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The Concert On The Training Field finally happened in the Fall. Erin Óg (above) performed Celtic music to an audience in the historic park.

Right, Jameson Gallivan from Somerville combines his Spider Man powers with his balloon art to have fun on the Training Field. See Pages 5-7 for more photos.



Coletta opposes PLAN: Charlestown

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta submitted a letter of opposition to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) board last week for consideration of PLAN: Charlestown, a three decade effort to designate and leverage Charlestown – the smallest neighborhood in Boston – as a smart growth region targeted for aggressive redevelopment. The BPDA board ultimately approved the plan despite opposition from the Councilor and State Representative Dan Ryan, among other community stakeholders.

In a letter regarding the plan, Councilor Coletta praised the BPDA's efforts to put planning before development, "ensuring that we are growing to the inclusion of existing residents while creating a healthy, thriving, and prosperous City." With full acknowledgement that growth and population density are inevitable and we

must assess the best and highest uses of these parcels through an urban planning lens, Councilor Coletta praised portions of the plan, such as:

- The transition from industrial use to the creation of affordable housing
- Open space expansion and public realm improvements
- Clear guidelines along Charlestown's coastline and in flood plans for climate resiliency and coastal flooding
- Mobility and multi-modal connectivity improvements
- The comprehensive neighborhood needs analysis

Councilor Coletta noted, "As this initiative has progressed, I've reiterated numerous times that the community needs to be driving this planning process to define what Charlestown will look like for future generations." With that in mind, she went on to say, "Despite

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BPDA adopts PLAN: Charlestown

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

After years of planning and discussions with residents, the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) neighborhood planning initiative PLAN: Charlestown was adopted by the agency's Board of Directors last week.

A press release from the BPDA announcing the plan's adoption says, "The implementation of this plan will deliver new zoning, along with the resources, amenities, and modifications that residents have been advocating for, such as diverse housing options, open space, historic preservation tools, and transportation infrastructure."

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The plan, which looks at the needs of the neighborhood from today to 30 years in the future, was described by Aimee Chambers, the BPDA's Director of Planning, as a "Long-range and high-level framework plan which responds to current development pressure with clear guidelines for predictable outcomes."

Some specifics of the plan to note include land use and density changes in the Sullivan Square and Rutherford Avenue planning framework area, which would

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CHARLESTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CALENDAR

CNC Development Committee Meeting, Thursday, October 12, 2023, 7 p.m.

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council's Development Committee will hold an in-person, public meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2023, from 7-9 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens Street, Charlestown. The sole agenda item will be the 10 Thompson Square redevelop-

ment. A presentation by the project proponents will be followed by an opportunity for the committee and community to ask questions about the proposed project.

2023 Fall General Meetings Schedule: All meetings are in person - there is no hybrid option at this time. Guests and presentations will be announced closer to the meeting dates. CNC Commit-

tee meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis by the committee chairs and will be announced on CNC02129.org, Facebook, Instagram, and in the Charlestown Patriot-Bridge.

• November 9, 2023, THURSDAY, 7-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford St. Charlestown MA 02129.

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EDITORIAL

AID TO UKRAINE MUST BE APPROVED FORTHWITH

The entire country (with the exception of those whose goal is to cause anarchy and chaos) breathed a sigh of relief thanks to the last-minute passage by the House and Senate of a bill to fund the government for 45 days this past weekend. However, there was a glaring omission in the bill's 71 pages: The lack of funding earmarked for additional military aid for Ukraine to assist in its fight against the barbaric invasion of that country by the sociopathic dictator of Russia, Vladimir Putin.

Although substantial majorities of both parties in both the House and the Senate favor our continued and future financial support for the Ukrainians in their struggle for freedom, the funding proposed by the Pentagon for more weaponry and other aid did not make it into the final bill that was signed by President Biden. The small minority of legislators who almost crashed the government this weekend also are opposed to providing the Ukrainians with further aid for reasons known only to themselves and it was to this small group that legislative leaders kowtowed in the final bill by excluding financial assistance to Ukraine.

The news footage each and every night reveals the ongoing atrocities being committed by Putin against the Ukrainian people. Right now, they and they alone are standing up to the sociopathic Putin, demonstrating to the world that their freedom is worth fighting and dying for.

In addition, the united front of America and its Western allies against Putin's invasion is signaling to the Chinese that they should not expect that the U.S. and its Pacific allies will stand by if they decide to invade Taiwan or continue to control the South China Sea with outlandish claims about their "territorial waters."

Anyone who asserts that it is time for a "peaceful resolution" to the war in Ukraine is playing into Putin's hands. Putin wants to swallow Ukraine whole. He already had annexed a large chunk of eastern Ukraine and the Crimea when he undertook his invasion. There is no reason to think that Putin would come to the peace table now and even if he did, does anyone seriously believe that he would honor any peace deal?

We live in a world where people expect everything to be done fast and patience is not a virtue. But the simple reality is that Putin is playing a waiting game, all the while destroying and killing as much as possible, hoping that support for Ukraine by the free world will wane and eventually his tanks will roll into Kyiv. The only means by which Putin can succeed is if Ukraine's allies throw in the towel -- a move that not only would be devastating for the Ukrainians, but that would prove to have significant adverse consequences for our own foreign policy.

We urge our members of Congress to work to support a new package of aid to Ukraine ASAP. America needs to show potential dictators that the free world will stand united against their tyrannical impulses.

TIM WAKEFIELD

We just wish to say a few words to acknowledge the passing this week of Tim Wakefield, the former Red Sox pitcher, who passed away suddenly this week from brain cancer. Beyond his remarkable success as a Major League pitcher for 20 years, 17 of which were with the Red Sox (during which time he became the all-time winningest pitcher in Red Sox history with 186 victories), Tim Wakefield was acknowledged by everyone who knew him to be the ultimate team player.

For many athletes, that is a mere cliché, but Tim Wakefield truly exemplified the meaning of that term both on and off the field. He embraced his work with the Jimmy Fund and the Dana Farber Institute in a quiet way, touching the lives of countless children, their families, and their caregivers, with his empathy and support.

Yes, Tim Wakefield will be celebrated as a famous athlete, but, in the words of the poet Wordsworth, his lasting legacy will be this:

"That best portion of a good man's life;
"His little, nameless, unremembered
"Acts of kindness and of love."

GUEST OP-ED

Hell's fire – treat others the way you want to be treated

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Do you worry about going to hell? Will you burn there in hell's fire? Will you be in the hands of the Devil?

