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### CHARLESTOWN ADAPTIVE SAILING DAY



*Shown (above and below) people of any age, with any sort of disability, went for a free sail with family, friends, and an instructor from Courageous Sailing or Piers Park.*

*Special to the Patriot-Bridge*

It was a beautiful, breezy day of sailing and adventure for the 120 participants who joined Charlestown Adaptive Sailing Day on Sunday, October 8. Organized by Courageous Sailing and offered with the help and support of the Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard, Piers Park Sailing Center, and Spaulding Rehab.

Charlestown Adaptive Sailing Day is an opportunity for people of any age, with any sort of disability, to go for a free sail with

family, friends, and an instructor from Courageous or Piers Park. From new participants to families who have been coming for over ten years, from people trepidatious about stepping on a boat for the first time to experienced sailors whose deafness or physical challenges have limited their access to the sport, everyone enjoyed the experience.

"This was our first time attending such an event, and I hope it won't be our last," said Kristen Der, who came sailing with her family. "Everyone was so kind,

and accommodating. My daughter, who is typically very apprehensive, was instantly calmed by our lovely and charming Captain Charlie.....She really felt comfortable and welcomed today. I can't even begin to tell you how much my mama heart needed that glorious afternoon, perfect weather, sail! Everything was so magical and impactful."Thank you to Spaulding to providing wonderful lunches, and to Rep. Dan Ryan and David Beane of DC Beane & Associates, who supported the spring and fall events.

#### CHARLESTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL CALENDAR

**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 Committee 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.
- 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, October 6, 2023 for download at CNC02129.org, by email request to cnc02129election@gmail.com, and for pick-up in

(CNC Pg. 2)

### Massachusetts Veterans Home at Chelsea awarded Department of Public Health Licensure

*Special to the Patriot-Bridge*

The Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS) announced that the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Chelsea (CHE) was awarded licensure by the Department of Public Health (DPH) and certification by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a top priority of the Healey-Driscoll Administration signifying an

important milestone in the state's commitment to delivering top-tier care for its veterans.

In compliance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 144 of the Acts of 2022, which mandates the licensing of Veterans Homes as nursing homes, CHE has obtained licensure as a skilled nursing facility from

(VETERANS HOME Pg. 10)

### Park Street School's Preschool nearing 25 Years

*Special to the Patriot-Bridge*

In large, sun-lit rooms overlooking Park Street and the Boston Common, children at Park Street School's (PSS) Preschool, located at One Park Street, have been playing with purpose for almost 25 years.

We all know that children learn

through play. Play is the arena of their early development. In play, children form ideas, relationships, skills, and more. For educators, it is their job to live in their students' world of play and provide stepping stones for learning, content for wondering and imagination,

(PARK STREET, Pg. 2)



*Park Street Preschool students learning about shoe sizes.*

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PARK STREET (from pg. 1)

and guidance for forming relationships.

“In 1999, a small group of parents began dreaming about a Preschool to be located in Park Street Church,” recounts Laura Perkins, former Board of Trustee, former Director of Admissions and one of the “Founding Moms” who helped launch Park Street School.

“We wanted to provide a program,” Mrs. Perkins continues, “that would introduce children to the world of content around them, to develop purposeful skills and knowledge while having fun through play and interactions with others.”

“We believe a solid foundation in the early years has tremendous impact on children’s overall development and will support their experience as learners,” says Tracy Bradley, Park Street School’s orig-

inal and current Head of School, “The focus of our curriculum,” she continues, “is to introduce children to amazing content, that is brought to life, all while we build vocabulary, and develop skills through hands-on and engaging activities and play. We want to grow a love for learning while developing readiness skills in reading, math, writing, as well as background knowledge in science, social studies and health. Learning goes across academic, social-emotional, physical, character, and spiritual development,” continues Bradley. “The whole child is developed.”

“Through themes in the Toddler, Preschool, and Pre-K classrooms, children enjoy rich play time and learning,” agrees Mrs. Perkins, “For example, a main focus during the month of Octo-

ber is ‘All About Me.’ The theme ‘God Made Me Special’ lends to learning across all areas. This week in our Toddler Transition (2.5-3-year-old) class, children will create self-portraits after learning about how wonderfully and uniquely they have been created by God. They marvel at their own uniqueness and the wonderful mix that is their classroom community,” says Perkins, “It lays a foundation for love and respect for one another.”

“In our Preschool (3-4-year-old) class,” she continues, “children are creating people with Mat Man pieces. Mat Man is a literacy tool that uses a multi-sensory approach to teaching children the strokes, shapes, sequencing, and sizes necessary for drawing a person and ultimately for drawing letters of the alphabet. At the same

time,” she explains, “it promotes body awareness, socializing and sharing.”

