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Shown clockwise from top-left: Tilley Griffin with mom Cara meeting Charlestown-based children's author Lindsay Cardigan, who brought *The Confetti Yeti* to Hood Park's annual Winter Village. She is promoting her new book: *The Confetti Yeti Celebrates A Birthday*.

Waiting on line to get their own balloon pets are Tablia and Adrian Zomick.

Dave Tschiegg and Liv Pyman of Evergreen Christmas Trees helped shoppers with their selections. See more photos in next week's issue of the Patriot-Bridge.



State, federal leaders cut the ribbon at new Veterans Home in Chelsea community care facility

By Adam Swift

There were big names on hand from the State House and Washington, DC last Friday for a ribbon cutting at the new Massachusetts Veterans Home in Chelsea, but the focus was on the services the new state-of-the-art facility will provide for those who have served and sacrificed for their country.

"The new Veterans Home in Chelsea is what our veterans

earned and deserve, and it represents a new era of care and commitment to our veterans in Massachusetts," said Governor Healey. "It offers a sense of community for our veterans, allows them to have dignity and autonomy in a home-like environment, and makes sure their physical, mental, and emotional needs are met."

Healey was joined at the event by U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough, Sen-

ator Elizabeth Warren, and Executive Office of Veterans Services Secretary Jon Santiago.

The officials visited the home and toured the facility, exploring its features and amenities, including the rehabilitation room and environmentally sustainable elements. They also visited several of the veteran residents living in the building.

The Veterans Home is designed to foster community among res-

idents, with 154 private resident rooms organized around shared community and green spaces. The home is also fossil-fuel free and features geothermal wells and a rooftop solar array.

"Cutting a ribbon on a new community living center really resonates because today's Department of Veterans Affairs traces its very roots to what were essentially community living centers for vets," said McDonough. "The first

one was in Maine ... the second one was in Massachusetts."

McDonough said today's community living centers offer a full spectrum of care that includes skilled nursing, rehabilitative services, mental health services and integrate support services like physical therapy and recreational activities and social engagement programs.

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Cummings Tech announces new Biotechnology Associate program

Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology (Franklin Cummings Tech), the only two-year technical federally designated minority-serving institution in Boston, announced that the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education has approved its new Associate Degree in Biotechnology and is now accepting applications for Fall 2024 enrollment. The new program will prepare graduates to secure in-demand, well-paying jobs and build fulfilling careers in the biotechnology industry through hands-on lab instruction and internship opportunities made possible through biotech industry partnerships. Further, the college will extend elements of its new biotech program into the Boston Public Schools, creat-

ing an educational pathway from middle school through college and ultimately into the skilled biotech workforce.

“Our new Associate Degree in Biotechnology exemplifies Franklin Cummings Tech’s agility to design programs that the current job market demands while providing career opportunities to the untapped talent living in the communities we serve,” said Dr. Aisha Francis, president & CEO of Franklin Cummings Tech. “Our biotech program is made exemplary through the partnerships we created with biotech leaders who, like us, want to see our graduates succeed in and contribute to the industry.”

A 2023 report by the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education

Foundation shows a more than 50% percent increase in life sciences jobs in Massachusetts over the past decade. The report also projected over 170,000 life science jobs in Massachusetts by 2032.

With the financial, technical, and job opportunity assistance through the partnerships with Ginkgo Bioworks, Moderna, Samuels & Associates, and the Mass Life Science Center, Franklin Cummings Tech will train students in biotechnology, biomanufacturing, clinical research, and bioengineering. Graduates will be prepared for roles including research associate, research technician, laboratory technician, manufacturing technician, medical technologist, and science writer. Ginkgo Bioworks will assist with curricula development and provide technical assistance in developing the future lab space where students will receive lab training. The program will include two paid internships in collaboration with Life Science Cares. Additionally, Samuels & Associates (S&A) is establishing a \$ 1 million scholarship fund and related programming to expand students’ access to life sciences career paths. Massachusetts Life Sciences Center provided a \$750,000 grant for lab equipment, and the City of Boston has generously provided a \$350,000 development grant for the program.