Hell may be a place where people are locked into a room with endless Presidential candidates hollering and speaking over each other to the point that nothing makes much sense and everybody ends up sounding crazier and crazier.

I accept what Jesus taught about heaven and hell. He actually talked more about hell than he did heaven. Hell is described as a very sad place of pain and suffering. I certainly do not want to leave my body and go somewhere worse. I have chosen to go to the better of the two places and I am trusting in Jesus to get me there.

As you know there is plenty of hell on earth. Why would we want to leave the hell of earth and go to more hell?

A dear friend told me recently about his sweet wife being in Intensive Care in Alabama. She

has battled multiple sclerosis for 20 years. All the medication she takes has impacted her heart. She recently had a heart attack and is now intubated. "MS sucks," my friend said.

Most of us have watched loved ones die from lung cancer, pulmonary fibrosis, dementia, diabetes, and various neurological diseases. It's hell for the person and hell for the loved ones. Most likely if we live long enough, we will all go through some form of severe suffering. You might die suddenly and escape the long valley of suffering or you may not. Being intubated, struggling to breathe, walk, talk, and eat is not a way any of us want to spend our days.

So where is hell? There's plenty of it on planet earth. Almost 2 billion people live in poverty. Many of these people have to walk somewhere every day for just a bucket of water. Every day, millions are desperate for medical care but have access to none. Millions of Americans are homeless. Six million more immigrants have entered

our country over the last three years. So, there is more homelessness, poverty, misery, and hell in the streets of America than ever before.

Life and planet earth are great if you are relatively healthy, have a place to sleep, food to eat, and a little money to spend. However, health can change fast and often does. The point is there are lots of suffering people and suffering caregivers. Do everything you can to be kind to people. Give them a smile. A good word. A good deed. Be helpful when you can. You will appreciate it when it's your turn to suffer.

Many people are suffering in hell every day. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

pieces of correspondence which have been received, per City Councilor Coletta.

How can the BPDA tell its Board of Directors that they have the support of the Charlestown Community? Talk about "alternative facts"!

Like most of the Charlestown residents I know, I strongly

ly oppose Plan Charlestown because its buildings are too high, it is too dense (80+% increase in population), it is disrespectful of Charlestown's rich history, and too unhealthy for the people who call Charlestown our home

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I WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED

To the Editor,

After listening to the BPDA 4-person Board of Directors Meeting last Thursday evening, via ZOOM, which was the only option for participation, for 3.5 hours, I was very disappointed that the BPDA Board approved Plan Charlestown without further modification or delay.

I was most amazed that the BPDA staff and leadership repeatedly cited the participation of the community in the planning process, and the approval of much of the community with the plan.

The fact is that Daniel Ryan, our State Representative, is on the record as NOT supporting the current plan; as is Gabriela Coletta, our Boston City Councilor; as is the Charlestown Neighborhood Council; as is the Charlestown Civic Association; as is the Charlestown Preservation Society; as are over 4,000 of Charlestown's residents and taxpayers who signed a petition for an alternative community-based Master Plan, as are the authors of hundreds of



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(increased pollution, increased shadows, increased heat island effect, decreased mature tree canopy, decreased sunlight, too close to the highways, and in known flood zones). It also does not, and cannot, adequately guarantee the infrastructure improvements needed to absorb the increased traffic, parking, school children, etc.

Louis D. Brandeis once said "We must make our choice. We may have democracy or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we cannot have both." At last Thursday's BPDA Board of Director's meeting, democracy did not win. The big money developers won.

The disregard of the wishes and rights of the Charlestown residents and taxpayers reminds me of the shameful way the citizens of the West End were treated during the "urban development" of the late 1950's and 1960's.

Please defend our town and our democracy. Take action and write Mayor Wu at mayor@boston.gov and also Dr David Cash, the EPA Regional Administrator for Region 1 at cash.david@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Paul G Hughes

MAKING THE CANCER FIGHT A TOP PRIORITY FROM CHARLESTOWN TO D.C.

To the Editor,

This month, I had the honor of representing Massachusetts Congressional District 7 on Capitol Hill. Along with roughly 600 of my fellow American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) volunteers from across the country, I traveled to Washington, D.C., to urge lawmakers to make cancer a national priority.

Together, we called on Congress to support lifesaving policies that help people prevent and treat cancer. We asked legislators for their support in increasing federal funding for cancer research and prevention, and to support legislation

that would waive out-of-pocket costs for individuals with the highest risk of prostate cancer/create a pathway for Medicare to cover new multi-cancer early detection tests once they are approved by the FDA and proven effective.

I had the opportunity to sit down with staff members from Senator Warren, Senator Markey and Representative Pressley's offices to tell them that cancer isn't partisan—it touches every community. I also let them know that Charlestown residents and many others across the country rely on them to support legislation.

With about 1,670 people dying from cancer daily, our lawmakers must take legislative action on these crucial issues. Congress should seize the opportunity to pass critical, bipartisan legislation to help save lives and end cancer as we know it, for everyone.

I encourage you to join us and give us a stronger and louder voice in the fight against cancer. Visit fightcancer.org to be connected to people like me in your community.

Kate Weissman
State Lead Ambassador, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN)
Charlestown, MA

WE ARE LIVING IN A CLIMATE EMERGENCY THAT WILL BE WORSE

To the Editor,

On September 28, the BPDA Board consisting of four members voted to approve PLAN Charlestown, despite community opposition to the developer-driven, profit based plan. The BPDA willfully acts against the will and best interests of the Charlestown community. There was no valid democratic process, no public comments allowed.

The BPDA Board's approval of PLAN Charlestown, while certainly less horrific than the burning of Charlestown by the British Royal Army (BRA) on June 17, 1775, should be a wake up call to all

Charlestown residents. The Patriots wanted freedom, to determine their own government and lives. The British Empire overruled their power, driven by their own greed, their power, and their hubris, believing they knew better than the Charlestown residents.

History repeats itself. Charlestown will not go up in flames but each resident will be choked by overdevelopment, making our lives more difficult, less healthy, and less enjoyable. Residents do not determine our own fate. The BPDA intends to keep us submissive as the BPDA collects their taxes, fees, kickbacks, and rents, and continues to destroy our environment, our historic fabric and our healthy lives. They say this is "progress." The people of Charlestown disagree.