“And then in our Pre-Kindergarten (4-5 year-old) class,” she finishes, “students have been filling ‘All About Me’ bags, sharing with one another their treasures, all while learning understanding, developing listening skills, and demonstrating compassion!” Perkins continues, “And it leads nicely into their ‘Human Body’ unit where they delight in making full-sized renderings of themselves and attaching cut-outs of important organs to their images.” Perkins laughs, “Even math is incorporated as they graph the varied sizes of shoes worn by each child in the class!”

Nurturing each child’s growth — the whole child — is and remains Park Street School’s mis-

sion, asserts Bradley.

As students at PSS grow in all areas of development and knowledge, they arrive in kindergarten with a full tool-belt and the social skills necessary to begin their elementary school journey, which for most begins at Park Street School’s 67 Brimmer Street campus. “Those children grow and thrive in the years to come as they enjoy the foundation they have received at PSS’s Preschool!” says Mrs. Perkins, whose own children attended and graduated from Park Street School’s Preschool and Elementary School.

“Park Street School’s Preschool continues to be a place of joy and wonder - now nearly 25 years old - as we set that foundation for learning,” says Mrs. Perkins.

“One thing I learned during the pandemic,” reflects Ms. Bradley, “is that Park Street School’s teachers and administration are resilient. And I am confident that whatever challenges come our way in the future, we have the ability to adapt, to continue to provide a quality education for our students, and to also continue to be a place where our students are known and loved.”

To visit Park Street Schools’ Preschool (One Park Street) and Elementary School (67 Brimmer Street), register for one of PSS’ Open Houses (Oct. 23 at 6:00 PM; Nov. 15 at 9:00 AM; Dec. 5 at 9:00 AM here: <https://qrco.de/bdOETU>).

CNC (from pg. 1)

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](https://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!”

# VOTE EARLY BOSTON

Vote early at any of Boston’s early voting locations from **Saturday, October 28 to November 3, 2023.**

If you miss the early voting period, you can still vote on Election Day, **Tuesday, November 7.**

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# City Council candidates on hand for WECA meeting

By Dan Murphy

Four at-Large seats in November's general election were on hand for the monthly meeting of the West End Civic Association (WECA) on Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Amy Lowell Apartments.

Candidates for the four City Council at-Large seats in attendance at the WECA meeting included incumbent Councilors Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia, and Erin Murphy, along with political newcomers Catherine Vitale and Shawn Nelson.

(City Council at-Large candidates and political newcomers Clifton Braithwaite and Bridget Nee-Walsh were also scheduled to appear but didn't attend, while Nelson, who wasn't originally slated to appear, was on hand for the meeting, said Sebastian Belfanti, president of WECA.)

Now serving in her first term, Councilor at-Large Louijeune said she doesn't believe that constituents will trust elected officials to tackle larger issues, unless they can effectively first handle smaller tasks, such as trash pickup.

Councilor at-Large Louijeune recognizes how difficult making ends meet can be for some Bostonians, and said she supports proposed rent-control measures in the city. "It's incredibly important that we use every tool in the toolbox," she said.

Additionally, Councilor at-Large Louijeune voiced her support for the plan to redevelop the West End Branch Library to include an affordable-housing component above it.

Asked for her opinion of the bike lane now being proposed for Charles Street, Councilor at-Large Louijeune acknowledged that bike lanes are generally "a difficult conversation for people" and suggested that perhaps another, less divisive location for them could be found on Beacon Hill besides Charles Street.

"I'm here to support bike lanes that the community can also get behind," she said. "I think we do need to build a Boston for our future, and that includes building our streets so people can get to where they want to go."

Councilor at-Large Mejia, now in her second term, was elected to office by a margin of just one vote in November of 2019.

While acknowledging that as a newcomer to politics she has "learned her job publicly," Councilor at-Large Mejia proudly pointed to the 15 pieces of legis-

lation she's had a hand in passing in her three and a half years in office; these include an ordinance for the city to establish a Literacy Task Force, which measure literacy rates in the city and how they relate to poverty, she said.

Councilor at-Large Mejia asserted that she brings "profound lived experience" to the job.

"I have the gift of bringing people together across their differences," she said. "I love what I do. I was born to serve, and I want to take what I've learned to a whole, new, other level."

Moreover, Councilor at-Large Mejia, who moved to Boston from the Dominican Republic at age 5 and attended BPS, said, "I'm always fighting...because I'm impatient. The things I survived, 30 years later, I still see happening in Boston Public Schools."

