

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 FREE CHARLESTONN PATRIOT-BRIDGE

SUCCESS AT WEATHERFEST!

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Well over a hundred children and adults passed through Gardens for Charlestown on Sunday morning, September 17, for the second biennial Weatherfest! event. Designed as a fun, family-friendly educational event for all ages, Weatherfest featured the Mobile Weather Lab from WBZ-TV, hosted by beloved meteorologist Eric Fisher. Sophia Moon of Essem Art Studio offered a weather-inspired art activity for kids, while the Stone Living Lab and Coalition for an Inclusive and Resilient Waterfront talked with visitors about climate resilience and protecting and sharing Boston's amazing waterfront. Weather cookies in the shape of clouds, rain drops, even a weather truck were custom designed for the event by Jody Petersen of Honey Babes cookies. Asana yoga studio, and the Charlestown YMCA helped underwrite the cost for the free event.

"This was a true community effort," said Amy Kennedy-Slesar, director of the Gardens' Kids and Education programs, "with everyone really wanting to pitch in and bring people together." "Events like this," added Chris Schiavone, Grants Coordinator of the Gardens, "help fulfill our organization's mission to preserve green space, welcome the community, and educate folks about our role in saving the planet."

The first Weatherfest took place in 2021 to celebrate the Gardens installation of its new weather station. Real-time weather conditions at the Gardens, as well weather stats from the last two years, are available at GardensforCharlestown.org/weather.



Children work with Sophia Moon (known to many of them as "Miss Sophia") on weather-themed crafts.



Errin Davis and Ajah Joseph from the Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive waterfront were on hand to share information about efforts to preserve and open up Boston's waterfront.

Boston area offers wide range of school offerings for kids of all ages

By Patriot-Bridge staff

A new academic year is just getting underway, but it's already time for parents and guardians to start thinking about options for next year, and with the Boston area's wide range of top-notch independent, private, and parochial schools, kids of all ages can find one that well suits them while still staying local.

For small children just starting off on their educational journeys, the Beacon Hill Nursery School at 74 Joy St. has been a vital part of the downtown community since 1955. With a commitment to high-quality education since its inception, the mission of BHNS is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning, and its exceptional educators value play as purposeful and cherish children's innate curiosity.

The warm and welcoming environment of BHNS includes two on-site playscapes, a dedicated library, seven classrooms, and an indoor gym. Its curriculum has a strong emphasis on play; hands-on engagement; open-ended exploration; and social-emotional devel-

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Councilors to discuss establishing an affordable housing demolition permit-fee

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune, and Councilor Brian Worrell will hold a working session to discuss establishing an affordable housing demolition permit fee on Tuesday, October 10 at 10 am via Zoom.

The ordinance sets to increase the fee from fifty (\$50) to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for demolishing any single-family detached residential structure or any multi-family, single-family attached to create funding for affordable housing from small property demolitions that result in luxury condominiums under the IDP threshold. The Councilors filed this ordinance in response to the necessity for increased affordable housing citywide and to disincentivize developers from tearing down neighborhood homes to create unattainable housing for low-income neighbors.

"In East Boston, we are growing and developing far too rapidly while pricing out residents and with a small pool of affordable units. This proposal will capture steady affordability funds for tear downs that result in 9 unit or less luxury buildouts. Increasing the current demolition fee would go directly into the Neighborhood Trust Fund to preserve and expand affordable housing for low and

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EDITORIAL

GET YOUR COVID-19 BOOSTER SHOTS

While we would all love to leave COVID-19 in the rearview mirror, the stark reality is that the virus is still circulating among us, with the elderly and persons with compromised immune systems the most vulnerable to becoming seriously ill and dying from the virus.

Even otherwise healthy individuals, especially if they are overweight, run the risk of becoming seriously ill from the disease in the short-term and potentially suffering the lingering and debilitating effects of long-COVID, which has been well-documented, though it remains poorly understood.

Fortunately however, the CDC has approved the updated COVID booster vaccine that has been proven to be an effective and safe preventative measure against both catching the disease in the first place and, if infected, mitigating its most harmful effects.

The reasons we need an updated booster are three-fold: First, the effectiveness of the vaccine diminishes over time. Thus, the shots we received last year are significantly less protective today than they were 12 months ago. Second, the virus has mutated in the past year and the updated vaccines will provide protection against this ever-changing virus. Third, as we enter the fall and winter months, families will be gathering, with many having traveled in airplanes and returning from school, which are breeding grounds for the virus, and therefore looming as potential threats for parents and grandparents. We would note that from January to July of this year, 88 percent of deaths from COVID-19 were among people who were 65 years or older.

We urge all of our readers, regardless of age, to get the latest COVID-19 booster as soon as possible, both for our own health and that of our friends, co-workers, and family members.

MITT COULD HAVE BEEN A GREAT PRESIDENT

The announcement this week by Utah Senator Mitt Romney that he will not seek re-election in 2024 leaves a void not only in the Republican party, but on our national political scene.

When Mitt Romney was our governor, he showed that a person of integrity and dedication to office can get things done for the benefit of all citizens. His willingness to work with the Democrats to pass the landmark health care bill that guarantees health insurance for all Massachusetts residents served as a model for the historic Obamacare legislation a few years later at the national level.

In addition, Romney did not play politics (in contrast to governors both before and after)

with his government and judicial appointments. Mitt Romney was a straight shooter who held to the simple belief that excellence in government is attainable.

Unfortunately, Romney sold his proverbial soul to the devil when he entered national politics, changing his previously-held views on a woman's right to choose and even disavowing his own creation, dubbed Romneycare, despite its success in Massachusetts, in order to cater to the archconservatives of the modern Republican party.

However, after his unsuccessful run for president in 2012 in which he was defeated by Barack Obama, Mitt Romney became the de facto leader of the opposition to the ultra-Republicans whose modus operandi can only be described as anarchy.

"A very large portion of my party," said Romney, "really doesn't believe in the Constitution."

Even though we disagree with Mitt Romney on just about every issue, we nonetheless believe that he is one of the few politicians who would have made a great President. His departure from the U.S. Senate will leave a void that few, if any, will dare to fill.

PLAN Charlestown is BAD for Charlestown

To the Editor,

We are on the verge of losing Charlestown's public land to a feeding frenzy of hyper development courtesy of the BPDA's urban renewal tool: "PLAN Charlestown."

There are nearly 20,000 residents of Charlestown. PLAN Charlestown seeks to double that number. The BPDA has sixteen major projects in queue equaling 50 new buildings in a ring around the neighborhood.

Our square mile is pinched with traffic at its entry points — today. What's going to happen when the number of cars doubles? Where will we park? Where will the expanded health centers be located? Where will all these kids go to elementary school?

PLAN Charlestown does not respect or heed the residents' livability interests. This PLAN will not make our lives better but it will make developers a lot of money.

The neighborhood doesn't want to debate whether new buildings should be eight stories instead of ten. We don't want to hear about a Charlestown loop shuttle service as mitigation for debilitating gridlock. We don't want towering cookie cutter developments like the ones in Assembly Square. We don't want a PLAN that paves over the character of this neighborhood and makes everyday life harder for those of us who live here.

We don't want a BPDA led, urban renewal PLAN. We want the developers to submit the historic land use reports required for the redevelopment of public properties under Section 106, Title 54.