“Our Associate Degree in Biotechnology will do much more than produce entry-level lab workers,” said Heather S. Duffy, JD PhD, Chair of Biotechnology at Franklin Cummings Tech.

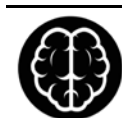
“Through lectures, hands-on lab experience, and internships with leading biotech companies, it will prepare our graduates to think like scientists, apply scientific methods, and analyze data, all of which provides them with the ability to develop a prosperous, fulfilling, and life-long career in the life science industry where they are needed and inch they can thrive.”

The Associate Degree in Biotechnology program will ultimately be housed at the Nubian Square Life Science Training Center in the Nubian Square Ascends project, which is planned to be built on a parcel neighboring Franklin Cummings Tech’s future Roxbury home at the corner of Harrison Ave and Eustis Street.

Understanding the need to engage and encourage middle and high-school-age students to pursue STEM learning that will prepare them for careers in the life sciences, Franklin Cummings Tech has established partnerships with Dearborn STEM Academy,

the Jeremiah E. Burke School, and the New Mission School. Students from these schools can participate in summer “biotech boot camps” and early college programs to prepare them for further education that will build life science job skills.

“The pathway to fulfilling careers in life sciences needs to start in middle school, continue into high school, and then be formalized in higher education, which is why Franklin Cummings Tech is working with Boston’s STEM-based public schools to provide STEM-based programs that build the foundation for further learning,” said Dr. Duffy. “We can build the skilled workforce our economy needs and create career opportunities by encouraging young people with a passion for science to pursue STEM learning and helping them see a future in which they are thriving in and contributing to Massachusetts’s important biotech industry.”



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BPDA Board scheduled to vote on Constitution Inn Project today

Michael Coughlin Jr.

The Independence at the Charlestown Navy Yard (previously known as the Helm on Third), a polarizing project that would bring permanent supportive and affordable housing to the site of the old Constitution Inn, is set to go before the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) Board later today.

The project, proposed by the Planning Office for Urban Affairs and St. Francis House, would comprise 100 units — 48 of which are permanent supportive housing (PSH) units to be leased to those earning no more than 30% of area median income (AMI).

The remaining 52 units will be leased to those earning no more than 80% AMI, resulting in an all-affordable housing project. Regarding the unit mix, there are plans for 64 studios, 14 one-bedrooms, and 22 two-bedrooms.

A BPDA memorandum concerning the project expands upon the PSH model, saying it “combines providing deeply affordable, permanent, leased housing for individuals experiencing homelessness with tailored individualized services to assist people with disabilities to live successfully in the community long term.”

Moreover, concerning the PSH units and the programming proposed, there are plans for 11 full-time staffers, such as professional service providers, case workers, clinical social workers, and more.

While some folks have voiced their support for the proposal, which has iterations dating back to last year, it has drawn the discontentment of other Charlestown residents.

There is an online petition at <https://www.change.org/p/helm-no> with over 800 signatures opposing the project and a website — <https://charlestownvoice.com/> — dedicated to the proposal, which outlines some resident's concerns.

Concerns about the project have been voiced as recently as a BPDA-hosted meeting regarding the proposal in October.

The Patriot-Bridge covered the October meeting, which displayed residents' reactions to the project and described changes made from preliminary plans. The story can be viewed at <https://charlestown-bridge.com/2023/10/26/the-helm-rebrands-to-the-independence-amid-bpda-filing/>.

At this October meeting, several residents raised concerns about public safety and potential drug use at the site, as well as questioned the likelihood of the project working.

The project team addressed some of the issues mentioned above a month after the public comment period closed on November 30th in a “Response to Public Comments” document on the project's webpage on the BPDA's website.

Regarding the theme of public safety and security, the aforementioned document mentions a “robust, belt-and-suspenders approach to the care, comfort and safety of our residents, staff and larger community,” pointing to the partnership with Kroll Security, headed by Daniel Linskey former Superintendent-in-Chief of the Boston Police Department.

Additionally, the document identifies that of the 48 PSH units, 32 are for women, and 16 are for veterans who will be subject to CORI and SORI checks, in-person interviews and will need to be “certified persons on the City's Coordinated Entry System for housing or the Veterans Administration list for housing.”