Councilor at-Large Murphy was elected to the council in late 2021 after spending the previous 24 years working as a BPS teacher, and although she has spent her entire life living in the District 3 neighborhood of Dorchester, she said she chose to serve as an at-large representative to serve the entire city.

On the matter of rent control, Councilor at-Large Murphy said she and District 3 City Councilor Frank Baker were the only two members of the council to vote against Mayor Wu's rent control proposal in March.

"I don't think rent control is going to be the tool that gets us out of the housing crisis," she said.

While Councilor at-Large Murphy acknowledged the need for more housing in the city, she expressed her apprehension about the seeming disregard for residents' concerns regarding both PLAN: Charlestown and PLAN: East Boston — far-reaching development plans led by the Boston Planning & Development Agency for those two neighborhoods.

"I want to make sure every neighborhood has the ability to voice their concerns regarding any changes that are coming," she said, while acknowledging that each city neighborhood is unique and comes with its own set of challenges.

Vitale, a Dorchester native and a first-time candidate, said she was compelled to run for office after the state's Department of Children & Families took away her children for five months in 2018. It was subsequently "determined in court" that her children should never have been taken away from

her, said Vitale, and her family was reunited. But since then, she and her children have experienced homelessness on three occasions while the children's father was battling substance abuse.

"I see how these systems are created to keep people in poverty," said Vitale, who has worked as an activist for the past three years and described herself now as a single mother on welfare living in Section 8 housing.

Vitale pointed to the ongoing crisis at Mass. and Cass. as one such failure in the system. "Obviously, what we're doing there isn't working," she said. "And it's just going to get worse."

Vitale also said that she that the Long Island city is currently uninhabitable. "We need a holistic treatment center," she said.

Vitale said she believes providing ferry service to Long Island would be a more viable path forward for reopening the facility than the arduous task of rebuilding the bridge.

Moreover, Vitale, who home-schools her children, said she is now seeking a seat on the City Council because she's "not happy with Boston Public Schools for many reasons" and because she wants to see her children enjoy a better quality of life than what she has experienced.

Even if she isn't elected in the upcoming election, Vitale said she intends to run again in 2025.

"I'm not interested in being a career politician, and I'm not interested in being a lawyer," said Vitale, "and it seems like they're all one of those two things."

Another Dorchester native and newcomer to politics, Nelson served in the U.S. Marines after graduating from English High School. He now works as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Nelson expressed his frustration with ubiquitous potholes, along with the "cracked sidewalks" and the deteriorated condition of the city's streets, despite Boston's high tax base.

"If Boston is so rich, why do we have these problems?" Nelson asked. "The money is not being properly used."

Likewise, Nelson voiced his dismay at seeing proposals, like bike lanes, pushed through at the city level, even when they run counter to the prevailing wishes of the communities themselves.

"The government works for us and not the other way around," he said.

Nelson called for an elected



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City Councilor at-Large Ruthzee Louijeune.



City Councilor at-Large Erin Murphy.



City Council at-Large candidate Shawn Nelson.



City Councilor at-Large candidate Catherine Vitale.

Boston School Committee "so we can hold people accountable."

Meanwhile, Nelson said he wouldn't support rent control because he believes such measures entirely disregard the interests of

landlords.

"There are always two sides," he said. "It's not just the renters; it's the homeowners, too."

The city's municipal election takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

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# EDITORIAL

## HAMAS ARE TERRORISTS, NOT FREEDOM-FIGHTERS

The demonstrations that have been occurring around the country, especially on college campuses, in apparent support of the Hamas terrorists who slaughtered 1400 Israelis, have been disappointing on many levels.

The Hamas organization is not composed of "freedom fighters" who are seeking to better the lives of the two million people of Gaza. Rather, Hamas is a terrorist group that proclaims only one goal -- the destruction of the State of Israel -- and has shown it will stop at nothing to achieve its ends, including the cold-blooded slaughter of 1400 Israeli civilian men, women, and children.

In addition, Hamas and its masters, the Iranian government leaders (who have funded and trained the Hamas terrorists), consider the two million residents of the Gaza strip -- of whom half are children -- essentially as cannon fodder to achieve their objective of provoking a response from Israel that, they hope, will set the Middle East, if not the entire world, aflame.

The massacre at the Israeli kibbutzim, dance festival, and villages on October 7 accomplished nothing, other than to bring about an Israeli military invasion of Gaza that the Israelis see as necessary in order to root out the military capacity of the Hamas terrorists, but which Hamas knows invariably will result in the deaths of hundreds of innocent Gazan civilians and children.

