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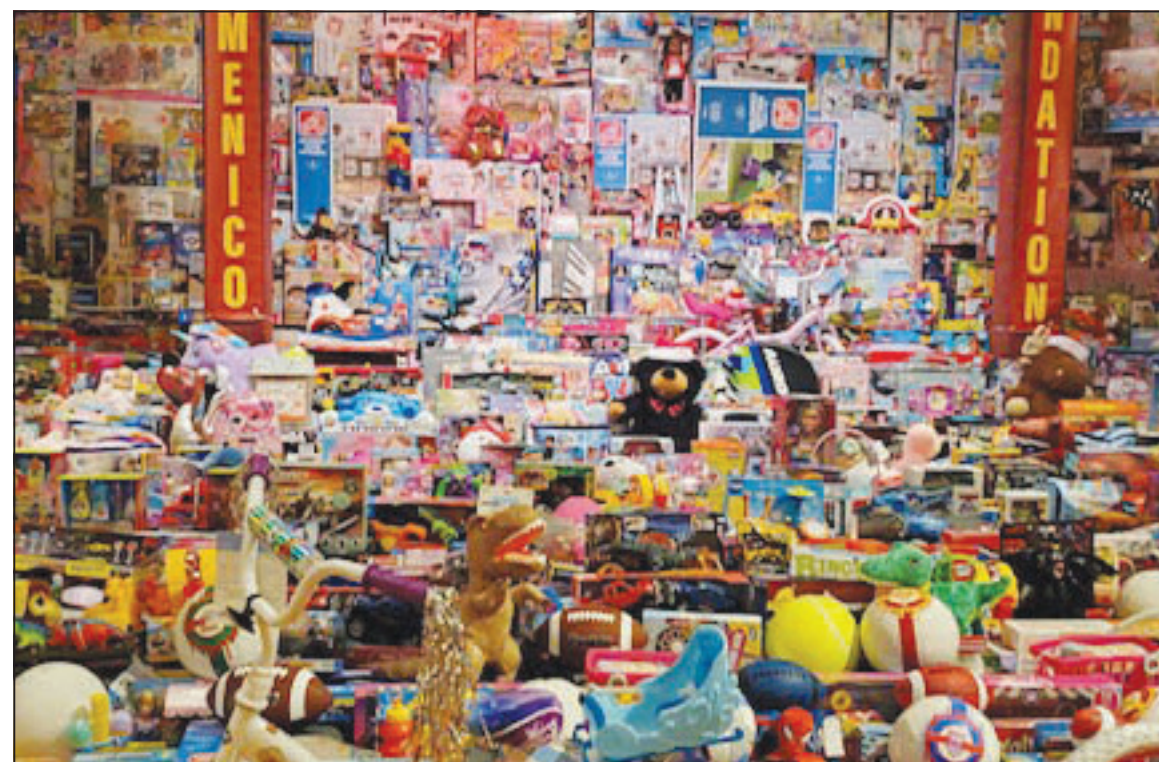
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Some of the toys collected at last year's Toy Drive.

DiDomenico Foundation Toy Drive on December 7

Join the DiDomenico Team for the Annual DiDomenico Foundation Toy Drive as we celebrate the holiday season and collect toys for children throughout our region.

Residents from far and wide will come together at Santa's "pop up" toy factory at the Kowloon Restaurant on Route One North in Saugus, Massachusetts Thursday, December 7, 2023, from 6:30pm until 9:30pm.

The DiDomenico Foundation

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Henry Santana is ready to get to work

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Henry Santana, Boston's newest City Councilor At-Large elect, looks forward to hitting the ground running in 2024 when he officially takes his place on the City Council.

Santana, a 28-year-old who immigrated to Boston as a child from the Dominican Republic and grew up at the Alice Taylor Boston Housing Authority (BHA) apartments in Mission Hill, had a stellar performance in the city's Municipal Election earlier this month to earn his at-large seat.



Boston City Councilor-at-Large Henry Santana.

Out of the eight total candidates in the race, Santana finished with in the top four, with 34,014 votes (15.53%), according to unofficial election results on the city's website, and shared his thanks to supporters in an interview with the Gazette.

"I'm just thankful and honored that residents believed in me and trusted me to be in this position," said Santana.

He specifically pointed out the strong support he received from neighborhoods like Jamaica Plain

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North Washington Street Bridge nearing completion

By Patriot Bridge Staff

The end of construction seems to be coming into sight for the new North Washington St Bridge. The project that has taken several years, and is years beyond the original completion date, is entering a significant milestone when vehicular pedestrian traffic will be relocated from the temporary bridge to the permanent bridge on the east side by next Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023.

Department of Transportation official John Romano announced the news at the November meeting of the North End Waterfront Neighborhood Council.

DOT officials laid out the work that has been completed by November 2023 that include:

Cracked welds repaired
All structural steel is installed
Waterproofing of the bridge

deck

100% of concrete deck placements are completed

100% of the permanent utilities are installed and completed

Most concrete sidewalks are completed

The upcoming work to be completed in December 2023, includes:

Vehicular and pedestrian traffic will move from the temporary bridge to the east side of the permanent bridge.

The left turn land inbound to Commercial Street off the bridge will remain open.

Demolition and removal of the temporary bridge to begin once all traffic has been shifted to the new bridge.

Lovejoy Walkway beneath the bridge will not be constructed or

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CHARLESTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL NEWS

CNC General Meeting, Thursday, December 7, 2023, The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold an in-person, public meeting on Thursday, December 7, 2023, from 7-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford St. Charlestown. Please bring your questions and neighborhood concerns to the meeting or email us at cnc02129@gmail.com. Check CNC02129.org for calendar and updates.

CNC Election

The CNC had eight (8) At-Large seats and seven (7) candidates submitted their Nomination Forms. That being said, there will NOT be an election. The council voted unanimously to seat all seven (7) candidates at the January 2024 meeting.

Candidates for the 8th seat are asked to bring their Nomination Forms to the December 5th meeting of the council where the council will vote on who will fill the empty seat.

NEWS BRIEFS

OPEN STUDIOS AND SMALL WORKS - AGC THIS WEEKEND.

Stop by 523 Medford Street from 11a.m. to 5p.m. on December 2 and 3 for Open Studios at the Artists Group of Charlestown Studios and the December show at the StoveFactory Gallery. There will be studio tours, demos and art for sale. Free parking in the adjacent lot at 511 Medford St. For more information visit www.artistgroupofcharlestown.com.