Charlestown is the mother of Boston. Her history runs deeper than any other neighborhood in Massachusetts. If she'd been treated with respect by the Boston Landmarks Commission and the BRA there'd be checks and balances against this redevelopment overreach.

The residents of Charlestown deserve better - and the truth of what Charlestown is ought to be defended:

A National Historic District based on the Charlestown battle sites and events of June 17th, 1775 - March 17, 1776.

The key to stopping PLAN Charlestown is for the whole town to be designated as a historic district under Chapter 40c (special

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historic district law). By reclaiming the national heritage of this district, Charlestown is eligible for a national historic district master plan.

> Johanna Hynes Charlestown Historic Battlefield District Committee

NEW Health's North End site is open and operating

To the Editor,

We know you've seen the scaffolding outside our building since the summer – but we want to ensure you that NEW Health's North End site is open and operating during renovations. All services are still being provided; select services are temporarily moved to our Charlestown location.

The City of Boston Inspectional Services Department and the George Robert White Fund, that manages the building, have confirmed that the building is structurally sound and safe for occupancy.

As promised, we will continue to keep the community updated along the way. The new roof installation process that began in August is taking longer than anticipated and will now wrap up in the coming months. The rest of the health center remains open; however, our dental and vision departments will continue to be provided at our Charlestown site at 15 Tufts Street. Our podiatry services remain in the North End but have been moved to the first floor. Dental, vision and podiatry services are not being discontinued.

Patients who have scheduled appointments in dental, vision

and podiatry during this project will receive updates via Patient Gateway or phone. If you need an appointment in any of our departments or have questions about your care, do not hesitate to call the health center at 617-643-8000.

While prioritizing the safety and well-being of our patients and community members, we remain committed to providing high quality care and are working diligently to minimize the impact to our patients during this renovation. For more information, please visit newhealthcenter.org.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation during this process.

Vin Scibelli, CEO Chief Executive Officer NEW Health

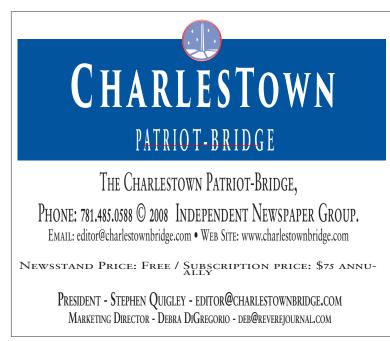
IT MAKES ME WONDER.....

To the Editor,

As the city-wide elections are looming, it makes me wonder why I should vote? What difference does it make? The politicians are out there promising better schools, transportation, more affordable housing, a cleaner environment, the list goes on and on. Who doesn't want all that and more?

But what happens when someone states in no uncertain terms that changes will be made? I am referring to our current mayor who ran on a platform to reform the Boston Planning and Building Agency? In 2019 Mayor Wu wrote a very credible position paper on the state of the BPDA and why it

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CHARLESTOWN MAN CHARGED WITH ATTACKING, SEVERELY INJURING ANOTHER

A Charlestown man was arraigned Friday in South Boston BMC for attacking another man outside of Lucky's Lounge in the Seaport in May, causing multiple facial fractures, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Weston Dorn, 31, was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (brass knuckles). Judge Michael Bolden released Dorn on personal recognizance and ordered him to stay away from the victim and both the Omni Hotel and Lucky's Lounge. Dorn will return to court on November 13.

At about 12:58 p.m. on May 19, Boston police responded to a local hospital and met with the victim, who told police he was at a bar inside of the Omni Hotel at 450 Summer Street with his friend on May 17. While there, they purchased a drink for a woman sitting at the end of the bar. The victim said a male, about 6 feet tall, with blonde hair, eyeglasses and a gray colored sweatshirt, later identified as Dorn, confronted him and his friend for purchasing a drink for the woman. The victim apologized to Dorn for the misunderstanding and said they did not know the woman was there with Dorn. In attempt to de-escalate the situation, the victim also purchased Dorn a drink.

The victim then left the Omni hotel and went to Lucky's Lounge,

where Dorn approached him again and grabbed his shoulder from behind. The victim said Dorn was physically aggressive and argumentative causing security to intervene and asked Dorn to leave. While outside, the victim was leaning against a light pole, looking down at his cellphone when he was struck on the left side of his face. The victim fell down on his left knee while holding onto the pole with his right hand. The impact knocked his left shoe off and caused him to hit his head on the pole. The victim lost consciousness for a few seconds and when he opened his eyes, he observed Dorn running down the street and into a gray SUV.

The victim bled heavily from his left eye, nose, and mouth. His friend brought him to a nearby hospital where he underwent surgery due to the severity of his injuries.

Investigators obtained video surveillance and a credit card receipt under Dorn's name from Lucky's Lounge. Staff confirmed the receipt belonged to the individual who was removed by security on the date and time of the incident. After reviewing the video footage, investigators also obtained clear still images of an individual matching the description given by the victim. Video footage corroborated the victim's account and showed him leaning on a pole in front of the bar and Dorn emerging from the side, manipulating an object on his knuckles and striking the victim on the left side of his face. The victim's hat falls off his head from the impact and he is observed spinning around the pole before he falls to the ground.

Hayden said the strong work of investigators and the presence of video surveillance led to Dorn being identified and charged.

"What was supposed to be a night of fun and socializing with friends turned into a night of pain and tragedy for this victim, all due to an extremely violent reaction to a misunderstanding. The outcome is a victim with serious injuries and a defendant facing serious charges," Hayden said.

BOSTON MAN FOUND DANGEROUS, HELD WITHOUT BAIL

A Boston man was found dangerous and held without bail today in Charlestown BMC for smashing a 42-year-old woman over the head with an object last month, causing part of her skull to be removed, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Terry Robinson Jr., 33, was charged on Friday with assault and battery causing serious bodily injury and armed assault to murder. Judge Lisa Grant ordered Robinson held without bail pending the dangerousness hearing today. Robinson was found dangerous and ordered held without bail. He will return to court on October 12.

On August 30, Boston EMS responded to 42 O'Meara Court for a sick assist and located an

unconscious woman slumped behind her bedroom door suffering from significant face and chest trauma. Responders immediately transported the victim to a local hospital for treatment and notified Boston police.

Investigators spoke to two witnesses who also lived in the apartment. The first witness told police they believed their roommate had fallen and hit her head about a week ago and bled significantly but refused to seek medical attention. They noticed she had developed a black eye over the course of the week and urged her to seek medical attention but she still refused. The witnesses said they called 911 when they found her unresponsive on the floor.

On September 4, detectives interviewed the victim at the hospital. The victim said she remembered a man whom she only knew as "Tank" hit her over the head. She said they got into an argument and Tank became enraged and hit her on the head with an object, causing her to bleed for days. The victim could not identify the object used to hit her. The victim was unable to provide Tank's real name but described him as about 6 feet and 300 pounds, wearing a GPS ankle monitor.

The victim told investigators that doctors removed a piece of her skull and she is required to wear a helmet to project further injury to her brain.

Investigators searched for individuals on GPS tracking in the area of 42 O'Meara Court who matched the provided description. They found an individual standing 5'11" and weighing 295 pounds with a tattoo of the word "Tank" on his right forearm, listed as Terry Robinson.

