process for the second phase began in May, and the plan is to have contracts awarded by September. However, according to Murphy, there has been a delay of about three to four weeks in the bidding schedule.

"Because this package is over \$10,000,000, we're statutorily required by the state to go through what is called a Chapter 149 Pre-Qualification Process where we pre-qualify general contractors and subcontractors to ensure that they're qualified to bid on a project like this — this process typically takes three to four months to complete," said Murphy.

"During our first round of advertising for statements of qualifications in June, we did not receive enough submissions for eight different filed sub-bid trade categories. By law, we have to receive at least three submissions to move forward in the process,"

he added.

Due to this, re-advertisement for those categories occurred last month, and the second round of statements of qualifications for the categories is slated to come in at the end of this week. Per Murphy, even if there are not enough submissions again, they will not have to re-advertise for qualifications again, so the bidding schedule should not be impacted further.

In her statements regarding the schedule of the pool opening, Griffin did not seem to think the aforementioned snag would be a big problem. "I don't think it's anything we cannot mitigate or recover from," she said.

As this project rolls on, Griffin emphasized that it is a transparent process and everyone involved is trying to get in front of anything that might delay it.

"We're actively looking at this right now to make sure that anything that is going to be problematic for that date that we're in front of it," said Griffin.

She also said, "This is a very transparent process. If we're concerned, we're going to let you know that we're concerned, but right now, I'm saying we can get this done for the July holiday."

In addition to specifics about the pool's opening date, logistics of the imminent demolition were also discussed during Tuesday's meeting.

Some aspects to note include that the basketball courts at the site will be lost as they will be used as the main construction laydown area. However, they will

be replaced at the end of the project. Also, tree protection, dust, pest, rodent control measures, and vibration monitoring will be employed.

Moreover, in terms of transportation, around eight to nine parking spots along St. Martin Street will be lost during construction. According to Murphy, the contractor has estimated about 100 to 150 truckloads to remove all of the concrete and material during demolition, so it will be an active site, and a police detail will be requested daily during demolition.

Finally, updated renderings and design details for the site, the pool deck, and the bathhouse were also shown during the meeting. Some highlights of the bathhouse include a community room on the second level along with a concessions area.

As for some highlights about the site, accessibility was noted, including a new accessible route into the site, among other features. Further, concerning the pool deck, design plans showcased the color scheme, seating layouts, and much more.

To view all of the plans and renderings for the upcoming Clougherty Pool and to learn more about the demolition, you can visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-centers-youth-families/bcyf-clougherty-pool>, which is slated to have the recording and presentation from the latest meeting.

"I think this is going to be a fantastic project; we're really excited about it," said Griffin.

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- \$2.40 for a one-way trip with new ferry service between Blossom Street Pier and Long Wharf (South), weekdays only, 10 trips per day
- Free parking at Blossom Street Pier parking lot

Winthrop

- MBTA will operate Winthrop Ferry Service for \$2.40 per trip
- Service between Winthrop, Quincy, Logan Airport, Aquarium, and Seaport



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