Charlestown residents want to preserve our historic town, our vibrant community. We want it to be a healthy place to live. We want to avoid the folly of BPDA's Seaport, built without a Master Plan, in a known flood zone, with little greenspace, in a gigantic heat island, and a constant traffic jam.

The BPDA derives the revenue for themselves - another name for "taxation without representation."

Charlestown residents need to know what the BPDA does with its revenue from our community:

During the last decade, the BPDA collected \$40,500,000 in revenue from the Charlestown Navy Yard. (verified by the Treasurer of the BPDA.) During that time, the BPDA spent less than 10% on Navy Yard upkeep, with claims they made improvements, yet approximately \$30,000,000 was spent elsewhere in the city. The head of BPDA Real Estate said "we can spend the money anywhere in the city."

The BPDA has blighted Pier 4 through lack of common maintenance. Courageous Sailing, which serves 1,000 young sailors, was forced into an emergency evacuation because the pier was in threat of "lateral collapse."

• The public is threatened with

injury from falls on the BPDA controlled length of Charlestown Navy Yard Harborwalk. Decades of BPDA maintenance repair requests are not done, creating holes, and trip hazards.

• Under threat from sea level rise, Dry Dock 2 decomposes, with joints that wash into the harbor due to lack of maintenance and protection. This structure is critical to the integrity of the waterfront, and is not repaired or protected.

• The public is deprived of a 2 acre waterfront Pier 5 Park in a community with one of the lowest per capita greenspaces. This BPDA controlled and blighted pier, has been their "future revenue site." Conservation Law Foundation said "no" to their known Chapter 91 violations to build.

• The community needs and deserves this waterfront park to serve all residents, to enhance the Boston Freedom Trail experience, to enrich our community, to share our history, and to provide a critical environmental buffer for sea level rise. Pier 5 is blighted. We ask for your support for Pier 5 Park.

• Shipway Park which is a public park, now is converted to a

music venue with BPDA revenue producing Anchor. Some residents like it; some abutters protest the loud noise. The revenues go to the BPDA.

As Charlestown residents we need to ask ourselves if we are BPDA "subjects" or residents with rights?

Four BPDA Board members (with unelected authority) approved a PLAN that hurts Charlestown. Charlestown is worth defending. We do not oppose development. We oppose domination and greed. The Charlestown community wants a historic district Master Plan, a meaningful community engagement to determine our future.

We ask that you make your voice known. Email the Mayor, write letters, become a modern day Patriot.

Come stand with and for "We the People."

Diane Valle, Ann Kelleher, Raffi Berberian, Michelle Duane, James Duane, Robert O'Leary, Mary Hayes, Marjorie Wallens, Arthur Colpack, Ed Katz, Marcia Katz, Eric Philippi, Larry Rinaldi, Margaret Hammond and many others

When you're switching out your Summer wardrobe for Fall & Winter, why not declutter while you are at it, and donate to the St. Vincent de Paul BUNDLE SUNDAY clothing drive?



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• December 5, 2023, Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford St. Charlestown MA 02129.

"The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold a regular election on Saturday, December 2, 2023 for all eight (8) of the council's at-large seats. Nomination papers with instructions will be available on Friday, Octo-

ber 6, 2023 for download at CNC02129.org, by email request to cnc02129election@gmail.com, and for pick-up in the Charlestown BPL Branch. Completed nomination papers must be postmarked or hand-delivered no later than October 23, 2023. If elected, the term will be for three (3) years beginning in January 2024. Details and updates at CNC02129.org.

We hope that you will take this opportunity to represent your neighbors, promote the well-being of Charlestown and its people, and ensure neighborhood participation in municipal affairs. If you are not running, please vote in support of your neighbors who are asking to represent you!"

CHARLESTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE CONCLUDES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Charlestown Little League recently concluded another successful season with over 330 ball-players from Charlestown and the North End participating across Tee Ball, Rookie Ball (coach pitch), AAA and Majors.

The season got started on April 29th with the traditional Opening Day parade up and over Bunker Hill led by Boston Fire and Police. Always a favorite for the kids, the parade drew strong crowds along the route cheering on the players on their way to the Ryan Fields. After the National Anthem and opening remarks, strong Charlestown Little League supporters Senator Sal DiDomenico, Representative Dan Ryan, City Councilor Gigi Coletta and representatives from the Mayor's Office threw out the first pitch and got the season officially underway.

After an exciting regular season which saw the Breeds Hill Capital Cubs (AAA) and the Casella Cardinals (Majors) capture division championships, Charlestown participated in post-season all-star competition, the 12U all-star team played admirably in District play, including a 4-3 win against the ultimate champion, Everett. The 10U team had a successful District tournament as well, beating Somerville and earning a hard-fought win over long-time rival Dorchester. Post-season play was capped

off with the annual Mayor's Cup tournament, with Charlestown entering 12U, 10U and 9U teams into the competition. The 9Us dominated the tournament, beating Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury and Southie by a combined 43-12 count on their way to the first Charlestown city championship in recent memory.

The program has continued to expand its offering, with the creation of a partnership with Tufts baseball who ran clinics for the players in the spring. A free of charge instructional fall ball league was also added this year.

"The growth in the program has been amazing to watch, almost doubling in the last five years. None of this happens without the tireless efforts of so many board members, parents, volunteers and coaches," said Josh Bresler, President. "I would like to also especially thank all of our sponsors for their financial support of our neighborhood's youth, making baseball in Charlestown accessible for all – regardless of means."

The season will officially conclude with a celebration at the Knights of Columbus on Thursday, October 19th at 6:00.

Charlestown Little League focuses on participation and accessibility – waiving registration fees for anyone who requires financial assistance.



Charlestown Little league during the parade.