Robinson has a warrant out of Dorchester BMC for violating his probation while on GPS.

"This is a bizarre and concerning incident. It is miraculous that the victim is alive after suffering such a violent and traumatic injury without receiving immediate medical care. I commend the first responders for recognizing the victim's situation so quickly, and the Boston police for tracking down the person responsible for such a brutal attack," Hayden said.

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

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

C H A R L E S T O W N B E A T

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.

Identity Fraud

At around 1 p.m. on Sept, 11, an officer at District 15 headquarters' front desk received a report of identity praud from an address at Tibbett's Town Way, with the reporting party mentioning they were informed by the MASS DTA that they no longer qualified for food stamp benefits due to a reported increase in their annual income. They asserted that their income remained consistent with previous years when they were eligible for food stamps. The issue stemmed from someone using their Social Security Number for employment purposes. The affected individuals, who jointly hold a MASS

DTA account, were instructed by the agency to file a police report in order to resolve this matter.

Warrant Arrest

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, officers from the A-1 Drug Control Unit investigated in the area of Warren and Pleasant streets. While on Warren Street, officers in an unmarked Boston Police vehicle observed a short, white female carrying a blue pocketbook. She had been identified as a potential suspect in a package theft case in Charlestown, and the officers were aware of three outstanding warrants for her arrest.

One officer exited the vehicle

and continued to observe her on foot, while another officer followed her closely. Police continued to monitor the suspect as she walked onto Soley Street towards Monument Square. During this time, the officers confirmed the three outstanding arrest warrants and obtained a photo of the suspect to verify her identity.

Team members from the unit approached the suspect as she crossed Bunker Hill Street from Lexington Street. After officers identified themselves as members of the Boston Police Drug Control Unit and displayed their badges, the suspect was placed under arrest for the three outstanding warrants.

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needs to be dismantled and I and many others were all in.

Hopping on the Wu train for this major change, especially as Charlestown is being swallowed up acre by acre in our one square mile, was a mission and purpose I thought finally I could be a part of. Who wouldn't have concerns regarding our environment as research shows green and open space is beneficial to our health and well-being?

4000 people asked for better planning through a Master Plan. What we now have is Plan Charlestown continuing to chip away at every inch of space for towers, more residents, more traffic, more pollution, and more ill health among the present 20,000 residents. But wait, there's more, the BPDA wants to add another 20,000 residents as well as two full sized soccer fields in this one square mile.

Dose the mayor not understand what the BPDA is doing to our community? Where is the commonsense? What happened to listening authentically to a community crying for better planning? Why aren't we being listened to?

No wonder the voting stats in Boston are so dismal! Why don't people vote? It makes me wonder why I am now questioning taking the time to vote? The mayor and her complete turnaround regarding the BPDA continue to baffle me.

What we all can do is write to the mayor and insist on a Master Plan. If you don't take the time to stand up for what's right then all that's wrong will devastate this community forever and ever. Thank you.

Ann Kelleher

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moderate-income residents while encouraging smart, responsible growth in our city," said Councilor Coletta.

Similar legislation has been implemented in Evanston, Illinois and in many municipalities across the country. Like Boston, Evanston has experienced a loss of affordability with significant impacts from gentrification. Since its establishment in 2006, the demolition fee has generated over a million dollars in revenue for affordable housing, which is the impact the Councilors hope to see in Boston.

"In Boston, the issue of housing affordability looms large. The average family now faces housing costs that have surged to levels beyond their means, and the availability of housing that could make renting or owning more affordable has dwindled. The proposed Affordable Housing Demolition Permit Fee Ordinance's primary goal is to tackle the urgent problem of housing affordability without disrupting supply, with exceptions made for demolitions intended to build affordable housing. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss and refine the details during the upcoming working session,' said Councilor Louijeune.

Highlights of the Order Include: "WHEREAS, Development

in growing communities across Boston has continued to move at a rapid pace, yet the abundance of development has not yielded opportunities for affordable living in these neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Historically neighborhoods like East Boston and Mattapan consist of single-family, two-family, and multi-family residential structures, and it is vital that the City of Boston is able to maintain buildings of historic significance that contribute to neighborhood character, while investing in various funnels of funding for the creation of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, The rapid pace of new development in Boston has adversely impacted the aesthetic of the neighborhood as many family homes are being demolished and replaced by structures of multiple units that do not embody the history of each unique Boston neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The current demolition permit fee structure only includes a small primary fee of fifty (\$50.00) dollars plus an additional ten (\$10.00) dollars for each thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars of the fair cost of the work authorized by such permit as determined by said Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the fee structure does not address smaller residential buildings and does not take into account the significance that such buildings hold over the character of the neighborhood. It also does not contribute to any resources that supply investments in affordable housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Having a demolition permit fee structure that specifically relates to smaller residential buildings will encourage the preservation of such buildings and will contribute to the aesthetic quality and character of the neighborhood, while also providing resources to mend Boston's affordable housing crisis,"

The working session will be held under the Committee on Government Operations, chaired by Councilor Ricardo Arroyo. This working session will not include a public comment period although folks are encouraged to attend.

My thoughts on Boston Public School meals

GUEST OP-ED

By Mayor Michelle Wu

I'll never forget that moment of wondrous epiphany years ago, when, still new to Boston, I tried my first apple picked from the tree at a local orchard. The pucker of tangy sweetness and juicy crispness flooded my senses with delight, then shock. How could I have lived for so many years thinking those other apples were as good as it gets?

The apples of my childhood were textbook Red Delicious picked from big piles at the grocery store and coated in that waxy film that didn't quite wash off—slightly squishy, slightly sweet, consistently deep red and bland.

When I was pregnant for the first time, poor dad-to-be drove through torrential rains to the orchard to satisfy my craving for farm-fresh apples. In the years after, it's become a treasured family tradition to visit the orchard and load up for the fall.

This year, apple-picking season and back-to-school are directly connected: for the first time, all apples served in Boston Public Schools lunches will be fresh and locally grown.

For many of our students, school meals are providing up to half of their daily calories. Guaranteeing universal free school meals ensures a reliable source of nutrition, destigmatizes free lunch, and saves families cost and stress. We've also made strides in ensuring culturally appropriate foods, including kosher and halal options, and a range of options that reflects the rich cultural diversity of our school communities.

But focusing on food justice means taking it beyond affordable and accessible. Good food should be nutritious, delicious, local, and sustainable too. As a City Councilor, I worked with a big coalition to draft and pass Boston's Good Food Purchasing Ordinance, which requires any City spending on food to prioritize nutrition, local production, fair labor, animal welfare, environmental sustainability, and equitable purchasing. Now fully implemented and integrated with Boston Public Schools food purchasing contracts, Good Food Purchasing is delivering real impact this school year.

This year's BPS menus will include more than 20 local products grown in New England, representing more than 10% of our food budget as we move quickly to reach our goal of 30% local spend.

For these meals, all 353,875 pounds of apples served in BPS schools will be New England grown, from eight different farms or farm collectives. More than half of the 1,320,000 whole apples in school meals will come from Pine Hill Orchards in Colrain, Massachusetts, with the rest grown from JP Sullivan growers collective, Mountain Orchard, and Blue Hills Orchard. And another 1,875 pounds of sliced apples will come from Plain View Farm, Farm Fresh, Three River Farmers Alliance, and Lyman Orchards.