Finally, there are plans for “24/7 private concierge style security” and on-site wellness staff.

Moreover, in response to concerns about there not being a sobriety requirement to live at the site, leading to potential illegal drug use, the aforementioned “Response to Public Comments” document states, “All residents at The Independence, including the residents in the PSH units, will sign a one-year lease and their occupancy will be subject to compliance with the lease and the property's rules and regulations.”

It also states, “The Independence will not allow illegal drug activity.”

With all of this being said, concerns remain. While the project has undergone Article 80 Review, the evaluation process lacked one aspect — an Impact Advisory Group (IAG).

This is not the first time there has been frustration surrounding the evaluation process for this project, as the proponents initially moved to waive Large Project Review in October 2022 but changed course weeks later after some pushback.

The omission of an IAG in the process has drawn commentary from City Councilors Gabriella Coletta and Erin Murphy, who have both called for a full development review process, including the creation of an IAG in letters published in the Patriot-Bridge.

As for why an IAG was not created in the review of this project, a BPDA Spokesperson indicated that it was waived by both the agency and the Mayor's Office to

“align with the Mayor's Executive Order related to Speeding the Production of Affordable Housing.”

They also indicated that IAGs are now being waived for afford-

able housing projects “with 60 percent or more of units at or below 100 percent AMI.”

The Spokesperson expanded on the decision to waive the cre-

ation of an IAG, stating, “We also waived the IAG because IAGs are

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Please be advised that the Sullivan Square Underpass will be closed beginning on Tuesday (1/2/24) through Friday (5/31/24) to perform repairs to the structure.

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EDITORIAL

THANK YOU, GOV. HEALEY, SEN. WARREN, AND SEC. SANTIAGO

We wish to offer a sincere "Thank you" to Governor Maura Healey, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, and Dr. Jon Santiago (Massachusetts' first-ever Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services) for affirming their commitment to veterans at last week's ribbon-cutting for the new, state-of-the-art residential facility at the Chelsea Soldiers Home.

All three of our state officials -- who were joined by Denis McDonough, the U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary in the Cabinet of President Joe Biden -- spoke eloquently and movingly about the renewed dedication to the welfare of our state's veterans, who all-too-often have been neglected at the national level and, during the pandemic, were neglected at our state's veterans homes.

Senator Warren spoke emotionally about how her brother, who served 248 combat missions in Vietnam, succumbed to COVID-19, as did so many other veterans, because of the lack of care that they were afforded.

However, last Friday's ribbon-cutting in Chelsea writes a new chapter for veterans in our state. We have no doubt that under the leadership of Governor Healey and Secretary Santiago, and with the support of Senator Warren and Secretary McDonough at the national level, our veterans will be treated with the respect and dignity that they rightly deserve for the sacrifices they have made for our country.

YES, THOSE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS WERE WRONG

We never thought that we would find ourselves agreeing on anything with Elise Stefanik, the obnoxious Congresswoman from New York. But, as the saying goes, "Even a broken clock is right twice a day," and we concur with the call by Stefanik (who appeared to be auditioning for the role of running mate with Donald Trump) for the presidents of Penn (who has resigned), Harvard, and MIT to step down after their widely-publicized testimony last week in Washington.

Stefanik tossed each of them what should have been a softball question: "Does calling for the genocide of Jews violate your school's rules or code of conduct, yes or no?"

The obvious answer was an unequivocal "Yes!" for the simple reason that calling for the genocide of any group should constitute a violation of their schools' rules of conduct against intimidation or harassment of their students.

But all three presidents prevaricated, answering with a variation of, "It is a context-dependent decision, congresswoman."