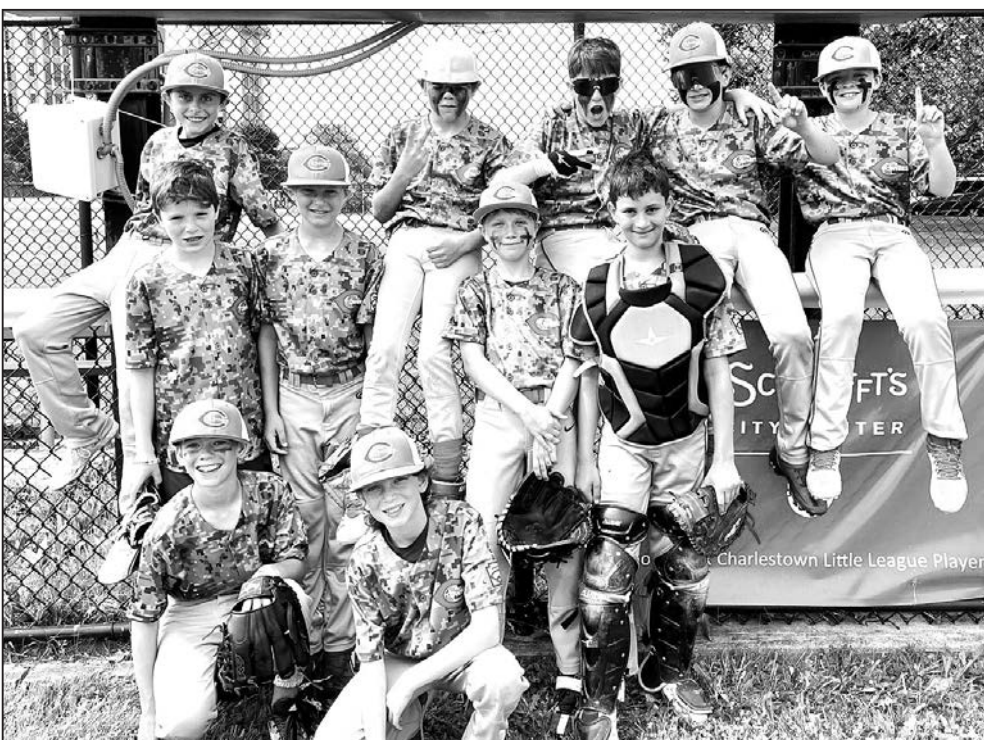
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Virtual Public Meeting

Constitution Inn

OCTOBER

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6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 375 7504



Project Proponent:

Planning Office for Urban Affairs, Inc./ Saint Francis House, Inc

Project Description:

150 Third Avenue in the Charlestown Navy Yard is currently owned by the BPDA and ground-leased to the YMCA of Greater Boston ("YMCA"). The YMCA has used the existing building on the Project Site (the "Building") as a fitness center and inn known as the "Constitution Inn." The Building's gross floor area is 111,388 square feet. The Planning Office for Urban Affairs and Saint Francis House (collectively, the "Proponent") propose to redevelop approximately 90,647 sq. ft. of the Building into 100 units of rental housing, all of which will be affordable to income or program-eligible applicants. The Proponent also intends to lease back approximately 20,747 sq. ft. of the Building to the YMCA to continue operating their facility and aquatics program.

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News Briefs

FALL-O-WEEN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL RETURNS TO BOSTON COMMON OCTOBER 20

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department host the third annual Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival on the Boston Common Parade Ground at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets on Friday, October 20, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston. Key sponsors are College H.U.N.K.S. Hauling Junk & Moving, HP Hood LLC, and Xfinity. Additional support is provided by LEGO® Discovery Center Boston, One Boston Church, Celebrity Series of Boston, WBUR - Boston's NPR, and PLAY-Boston.

Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of free, fun, and spooky family-friendly activities. Test your courage in our Funhouse Maze and on the Spooky Mansion Slide, try the Jumpin' Pumpkin, test your skills at the bean bag toss, and enjoy nighttime fun in our Glow in the Dark Park with LED swings, LED seesaw, and LED cornhole.

A "monster mash" of activities

will include music, arts and crafts, treats, rides on the trackless train, field games, individual, and group play facilitated by Knucklebones, and LEGO® Discovery Center Boston will host giveaways and fun Halloween-themed LEGO building activities.

For more information please go to boston.gov/falloween. To stay up to date with news, events, and design and construction work in Boston parks, sign up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

NEW HEALTH FUNDRAISER

With students back in the classroom, and World Mental Health Day approaching on October 10, NEW Health that maintains a site at Charlestown High School, is holding a Feminine Hygiene Products Drive through October 16. The drive seeks to ease the financial stress many students and patients face when purchasing these necessary products, which will be distributed at the school and also at both the Charlestown and North End health centers. Those interested can donate money through Venmo with the caption "Feminine Hygiene Drive," purchase items from NEW Health's Ama-

zon Wish List, or drop off items at either the Charlestown or North End location. Accepted items include tampons and maxi pads.

As a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) extends its world-renowned healthcare services to people who live and work in and around Boston's North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods. NEW Health is committed to improving the quality of health and life for those it serves by providing high quality health care that is consumer oriented, culturally appropriate, neighborhood-based, affordable, and produces positive outcomes. NEW Health has been serving the North End of Boston and the surrounding community since 1971. In addition to primary care services for all patients, many specialty services are also offered including dental, vision, behavioral health, obstetrics, gynecology, laboratory services and x-ray services. NEW Health is a private, non-profit corporation that is governed by a community-based Board of Directors and licensed by the Department of Public Health. More information at www.newhealthcenter.org, on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Hood Park to host annual Oktoberfest celebration

Fall is in full swing in Charlestown, and on Saturday October 7 from 12-4 p.m., Hood Park will host its second annual Oktoberfest for the community.

Come enjoy family-friendly fun for all ages including a free live art class by renowned local muralist Silvia Lopez Chavez, whose work is featured at Hood Park, facepainting by Fantasy Facepainting, balloon animals by Jonah's Twisters, a petting zoo by Animal Craze, pumpkin carving by Perfect Parties, carnival games, artisan vendors and more. Zinnekin's Waffles and The Sausage Guy will be serving delicious German-inspired food and JB Entertainment will be playing live music from the roof of the Hood Green.

This year's event will also feature a beer garden hosted by Urban Wild, Hood Park's premiere entertainment destination, and Tradesman, Hood Park's pizza bar and coffee shop. In addition to drinks, both will serve fall favorites such as apple cider donuts.

All Hood Park retailers will have booths set up outside of their storefronts during Oktoberfest. Landry's Bicycles will be offering bike valet services, as well as offering bike tune-ups, e-bike rides and information related to guided

bike tours. The Handle Bar and Boston Veterinary Clinic will host informational booths about their offerings, and The Handle Bar will offer special discounts to try their classes. Henry Bear's Park, the leading children's toy retailer, will host kid-friendly activities and famous taco restaurant Naco Taco, will also participate in the event. Both Henry Bears and Naco Taco are slated to open at Hood Park later this fall.