Buying local means flexing our spending power to reshape food supply chains and strengthen farmers following healthy growing practices right in our region. Cutting down the shipping distance by buying local also attacks emissions from one of the most harmful industries for climate change.

Right now, 86 of our 125 BPS schools are cooking healthy and fresh meals from scratch, compared to just 30 schools cooking last year. By November, that number will be up to 108 schools as we ramp up staffing. The other schools that don't yet have kitchens are served by our wonderful local food partner, a Black-owned, employee cooperative business based right in Roxbury, City Fresh Foods, who also provide the after-school snacks and other food options at some of the scratch-cooking schools as well.

By keeping all our dollars as local as possible, we're prioritizing nutrition, supporting our local economy, and building wealth directly in our communities.

Our office of food justice has an ambitious agenda to expand access, opportunity, and connection through food. We'll keep growing these efforts throughout Boston, from neighborhood farmers markets and restaurants, to BPS schools and the local farms in our good food purchasing ecosystem.

Michelle Wu is the Mayor of Boston.

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News Briefs

CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC-SAFETY MEETING SET FOR SEPT. 26 AT DISTRICT 15

A Charlestown public-safety meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. at the community room at District 15 headquarters, 20 Vine St.

DAYTIME BRIDGE MACHINERY INSTALLATION AT CHELSEA STREET BRIDGE

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that it will be conducting work to install span guide roller machineries on the Chelsea Street Bridge in East Boston and Chelsea. This work is scheduled to take place Monday through Friday, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This work is schedule to begin on Monday, September 25 and will conclude on Friday, November 17. There will be no weekend closures during scheduled Sumner Tunnel closures. The work will require off peak temporary lane and sidewalk closures. The bridge will remain fully operational during the installation of the new machinery and pedestrian access across the bridge will be maintained at all times. The schedule for this work is weather dependent and is subject to change without notice.

Drivers who are traveling through the area should reduce speed and use caution.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and advanced message boards will be in place to guide drivers through the work area.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

• Download the Mass511 mobile app or visit www.mass511. com to view live cameras, travel times, real-time traffic conditions, and project information before setting out on the road. Users can subscribe to receive text and email alerts for traffic conditions.

• Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.

• Follow @MassDOT on X, (formerly known as Twitter), to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions. The following is a public health warning related to a recent sewage discharge, also known as a combined sewer overflow CSO). State regulations require local public health departments to provide notice to the public when these discharges may create a risk to public health, including when a discharge lasts for more than two hours.

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Outflow MWR203, located at Prison Point in Charlestown near the Charles River Dam, experienced a discharge or overflow starting on Monday, September 18, at 2:45pm, creating a potential public health risk. The overflow ended Monday, September 18, at 11:08pm, and this advisory expired 48 hours after the overflow has ended. Note that this data is preliminary and may be revised. Check the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority website and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission for current updates. This event impacts the waters of the Upper Inner Harbor and Charlestown.

Boston Water and Sewer Commission Outflow BOS070, located in the Fort Point Channel, experienced a discharge or overflow starting on Monday, September 18th at 8:15pm, creating a potential public health risk. The overflow ended Monday, September 18th at 10:30pm, and this advisory will expire 48 hours after the overflow has ended. Note that this data is preliminary and may be revised. Check the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority website and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission for current updates. This event impacts the waters of the Upper Inner Harbor and Charlestown.

Public health warning issued on recent sewage discharge

The public is advised to avoid contact with affected water bodies for at least 48 hours after a sewage discharge or overflow, during rainstorms, and for 48 hours after rainstorms end, due to increased health risks from bacteria or other pollutants associated with urban stormwater runoff and discharges of untreated or partially treated wastewater.

A combined sewer overflow occurs when a large storm overwhelms the combined sewerage system causing rainwater to mix with wastewater and discharge to a nearby water body. This prevents sewage backups into homes and businesses.

More information about CSOs and public health is available at www.boston.gov/cso.

CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

The 2023 / 2024 GYM season has begun! For returning fans, the team Bryan's Pals are now Massport's Finest, all teams are tied after week 1!

Standings for the week of 9/9/2023

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Massport's Finest	0	0	1
Halligan Club	0	0	1
Duce 2	0	0	1
A-1 Convenience	0	0	1

Players of the week for 9/9/2023

<u>A-1 Convenience</u> - Luke Marcella, Logan Fitzgerald

<u>Duce 2</u> - Oskar Hmura, Seamus Sheehan <u>Halligan Club</u> - Pierce Robinson, Brody Lawton <u>Massport's Finest</u> - George Golden, Martin Forbes

CALL TO ARTISTS

Wild New England

Captivating Expressions of Nature Nearby October 6 - 22, 2023 StoveFactory

Deadline 9.22.2023

To Submit: ArtistsGroupofCharlestown.com

Please join with the Friends of City Square Park at our Annual Meeting for a meet & greet with the newly appointed Department of Conservation & Recreation Commissioner Brian Arrigo.

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opment. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes, the program also nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning.

The Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of the play-based program for young children while offering increased structure, exposure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools.

BHNS will hold Open Houses on Oct. 16 and Nov. 8 at 6:45-8 p.m.; guest must pre-register on the school's website.

All applications are due next Feb. 1, except sibling and legacy applications. which are due Nov. 15.

To learn more about BHNS, visit www.bhns.net or call 617-227-0822.

The Boston Children's School has been an integral part of the Boston community for nearly 60 years.

Established in 1965, the Boston Children's School has been providing quality, early childhood education in Pre-School, Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, and 3 to children from the Greater Boston area and around the world.

Located at Charles River Park, near Massachusetts General Hospital, TD Garden, the Shriners Hospital, and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Hospital, the Boston Children's School is easy to access. And nestled away from the noise and traffic of the city streets, the Boston Children's School is an oasis of tranquility within the City of Boston.

The facility is fully air-conditioned, heated and brightly lit, allowing for a comfortable learning environment in each classroom. The close student to teacher ratio allows classroom teachers to know each child and their individual learning style.

Since the school's inception, its age-appropriate curriculum has

provided children with the knowledge and skills of learning that remain with them for a lifetime. The Boston Children's School also has its own private playground, which allows children secure access to the outdoors throughout the school year. A special Summer-Fun-Program is also available for children in July.

Applications for the academic year are presently being accepted. Registration is available to children between the ages of 2.6 and 7 years old. Information about the flexible time schedules, applications for admission, and tuition are listed on the BCS website at BostonChildrensSchool. Org, or contact the Boston Children's School at 617-367-6239 or 617-BCS-KIDS and ask for Judy Langer, program director.

Charlestown Nursery School, a non-profit nursery school located at 124 Main St. in Charlestown, offers innovative programing for ages 20 months to 5 years old, inspired by the principles of Reggio Emilia, Montessori, and other best practices. Recognized by educators and research institutions from around the globe, CNS has been featured in books, documentaries, and articles.

Each classroom is a "learning lab," with multiple master teachers, learning specialists, fellows, and interns. The emergent curriculum offers a myriad of experiences, including sensory, gross and fine motor early literacy, math skills, dramatic play and music, and visual art through project-based learning. Instruction is personalized through a journey book portfolio-assessment and daily documentation.