Peace in the Middle East will be achievable only when all Arab states and Iran are willing to acknowledge the right of the State of Israel simply to exist. However, given that Iran, Hamas, and others preach that Israel must be destroyed, peace will never be achieved and the endless cycle of violence only will continue for future generations, a sad state of reality that the pro-Hamas demonstrators conveniently ignore.

## WILL A PILL MAKE AMERICANS SLIMMER?

Americans have been overeating -- and eating the wrong kinds of food -- for a long time. It is estimated that 40 percent of Americans are obese and another 32 percent of us are overweight -- which means that three out of every four Americans maintain an unhealthy weight. American men today weigh 30 pounds more than they did 50 years ago and American women now weigh as much as that average American man of 50 years ago.

Americans currently rank in the top 10 among all countries for obesity in the world (those who rank higher than us for obesity mostly are small, developing nations) and we are the most overweight nation of every affluent country on earth.

Diabetes has become epidemic in the U.S. and the economic costs stemming from health issues related to our obese society runs in the billions of dollars, while bringing misery to hundreds of millions of our fellow citizens. During the recent pandemic, the biggest factor (aside from being over the age of 65) for developing a serious case of COVID-19 was being overweight.

However, it would appear that a miracle solution -- in the form of drugs originally meant to treat diabetes that also have been shown to tamp down patients' appetites -- is on the horizon.

These drugs already are being prescribed "off-label" for use as weight-loss drugs and the results thus far have been dramatic. In addition, these drugs also show promise for other medical conditions, such as improving blood pressure and cholesterol levels, improving blood sugar levels in patients with diabetes, delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes, and decreasing the occurrence of repeat heart attacks and strokes in those who have type 2 diabetes.

Wall St. believes that these drugs will have a dramatic effect on our society. The two drug companies who make these drugs, Eli Lilly (Mounjaro) and Novo Nordisk (Ozempic and Wegovy), have seen their stock prices surge, while those in the snack food industry -- the makers of junk food such as Twinkies, Oreos, and Doritos -- have seen their stock prices plummet in recent weeks.

There are still many questions about the efficacy and side effects of these new drugs if they are to be prescribed for weight loss, but the future holds hope that America may have found a "cure" for our obesity epidemic.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### PLEASE, CONSIDER JOINING THESE EFFORTS

To the Editor,

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Society is an international voluntary organization in the Catholic Church, founded in 1833 to service the needs of the poor. Since 1876, the Saint Mary Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society here in Charlestown has been working with individuals and families at their time of great need.

The name St. Vincent de Paul is synonymous with outreach to folks who lack basic needs. With 37% of Charlestown residents living below the Federal Poverty Line, the society has been instrumental in reaching out and supporting the disadvantaged in our community through volunteers and donations.

Some examples of how the St. Vincent de Paul members go about their mission of providing loving support include: responding to emergency requests for furniture, providing new beds and bedding, gently used couches, kitchen sets, household items, and giving emergency rental assistance to avoid eviction in dire circumstances.

Much work is done in consultation with the client to provide guidance and support for accessing resources already in place. A volunteer team visits each applicant's home to ascertain the living situation and with the input of the client, determine the needs, and arrange on how best to help.

St Vincent de Paul Society members also work closely with Harvest on Vine, our Charlestown

food pantry. In November, St Vincent de Paul members will be partnering with Harvest on Vine to distribute over 500 brand new winter jackets to clients who register for the Harvest on Vine Turkey Dinner.

This work is solely done by volunteers who dedicate their time. There is always a need for more help whether donating furniture, etc., participating in clothing drives, making monetary donations, or simply lending a hand when there is a need for extra help.

Please, consider joining these efforts if you are in a position to do so! If interested please email [peter.lecam@gmail.com](mailto:peter.lecam@gmail.com). Giving of yourself to your neighbors is very rewarding to both the volunteers and the clients.

Peter LeCam  
President

### WE CAN STOP PLAN CHARLESTOWN

To the Editor,

Together we can stop PLAN Charlestown. On Tuesday, October 24, the Charlestown Historic Battlefield District Committee - a group comprised of veterans, military historians, and civic activists - will be hosting a community meeting at the American Legion Post 26 from 7:15 PM - 8:15pm. Please join us. We hope that the leaders of the various historic and preservation organizations and the elected officials who have stated on record their opposition of PLAN Charlestown will attend to learn more. This is a neighborhood wide call to action - we need your

support. Protecting the historic integrity of Charlestown's legacy will require us to come together as a unified front.