LIGHT UP THE TOWN!

The Mayor's Trolley visits the Training Field on Sunday, December 3 at 5PM for the Charlestown Tree lighting. On Thursday, December 7th, head over to The Anchor for their tree lighting celebration with fun for all. Friday, December 8th it's time to light up the tree at the USS Constitution, ship boarding begins at 3:30p.m., the cannon fires at 4:13 to mark

sunset, and the tree lighting ceremony begins at 4:30. Ship tours, free cocoa & cookies, and Santa will be there as well! Hood Park Winter Village event on Saturday, December 9th, 11 a.m. to 4p.m. will feature local artisans, a Christmas tree lot, igloos, curling, and more for the whole family. 3 hours free parking at 100 Hood Park makes it even easier!

SING & CELEBRATE

The holiday season with your Charlestown neighbors Sponsored by Navy Yard Garden & Art With Kendra Comstock, soprano, North End Music & Performing Arts Center, and Donegan Rudd, soprano. Tuesday, December 12 5-6 pm (rain or shine) at Dry Dock 2 on First Avenue and Fifth Street, as you enter the Charlestown Navy Yard. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. For questions contact Nancy 610-217-8180, or visit www.navyyardgarden.org.

TREE-LIGHTING AT THE ANCHOR

Join The Anchor team on December 7 for the return of their Annual Holiday Tree Lighting! Enjoy an afternoon filled with holiday festivities including for the whole family.

Don't forget - The Anchor is open throughout the entire winter season with igloos available for reservation daily.

MAYOR'S ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR

Boston's Enchanted Trolley Tour continues the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees throughout Boston. For the 27th year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will continue the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees while bringing holiday spirit to children across Boston. The event is sponsored by Bank of America, and includes visits with Santa, tree lightings, and more.

This year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will start on Saturday, December 2, and end on Sunday December 3, in neighborhoods throughout Boston.

December 3

4 p.m. - Paul Revere Mall, North End
5 p.m. - Winthrop Square (the Training Field), Charlestown
6:15 p.m. - Maverick Square, East Boston

TOY DRIVE *(from pg. 1)*

tion is an all-volunteer organization and one of their primary missions is to distribute toys to children in homeless and domestic violence shelters, social service agencies, parishes, and local schools.

"We are grateful for the tremendous support of our Foundation benefactors, members, and volunteers, who help make the

holidays a little brighter for hundreds of children," said State Senator Sal DiDomenico. "With the help of so many friends and supporters, our toy drive grows each year, and that helps us do our part to help families that have gone through a very tough year."

The Wong family, owners of Kowloon Restaurant, have once

again generously offered to host this year's toy drive and provide a complimentary buffet and cash bar. The Foundation requests a new, unwrapped toy as a donation for admission. For more information, or if you would like to donate toys but will be unable to attend please call (617) 387-3327.

NORTH WASHINGTON BRIDGE *(from pg. 1)*

open until the end of the project in Fall 2024.

The new bridge will be fully open to traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists in December 2024 with a project closeout in March, 2025.

District 1 Councilor Gabriela Coletta after the meeting said, "I'm pleased to see incremental progress and graduation from the use of the temporary bridge. I'll still be advocating for the safety of all pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists as the project continues. We still encourage individuals to reach out to MassDOT and the offices of both the North End and Charlestown delegation should there be issues."

The Construction look-ahead through December 9 includes:

Traffic and Pedestrian Shift to East Portion of New Bridge

- Beginning the morning of Saturday, December 9, 2023, all vehicle and pedestrian traffic will

move to the east portion of the new bridge. The shift will be completed by the evening of Saturday December 9.

- The pedestrian sidewalk will be located on the east portion of the new bridge.

- Signs will be mounted to request that bicyclists dismount and walk their bikes along the pedestrian path as there is no bike lane during this stage of construction.

- After the weekend traffic shift, MassDOT will begin the process of demolishing the temporary bridge on Monday, December 11 in preparation for construction of the western portion of the new bridge.

- Please see the image below for more information.

Scheduled Work

- Off-bridge approach barrier and sidewalk work
- Off-bridge utility work and

cutovers to permanent bridge

- Temporary line striping
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 when traffic shifts onto the new bridge 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 and eventually the east portion of the new 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: Nov. 30 at 7 p.m., Dec. 3 at 7 p.m., Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., and 1Dec. 9 at 1 p.m.

- CELTICS: Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Potential tournament games (locations and times TBA): Dec. 4, 5, 6 and 8.

- OTHER EVENTS: Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.

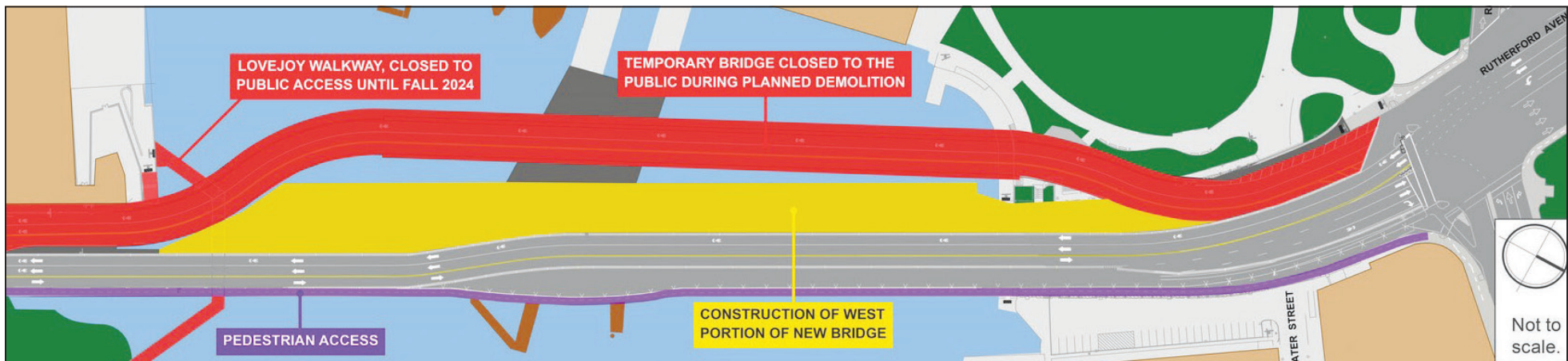
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Project website: Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement

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CHARLESTOWN PEOPLE

Isabelle Cadene is a Sailor with a Cause

By Tracy Iannelli

Isabelle Cadene loves the ocean....so much so that she has devoted her entire life to it! With long brown hair, natural enthusiasm, and high-minded goals, her story is as unique as she is. She has had an extra-ordinary impact on young people's lives by sharing her own lived experience as a 24-year-old adult.