Application is available Oct. 1. Early-admissions applications are accepted and reviewed continually from Nov. 15 on a first-come, first-served basis, with acceptance letters typically sent to parents or guardians within 15 days. Visit tours and open houses to see the learning in action. To learn more about Charlestown Nursery School, visit charlestownnurseryschool.org or call 617-242-5159.

The Spruce Street Nursery School was founded in 1996 on Spruce Street on Beacon Hill and moved to 5 Avery Place in the fall of 2002.

Its enrollment is 49 children on any given day, with 12 teachers, along with three administrators. Besides its morning program, the school also offers Afternoon Enrichment, including activities, such as soccer, swim, dance and cooking. The school also has its own private playground.

"At Spruce, we believe that children proceed along a predictable path at a somewhat unpredictable rate, and it's our job to meet them where they are and help them along their own unique journey," said Christie Guevin, the school's director.

Spruce Street Nursery School will hold an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 21, with faculty, staff, and current parents on hand to discuss the curriculum, and to answer questions from guests. Tuition is due in two installments – the first before July 15 and the second before Dec. 15 – and tuition assistance is available to all qualified applicants.

Visit sprucestreet.org, call 617-482-5252, or email admissions@ sprucestreet.org for more information.

The Advent School is a progressive elementary school in the heart of Boston.

Since 1961, The Advent School's progressive, Reggio Emilia-inspired teaching philosophy instills confidence and curiosity in its students. The school enrolls 173 students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade from 43 neighborhoods across Boston.

Advent students enjoy a learning environment that balances academic rigor and social-emotional needs. They gain confidence using their knowledge in real-world applications, from using labels on fruit to plot trade routes to designing a more inclusive Massachusetts state flag. "Advent students are independent investigators who think critically, ask questions, and advocate for themselves and others," said Director of External Affairs Abby Hayhurst. "At Advent, we believe that engaging children as active participants in their learning is an act of social justice."

Students know and care for their Boston community and spend time outside campus engaging with neighbors, business owners, and politicians. Advent graduates attend various next schools, including the Boston Exam Schools, regional public schools, and other independent schools across the Greater Boston area. Call 617-742-0520, ext. 15, or visit adventschool.org for more information.

Nestled in the heart of Boston's historic North End, St. John School has educated children since 1895.

Welcoming PreK-Grade 8 students, the school provides a Catholic education committed to educating children in an atmosphere that fosters a spirit of community, faith, and academic excellence.

Students enjoy a rigorous academic curriculum enriched by integrated STEM programming, Italian language instruction, and the school's own in-house hydroponic garden, Tower Garden Program. This program teaches students about mindfulness, nutrition, food production, and community service, as well as traditional academic subjects. St. John's partners with the Franciscan Food Center at St. Anthony's Shrine to donate the produce from the garden to the hungry.

St. John School is also proud of its partnership with the Lynch Foundation Early Childhood Initiative, an extraordinary project founded by Carolyn and Peter Lynch, for the school's 3- and 4-year-olds. The project supports an environment that nurtures the social and emotional well-being of students in order for robust learning to take place before the start of kindergarten.

Join St. John on Welcome Wednesdays between 9 and 10



a.m. to see all that the school has to offer, or contact Lesley McCormick via email at lmccormick@ sjsne.org or by calling 617-227-3143 to schedule a tour.

Boston College High School in Dorchester is a Jesuit, Catholic, college preparatory school serving boys in Grades 7-12, which was founded in 1863.

Prospective students in all grades are required to take entrance exams (i.e. ISSE for seventh- and eighth-graders; and HSPT, SSAT, etc. for high school freshman, sophomores, and juniors).

Applications are due Jan. 16, 2024. The school is holding an Open House on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon for seventh and eighth graders; and from 2 to 4 p.m. for Grades 9-11.

Visit bchigh.edu to register, or call 617-474-5010 for more information.

Malden Catholic, located at 99 Crystal St. in Malden, was founded in 1932 by the Xaverian Brothers.

Over the past four years, Malden Catholic has experienced unprecedented growth. The high school reimaged its future by joining the fundamental strength and core values of Boys Catholic (1932) with its sister school, Girls Catholic (1908) to create a co-divisional school with single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school, which has become the one of the best and fastest growing high schools in New England.

The school's board of trustees designates \$3.5 million in financial-aid assistance to qualifying students, with 65 percent of students receiving some form of tuition assistance last year.

Malden Catholic will hold an Open House for prospective students on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 5 and 7 p.m.

Visit maldencatholic.org or call 781-322-3098 for more information.

Walnut Hill School for the Arts, an independent boarding school and day school for the arts in Natick, is intended for student artists in Grade 9 through 12, with a post-graduate year also available.

The school offers world-class training in dance; music; theater; visual art; and writing, film-andmedia arts, complemented by an innovative college-prep academic curriculum.

The school be holding a Fall Admission Open House for prospective students all day on Saturday, Oct. 28.

For more information, visit walnuthillart.org or call 508-653-4312.



Area groups form Plastic Free Mass

Over a dozen community and environmental groups have joined forces to form Plastic Free Mass, a new coalition dedicated to ending the use of polluting plastic. The group will push for new policies to protect our Commonwealth's residents and natural resources by ending our plastic addiction and moving us toward a cleaner future.

The data couldn't be clearer. Nearly 40% of the plastic produced annually is for single-use plastics and packaging. Very little plastic – between 5-6% in the United States - is actually recycled. Plastic is toxic and polluting at every stage of its lifecycle - from extraction and manufacturing, to use, recycling, and disposal. Many single-use plastics can be easily reduced, redesigned for reuse, or replaced with nontoxic alternatives.

"The Friends of the Malden River have sponsored many cleanups around and in the Malden River. The Malden River, a typical urban river, is inundated with plastic pollution due to its physical connection with the city's stormwater system. Volunteers have removed thousands of single use plastic items and pounds of degraded polystyrene from the waterway. It is distressing. We have witnessed the contamination of the collected recycling at our local single stream recycling system. Typically, over 65% of Malden's collected recyclables are contaminated with plastic bags, household waste, and nonrecyclable plastics and metals. This contaminated recycling is incinerated at the Wheelabrator Saugus Plant. The Plastic Blight needs to end with state legislation and public awareness, " said Karen Buck, Friends of Malden River.

Accordingly, we support legislation, policies, and programs that: phase out and avoid the production and use of any unnecessary single-use plastics, reduce and eliminate plastic packaging whenever possible, and modernize our state's beverage container deposit system to include reuse and refill targets.

The members of Plastic Free Mass include Berkshire Environmental Action Team, Berkshire Zero Waste Initiative, Beyond Plastics, Clean Water Action, Conservation Law Foundation, Container Recycling Institute, Environmental League of Massachusetts, Friends of the Malden River, Just Zero, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, MetroWest Climate Solutions, Mothers Out Front, Oceana, Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts, Seaside Sustainability, Slingshot, and Story of Stuff.