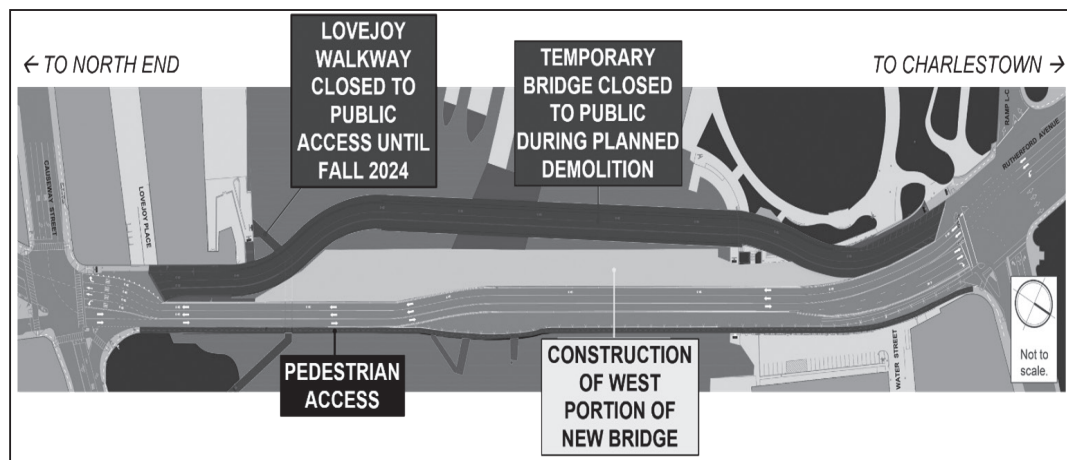
We wish to make two points:

First, there is no stronger advocate of free speech than this newspaper. However, that does not mean that if we received a letter to the editor from say, the Ku Klux Klan, the American Nazi Party, or a similar group, that we would print it on the pages of our newspaper. If someone wants to stand on a soapbox in their town square and give a hate speech, they are free to do so -- good luck with that. Hate speech is protected from government interference per the First Amendment (unless it incites violence), but it does not require private individuals or media organizations to allow the use of their platforms by someone who espouses hate. Similarly, universities have a right -- and an obligation -- to ensure that hate speech does not find an outlet on their campuses.

Secondly, universities such as Penn, Harvard, and MIT typically enforce rules against hate speech when it comes to statements against other groups. For example, every one of those schools would never give permission for students to organize a KKK group or allow the KKK to hold a rally on their campus. But there seems to be a double-standard when it comes to Israel and the Jews. If a student group wants to protest Israel's bombing of civilians in Gaza, that's a perfectly-appropriate discussion. On the other hand, demonstrations "cailing for the genocide of Jews" (or any other group) never should be allowed under any circumstances.

In the "context" of the current situation in the Middle East, two things can be true at the same time: It is appropriate to acknowledge that Israel has a right to eliminate the threat posed by the Iran-backed Hamas terrorists and also fair to criticize the Israeli government for its seeming indifference to the ongoing humanitarian disaster facing the people of Gaza.

But when opposition to the policies of the Israeli government veers into obvious anti-Semitism, good people on all sides of the issue must take a stand on behalf of basic moral principles. Those college presidents, who relied on the notes from their attorneys to parse what was a simple and straightforward question, flunked their oral exam. Their subsequent "apologies" have been feckless and meaningless -- and they should step down from their position as the heads of universities where moral leadership is as important as academic credentials.



Construction Look-Ahead for the North Washington Street project through December 23

Special to the Patriot-Bridger

The scheduled work is as follows:

Traffic to Shift to New North Washington Street Bridge

- MassDOT will shift all pedestrian and vehicle traffic from the temporary bridge to the east side of the new bridge beginning at 6 a.m. on Saturday, December 9 and is expected to be completed by 6 p.m.

- The pedestrian sidewalk will be located on the eastern portion of the permanent bridge. There are no bike lanes as part of this stage of construction. Cyclists seeking to use the bridge's east sidewalk are asked to dismount and proceed as a pedestrian.

- Once traffic is switched, crews will mobilize to begin the dismantling and removal of the temporary bridge.

- Please see the image below for more information.

Scheduled Work

- Traffic monitoring
- Removal of temporary bridge roadway surface and guardrail

- Preliminary demolition activities on old bridge structure

- West sidewalk demolition (Charlestown)

Work Hours

- Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).

Travel Tips

For everyone using the east sidewalk 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: December 16, at 7 p.m. and December 19, at 7 p.m.