Johanna Hynes

### INUNDATION DISTRICT DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE SEAPORT

To the Editor,

In a time of rising seas and intensifying storms, one of the world's wealthiest, most-educated cities made a fateful decision to spend billions of dollars erecting a new district along its coast -- on landfill, at sea level. Unlike other places imperiled by climate change, this neighborhood of glass towers housing some of the world's largest companies was built well after scientists began warning of the threats, including many at its renowned universities. The city, which already has more high-tide flooding than nearly any other in the United States, called its new quarter the Innovation District. But with seas rising inexorably, and at an accelerating rate, others are calling the neighborhood by a different name: Inundation District.


The 79-minute film, a production of The Boston Globe, will be released October 29, 2023 7:00 PM at Brattle Theater

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Diane Valle

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## SCENES FROM THE FALL EXHIBITION, 'WILD NEW ENGLAND' AT STOVE FACTORY GALLERY

The Artists Group of Charlestown celebrated the opening of their Fall exhibition, "Wild New England" with a reception at the Stove Factory Gallery. The event was one of the largest opening evenings with many friends and artists in attendance. Wild New England will be on view through October 22. Hours this weekend are Saturday the 21 and Sunday the 22 from 12-5 p.m. Stop by to get a look at the wide variety of work inspired by our local nature. The StoveFactory Gallery is at 523 Medford St, free parking on street and in the adjacent lot, with Gallery Parking sign/511 spots.



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### THROUGH OUR EYES PROJECT PHOTO EXHIBIT

Christ Church Charlestown invites residents to attend the opening reception for the Through Our Eyes Project photo exhibit! This is the fifth year of this interactive photography competition where the people of Charlestown are the photographers with disposable cameras. This year, the theme was COLORS, so each participant had an assigned color for their camera. The results have been amazing to see Charlestown from this focused perspective! The top 25 photos will be featured in the exhibit, along with a display of all submissions.

Opening Reception is Thursday, November 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Christ Church Charlestown (10 Green St); there will be light refreshments. Open hours will also be available at the following times:

Friday, Nov 3 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday Nov 4th 1:00p-4:00 p.m.

Sunday Nov 5th 3:00p-5:00 p.m.

### TOBIN BRIDGE CLEANING, PAINTING, AND REPAIRS

This notice is to inform you of an in-person public information meeting on Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. for the Structural Cleaning and Painting, Steel and Concrete Repairs on the Tobin Bridge project in Chelsea. This project consists of location-specific cleaning and painting of the upper and lower sections of the Tobin Bridge and the Beacon Street Ramp in Chelsea.

The meeting will be held at the Cafeteria, Williams Jr. High School

180 Walnut Street  
Chelsea, MA 02150

This meeting will also be recorded and available for viewing online at a later date at: <https://www.mass.gov/event/chelsea-structural-cleaning-painting-steel-concrete-repairs-on-tobin-bridge-2023-10-24t180000-0400-2023-10-24t193000-0400>

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the project. All views and comments made at the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

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HARVARD-KENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The Harvard-Kent Elementary School held an event Oct. 12 celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Community leaders in education, law enforcement, and government spoke about their careers and answered some excellent questions from the students.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Harvard-Kent Element School Principal Tyrell Abeyemi, and Rashaun Martin, Acting Managing Director of Retention, Cultivation, and Diversity Programs at BPS.



Pictured under the Hispanic Heritage Month banner in the library at the Harvard-Kent Elementary School are, from left, left to right: Jennifer Baker, BPS School Psychologist; Officer Astrid Gonzalez of BPD; Ms. Zaida Ismatul Oliva, Executive Director of the Chica Project, Raquel Martinez, Head of School at BPS's Snowden International High School, Dr. Ivonne Borrero, Assistant Director of BPS's Behavioral Health Services, Gabriela Coletta, Boston City Councilor, Julio Mejia – Special, Assistant to the Mayor of Lawrence, and Tyrell Adeyemi, Principal of Harvard Kent Elementary School, Charlestown.

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## HARVARD KENT-ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Harvard-Kent school Principal Tyrell Abeyemi is pictured with some of the students who participated in the Hispanic Heritage Month event Oct. 12 at the school.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta and Harvard-Kent teacher Nick Free, pictured with students at the event honoring Hispanic Heritage Month.



Lilian Arteaga, BPS HUB School Coordinator, and Ms. Shannon Fry of the Harvard-Kent Parent Association (HKPA) helped distribute empanadas to students at the celebration. The empanadas were provided to all attendees by Sabor Latino, Chelsea.

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School Psychologist Jennifer Baker, coordinator of the Hispanic Heritage Month event, Sergeant Zachary Crossen of BPD's Community Service Office and Officer Astrid Gonzalez of BPD.

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# Wu, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston address state of Boston's youth at annual meeting

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB), one of the city's leading youth-serving nonprofit organizations, hosted "The State of BGCB" – a public annual convening that addresses the issues directly impacting the organization's members, families, and surrounding communities.