"The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is an environmental leader in so many ways, so it's particularly disappointing to see us fall behind in the area of solid waste. For example, our state is one of the only states in New England without a statewide plastic bag ban, and our bottle bill has one of the lowest redemption rates in the country. We must move quickly and decisively to remedy these shortcomings or we risk falling even further behind in the fight to curb the climate crisis, " said Kirstie Pecci, Executive Director, Just Zero

Mara Shulman, Senior Attorney, Conservation Law Foundation added, "It's time to finally address the plastics crisis in Massachusetts. From modernizing our antiquated beverage container deposit system, to banning single-use plastic bags at checkout, to making producers of plastic packaging responsible for reducing packaging and managing plastic waste at its end of life, there are several pending bills that will take us in the right direction. We stand with our elected officials and pledge to keep up the momentum because there is no time to waste in taking a bite out of waste."

Healey announces a plan to ban state agencies from purchasing single-use plastic bottles

In a New York Climate Week speech, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey announced a plan to ban state agencies from buying single-use plastic bottles. Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) released the following statement in response.

"Single-use plastics are a scourge on our environment and our communities," said CLF zero waste attorney Mara Shulman. "These products hasten the climate crisis and endanger the health of people and wildlife. Governor Healey's ban is a great step towards making Massachusetts a leader in fighting the plastics crisis."

CLF and our partners in the Plastic Free Mass coalition and Zero Waste Caucus are pushing for the legislature to ban all sorts of single-use plastic, modernize the state's antiquated beverage container deposit system, and pass an extended producer responsibility for plastic packaging law.



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Grades: Age 4 (pre-Kindergar-

ten) - Sixth Grade Tuition: \$36,050 Hours: 8:10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Application deadline: January Financial aid: Need-based aid is available.

Beacon Hill Nursery School 74 Joy Street Boston, MA 02114 617-227-0822

www.bhns.net

Beacon Hill Nursery School was founded in 1955 and has been a vital part of the downtown community since its inception with a consistent commitment to high quality early childhood education. Our primary mission is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning in its students. We cherish children's innate curiosity through purposeful play guided by exceptional early childhood educators.

Our school is warm and welcoming, with two onsite playscapes, a library/community space, eight classrooms and an indoor gym. All of our programs have a strong emphasis on play, hands-on engagement, open-ended exploration and social/emotional development. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes, our program nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning. Our Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of our play-based programs for young children while offering increased structure, exposure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools.

Programs: Toddler (2-2.9 years) 2 or 3 mornings (8:30am-12pm) Preschool (2.9-4 years) - 5

mornings (8:30am-12pm) Junior Kindergarten (4-5 years)

M-Th (8:45am-2:30pm), F (8:45am-12pm)

Extended Day: Early Drop-off 8:15-8:30am

Extended Day until 3:30 or 5:45pm

Deadlines: Sibling & Legacy Applications – November 15

All other Applications – January 15

Meet us: HillFest (at Charles & Mt. Vernon) - September 24, 12-3pm

Open Houses - October 16 and November 8, 6:45-8pm

Pre-register for our Open Houses online at www.bhns.net/meetbhns

Financial Aid: Need-based

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Belmont Day School 55 Day School Lane Belmont, MA 02478 671-932-3889

Belmontday.org

Belmont Day School is a community of inspiring, bold, and remarkable learners and leaders. Curricula emphasizes hands-on, interdisciplinary work that grounds the academic experience in the real world, and faculty expertly offer each individual the appropriate level of challenge and support. Students build a strong sense of themselves and embody the school's core values of excellence, honesty, caring, joy, responsibility and respect. Graduates go on to high schools of their choosing, where they are embraced as confident self-advocates and leaders.

Learn more at an Open House:-Saturday, October 21, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Grades: Pre-K through grade 8 Register at www.belmontday. org

Boston Children's School 8 Whittier Place Boston, MA 02114 617-367-6239 BostonChildrensSchool.org

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The BCS curriculum is designed to be age appropriate. Children learn and play in small groups, in individual, intimate classroom settings, allowing the classroom teachers to know each child and their individual learning style. In addition to daily classroom activities, the Boston Children's School offers sign language and music as part of its curriculum. All children have daily access to the private on-site playground. The Boston Children's School also offers a "Summer-Fun-Program" to chil-dren between the ages of 3 and 8 years old starting in July.

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Hours - 8:45 a.m. through 5 p.m., half day programs are available.

Early arrival at 8:15 a.m. and late stay until 5:30 p.m. also available.

Application Deadline: January 19.

Charlestown Nursery School 124 Main Street Charlestown, MA 617-242-5169 charlestownnurseryschool.com

admissions@ charlestownnurseryschool.org

Charlestown Nurserv School (CNS) is an innovative program for children 20 months-5 years old that draws on the best research from Reggio Emilia, Montessori and other thoughtful approaches. Our curriculum is built around a series of explorations that grow out of the children's own interests and integrates individualized development – combining the power of the children's boundless curiosity with an expertly guided investigative approach that immerses the children in the process and joys of real discovery, with the goal of nurturing self-motivated, life-long learners. CNS has been recognized by educators from around the world and has been highlighted in many studies of high-quality early childhood. CNS is known for the teacher researchers and experts.

The city's resources – including parks, museums, libraries, and historic attractions – are considered part of the school's "campus," and our frequent visits foster the child's feeling of being at home in the wider world. In the last years, we have taken even more of our learning outside. See more on Instagram.

Ages: 20 months - 5 years.

Tuition variable by program. Early admission begins Nov.15 and is first come, first serve. Applications on the website

Park Street School – Preschool One Park Street Boston, MA 02108 617-523-7577 Parkstreetschool.org Consider the best education for children Toddler - Grade 6 in bright and sunny facilities in Beacon Hill! While our location is ideal, it's our remarkable students, faculty and families working together, forming close relationships that creates a vibrant and nurturing community where children thrive.

Grounded in Core Knowledge philosophy, children build strong foundations of knowledge in the early years - an approach foundational to developing critical thinking skills necessary for lifelong learning. Learning here is active! Creativity, imagination, and social development are fostered through lessons, learning centers and play. Whether collecting leaves, discovering animals' habitats in Ponds and Meadows, or bicycling in gym, children are "out of the chair" making connections in and out of the classroom and between subjects. The learning is authentic and sets us apart. As a Christian school, we're committed to guiding students in the formation of character and an understanding of God's love for them. Connecting the mind and the heart - classroom learning and character education is what makes Park Street School special.

Ages: 2-5 years Tuition: \$12,075-\$25,135; \$2,100-\$8,750 additional for afternoon programs Financial Assistance: Available for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, with limited availability for Preschool. Hours:8:00 a.m.- noon for morning programs, Creative Afternoons noon-3:00 p.m. for ages 2.9 and up. Two, three, four and fiveday programs available. Application deadline: Jan. 3 for priority for fall programs.

Saint John School 9 Moon Street Boston, MA 02113 617-227-3143 www.sjsne.com

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sprucest.org

Spruce Street Nursery School offers a joyous early learning experience for children from 2 through 5 years of age. In four open classrooms designed to stimulate creativity and enhance development, dedicated teachers lovingly provide both individual and group instruction and support. Lessons are planned thematically, with ample opportunities for exploration and guided instruction. Physical development is enhanced through daily trips to our on-site playground. Parent involvement is an integral element of the Spruce Street experience, and the communication between teachers, parents, and children ensures a strong community.