Born and raised in Charlestown, like many in our town Isabelle is descended from immigrants. On her Mom's side, her great-grandparents came from Ireland and Lithuania, and on her Dad's side, from France. Her parents met in France while her mother was on vacation. After spending a few weeks every summer in her father's hometown, Isabelle developed an appreciation for the sea. It is not surprising that she learned how to swim in the Mediterranean!

Her Mom, a graphic designer, had a creative streak, and her Dad showed her the world and different aspects of it. Growing up, as a self-proclaimed stubborn child, she has since channeled that quality into determination and resolve. Before she was ten years old, Isabelle wanted to become a veterinarian, and envisioned attending Tufts to do so. At 8 years old, Mom signed Isabelle up for Courageous Sailing's summer program. Isabelle became what is now called a "Courageous Kid", spending summers and after school studying science and perfecting her sailing.

To understand Isabelle's passion for the ocean, it helps to understand the Courageous Sailing mission. From their website: "To transform lives through sailing programs that inspire learning, personal growth, and leadership. Youth experience

sailing as a platform...for leadership skills...while gaining confidence (as) they delve into hands-on science." As a non-profit, Courageous is able to make sailing accessible to all people; regardless of background, income or ability. Science and environmental stewardship are pillars of their program. The Courageous vision is to offer an innovative model for youth development, for all abilities and backgrounds. During the pandemic this was a daunting challenge, as was a temporary relocation from their longstanding location, allowing for some much needed repairs to their pier. Happily, in 2024 Courageous Sailing plans to be back to their home base on Pier 4 in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Courageous Sailing has become Isabelle's harbor home base for the past 16 years. At fifteen, she became an instructor in training, relatable, and eager to teach. Courageous program entitled "steps to lead" was part of her professional development, too. The 200+ kids who became her students, learned quickly that they were capable of a lot more than they could ever imagine. As sailors, they were in charge of something—a boat- and part of a team—a team who was counting on them. Isabelle was able to excite them with her friendly support, and love of the environment. Being able to impart her marine knowledge to others was rewarding, providing those "Courageous kids" the opportunity to develop their people skills as well as sailing abilities while immersed in the science of sailing. And with that support, they can make a difference in their own lives, as well as the world. Time on the water produced some life lessons-- like making quick decisions, communication, being



At the helm of the Corwith Cramer in the open Atlantic Isabelle Cadene.

in the moment, and---most importantly---understanding which way the wind was blowing; an analogy for life.

As someone who fully embraces the mission of people development through the acquisition of hard skills, Isabelle leads by example. Jennifer Bodde, Courageous' Director of Education, said of Isabelle: "I've loved seeing Isabelle use Courageous as springboard into Marine Biology, tall ships, her art, boat maintenance and-- above all-- leadership roles." One hot summer day, a dead fish washed up against the dock. As Jen approached the Courageous learning tent, she saw a large crowd of Courageous kids swarming around Isabelle, excited, enthralled, with some yelling "EWWWWW". When she discovered the source of the activity, it was Isabelle, holding an impromptu Marine Biology class with the dead fish as Exhibit A. Now that's "hands-on science"!

As if Courageous Sailing

didn't keep her busy enough, Isabelle was able to quickly use her dual degree—Marine Biology and Aquaculture/Aquarium Science. Following graduation from Roger Williams University, she worked as an aquaculture specialist at Boston Children's Hospital and simultaneously with Courageous.

Being on the water provided a sense of place, and Isabelle instantaneously connected with Boston Harbor as the gateway to the ocean. In her maritime career, she advanced from small boats to larger, more complex vessels, including tall ships that were specifically designed and custom built to teach sailing skills. In the spring of 2021, she became a deckhand in a professional capacity with the Sea Education Association. It was

challenging work as a crew-member, combining research and ship operations. Weather conditions could change dramatically, as could the seascapes. Dolphins, whales, flying fish and sharks were exciting, daily experiences. In the middle of one particular night watch, while sailing from Florida up the east coast, the ship entered the gulf stream. Isabelle felt the instantaneous acceleration as the massive current propelled the vessel. The power of nature was abundantly clear, and memorable.

The issue of climate change is personal to Isabelle, and has provided a platform for future work. After all, Boston Harbor is her center of operations and work

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EDITORIAL

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."
-- Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*.

With Christmas fast approaching, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although economic uncertainty, spurred by the after-effects of record-high inflation, continues to afflict almost every American household, most of us are doing okay, if not extremely well, thanks to unemployment rates that are near historically record-lows.

However, the strong economy (from an employment standpoint) that is being enjoyed by the majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable number of our fellow citizens, the lingering effects of the pandemic, as well as the fraying of the fabric of our social safety net in recent years, have come together to represent an existential disaster.

Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially, even if they have a job. To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our recent history. One in eight households (12.8 percent) experience food insecurity, defined as the lack of access to an affordable, nutritious diet. An estimated 44.2 million Americans live in these households. A recent Feeding America survey found that 80% of network food banks reported either increased or steady demand for emergency food services, with almost 35% of responding food banks reporting an increase in the number of people they serve.

In addition, thanks to the lack of affordable new housing and sky-high rents, far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because our economy literally has left them out in the cold. Millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, are struggling financially, often through no fault of their own, thanks to a combination of low-wage jobs and a strong real estate market that ironically has made apartments (let alone buying a home) unaffordable. This dichotomy is most evident and acute in cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, and right here in Boston (most notably at the infamous Mass. and Cass intersection in the South End). Despite the vast wealth in those metropolitan areas, thousands of homeless Americans, including many who have full-time jobs, are living in tent and cardboard "neighborhoods" on city sidewalks.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what exists in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy. Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called "warm glow" effect.

Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for contributions to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunities in the coming days to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate, whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even just dropping a few dollars in the buckets of the Salvation Army Santas.