The program featured Robert Lewis Jr., BGCB's Nicholas President & CEO; Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston; Jim Clark, President and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of America; and a panel discussion addressing the state of Boston youth's mental health and health equity. The panel, moderated by Petrina Martin Cherry, Boston Medical Center Vice President of Community Engagement & External Affairs, included Dr. Kevin B.

Churchwell, Boston Children's Hospital President & CEO; Leslie Aldrich, Massachusetts General Hospital Implementation Officer for Equity & Community Health, and Frederica M. Williams, Whittier Street Health Center President & CEO.

The panelists addressed the severe health equity disparities and mental health epidemic that is currently plaguing Boston's young people. According to the National Alliance of Mental Illness, one-in-six American teens report experiencing consistent symptoms of anxiety and depression and one-in-four have a diagnosed mental health condition. Suicide has become the second leading cause of death among adolescents between the ages of 10-14 and



City of Boston Mayor Wu addresses the audience at the State of BGCB event.

access to care is largely inequitable for much of Boston's youth.

To address health inequities, as well as support our members as they strive to achieve academic success and workforce readiness, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston has launched its new strategic plan to ensure all BGCB members have the access and opportunities they need to become our next generation talent pipeline.

As Robert Lewis, Jr. noted, "We intend to be the surest path to success for youth in Boston and Chelsea – and we are committing that all our members, by age 18, will leave our sites READY – for college, career, military, trades – to lead lives of success and impact."



COURTESY PHOTOS

From L-R: Jim Clark, President and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of America; Dave Johnson, Former Chair of the BGCB Board; Melissa Weiner-Janfaza, Chair of the BGCB Board; Robert Lewis Jr., Nicholas President and CEO of BGCB.



From L-R: Leslie Aldrich, Massachusetts General Hospital Implementation Officer for Equity & Community Health; Dr. Kevin B. Churchwell, Boston Children's Hospital President & CEO; Frederica M. Williams, Whittier Street Health Center President & CEO; Petrina Martin Cherry, Boston Medical Center Vice President of Community Engagement & External Affairs

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

# Harvest on Vine

## Emergency Food Pantry

Monthly food distributions take place on the second Saturday at 10:00AM, and last Tuesday at 6:00PM

**\*Tuesday, October 31st. 2pm - Distribution**

**\*Time change for distribution - it is too dark at 6pm**

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## City Council observes Hispanic Heritage Month

Boston City Council together with Tu Hispanidad, hosted the 29th annual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The Iannela Chamber, decorated by Devila Decorations, was filled with music by DJ Amador and performances by Venelatin Dance.

This year, the Councilors acknowledged Hispanic leaders in Boston for their hard work, leadership and commitment to their communities. Recipients were awarded the Pilaes de la Hispanidad 2023 Award, and presented with a resolution for outstanding service to the hispanic community and the City of Boston.

The Hispanic Heritage observation in the United States began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson

and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.

The Hispanic Heritage theme for this year is "Todos Somos, Somos Uno: We Are All, We Are One." Tu Hispanidad "Tribus Unidas" celebrates with pride and joy the outstanding contributions made by the Hispanic natives and immigrants and all those with ancestral lineage to Spain, Mexico, Africa, the Caribbean, Central and South America.

For the first time, the Tu Hispanidad Flag was raised over City Hall Plaza and the Council proclaimed October 11, 2023 as Hispanidad Flag Day in the City of Boston.



The Award Recipients are Lina Marcela Bustamante (Councilor Flaherty), Brian Chavez (Councilor Baker), Doug Chavez (Councilor Mejia), Alex Garcia (Councilor Arroyo), Joselina Leon (Councilor Murphy), Franklin Marval (Councilor Worrell), Councilor Julia Mejia (Councilor Fernandes Anderson), Carol Miranda (Councilor Lara), Claudia Osrio (Councilor Flynn), Sgardy Peña (Councilor Durkan), Bredon: Gloria Rivera (Councilor Bredon), Noemy Rodriguez (Councilor Coletta), and Jose Valenzuela (Councilor Louijeune).

## Joey Chiarenza and the SOS Band coming to Quincy

Fresh off his appearance on America's Got Talent as a solo act, Frank Sinatra tribute show artist, Joey Chiarenza will be teaming up with the 18-piece SOS Band to bring his show to the Sons of Italy in Quincy on October 28, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

The show is dubbed a Halloween Show with optional costumes and includes a complete Italian buffet and the comedy of Jody Sloane. The event will be MCed by Paul Santos of the Paul Santos Show.