"Hood Park has been intentionally designed as a place that fosters community and brings people together," said Chris Kaneb, Manager of Hood Park LLC. "We are thrilled to welcome the Greater Charlestown community back to our annual Oktoberfest event and look forward to continuing to host community-centered events onsite."

Come join in on the fun to celebrate fall in Hood Park! All are welcome to attend. Hood Park is MBTA accessible and walking distance from Sullivan Station. Free parking is available at 100 Hood Park Drive. The event will be free of charge, but food and drink will require purchase. More information can be found on Eventbrite and Hood Park's website and social channels.



Virtual Public Meeting

66 Cambridge Street

OCTOBER

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6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3PGFuTN

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 682 8192



Project
Proponent:

The Fallon
Company LLC

Project Description:

The proposed project located at 60-66 Cambridge Street consists of the construction of two mixed-use buildings comprised of approximately 812,000 square feet of life science/office/research and development space, and ground floor retail/restaurant/commercial uses, along with below-grade parking.

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CONCERT ON THE TRAINING FIELD

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The concert was delayed 3 times this summer due to bad weather but the Concert On The Training Field finally happened in the Fall. Erin O'g preformed Celtic music to an audience in the historic park.



Flo "Fluffo" Savage facepaints Katherine Langhurst.



Grace Langan, Maureen, Mimi, and Maryann Getchell, and Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan.



Charlie Lynch and Grace Renehan wait for some balloon art from Maureen "Punky Doodle" Yalenezian.



Friends Of The Training Field President Billy Kelly with Massachusetts State Rep Dan Ryan.

The Parish Families of St. Mary – St. Catherine of Siena & St. Francis de Sales

Harvest on Vine

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Friends Of The Training Field President Billy Kelly with high school friends Mary and John.



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Friends Of The Training Field President Billy Kelly (3rd from right) with Jim, Steve, Billy, Kerri, Tyler, and Margaret Raso.

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Friends Of The Training Field President with his wife Barbara.



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Friends Of The Training Field President Billy Kelly's family and friends.

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ARTISTS' GROUP OF CHARLESTOWN PRESENTS THEIR FALL 2023 EXHIBITION, WILD NEW ENGLAND: CAPTIVATING EXPRESSIONS OF NATURE NEARBY

On October 6, the StoveFactory Gallery on 523 Medford Street, Charlestown, continues their 2023 programming with their Fall 2023 Exhibition with Wild New England: Captivating Expressions of Nature Nearby. According to the Jurors, AGC Member, James Heskett, Gallery Chair, Julie Alailima and AGC President Emerita Dara Pannebaker, Wild New England will include a body of work of art from all forms of media.

Wild New England aims to entice the viewer using the flora and fauna of New England in exciting, dynamic and unexpected forms. More than 200 submissions from almost 60 artists in an open and public call for art were considered. The Jurors were charged with the difficult task of reviewing every art submission, and helped ensure that the pieces in the exhibition fit in the theme of the show

and were high quality.

Wild New England opens with a reception on Friday, October 6, from 5-8 p.m. It will continue to run the following Saturdays and Sundays October 7 and 8, 14 and 15, and 21 and 22, from 12-5 p.m.

The StoveFactory Gallery is a 950-square foot space in a renovated 19th century factory building with exposed beam ceilings, white walls, and windows.

The Artists' Group of Charlestown (AGC), a non-profit organization, was founded in 1996. With grants, generous donors, and dedicated member volunteers, the AGC exists to fulfill its mission: to showcase artists' works and to promote high-quality cultural programming for the local community. The StoveFactory Gallery and Studios are the home of the Artists' Group of Charlestown, where almost all of their programming is held.



Shown above and below are some of the art that will be on display during the Wild New England exhibit.

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accommodate around 18,000,000 square feet of new development over 30 years, about 8,000 units, and create approximately 20,000 jobs.

Moreover, the plan identifies opportunities for an additional 34 acres of open space between public and private development, transportation improvements such as bike and pedestrian connections, recommendations to improve neighborhood services, and more.

Since 2019, the BPDA has conducted abundant community engagement, including neighborhood walks, meetings with neighborhood associations, public meetings, and much more to help formulate the plan with the neighborhood.

"We didn't just share information via advertisements and email blasts or simply raise awareness about upcoming meetings; we immersed ourselves into the community," said Jason Ruggiero, a Community Engagement Manager with the BPDA.

"We nurtured deep relationships, actively involving stakeholders in decision-making and eagerly sought their input and collaboration," he added.

Although the BPDA has been working with the community throughout this process and, over

the last couple of months, made updates to the plan, some in the neighborhood voiced opposition to it before the Board's vote last week.

Neighborhood groups like the Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) and Charlestown Preservation Society (CPS) penned letters to Mayor Michelle Wu in opposition to the plan last month.

Specifically, the CNC's letter voiced their frustration with the community engagement, while the CPS had issues with the merits and recommendations in the plan.

While there was no opportunity for comments from the public during the PLAN: Charlestown portion of the board meeting, multiple elected officials stood with their constituents and did not support the plan.

One elected official who did not support the plan was City Councilor Gabriela Coletta. Although Coletta found aspects of the plan commendable, such as transitioning industrial uses to affordable housing, the expansion of open space, and more, she still shared areas of concern with the plan she heard from residents.

Some of these concerns she spoke about included height and density, the transportation capacity analysis, and more.

"Although there are many com-

mendable aspects of what is proposed, it is abundantly clear I can't support this plan as presented if the anticipated burdens overall outweigh the benefits," said Coletta.

State Representative Daniel Ryan was also in attendance and opposed the adoption of the plan, suggesting that there needed to be more time.

"I have sent letters. I sent a letter yesterday opposed to this plan, but I'm opposed not to the plan itself, not to the work done, I'm opposed to the timing and the trust," said Ryan.

At-Large City Councilor Erin Murphy also expressed that she could not support the plan through a statement from a member of her office.

"Councilor Murphy can't support the plan as it is right now. She doesn't feel the neighborhood's concerns have been sufficiently addressed in the most recent initiative," said Thomas Mannion, a Member of Murphy's office.

Yet, despite the opposition from residents and the testimony from elected officials who were not in support, the BPDA Board unanimously adopted PLAN: Charlestown.

The Board also approved updated zoning text amendments, which would be used to implement the plan's land use and built form recommendations. These amendments are set to go before the Boston Zoning Commission on October 11.

In a statement via a news update on the BPDA's website, the agency's Chief of Planning, Arthur Jemison, thanked Charlestown residents for their engagement.