There simply is no excuse for those of us who are among the more fortunate for failing to make some effort over the next four weeks to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EXHIBIT COMING TO AN END

Dear Editor,
All good things must come to an end. The successful public art exhibit, *Of Many Minds*, by award winning Massachusetts artist Michael Alfano, is closing mid- December with removal of sculptures. Over the past eighteen months, Boston residents and visitors delighted in the twenty sculptures installed along the Harborwalk in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Enlivening and enhancing our neighborhood through public art is a key tenet of the Navy Yard Garden & Art mission statement. We are pleased that the "*Of Many Minds*" exhibit inspired people to explore our unique corner of the city, to pause and read the sculpture inscriptions, to pose with a favorite sculpture and to sit and stay for a while. We have many to thank for this successful multi-year project.

Thank you to the early community supporters, the BPDA and the Boston Art Commission for their confidence in our organization and for approving an eighteen-month exhibit. We thank the Charlestown community and our sponsors for contributing the necessary funds to bring the exhibit to the Navy Yard. As an all-volunteer non-profit organization, Navy Yard Garden & Art is a proud recipient of a grant from the MassPort Community Fund which supported programming to complement the exhibit. We thank our partners for opportunities to collaborate, including Copley Society of Art, Continuum Dance Project, Boston Harbor City Cruises, Boston National Historic Park., USS Constitution Museum, Courageous Sailing, Friends of the Boston Harborwalk, The Trike-Hub, and Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront. Thank you to our supporters, partners, and sponsors:

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Robin DiGiammarino,
President
Navy Yard Garden & Art

THANK YOU
Dear Editor
Thank you to the organizers, participants and supporters of the Mark & Michelle Gorman Memorial annual cornhole tournament in September. My family and I appreciate the scholarship money as it will help with my high school tuition.
Again, thanks so much to the organizers, friends and family and all those who participated in the

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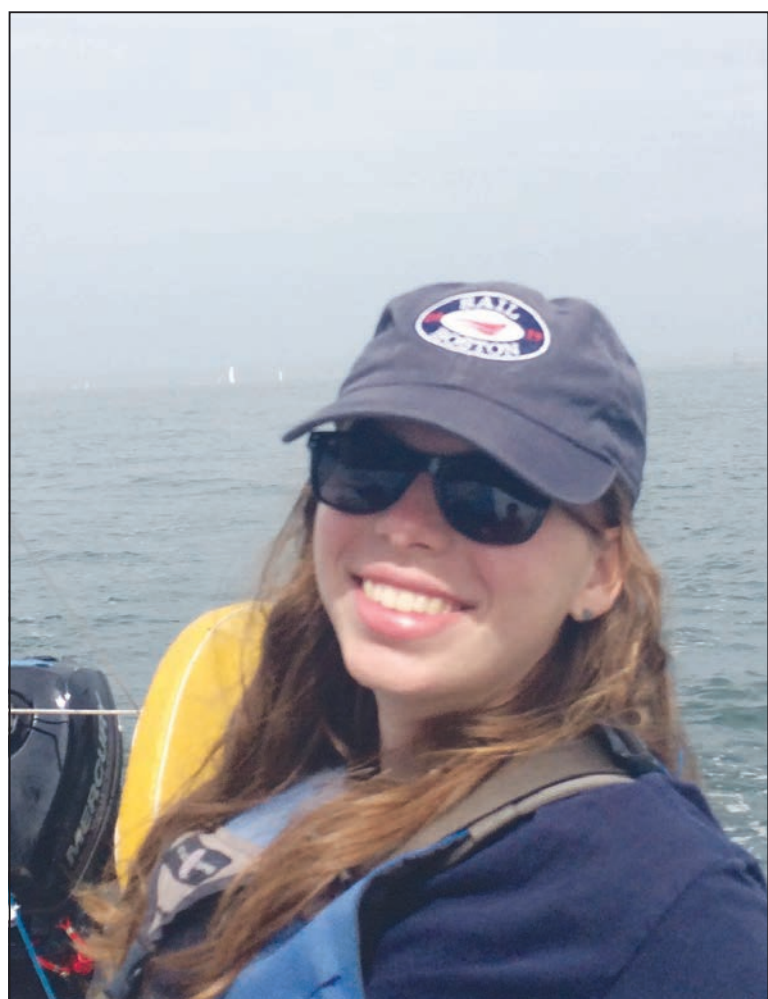
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Sailing one of Courageous's J80s on Boston Harbor Isabelle Cadene.

CADENE (from pg. 3)

place. Pointing to those big white egg-shaped structures in East Boston's harbor entry, she explained how wastewater from the city is processed, and cleaned. But more can be done, particularly in New England's coastal habitats even as the Boston Harbor Islands and the National Park Service are doing great work. Although she loves New England, Isabelle would like to explore other regions of the country, including the Pacific Northwest, where biodiversity is an integral part of the culture.

In fact, her favorite animal is the Vancouver Island Sea Wolf. It's a fascinating creature, one whose survival depends on maximizing both the land and the sea, and is somewhat mythical in nature. Coastal wolves prey on marine and earth species, and are versatile in their behavior. Most of us have never heard of this animal; but a televised special brought their existence to light for Isabelle; as the wolf is a fitting symbol of adaptability and resilience.

After two years of study and practice, Isabelle received her Captain's license. This accomplishment earns her the right to have command of a vessel up to 100 tons, and be hired as an officer on a variety of larger ships. With this as her stepping stone to becoming a professional mariner along with

her experience in science, Isabelle is making her way towards her ultimate goals in life. She would like to combine sailing and marine research in addition to continuing teaching young people.

Isabelle recently bought a 31-foot cruising boat and plans to live on it someday. The boat, named the Curlew, shares her name with that of a threatened shorebird, and is a fitting representation of climate concerns. Curlews are our largest shorebird, with a utilitarian long curved bill. The name of her boat will not change, and she explains it is a belief amongst mariners that it would be bad luck to do so.

Isabelle's accomplishments are second only to her dedication and advocacy to preserve and improve our environment. She is driven by the desire to gain new skills, and make a difference for whatever lies ahead of her. As she nears her 25th birthday, her future is certainly bright—she's thinking about a Masters in Coastal Ecology, the 2026 tall ships festival, and her close and knowledgeable affinity for the natural world. Sailors understand that you cannot direct the wind, but you can chart your course, set your sails, listen to the sounds of the sea world, and harness all of it into your life's work. Isabelle is doing just that.