The North End in Boston's Little Italy is where Joey fell in love with the sounds of Sinatra and they have remained in his heart to this day. "When I grew up, I began singing at family affairs," shared Chiarenza, who appears weekly on Friday afternoons on WMEX radio. "I would sing

my mother's favorite song, "My Way," which still makes me tear up when I sing it on stage."

Now in his 60's, Chiarenza's act is widely considered the best Sinatra act in New England. "Teaming up with the SOS Band has taken the show to the next level," explained Chiarenza, who resides with his wife, Gina, in Peabody MA. "These guys are top notch musicians, and this show allows them to get out there and do what they do best. Wow the crowd. Their band leader Dave Coccia is well-known in the industry and leads a tight big band sound."

Joey and the SOS Band have upcoming shows at the US Coast Guard Sector in Boston on December 2, Spencer Ma at the Spencer Country Inn on December 16th, NY Eve at the Attleboro Elks Club and February 10th at the



Joey Chiarenza.

Polish American Club in Gardner. Tickets to the Quincy Show are \$55 per person with a table of 10 for \$500 and are available on Eventbrite/Joey Chiarenza, via Venmo at todd-civin or by phone at 978-502-1453.

## CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

### STANDINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/14/2023

	W	L	T
Massport's Finest	3	0	2
A-1 Convenience	2	1	2
Halligan Club	1	2	2
Duce 2	0	3	2

### Players of the week for 10/14/2023

A-1 Convenience - Rainer Gonzalez, Perry Roeder

Duce 2 - Bobby Beckwith, Jacob Miller

Halligan Club - Lily Farrell, Gavin Smith

Massport's Finest - James Schultz, Penelope Caster

## SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Patriot-Bridge encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151.

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### Charlestown Neighborhood Council

2023 Election - At-Large seats

The CNC will hold elections for all eight (8) at-large council seats on December 2, 2023. Election information, nomination papers, and important deadlines can be found on our website:



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## USS CONSTITUTION NEWS

### USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM HOSTS FREE, PUBLIC BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR “OLD IRONSIDES”

The USS Constitution Museum will host a free, public “Birthday Bash” to celebrate USS Constitution’s birthday on October 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Museum in Charlestown Navy Yard.

On October 21, 1797, USS Constitution slipped into the waters of Boston Harbor. While “Old Ironsides” commemorates this event 226 years later with a historic, annual Underway cruise in Boston Harbor, the Museum invites the public to welcome the Ship back to the pier and join in the celebration. The Museum will offer festive activities throughout the day, including USS Constitution-themed minigolf, yard games, and interactive fun for all ages.

“While most people think of the Ship on July 4, we consider October 21st as “Old Ironsides” birthday. Two hundred and twenty-six years ago, Americans boldly dared to dream, build, and launch this remarkable vessel, one of the six original ships of the Unit-

ed States Navy. It is a unique Boston story, too,” notes Museum President and CEO Anne Grimes Rand. “This is where Constitution was built and remains, a living piece of our history that we can still experience. The world’s oldest commissioned warship afloat and America’s Ship of State will cruise into Boston Harbor once again, and we want to offer the public a way to experience and celebrate this exciting moment, too.”

### USS CONSTITUTION TO GO UNDERWAY FOR 226TH ANNIVERSARY

USS Constitution is scheduled to go underway for its 226th Anniversary on Saturday, October 21, at 10 a.m.

USS Constitution will be closed in the morning and re-open to the public for tours following the underway from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Family members and distinguished guests will join Old Ironsides’ current crew to celebrate the ship’s historic 226th milestone.

The underway will include a 21-gun salute viewable from Fort Independence on Castle Island at approximately 11:15

a.m. and an additional 17-gun salute as she passes U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston at approximately 12:15.

USS Constitution’s cruise will be viewable from the Boston Harborwalk, Castle Island, and Charlestown Navy Yard.

The USS Constitution Museum invites the public to join the

festivities at a Birthday Block Party on Saturday, October 21, following the underway of Constitution.

Family-friendly activities and games will mark the day, including a USS Constitution-themed 9-hole miniature golf course.

Birthday party-goers can

also participate in lawn games courtesy of USO New England, activities run by fellow military branches, and music by the Navy Northeast Band.

The event is free for all ages and no registration is required. More information is available at [usscm.org](http://usscm.org).

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead for the North Washington St. Project through October 28 is posted.

The scheduled work is as follows:

- Installation of bridge lighting
- Installation of architectural trellis
- Waterproofing of bridge deck
- Paving 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: 10/26 at 7 p.m. and October 28 at 7 p.m.
- CELTICS: October 27 at 7:30 p.m.
- OTHER EVENTS: October 18 at 8 p.m., October 19 at 7:30 p.m., October 20 at 7:30 p.m., and October 21 at 7 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.