Ages: 2 - 5 years

Tuition: \$13,300 - \$27,500 Hours: Day Program 8:30am-1pm Acorns 2 - 2.9 years M, W, F or T, TH;

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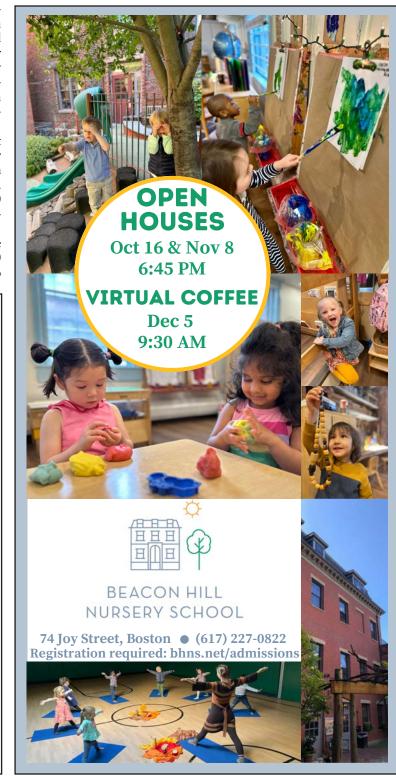
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Early Arrival: 7:30 - 8:30 am, separate fees apply

Enrichment & Extended Day: 1-3:30 pm., separate fees apply

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Late Day: 3:30-5:30 pm Application deadline for the 2024-25 school year is January 16th

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for more information or to register to attend, scan below (drop-ins welcome too!)



ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

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HIGH SCHOOLS

Boston College High School 150 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, MA 02125 617.474.5057 enrollment@bchigh.edu

Climate change. AI. Racial and economic inequality. Today's most pressing issues will shape the lives of countless future generations. But so too will young people have the chance to shape solutions to these problems and steer the course of history.

At Boston College High School, our young men are taught to make a difference from their very first day. BC High is a place where leadership, innovation, faith, interculturality, and justice aren't just extraneous parts of the experience - they are thoughtfully woven into the curriculum and everyday life through our Centers for Human Excellence.

Our alumni have changed the world as military and spiritual leaders, politicians and scientists, educators and captains of industry. And while we empower today's students to strive for that same success, we are committed to providing our boys with the care and support that helps them grow into loving men determined to make the world a better place. Our innovative House System sets an unparalleled standard of care that enables students to experience all the resources of a large private school, while being nurtured and mentored in a deeply personal way.

We know our young men inside and out - and we hope you'll get to know us too. Join us and register for Open House on November 5 at bchigh.edu to learn more about our 160-year history of educating young men grades 7-12 in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition and why BC High might be the perfect fit for your family.

Malden Catholic High School 99 Crystal St, Malden, MA 02148 maldencatholic.org

Since 1932, Malden Catholic has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renown universities including Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, University of Chicago, Georgetown, Cornell, Brown, Tufts University, Carnegie Mellon, Duke, Notre Dame, Northeastern University, Boston College and College of the Holy Cross, just to name a few. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. Visit our website to sign up for an Open House or email admissions@maldencatholic.org.

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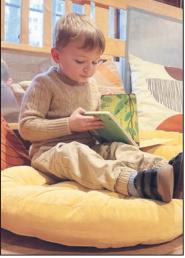
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Each Spring, through the courtesy of the Tufts Dental School, dentists and dental students meet with the children of The Boston Children's School, a private, coeducational school, to talk about the proper care of teeth. Information about eating good food for healthy teeth, the proper hygiene for keeping teeth and gums healthy are some of the topics discussed. The interactive discussions involve the use of puppets to demonstrate the proper way to brush your teeth. All children received a toothbrush and tooth paste compliments of the visiting dental professionals. This annual event is part of the Health and Wellness curriculum at The Boston Children's School.

BEACON HILL NURSERY SCHOOL



Students enjoying their time at the Beacon Hill Nursery School.

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The Walnut Hill School for the Arts provides an immersive and intensive learning environment for talented arts students in Grades 9-12









Welcome Back- St. John's students (above and below) enjoyed popsicles to celebrate the first day of the new school year. Principal Cassidy, faculty, students, and parents are happy to be back! ST John School is a pre-K to 8 school in The North End of Boston, To schedule a tour kindly email Lesley McCormick at Imccormick@ sjsne.org or call 617-227-3143.



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Teachers and students working together at Charlestown Nursery School.





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Changes to marketing and leasing processes for IDP housing units

Special to the Regional Review

The City of Boston announced a series of changes aimed at simplifying and adding transparency to the process of marketing and leasing up income-restricted housing produced through the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) program.

This spring, officials initiated a comprehensive review of the marketing and lease up process for income-restricted units. Our team conducted one-on-one interviews and focus group discussions with housing seekers, developers, and marketing agents. We also sent out a survey to over 5,000 applicants who participated in recent lotteries for IDP housing units. Through these efforts, we gained valuable insights into the experiences of our stakeholders and identified areas where we could make significant improvements.

Four significant changes were implemented for the marketing and lease up income restricted units through the City's IDP program:

1. Simplified Marketing and Tenant Selection Plan: The City is reducing its current 68-page marketing and tenant selection plan to a concise five-page document. We will accompany the new plan with a handbook that will provide in-depth guidance about the marketing and lease up process. The handbook will be available online and will be regularly updated. You can access the new marketing and tenant selection plan template and handbook by visiting the City of Boston's Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing website.

2. Improved Outreach Methods: We are changing the requirements associated with advertising and outreach. Developers will no longer be required to advertise their IDP income restricted units in local newspapers or hold in-person application distribution sessions. Instead, the City of Boston will spearhead new coordinated advertising for all active projects in both print newspapers and digital mediums. The City will also host hybrid information and application distribution sessions at sites across the city.

3. Streamlined Application Process: The City is removing request forms for residents interested in renting or buying IDP units, eliminating unnecessary paperwork and simplifying the process.

4. Increased Transparency: The City will begin posting the results

of our lotteries and subsequent constituent outreach online. Housing seekers will be able to see their exact position in line for a specific housing opportunity and understand the reasons behind their progression or non-progression in the process.

These four steps represent significant progress towards streamlining and simplifying the process, we are committed to further enhancements. Over the next several months, officials will continue to make changes to improve the experience for both housing seekers and developers.

Officials raise risk for EEE to high in three more communities

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) last week announced that Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) has been detected in an additional mosquito sample collected on September 13 in Brimfield. This finding raises the EEE risk level to high in Brimfield, Sturbridge, and Holland and to moderate in Wales.

This is in addition to the six communities already at high risk for EEE: Douglas, Dudley, Oxford, Southbridge, Sutton, and Webster. Auburn, Charlton, Grafton, Millbury, Northbridge, and Uxbridge are at moderate risk.

"The forecast is for cooler temperatures which will start to reduce mosquito activity," said Dr. Catherine M. Brown, State Epidemiologist. "However, the risk for spread of EEE virus from mosquitoes to people is still present. Everyone in these moderateand high-risk areas should take the recommended steps to prevent mosquito bites; this includes avoiding outdoor activity between dusk and dawn in the high-risk communities."