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cornhole tournament. The tournament honored some wonderful townies including Mark, Michelle and Ruthie Gorman, Mimi Wrenn and Jimmy Hingston.

We are lucky to live in such a great community.

Owen McHale

ON THE CONSTITUTION INN

Dear Editor,

I write regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Constitution Inn in the historic Charlestown Navy Yard, but also with regards to a worrisome trend in our city's development system. Too frequently, and seemingly increasingly, city officials have truncated or outright circumvented the carefully rendered procedural necessities of development – and almost always to the detriment of local stakeholders and working families. Article 80 was written by the people of the City of Boston with a purpose, and enshrined in the municipal zoning code to present clear guidelines, both to developers and to local residents. Even in instances where the cause itself is

well-intended, the rights and prerogatives of neighborhood stakeholders should never be sacrificed for expediency and profit.

I believe that Charlestown residents have the right to a full development review process with regards to the proposed Constitution Inn project, and am requesting that no additional advances be made until the investment is made in collaboration with the community. I concur with my colleague Councilor Coletta that Charlestown is entitled to input from an Impact Advisory Group, a scoping determination session, and the other prerogatives provided for in Article 80.

As I am already on the record in opposition to the proposal as currently formulated, please let me reiterate that I am supportive of the overarching goals as put forth by St. Francis House and the Archdiocese of Boston. For a variety of reasons, Boston faces an undeniable housing crisis and we must be creative and flexible in locating solutions. In doing so, we must center and prioritize historically underserved communities, addressing head-on the painful inequities that for too long have plagued our city.

It is, in my opinion and that of many constituents whom I've consulted, for that reason that it's imperative we get the process right, along with the intentions behind it. The people we are seeking to serve ought to be empowered with a residential environment that has benefited from the full investment of the community. With pressure on our housing system now coming from all sides – including the influx of migrant families that has forced difficult decisions on policymakers at every level – we should be ensuring long-term stability and health through the full buy-in of local stakeholders.

In short, I'd like us to get this process right. The vulnerable and historically underserved populations we are hoping to address deserve that, and the neighborhood deserves that. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at Erin.Murphy@boston.gov or 617-635-3115. Thank you very much; I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Erin Murphy
Boston City Councilor
At-Large



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Coach Rich Doucette, Unsung Hero Award recipient Brielle DeFeri, and Coach Stephanie King.



Coach Rich Doucette presents the 8-U Columbia Spring team Most Improved Player Award to Eve Stuppy at the Charlestown Girls Softball League Awards Banquet.



10-U Spring Navy Most Improved Player Award recipient Ava Hess, Sportsmanship Award recipient Julia Fenn, Unsung Hero Award recipient Audrey McKenzie, Most Valuable Player Award recipient Kathryn Lynch, and her father, Coach Mike Lynch.



10-U Columbia Most Improved Player Award recipient Peyton King, Sportsmanship Award recipient Augusta Fry, Most Valuable Player Award recipient Brielle Chery, and Unsung Hero Award recipient Hazel Wright, with Coaches Kendall Miller, Kate Wright, and Katie Mabardi.

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Coach Jack Schievink, 12-U Spring Unsung Hero Award recipient Scarlet Thompson, Most Improved Player Award recipient Maya Castro, Sportsmanship Award recipient Kate Daley Demerle, Most Valuable Player Award recipient Lilliana Telesford, and Coach Heather Thompson.



10-U Summer Columbia team Unsung Hero Award recipient Augusta Fry, Most Improved Player Award recipient Liza Oh, Sportsmanship Award recipient Mia Mabardi, and Most Valuable Player Award recipient Peyton King, with Coaches Kendall Miller, Billy Nugent, and Katie Mabardi.



Summer Navy team Coach Mike Lynch, Most Valuable Player Award recipient Scout Hamill, Sportsmanship Award recipient Anna Hawkins, Most Improved Player Award recipient Rayven Willis, and Unsung Hero Award recipient Avere Moralez.



12-U Summer Blue Diamonds Coach Jack Schievink, Unsung Hero Award recipient Cossette Thompson, Most Valuable Player Award recipient Camryn Collier, Most Improved Player Award recipient Avery Libby, and Coach Heather Thompson.



8-U Fall Coach Rich Doucette, Most Valuable Player Award recipient Adela Miller, Most Improved Player Award recipient Kennedy Moysiewicz, Sportsmanship Award recipient Sophia Doucette, Unsung Hero Award recipient Claire Castro, and Coach Grace Timlin.



10-U Fall MVP Award recipient Kathryn Lynnch, Unsung Hero Award recipient Elizabeth Rogers, Most Improved Player Award recipient Charlotte Edwards, and Sportsmanship Award recipient Anna Hawkins, with Coaches Billy Nugent, Katie Mabardi, and Mike Lynch.



14-U Fall team Most Valuable Player Award recipient Cosette Thompson, Most Valuable Player Award recipient Ashlyn Brady, Unsung Hero Award recipient Camryn Collier, Sportsmanship Award recipient Lillian Telesford, and Most Improved Player Award recipient Emma Healey, with Coach Jack Schievink and Heather Thompson.



Kathryn Lynch was the recipient of the Joseph D. Hayes Memorial Award for Excellence, Sportsmanship, and Pride. Making the presentation are members of Mr. Hayes' family, Jim Hayes, Jane Porter, Judy Hayes, and Janet Lawton. Also pictured is Kathryn's father and coach, Mike Lynch.



Pictured are members of the Hayes family with Joseph D. Hayes Memorial Award finalist Camryn Collier, recipient Kathryn Lynch, finalist Mia Mabardi, and Coach Mike Lynch (back row, center).

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National Parks of Boston Hosts Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Navy Yard

The National Parks of Boston will host a gathering of remembrance at the USS Constitution Museum followed by a wreath-laying ceremony on the World War

II-era destroyer USS Cassin Young to remember and honor those who perished in the December 7, 1941 attack on the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. USS Cas-

sin Young was named in honor of U.S. Naval Commander Cassin Young, who received honors for his actions during the Pearl Harbor attack. December marks the 80th anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Cassin Young.