- CELTICS: December 12, at 7:30 p.m., December 14 at 7:30 p.m., December 15 at 7:30 p.m., and December 17 at 3 p.m.

- OTHER EVENTS: December 10 at 6 p.m., December 11 at 7:30 p.m., and December 23 at 8 p.m.

How can I find more information?

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



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"What hasn't changed in that time is the courage, the character, and the dignity of the veterans who call this, and will call this, home," he said.

Santiago said the mission of the new facility is to honor those who have selflessly served the nation.

"Although we can't change the past, we can shape the future," said Santiago. "The Veterans Home at Chelsea represents a pivotal juncture in our ongoing mission to honor our veterans through top-tier care and support."

Currently, 22 residents have moved into the new home, and all residents are expected to be fully moved into the new home by early 2024.

"This is a chance to show just how much we care about our veterans," said Warren. "This is not just about words, this is about putting those words into action."

Warren thanked the Healey-Driscoll administration and Santiago for ensuring that the Veterans Home in Chelsea provides first-rate care to all veterans. She also thanked McDonough for coming up to the ribbon cutting to help celebrate the progress that is being made for veterans in Massachusetts.

"A very special thank you to Senator (Sal) DiDomenico and Representative (Judith) Garcia who are champions for their community every day and helped get the funding so we could do this," said Warren.



Governor Maura Healey (center) is flanked by U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren and Dr. Jon Santiago, the Mass. Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services, as they cut the ribbon for the new long-term care facility for veterans at the Chelsea Soldiers Home last Friday. Among the other officials on hand for the ceremony were Chelsea City Council President Leo Robinson (far left), State Senator Sal DiDomenico (second from left), Acting Soldiers Home Supt. Robert Engell (third from left), Revere City Councilor Ira Novoselsky (who is to the left of Santiago), and Chelsea State Rep. Judith Garcia (who is to the left of Novoselsky).

The Healey-Driscoll administration utilized federal funding in its Capital Improvement Plan to construct new veterans homes in Chelsea and Holyoke. The federal government is offering up to 65 percent reimbursement for the projects, with the state contributing a 35 percent match, resulting in a total five-year state investment of \$280.1 million. The cost of the Chelsea Home is approximately \$200 million, with a significant

portion covered by the federal investment.

Representing the families of the veterans families, Mary Bender spoke about the experience of her family and her brother, who lives at the home.

"My brother Jim, a proud Army veteran, has been a resident here since April of 2022," said Bender. "Jim had a long career as an ATF investigator when he first began having strokes. He soon became

disabled."

When her brother was first accepted into the Chelsea home, Bender said she and her four sisters were on hand to make sure he was well taken care of.

"When we first got here, this building was standing, but not yet open," she said. "We were not impressed by the (old) building at all, but it did not take us long to realize that Jim had a host of dedicated caregivers. So we would look

longingly at this building, waiting for the day when the building would be as wonderful as his staff.

"On Oct. 18, that day arrived, Jim moved into a clean, bright room with breathtaking views and a new TV," said Bender. "As family members, we were also glad to see all the safety features ... but most importantly to us, this place is so welcoming and open."

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THE BOSTON TEA PARTY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHARLESTOWN PATRIOTS

Ellen S. Kitzis, Past President and Board Member, Charlestown Preservation Society

Source material for this article can be view at cps-ris.org

Although the Boston Tea Party occurred 250 years ago—December 16, 1773—the day is still remembered as a powerful symbol of the American resistance against unjust taxation and government oppression as well as one of the key events leading up to the American Revolution. But who among the brave souls that dumped the tea into the harbor that night was from Charlestown?

First, some history, the Tea Act passed by Parliament on May 10, 1773, granted the failing British East India Company the right to sell tea in the American colonies exclusively through its agents, bypassing the colonial shippers and merchants. The perception of a monopoly drove the conservative colonial merchants into an alliance with the more radical Sons of Liberty led by Samuel Adams.

By November, towns around Boston began to organize local “committees of correspondence” to respond to the imminent arrival of thousands of pounds of tea—to be taxed in the colonies.