"I want to thank Charlestown residents for their good faith engagement throughout this process over the last four years. Residents shaped this plan and made PLAN: Charlestown a strong path forward for current, and future residents," said Jemison.

Wild New England

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DiDomenico and colleagues approve bill to provide free ID cards to people experiencing homelessness

The Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed an Act to provide identification to youth and adults experiencing homelessness, to establish a process allowing an adult or youth experiencing homelessness to apply for a free Massachusetts identification card. Identification cards enable access to basic services in the Commonwealth that are often unreachable for those without identification.

"I am proud to support this bill because it provides crucial support to people experiencing incredibly challenging circumstances and it will work to address our housing crisis," said Senator Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "All Massachusetts residents deserve access to

food, healthcare, and housing, and providing proper identification will take a step toward expanding that right to every person. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Senator Robyn Kennedy, and all my colleagues for fighting for people experiencing homelessness, and I hope to see this bill signed into law soon."

People experiencing homelessness currently face prohibitive fees and documentation requirements that can be barriers to acquiring identification. This legislation removes those barriers by eliminating fees and only requiring that applicants present documentation showing that they are currently receiving services provided by the Commonwealth, a homeless ser-

vice provider, or another service provider.

Having a state identification is a prerequisite for accessing many basic services, including applying for a job, enrolling in school, interacting with law enforcement, accessing government buildings, and opening bank accounts, among others. The struggles of homelessness are compounded by an inability to access these basic services, and often contribute to a cycle of poverty.

This is the fourth consecutive session during which the Senate has adopted similar legislation.

The bill now heads to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for consideration.

North Suffolk Community Services to honor three for impact on creating stigma-free workplaces



Rosalin Acosta.

North Suffolk Community Services (NSCS), a nonprofit provider of services for individuals of all ages needing mental health and/or addiction treatment, recovery support and those with developmental disabilities, announced that it will honor three individuals at its 64th Anniversary Connection Celebration Oct. 19 for their significant contributions to creating an inclusive and stigma-free workforce in Massachusetts.

Former Massachusetts Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta will receive a Public Service Award; author, educator and advocate Dr. Donna Hicks of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University will receive a Humanitarian Award; and Michael Weekes, the outgoing president and CEO of the Providers' Council, will be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

"We have seen the devastating effects of mental health and substance use disorders on families and in our communities especially communities of color, immigrant communities, and residents of low resourced neighborhoods, but the effects on the business community are equally profound," said NSCS President and CEO Damien Cabezas. "A 2021 report suggests that lost productivity due to opioid use alone cost the U.S. some \$92 bil-



Dr. Donna Hicks.

lion. If we are going to end stigma around behavioral health issues, we need cross-sector collaboration and discussion between business leaders, the public, and the non-profit sector."

Acosta is currently the Managing Director, Government and Public Sector practice, at Ernst & Young (EY), where she works with labor and workforce development leaders to solve some of the most difficult obstacles facing state government officials.

She will receive a Public Service Award for her work from 2017 to 2023 as Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Gov. Charlie Baker. Acosta was responsible for leading the operations of seven complex agencies and for shepherding the Department of Unemployment Assistance through the most significant challenge in its history during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Hicks will receive the Humanitarian Award for her most recent book "Leading with Dignity: How to Create a Culture that Brings Out the Best in People," as well as her peace work. She has worked on conflict resolution in the Middle East, Sri Lanka, Northern Ireland and Columbia, and has taught courses in the subject at Harvard, Clark, and Columbia universities. She conducts trainings



Michael Weekes,

and educational seminars in the U.S. and abroad on the role dignity plays in healing and reconciling relationships in conflict as well as dignity leadership training. She consults to corporations, schools, churches and non-governmental organizations.

Weekes is being honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to serving nonprofits statewide and nationally and his lifelong dedication to public service. He has led the Providers' Council, the largest community-based human service membership organization in Massachusetts, for more than 25 years. Under his guidance, the Council has supported the growth and well-being of hundreds of nonprofit health and human services providers.

Weekes also served as Deputy Commissioner for the former Massachusetts Department of Social Services and as Assistant Executive Director of the Center for Human Development in Springfield. He has served on many boards, including those of the United Way of Pioneer Valley, Amherst A Better Chance, NonprofitVOTE, National Council of Nonprofits, and Springfield Technical Community College Foundation. He was a founding board member of Massachusetts Nonprofit Network and served as its vice chair of the board from 2007-2014.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

THE North Washington Street Bridge Replacement URupdates from Massachusetts Department of Transportation are as follows.

Construction Look-Ahead: October 1 – October 14

Scheduled Work

- Installation of bridge lighting
- Installation of architectural trellis
- Waterproofing of bridge deck
- Off-bridge approach barrier, curb, and sidewalk work
- Off-bridge utility work and cutovers 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:

- BRUINS PRESEASON: Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m., and October 14 at 7 p.m.
- CELTICS PRESEASON: Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.
- CONCERTS: Oct. 5 at 8 p.m., Oct. 6 at 8 p.m., and Oct. 13 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 real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

STANDINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/30/2023

	W	L	T
Massport's Finest	1	0	2
Halligan Club	1	0	2
Duce 2	0	1	2
A-1 Convenience	0	1	2

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK FOR 9/30/2023

A-1 Convenience - Liam Ho, Paxton Fitzgerald

Duce 2 - Brendan O'Brien, McKenna Collins

Halligan Club - Clara McNiff, Ryleigh McDonald

Massport's Finest - Samuel Walles, Oliver Schraman

COMMUNITY DAY OPEN HOUSE AT BOSTON ATHENAEUM

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The Boston Athenaeum hosted a Community Day Open House Saturday, Sept. 30.

More than 1,500 people toured the library, art museum, and cultural center and enjoyed its art collections, exhibitions, demonstrations, and musical entertainment.

The Athenaeum staff and volunteers did a great job welcoming families from all the neighborhoods of Boston and tourists from around the world to the fun event.

The Boston Athenaeum is truly an historic gem in the Beacon Hill neighborhood, located around the corner from the State House and Boston Common.



Leah Rosovsky (left) and Merline Louine, Director of Security.



Boston Athenaeum Docent and Member Clive Martin, with Sean Eagan, Peggy Eagan, and Isabella Eagan, during their visit to the Gordon Reading Room.



Enjoying a visit to the Conservation Lab led by Senior Conservator Graham Patten (right) are Carmine Petrone and son, Vincent Petrone.