On Thursday, December 7, this free three-part public program will be held in the Charlestown Navy Yard starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and a speaking program at the USS Constitution Museum, followed by an outdoor ceremony beside USS Cassin Young, and concluding with warm beverages at the Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center. Lunch is provided by the Mayor's Office for Veterans' Services and Boston Harbor Now is sponsoring the beverages. Ceremony speakers include National

Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey, USS Constitution Commander Billie J. Farrell, USS Constitution Museum President & CEO Anne Grimes Rand, Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services Secretary Jon Santiago, and Boston Commissioner of Veterans' Services Robert Santiago. State and city elected officials will be among the attendees, along with veterans and USS Cassin Young volunteers. The program will include the USS Constitution and Flying Leatherneck Honor Society Color Guards and rifle and cannon salutes from both USS Cassin Young and USS Constitution.

USS Cassin Young was named for U.S. Navy Commander Cassin Young, recipient of the Medal of

Honor for his distinguished and heroic actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor, which initiated the United States' entry into World War II. As commanding officer of USS Vestal, which was moored to USS Arizona, Cmdr. Young took personal command of his ship's three-inch anti-aircraft gun at the beginning of the attack. When the forward magazine of Arizona was hit, Cmdr. Young was thrown overboard and incredibly swam back to his ship amidst burning oil on the water between the two ships. Despite the subsequent bombing of Vestal, Cmdr. Young moved his ship away from Arizona to save the ship and countless lives. USS Cassin Young has similarly served the country with distinction. It was built in San Pedro, California, typical of the many Fletcher-class destroyers serviced in the Charlestown Navy Yard during World War II. The ship was commissioned at the end of 1943 and first saw action in the Pacific Theatre in 1944. It took part in the landings in the Philippines, rescued survivors from the stricken carrier USS Princeton, screened the American force that sank four Japanese carriers in the battle of Cape Engano, and survived two separate kamikaze hits, one of which killed 21 crew members. No stranger to Charlestown, the ship was recalled to service in 1951 and underwent modernization at the shipyard on several occasions during the next decade before finally hauling down its commissioning pennant in 1960.

"On this day of remembrance and reflection, the National Parks of Boston is proud to honor the service people of the United States Navy past and present, and share the history of USS Cassin Young with visitors from around the world," said National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day marks the beginning of a weekend of programs and events related to the U.S. Navy and Armed Forces. On December 8, Navy midshipmen and Army cadets compete in "Patriot Games" around the city, which includes a relay race from the Charlestown Navy Yard to Bunker Hill Monument and back. Later that evening, USS Constitution hosts its annual tree lighting ceremony. The 2023 Army-Navy Game takes place at Gillette Stadium on December 9.



The USS Cassin Young in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

OBITUARIES

Anne DeMattia

Well known throughout the town for her sense of humor which remained strong until the end of her life

Anne(Maguire) DeMattia, 74, a life long resident of Charlestown, died peacefully on Thursday, November 11 at Care Dimensions Hospice House, Lincoln, MA.

Anne was born in Boston on May 27, 1949.

She was the devoted and much loved wife of the late Anthony (Tony) DeMattia,

he much loved daughter of the late Thomas and Annie Maguire, the beloved sister of the late Thomas Maguire and his surviving wife, Meg of S. Weymouth and William (Billy) Maguire and his wife, Nancy of Hollywood, Florida.

Anne grew up in Charlestown and attended Boston Public Schools. She was well known throughout the town for her sense of humor which remained strong until the end of her life. All of Anne's many life long friends considered themselves fortunate to



have known her.

At Anne's request funeral arrangements were private.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to the Boys and Girls Club of Charlestown, 15 Green St., Charlestown, MA 02129

Evelyn Catherine (Walsh) Christian

Retired caregiver for the elderly

Evelyn Catherine (Walsh) Christian, 100, of N. Andover, passed away on Sunday, November 19 at Lawrence General Hospital. She was the widow of the late Walter Christian with whom she shared 18 years of marriage before he passed away.

She was born on March 1, 1923 in Charlestown and was a daughter of the late Walter Walsh and the late Mildred (Driscoll) Walsh. She grew up in Charlestown and Somerville, living with her grandmother, Catherine Driscoll. While residing in Charlestown, she played an active role in her church community, particularly at St. Francis Church many years ago. In her 90's, she relocated to North Andover to be closer to her family, maintaining an independent lifestyle until the age of 97.

Evelyn worked as a caregiver for the elderly, assisting in various households. Her gift of gab allowed her to effortlessly make friends wherever she went. She took great joy in caring for those around her, with a special focus on being a great nana and spending quality time with her grandchildren, never missing any of their events.

Evelyn is survived by her daughter, Catherine Petillo and her husband, Louis of N. Andover; her grandchildren, Stephanie Petillo of N. Andover and Jennifer Peavey and her husband, Stephen of Windham and her great granddog, Cooper. She is also survived by two



sisters, Joan Lightizer of California and Donna DeCrescenzo of South Carolina and three nieces Laura DeCrescenzo, Kimberly DeCrescenzo, and Michelle DeCrescenzo Esposito.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded by her daughter, the late Linda Christian; her son, the late Walter Christian; and her siblings, the late Doris Lightizer, the late Lois Lightizer, and the late Eileen Walsh.

Her funeral mass was celebrated at 12 noon on November 25 at Saint Francis de Sales Parish, 303 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown followed by burial at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. Arrangements were by the Tewksbury Funeral Home. Please find us on facebook or visit www.TewksburyFuneralHome.com to leave the family a message of condolence at anytime -- 978-851-2061.

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basic necessities. The holiday season can be particularly difficult for these children.

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SANTANA (from pg. 1)

and East Boston and partly credited the result to campaign operations since April.

"We were just showing up in every neighborhood for months and months, and I think people were excited to see a young, black, Dominican immigrant who grew up in public housing, who's a product of the city, who's a product of Boston Public Schools," said Santana.

Along with his lived experience, Santana also spoke about his professional experience, whether that be as a Field Director on the campaign to elect former City Councilor Kenzie Bok, Bok's Director of Operations and Mission Hill and Fenway Liaison, and Director of the city's Office of Civic Organizing.

"I had a very unique professional experience, combined with my lived experience, that I think resonated with so many people," said Santana.

Not only did he think his previous professional roles resonated with folks, but Santana is also of the mindset that it will now help him on the City Council.