On November 27th, Charlestown elected its Committee of Correspondence, whose members included:



The Destruction of Tea at Boston Harbor. Nathaniel Currier Lithograph

Isaac Foster, Peter Edes, John Frothingham, Richard Devens, David Cheever, Nathaniel Frothingham, John Codtnan, Isaac Foster, Jr., and William Wyar.

On, November 29th, a handbill authored by Samuel Adams was posted, rallying his Countrymen “to make united and successful resistance to this last, worst, and most destructive measure of administration.”

On December 4th, the Charlestown Committee presented the town with the following resolves: ...That whoever shall be directly or indirectly concerned in landing, receiving, buying, or selling said tea, or importing any tea from Great Britain while subject to duty, is an enemy to America and ought to be treated accordingly...

That we will be ready on all proper occasions, in conjunction with our oppressed American brethren, to risk our lives and fortunes in support of those rights, liberties, and privileges, with which God, nature, and our happy constitution have made us free.

On December 16th, the colonists disguised as Mohawk Indians, marched to Griffin’s wharf, and boarded the British ships in the Boston Harbor—the Dartmouth, the Eleanor, and the Beaver. The colonists then proceeded to dump 342 chests of British tea into the harbor, which the British East India Company claimed was worth £9,659 at the time (more than \$1.7 million today!)

The “resolves” of Charlestown also called for the burning of all imported tea from Britain which they implemented on December 31, 1773. As reported in the Boston Gazette of January 3, 1774, “The inhabitants of Charlestown, agreeably to an unanimous vote of said town the Tuesday preceding, on Friday last voluntarily brought all their tea into the public market-square, where it was committed to the flames, at high noon-day, an example well worthy of imitation.”

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**EZEKIEL CHEEVER, 1720 – 1793,
BURIED IN THE GRANARY BURIAL GROUND**



Ezekiel Cheever, a “sugar baker” or a refiner of sugar was one of the “Indians” who boarded the ship. He was born in 1718 but baptized on May 15, 1720. Cheever married Sarah Phillips, with whom he had nine children, on July 14, 1743. After Sarah’s death, Cheever married Sarah (Weaver) Gooch (May 29, 1784). Cheever was among the Sons of Liberty who dined at Liberty Tree in Dorchester, on August 14, 1769, and attended the meetings held in Faneuil Hall and the Old South Church on November 29 and 30, 1773, to oppose the landing of the tea. On the evening of 30th, he was made captain of the watch set to observe the tea ships that were already in the harbor. He was later appointed the Commissary of Artillery of the Revolutionary Army on August 17, 1775. Numerous letters between Cheever and General George Washington are on record.

His brother, David Cheever, a distiller, though not at the Tea Party was a member of the Committee of Correspondence and at the meeting at Old South Church where he was appointed to go with Mr. Botch to the Collector to obtain a clearance for the tea ships. After the war, the Cheever family claimed over £2,000 of lost property.

**NATHANIEL FROTHINGHAM, JR., 1746-1825,
BURIED IN COPP’S HILL BURYING GROUND.**

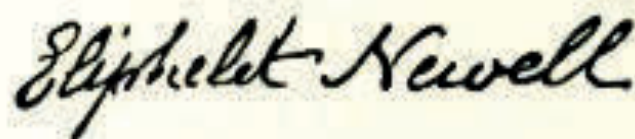


Nathaniel Frothingham, Jr. was born in Charlestown on April 6, 1746. In 1773, he was named a member of the Charlestown Committee of Correspondence. Like his father, Frothingham was a coachmaker who lived in and around Boston his entire life. He took part in the Boston Tea Party and was a member of the Minutemen. He married twice after the death of his first wife Rebecca Austin in 1771. Frothingham died in Boston on January 22, 1825. In his obituary, he was remembered as “one of the remaining few that assisted in destroying the tea, at Boston.” After the Battle of Bunker Hill, Frothingham reported £3,353 in property losses.

**JOHN DECARTERET, 1745-1821,
BURIED IN THE COPP’S HILL BURYING GROUND**

Not much is known about DeCarteret. He was born around 1745 in Charlestown and passed away in Boston on January 23, 1821. He married Mary Crosby in 1768 who then died in 1777. He married a second wife, who also passed away in 1793. He remarried for a final time in 1805 to Nancy Smith. He was a participant in the Boston Tea Party and later served as an artificer in the Commissary Department. Artificers were considered skilled who often traveled with the troops they serviced.