Curatorial Advisory Committee Member Martine Jean and Christina Kraus of Boston.



Katie Stevenson, Jens Poulsen-Stevenson, and Alex Poulsen.



Marie Claire of Boston and NEH Chief Technical Services Librarian Will Evans.



David Aurelio of Cambridge, Boston Athenaeum Director of Marketing and Communications Julie Corwin, and Associate Curator Christina Michelson.



Amy Parzych of Jamaica Plain, pictured in front of collection of artwork at the Boston Athenaeum.

COMMUNITY DAY OPEN HOUSE AT BOSTON ATHENAEUM

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



PJ Maglione beams with joy as his one-year-old son, Arlo Maglione, holds one of the stuffed animals inside the Children's Library.



Enjoying a visit to the Reference and Periodicals Room on Community Day at the Boston Athenaeum are Megan Jacobs (back) and her sons, Henry Jacobs (front), and Calvin Jacobs (middle).



Cecilia Phoon, Ryan Phoon, and their son, Jay Phoon.



Boston Athenaeum Docent Beth Sanders (back row) welcomes (from left) Grace Copper, Mia Copper, Celia Shigley, and Airley Fish to one of the exhibits on Community Day.



Cory Bailey, Bridget Keane, Volunteer Docent Jim Falzarano, and Jacqueline Chambers welcome visitors to the Bow Room at the Boston Athenaeum.



Alex and Elizabeth Boonstra and their daughter enjoy a visit to the Children's Library at the Boston Athenaeum.

CHARLESTOWN BEAT

Harbor Incident

09/26/23 - at around 3:45 p.m., Boston Police responded to a reported hazmat incident near the Chelsea Street Bridge, close to the Little Mystic River.

The call was prompted by an anonymous tip concerning a sheen in the water near Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Boston Police officers swiftly collaborated with the Boston Fire Department to assess the situation. Following a joint investigation, it was determined that the sheen was a result of sewer runoff due to recent heavy

rains. Multiple agencies, including the Boston Fire Department and the Department of Environmental Protection, were involved in the coordinated response.

Warrant Arrest

09/28/23 - At approximately 6:15 p.m., a group of plainclothes officers conducted an onsite warrant arrest at the intersection of Medford Street and Old Ironsides Way.

Officers were part of an Anti-Crime Unit tasked with addressing issues such as drug-related activi-

ties and reports of gunshots in the area. They patrolled the neighborhoods between Bunker Hill and Medford streets, including Monument Avenue, in response to these concerns.

During their patrol, officers identified an individual who matched the description of a person with an active warrant, which was related to a probation violation. This information was subsequently verified through CJIS (Department of Criminal Justice Information Services), leading to the arrest.

One Mystic Avenue and 40 Roland Street projects approved

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Following the adoption of PLAN: Charlestown, the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) Board of Directors approved two projects at One Mystic Avenue and 40 Roland Street last week.

The first project up for discussion was One Mystic Avenue. As Sarah Black of the BPDA explained, the project would be a mixed-use development comprised of one building and up to 360,534 square feet of gross floor area.

Additionally, the project would contain approximately 503 residential apartment units, around 8,900 square feet of ground floor lobby, retail, restaurant, and service space, and up to 111 off-street parking spaces.

Furthermore, 100 of the total units will be affordable, with 81 being Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) units from 70 to 100% of Area Median Income (AMI). The remaining 19 affordable units will be project-based housing choice vouchers for veterans under the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program.

This project, which has origins that date back almost four years, has been through extensive community engagement and has been

revised throughout several meetings with residents, according to Permitting Counsel for the project, Donald Wiest.

"At the end of this nearly four-year process, we've come up with a project that we're enormously proud of," said Wiest.

Other aspects of the project are that it is 22 stories in height, and there will be 609 bike spaces. Additionally, the development will be a net zero-carbon project with features such as an all-electric building and much more.

"We are going to be a net zero-carbon project, which is going to be one of the largest of its kind in the nation," said Aeron Hodges of Stantec Architecture.

During the public testimony portion of the presentation, At-Large City Councilor Erin Murphy voiced her support, commending the inclusion of units for veterans.

"As we know, we are in a housing crisis, and we know that our veterans suffer from homelessness at such a high rate. So to me, this is just a wonderful opportunity to house our veterans," said Murphy.

In addition to Murphy's support, several other folks in attendance who provided comments supported the project and complimented aspects of it, such as

the housing for veterans, how the project would transform the current site, which was referred to as a junkyard multiple times, and the affordable housing commitments.

While there was support for the project, there were other comments from those in attendance who were opposed.

One opposing Charlestown resident cited the height, saying, "Just looking at those views, I am shocked that you would all think like that is totally okay to add to Charlestown."

Although multiple people who spoke out in opposition supported things like housing for veterans, they cited other concerns, such as overall public benefit to the community, the Planned Development Area (PDA) process, the height, and more.

In the end, the project at One Mystic Avenue was unanimously approved by the BPDA Board of Directors.

The next project on the docket was at 40 Roland Street, which will bring three new buildings to the neighborhood.

According to Quinn Valcich of the BPDA, the project will contain a nine-story lab/office building at 10-40 Roland Street, a six-story residential building with 52 units at 145 Cambridge Street, and

another six-story residential building with 74 units at 128 Cambridge Street.

Moreover, of the 126 total units, 20% will be IDP affordable units, the residential buildings will be all-electric, and all buildings will be zero net-carbon ready. Also, the project is set to have 279 parking spaces and 447 bike spaces.

In addition to the three buildings, another parcel of land — 89 Cambridge Street — will feature community open space and will be designed through the community process.

Other aspects of the project to note are the inclusion of 1.6 acres of publicly accessible open space, planting over 100 net new trees, off-site public realm improvements, and roadway enhancements, among other things.

In speaking about the community engagement with this project that has been going on for three-plus years, Permitting Attorney Michael Parker said, "That engagement has been instrumental in getting the project where it is today."

Like the previous development, Murphy expressed her support for this project during the public testimony portion of the presentation, citing job creation, the inclusion of housing, and community benefits.

Others also supported the project, complimenting the creation of jobs for Charlestown residents, the public benefits, the commitment to listening to residents, and more.

There did not seem to be many concerns about the project voiced during the meeting. However, there was one question about the lab space and what the safety level of the labs would be.

Parker explained, "The labs are going to be designed for basic research, so there's nothing like a BSL-4...which are placed in highly restrictive areas."