In his previous work with Bok, Santana explained how he got to see firsthand how the council can work together to help residents. In his role in the Office of Civic Organizing, he built relationships with department heads and people on the ground.

"I know how to get things done. I've been doing it — I was doing it as a City Council Aid, I was doing it as part of the leadership team for Mayor Michelle Wu, and now, being in this position, I know where to go, who to go to in terms of how to get things done,"

said Santana.

Speaking about getting things done, as Santana prepares to officially take his position in the coming months, he talked about his goal to be a representative of the next generation that is coming and three distinct priorities he would like to focus on.

The first priority he discussed was housing affordability — a topic he indicated needed to be acted on with urgency.

"Housing is a human right, and I believe right now, week to week, month to month, year to year, we're losing young professionals, families, seniors because they cannot afford to stay here," he said.

Specifically, Santana spoke about working with public housing residents, fixing public housing infrastructure, creating more units across the city, and creating more homeownership opportunities for people from subsidized housing, low-income communities, and public housing.

Education is another top priority for Santana, and he spoke at length about the investments being made in schools. While he acknowledged investments are being made in the city's education system, he does not think they are being seen in the classroom by students, teachers, and families.

"When you're walking into these facilities, and you have broken ceilings, and you have broken bathrooms, and you have technology that's not working, textbooks that are decades old, what message are you sending to the kids," he said.

"We want to be able to see the investments that we're making actually being seen in the class-

room," he later added.

Finally, Santana prioritizes public safety and points to the loss of young kids due to gun violence and how it has been normalized.

"We're so quick to go to Twitter or to Facebook and send our condolences and prayers. That's thoughtful and nice, but what are we doing as the City of Boston to try to prevent some of these situations from happening? What are we doing to really try to protect our youth and our families here in the City of Boston," he said.

Santana pointed to his personal experience of having truly affordable after-school and summer programs as the best thing that ever happened to him from the standpoint of public safety.

"I want to make sure that these programs, the non-profit programs here in the community, have the support of the city," said Santana.

While some might view these priorities as complex topics to tackle, Santana believes it is something that is achievable.

"These are very achievable things I'm speaking about. I'm not saying crazy promises that are not obtainable. I think the things that I campaigned on are very achievable are things that we can work with the City Council and the administration to make happen," he said.

As 2024 draws near, Santana shared his excitement and how he is ready to get to work for Boston residents.

"I'm very excited. I'm thankful for the trust that the residents of Boston have put in me, and I'm proud to say that there was a clear direction that the City of Boston took on November 7th in electing me, and I'm ready to get to work."

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DiDomenico secures funding for diabetes medical supplies in PACT ACT 3.0

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to unanimously pass the bipartisan Act Relative to Pharmaceutical Access, Costs, and Transparency, (PACT) otherwise known as the PACT Act 3.0. The legislation would make urgent and much-needed reforms to the pharmaceutical system in the state by lowering the cost of drugs at the pharmacy counter and improving oversight of the pharmaceutical industry. It also takes firm steps to create more equitable access to life-saving medications by providing a free, no-cost sharing option for certain drugs used to treat chronic illnesses that disproportionately affect people of color.

DiDomenico spoke on the Senate floor in favor of his amendment to the bill which would ensure patients have access to continuous glucose monitors and supplies they need to treat diabetes. Being diabetic is expensive and if someone with diabetes is prescribed insulin, they need to buy not only their insulin, but also supplies like needles, syringes, and lancets. These supplies can cost hundreds to thousands of dollars a year. This amendment would ensure that we get insulin into patients' hands and the supplies they need to take that insulin and manage their diabetes.

"People across communities and backgrounds are drowning under the weight of prescription drug costs and it is incumbent on us to ensure people can access life-saving medications," said Senator Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "I am proud to support this proposal that will put people first and make our state more affordable for everyone. I want to thank Senate President Karen Spilka, Senator Cindy Friedman and my colleagues for their dedication to passing this important legislation that will help my constituents and millions of residents across the Commonwealth."

"Relief from prescription drug costs can't wait when lives are at stake," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "I look forward to this bill getting signed into law so that residents and seniors who go to the pharmacy counter will finally pay less for the medications they use to stay alive and maintain their quality of life. This reform is in line with the Senate's commitment to addressing affordability, equity, and transparency, and maintaining the Commonwealth's competitiveness as a place to live and work. I am extremely grateful for the diligent



Senator Sal DiDomenico addressing the Senate.

and tireless work of Senator Friedman and Chair Rodrigues for their leadership on this bill, and to the rest of my colleagues in the Senate for their strong support."

By connecting the need for greater drug price transparency with policies to improve oversight for the pharmaceutical industry, the PACT Act 3.0 puts the Senate at the forefront of the state's efforts to tackle rapidly increasing prescription drug costs. It will also reduce drug costs for patients and lower health care costs overall.

Lowering costs for life-saving medications

Far too often, patients cannot access the medications they need due to high prescription drug prices. This legislation takes a step towards addressing this by offering immediate price relief and limiting out-of-pocket spending for prescription drugs used to treat diabetes, asthma, and chronic heart conditions, all of which disproportionately affect black and brown residents of Massachusetts.

For each of the chronic conditions identified, the bill requires insurers to eliminate deductibles and cost-sharing requirements for one generic drug and to cap co-payments on one brand-name drug at \$25 per 30-day supply. Capping the costs of these medications will help improve access and reduce the financial burden of prescriptions, which far too often causes the dangerous practice of rationing life-saving drugs.

To make sure patients pay the lowest possible cost at the pharmacy counter, the PACT Act 3.0 also ensures that a patient purchasing a prescription drug is not charged a cost-sharing amount, such as a co-pay, if it would be cheaper for them to purchase the drug without using their insurance.

Ensuring patients can use their preferred pharmacy

The bill takes significant steps toward ensuring that patients can get their prescription drugs from

the pharmacy that they choose. This bill will allow independent pharmacists the opportunity to become licensed to dispense specialty medications and allow any network pharmacy to contract with carriers to provide mail-order prescriptions, changing the current practice of carriers determining what pharmacies are available to patients for mail-order prescriptions.