EEE is a rare but serious and potentially fatal disease that can affect people of all ages. EEE is generally spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. There were 12 human cases of EEE in Massachusetts in 2019 with six deaths and 5 human cases with one death in 2020. There were no human cases of EEE in Massachusetts in 2021 or 2022. No human or animal case of EEE has been detected in Massachusetts so far this year.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient (DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-Menthane-3,8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing longsleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes

near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at Mosquito-borne Diseases | Mass.gov, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT RE-SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 23

The Suffolk Downs 3rd Annual Touch a Truck event has been re-scheduled for Saturday, September 23.

Touch a Truck will provide kids and kids at heart an up-close view of tractors, trucks, diggers, police cars, fire engines and more! Attendees will be able to sit in the seats, honk the horns, and take their picture on the front end. There will also be kids activities, face painting, games, bubbles, food trucks, and craft beer by Night Shift Brewery in the Paddock!



Niall and Daniel Horgan check out a John Deere tractor during last year's Touch a Truck event.

<u>LEGAL NOTICE</u> COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THF TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 **CITATION ON** PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P1915EA Estate of: David Myers Also known as: David L. Mvers Date of Death: 04/22/2023 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate

of Will with Appointment

of Personal Representative

has been filed by Nancy A.

LEGAL NOTICE Chandler of St. Pete Beach, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Nancy A. Chandler of St. Pete Beach, FL be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. **IMPORTANT NOTICE** You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/19/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this

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a timely written appearance

and objection followed by an

affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRA-TION UNDER THE MASSACHU-SETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised ad ministration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of admin-

istration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 07, 2023 Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead for the North Washington ST. Bridge through September 30 is as follows:

Scheduled Work

• Installation of concrete bridge barriers and sidewalks

• Off-bridge utility work and cutover to permanent bridge

• Off-bridge approach barrier and curb work

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:

• BREAK'N THE ICE: Sept. 23 at 12 p.m.

• BRUINS PRESEASON: Sept.

24 at 5 p.m. and Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. • CONCERTS: Sept. 25 at 8:30 p.m., Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m., and 9/30 at 8 p.m.

How can I find more information?

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

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website: Project Mass. gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement.

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Passengers urged to plan ahead as detours expected at Logan

Special to the Regional Review

Due to ongoing roadway work that will impact passengers using Terminals B, C and E roadways, the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is urging departing passengers to plan for extra time if driving to the airport and/or utilize the various transit modes to get to and from Logan. Terminals B and C are Boston Logan's busiest terminals – B serves American, United, Air Canada, Spirit, Southwest, Boutique and Alaska, while C serves JetBlue, Aer Lingus, Cape Air and TAP Air Portugal. Ongoing roadway construction will revamp the current terminal roadway system to eliminate backups, enhance the passenger pickup and drop off process, and get passengers to and from the terminals faster, improving the overall customer experience at Boston Logan.

During the 11-day period through September 25 (weather permitting), the roadway construction will require detours. Terminals C and E Departures traffic will be detoured to alternative roadways. Terminal C Departures level traffic will be re-routed to

the Arrivals level roadway to the Terminal C Ride App area in Central Parking. Terminal E Departures level traffic will be detoured through Terminal B Departures. For one day on September 16, Terminal C and E Arrivals traffic will be detoured through Terminal B Arrivals. Additional signage is being installed and State Police and Massport Ground Transportation staff will be on site to assist drivers.

The roadway construction is replacing the aging roadway infrastructure along both levels between the terminals. When work is completed, Terminals C and E Departures traffic will be able to use the newly constructed roadway and will no longer have to merge with vehicles exiting Terminal B. The construction will also create more curb space at Terminal C - and reduce congestion on Boston Logan's roadways - by improving traffic flow and increasing traffic safety. This project is set to be completed this November.

We strongly urge passengers to take advantage of the various transit modes to and from Logan, such as MBTA's Silver Line (FREE from Logan), Blue Line and water ferry, Logan Express, and private bus lines. Massport operates four suburban Logan Express services including Framingham, Braintree, Woburn and most recently Peabody at the North Shore Mall.

For those picking up loved ones at Logan, we are encouraging the use of Boston Logan's two Cell Phone Lots, located on Service Road and in the area adjacent to the Rental Car Center, to prevent congestion at the terminal curbs. Drivers should follow the signs to either of the Cell Phone Lots, and park until the person or party being picked up is ready at the terminal curb. Each location has approximately 100 parking spots. Additional customer benefits

from this initiative include: · Less queuing on roadways;

Reduction of vehicle emissions

· Increased infrastructure resil-

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various ways to get to and from Boston Logan, please go to

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Settling in with pets

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When you move with pets, you have the added task of finding

new VIPs for your furry friends - those who walk dogs, care for your pets when you travel, groom your critters, and provide routine

and emergency veterinary care. In addition, you need to obtain the local licenses your municipality requires and update your contact on the microchips and tags identifying your animals.

Recommendations

To find excellent dog services, try a two-pronged approach. First, gather recommendations from your new neighbors and those you meet while walking around your new neighborhood. If they're a pet guardian, ask what they like and dislike about the professionals they use. It's good to ask which dog walkers, groomers, petsitters, and veterinarians they've used in the past and why they may have stopped using them.

In some cases, a person with dogs might be a dog walker. Don't hesitate to ask for their company's contact information, even if you're not impressed with their dog-walking style. This will help you avoid services that are not up to your standards.

Dog Walker and Sitter Considerations

We recommend asking some specific questions to find a reliable dog walker. Inquire about their availability throughout the year and if they have coverage when ill or on vacation. Do they have specific training in animal care and pet first aid? Do they carry professional insurance?

Is the dog walker willing to meet you and your dog before scheduling appointments? This allows you to determine if the person is a good fit for your furry friend. Inquire about the number of dogs they usually handle. You might even



When you move with pets, you have the added task of finding new service providers for your furry friend. (Photo by Erda Estremera)

request to accompany them on a

walk to observe their handling of

If you have specific needs or

requirements, make those clear

from the beginning. A close friend

hired a dog walker for her dog

with the condition that the dog

should never be tied up outside.

She told us that if we ever saw her

dog tied up, we were to take him

home and notify her immediate-

ly. One day, Penny found him in

a group of dogs outside a building

and did as requested. That was the

last time that person walked that

Veterinarians and Groomers

home, you must take your dog to

the Vet and groomer. Location and

transportation can be deciding

factors. We recently changed vet-

erinarians to one we could get to

While dog walkers come to your

dog.

your dog within a pack.

without a car.

In addition to a great location, we had already had a good experience with this Veterinary group in an emergency during the pandemic and were impressed. They offered certified fear-free care, which was important for our anxious little dog. They fit our specific needs. Your decision should be based on how well a practice fits your wants and needs.

Don't Wait for Holiday Pet Care!

Now is the time to reserve the holiday season transportation, lodging, and pet care you'll need for your pets and guests who might be coming for a holiday visit. Fortunately, the Greater Boston Area has many pet-friendly hotels. Finding a place for your sister and her dog to stay (if your building does not allow pets) should be easy.

Finding someone to groom, pet sit, or dog walk during the holidays is more complex. If you have a regular service, ask about boarding, sitting, or if you will have a visiting dog to walk over the holidays. As much as they'd like to accommodate regular customers, there's a limit to how many animals a pet sitter can accept.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.



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