"It's basically run-of-the-mill basic research," he added.

There were also some concerns about preserving historic properties on the site. Parker explained that feasibility studies, tours of buildings, and more were done to preserve aspects of the site.

For example, most of the building at 24 Roland Street, which is on the site, will be preserved and serve as a subsidized community retail component of the project.

Again, similarly to the previous project discussed, the BPDA Board of Directors unanimously approved the 40 Roland Street project.

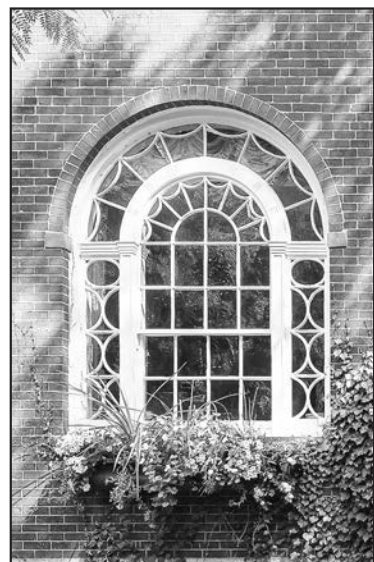
Opening a window to the past by researching your historic home

By Diana Coldren

If your walls could talk! What a story they would tell! Do you ever wonder who designed, built and lovingly maintained your historic home? Imagine all the celebrations, history, and traditions your historic home has witnessed over the centuries!

Researching the architect, builder, and past residents will open a window to the past that is rich with interesting and valuable information. There are many easily accessible resources online, including the Massachusetts Historical Commission website. Simply access the site at mhcmacris.net, and type in your address and you can view an inventory form which describes the architectural style, historical narrative and past resident's biographical information.

If your home does not have an inventory form, you may research the historic details from multiple sources including deeds, city directories, maps, historic photographs



MATT DELPHENICH
ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAPHY

The historic home at 53 Chestnut St.

and newspapers.

Recently I researched the history of 53 Chestnut St. in Beacon Hill and uncovered the rich tapestry of events and residents that were connected to that home. The home at 53 Chestnut was constructed in

1828 by Housewrights Hiram and Benjamin Bosworth on land that was originally owned by Boston's first English settler, William Blaxton. It is a prime example of the quality Federal Style homes built on Beacon Hill in the early 19th century. The gracious Palladian window is a unique architectural element that reflects the intricately carved fanlight above the entry.

Sculptor Florence "Flori" Freeman lived at 53 Chestnut with her parents and siblings in the 1850s. Flori was friends with Anne Whitney and trained by Richard Greenough. She created several pieces that exist nearby

Today, including a marble bust of Archangel Sandalphon. It was gifted to Longfellow, and is on exhibit

today in the Longfellow House Museum in Cambridge.

Freeman also created a beautifully detailed, marble chimney piece depicting children and a yule log that won honorable mention at the Philadelphia Centennial Fair in 1876. The mantle is still in place

today in a residence on Mt. Vernon Street.

Additional residents included a Harvard law professor and a well-known playwright and manager of The Boston Globe Theatre. Each resident has lovingly maintained the key historical defining characteristics that are difficult

to replicate. Available for sale for the first time in over 30 years, 53 Chestnut beckons you to add your chapter to its story.

Please see the sources below and enjoy the treasure hunt that will reveal the genealogy of your home: Massachusetts Historical Commission <https://mhcmacris.net/>.

Suffolk County Deeds: <https://massrods.com/suffolk/>

Family Search: <https://www.familysearch.org/>

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Boston City Archives: https://cityofboston.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/SO_f721ccf2-cdb6-4779-a293-b8a0f898b8b7/

Historic New England: <https://www.historicnewengland.org/collections-search/>

Revolutionary Spaces: <http://collections.revolutionaryspaces.org/MResultsGlobal.aspx?pS=Beacon%20hill#archive.org>

Chamberlain, Allen, "Beacon Hill: Its Ancient Pastures and Early Mansions." Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston 1925; available online <https://books.google.com/>

Diana Coldren, a real estate agent with Compass, is currently pursuing a Master of Design Studies in Historic Preservation with a concentration in Real Estate Development at the Boston Architectural College.

PROTESTING OVERDEVELOPMENT



At Chelsea St. and North Washington St. on Monday morning, a group dedicated to stopping overdevelopment in Charlestown gathered to raise awareness about the recent decision by the BPDA to double the population of Charlestown without infrastructure improvements, creating a huge massive heat island, increasing pollution and traffic within our one square mile. Plan Charlestown was approved despite overwhelming united community opposition.

The protesters might be smiling, but this is a serious business. The future of our community long-term is at stake.

COLETTA (from pg. 1)

these concessions, in my conversations across the community there is a wide range of concerns and areas of disagreement; however, it is clear that several priorities remain unresolved." Factors of note included:

- Density and height at an irresponsible level given Charlestown's geographic and infrastructure limitations.

- From Councilor Coletta's letter: "[My constituents] have made clear through over 350 pieces of correspondence to my office, a historic level of advocacy, that the increase of maximum allowable heights as well as the general increases in FAR are unacceptable and will negatively impact their quality of life. I stand in solidarity with their calls for further reductions of height and density in the proposed Plan."

- Over-reliance on the MBTA and other external transportation mitigation measures and infrastructure investments without clear commitments.

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- "The recommendations provided in the Plan places extreme faith in the City of Boston as well as external agencies to complete major infrastructure and increased capacity projects on a timeline that meets projected growth benchmarks. This includes the reconstruction of Rutherford Ave and the North Washington Street Bridge, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA") Bus Network Resign, as well as a study and creation of plans for the Gilmore and Alford Street Bridges. A majority of these projects have been delayed for years due to inaction on behalf of agencies, loss of funding, or errors in construction all of which have negatively impacted Charlestown residents at the same time."

- A lack of predictability and transparency in community benefits through Article 80.

- "A consistent point of feedback from the community is that the Plan as proposed prioritizes the needs of individual developers over those of Charlestown. I share this sentiment and encourage future planning initiatives and stakeholders within the BPDA to place more consideration on the suggestions and comments made by residents which validates their lived experience and is the true meaning of community planning. An overreliance on private developers to subsidize public investment projects almost always results in those with access to capital, connections, and political clout to write their own rules to the detriment of neighborhoods. The financial bottom line of those who seek to do business here should also be of consideration, however it can't be prioritized over the people who will live with the consequences of our decisions for decades to come."

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