Holding drug companies accountable

The PACT Act 3.0 contains enhanced accountability tools to address rising costs of medications and other barriers to care. Currently, Massachusetts cannot effectively identify the drugs that have burdensome costs. These cost barriers also contribute to unaddressed health issues and often worsen conditions. To combat this, the bill directs the Health Policy Commission (HPC), in consultation with stakeholders, to establish a process for identifying high drug prices that create access barriers to essential medicines that address the priority health care needs of residents of the Commonwealth. In addition, it allows the HPC to recommend pricing measures to increase patient access to necessary medications.

Pharmaceutical manufacturers that fail to comply with this process will be required to pay a fee that will go into a trust fund for a new drug cost assistance program to support patients with certain chronic health conditions that disproportionately impact communities of color and low-income communities.

To help control costs further, the PACT Act 3.0 requires pharmaceutical manufacturers to notify the state in advance of new drugs coming to market, and of significant price increases for existing drugs. With advanced notification, the state's MassHealth program can better prepare for potential cost increases by exploring ways to mitigate the cost or negotiating improved prices.

In addition, advance notification will enable the HPC to focus on these cost drivers at their Cost Trends Hearings, which are held each year to examine the drivers of health care costs; identify challenges and opportunities for improving care and reducing costs in Massachusetts; increase transparency and accountability for health care providers and insurers; and help the state to meet its annual health care cost growth benchmark.

This bill also empowers the Center for Health Information and

Analysis (CHIA), an independent state agency that provides objective analysis of the quality, affordability, utilization, and access to the Massachusetts health care system, to collect a range of drug cost information from pharmaceutical manufacturers and pharmacy benefit managers to include in its annual health care cost report, which does not currently include comprehensive data on drug costs. Collecting this data will allow policymakers and consumers to better understand the role of pharmaceutical manufacturers in driving health care costs moving forward.

Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Oversight

To address another potential cost driver, the bill brings oversight to pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), which play a major role in determining how prescription drugs are tiered and priced on insurance plans. PBMs serve as middlemen between prescription drug buyers and sellers and currently operate with little oversight, making it unclear if they act in the best interest of consumers or health plans when they negotiate the price of drugs with pharmaceutical manufacturers. The PACT Act 3.0 authorizes the Division of Insurance (DOI) to provide much-needed oversight by licensing and regulating PBMs—and establishing sanctions for PBMs that fail to meet certain standards.

Additionally, pharmaceutical manufacturers and PBMs will be included in the HPC's annual Cost Trends Hearings for the first time. By participating in the hearings process, pharmaceutical manufacturers and PBMs will be required to provide public testimony on the factors that influence drug costs and provide documentation to back up their claims. HPC will use this information to analyze how pharmaceutical industry costs impact the state's health care market—and the ultimate cost of health care for Massachusetts residents.

The bill has also gained support from leading advocates for health-care access.

In a statement, the Health Equity Compact praised the legislation, saying, "The Health Equity Compact commends the Senate for including provisions to address the increasing cost burden of certain medications for chronic conditions in An Act Relative to Pharmaceutical Access, Costs and Transparency. Providing affordable medications for diabetes, asthma, and heart conditions is an important

step toward addressing health inequities, and these provisions are also included in the health equity omnibus bill which would pave the way for the next chapter of health reform. We thank the Senate President and Senator Friedman for their work to address health disparities in the Commonwealth and look forward to continued partnership with our legislative colleagues."

"The cost of prescription drugs has risen rapidly, putting critical medications out of reach for many," said Amy Rosenthal, Executive Director of Health Care For All. "This legislation will ensure thousands of residents are able to better afford the necessary medications to manage their diabetes, asthma and heart conditions, and bring transparency and accountability to the drug industry through the state's cost trends process."

During the debate, the Senate adopted an amendment from Senator Pavel Payano (D-Lawrence) to ensure that safety net hospitals and federally qualified community health centers can purchase discounted drugs from drug manufacturers through the federal 340B program. This program helps to keep costs low for patients who are served by hospitals in vulnerable communities.

Furthermore, the Senate adopted an amendment from Senator Cynthia Creem (D-Newton) that directs a study whether the state should adopt a statewide policy requiring schools, police stations, and fire stations to maintain a supply of epinephrine injectors on hand, to support students and residents in need. The Senate has been a leader in putting forth policies that address unaffordable drug costs. The HEALTH Act, passed by the Senate in 2017, proposed policies to incorporate pharmaceutical costs into the state's annual health care cost oversight process and ensure that consumers are offered the lowest available prices at the pharmacy.

The Senate also championed the inclusion of provisions in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget to allow MassHealth to directly negotiate supplemental drug rebates to save the state millions of dollars each year.

Today's passage marks the third consecutive session that the Senate has passed legislation to rein in drug costs and reform the pharmaceutical system, as drug costs have continued to climb higher with each passing year.

The PACT Act 3.0 now moves to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for consideration.

NEW Health distributes thanksgiving meals

Special to the Patriot Bridge

On Thursday, November 16, NEW Health that is located in North End and Charlestown gave away more than 140 complimentary fully-prepared Thanksgiving meals for residents to enjoy this season. Distributions took place at Charlestown, and deliveries took place in the North End

Community members and patients had an opportunity to sign up in advance at the health center to receive their meals. The meals will include traditional favorites such as turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, stuffing, cranberry sauce and pie.

The Community Fridge is also located at NEW Health Charlestown, just outside the health center and is open at all times, stocked with free, healthy food for everyone in need. Throughout

the month of November, the NEW Health Food Insecurity Program is initiating another #fillthefridge campaign to drive donations and combat food insecurity. NEW Health is asking residents to fill the fridge one day.

Acceptable Community Fridge food donations include: whole fruits and vegetables, commercially packaged refrigerated foods (eggs, milk, cheese, butter, tortillas, bread, bagged salad, etc.), and commercially packaged frozen foods (vegetables, fruits, prepared meals, etc.).

NEW Health's Food Insecurity Program, serving both its North End and Charlestown sites, was established in 2016. NEW Health is Charlestown's first full-service health center and is committed to improving the quality of health and life for its over 5,000 patients in the neighborhood. The health

center continues to increase their food insecurity efforts to help families in need with the help of the community.

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 is a 2023 Health Center Quality Leader (HCQL), the only Massachusetts health center to receive a Gold



Some of the Thanksgiving meals distributed by NEW Health.

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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.



Luisa Siniscalchi and Danny Coakley.



NEW Health employee cutting pies for patients.

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