## VETERANS HOME (from pg. 1)

DPH this week for the newly constructed Veterans Home at Chelsea. This achievement has enabled the facility to attain the status of a Medicare-certified nursing home. The first 20 residents transitioned into the building on Wednesday, October 18. The move-in process will include various activities, including a special luncheon and engagement with families, residents, staff, volunteers, and a visit from EOVS Secretary Jon Santiago.

“Today represents the start of a new chapter when it comes to providing exceptional long-term care for our Massachusetts veterans,” stated Secretary Jon Santiago. “Our cutting-edge facility represents a pivotal juncture in our ongoing mission to honor our veterans through top-ti-

er care and support. As we prepare to expand our services to additional residents and staff, I’m grateful for the dedication of the Chelsea Board of Trustees and the collaborative efforts of our frontline workers in housekeeping, dietary, and nursing.”

Located atop Chelsea’s historic Powder Horn Hill, the CLC embodies the Commonwealth’s unwavering dedication to veterans’ well-being. Meeting the highest federal VA standards for Community Living Centers, this 154-bed facility features an environmentally conscious and resilient architectural model in line with the state’s energy reduction objectives. Emphasizing natural lighting and panoramic views of downtown Boston and the harbor, it fosters a nurturing and dignified

living environment, fostering a home-like atmosphere that prioritizes individual privacy and autonomy while promoting a sense of community through shared living spaces and support areas. Additionally, the project aligns with the state’s broader sustainability goals, aiming to attain LEED Platinum and Zero Net Energy certifications.

“The new facility embodies the collective dreams and efforts of our veteran community, with support from dedicated staff and visionary leadership. It marks the beginning of our next chapter in delivering exceptional veteran care,” stated Robert Engell, Executive Director of Veterans’ Homes and Housing.

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## OBITUARIES

### Evelyn Mary Scoville

Very connected to the Charlestown Community, her greatest joy was to spend time with her daughter, her family and friends

Evelyn Mary Scoville, 60, passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully, in Charlestown on Monday, October 9.

She was born January 17, 1963 in Detroit, MI to Laurence M. Scoville, Jr and Lynn Bayne Johnston and grew up in Grosse Pointe, MI. She was a graduate of University Liggett School and Hamilton College. On June 28, 2005 Evie became Mom to her beloved daughter, Laura Grace.

Evie founded Scoville Solutions, a talent management consulting firm focused on the legal industry in 2015 after 20+ years' experience in legal personnel at Choate Hall & Stewart, WilmerHale, and Dewey Ballantine. Before joining the legal profession, Evie spent three years as an administrator at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, N.Y., where she also taught English, served as an advisor and coached the girls' varsity lacrosse team. Active in professional associations and her local community, Evie is a past member of the National Association for Law Placement's Ethics and Standards Committee and is a past president of the Massachusetts Area Legal Recruitment Association.

Evie felt very connected to the Charlestown community. She and Laura were committed volunteers for Gardens for Charlestown and faithful members of St. John's Episcopal Church where she was a former member of the vestry and served on various committees. She was a former chair of the board of directors and a coach of the Charlestown (Mass.) Lacrosse and Learning Center. She loved being with her community especially at



Halloween when she hosted her extended family for trick or treating in Monument Square.

Evie loved playing lacrosse for her high school, and at Hamilton College where she still holds the goalie record for Single Season Goals Against Average. She grew up a Detroit sports fan and became an avid and loyal fan of all Boston sports teams. However, she was the biggest cheerleader and fan at all her daughter's, nieces' and nephew's choir performances, dance recitals, school and sporting events. And she found special pride and enjoyment watching Laura perform with the Boston

Children's Chorus. Evie's greatest joy was to spend time with her daughter, her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Laura Grace, and her brothers: Laurence McConway of Scoville, III and his wife, Lynne Connor Scoville of Ann Arbor, MI, Robert Johnston Scoville and his wife, Sarah Allen Scoville of Bedford, MA and her five adored nieces and nephew; Louise, Katherine, Andrew, Lucy and Evelyn. She was predeceased by her parents, Laurence and Lynn Scoville, Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 21 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 27 Devens St., Charlestown with a reception at St. John's immediately after the service. Parking attendants will be provided.

In lieu of flowers and in honor of Evie, memorial donations may be made to: Boston Children's Chorus, 20 Old Colony Avenue, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02127 or St. John's Episcopal Church, 27 Devens St., Charlestown, MA 02129.

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