**ELIPHALET NEWELL, 1735- 1813,
BURIED PHIPPS STREET BURYING GROUND**



Eliphalet Newell, a baker by trade, was born in Salem on August 17, 1735, but spent most of his years in Charlestown. He was initiated into St Andrews’s Lodge in Boston on December 11, 1777, and was admitted as a member in 1778. The front part of his house stood on Main Street, opposite the junction of Bow (now Devens) and Harvard Streets. After the Battle of Bunker Hill conflagration, Newell erected the Federal style Warren Tavern on the spot in 1780, naming it after his close friend General Joseph Warren. The bar was reportedly built with wooden beams salvaged from the Charlestown Navy Yard. The Warren Tavern was shuttered after Newell’s death on July 11, 1813. Through the following decades, the establishment ran as a bakery, private club, and warehouse until it was restored in the early 1970s.

**BARTHOLOMEW TROW, 1736-1806,
BURIED IN THE CENTRAL BURYING GROUND IN BOSTON**

Trow was born and baptized at the First Church in Charlestown in 1736 and was among ten brothers and sisters also born in Charlestown. He married Mary (Call) Trow in 1758, who bore him nine children born between 1758 and 1780. Trow passed away September 20, 1806, at the age of 70. Mary lived to the ripe old age of 85. He was a member of the Tea Party and later became a minuteman who was at the Battles of Lexington and Concord. He rose to the advanced rank of lieutenant under Colonel Thomas Gardiner’s regiment at Bunker Hill and was a second lieutenant on the frigate “Boston.”

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Heather Patrick says hello to a friendly Elsa at Dara Pannebaker's studio.



Artist Barbara Torrey have a demonstration on using encaustic wax and demar resin. Here she holds an untitled Holiday piece.



Artist Diedre Tao with "The Duet". An acrylic on canvas depiction of a landscape in New York state.



In the Gallery, Annette Tecce and Dan Kovacevic stand in front of his contribution to the show "Still Life" Giclee medium.



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Boston Police have new headquarters at BHA

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Mayor Michelle Wu joined Boston Housing Authority (BHA) Administrator Kenzie Bok, former Administrator Kate Bennett, and members of BHA's South Street community to mark the opening of a new BHA Police headquarters at the agency's South Street public housing community in Jamaica Plain. Mayor Wu also

announced the appointment of Shumeane Benford as Chief of the BHA Police Department, which he has built up significantly over the past few years. Benford currently serves as the Chief of the City's Office of Emergency Management (OEM). He will remain in that role until after the 2024 Boston Marathon. The City intends to hire a new OEM Chief ahead of the

Marathon to allow the incoming director to learn from the preparations for and implementation of the office's operations during an important large-scale event.

"We're thrilled to cut the ribbon on a beautiful new home for Boston Housing Authority police to support their continued community partnership," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Under Chief

Shumeane Benford's leadership, the department will continue to grow and support the vibrant BHA communities that are an important part of every neighborhood in Boston."

"BHA Police play a vital role in connecting the Boston Police Department with our public housing residents. Their dedication, their professionalism, and the trust and respect they have earned with residents are crucial to the mission of making our communities safe," said BHA Administrator Kenzie Bok. "We need people at the helm who recognize that the best public safety comes when our police are able to work hand-in-hand with social supports, youth programs, addiction services, maintenance staff, and housing managers. Chief Shumeane Benford has worked miracles in strengthening the BHA Police Department in the last few years, and we're so pleased to be able to make his leadership of the department official."

The BHA Police Department currently consists of nine full-time and part-time sworn officers who provide quality of life and liaison services to supplement the work of the Boston Police Department (BPD) in and around BHA communities. BHA Police officers provide support to BPD during large scale events such as the Boston Marathon and are part of BHA's larger efforts to ensure that the Authority's public housing communities are integrated into the larger communities where they are located.

As part of the FY24 budget, Mayor Wu added vital funding for BHA's public safety department in the City's operating budget. With this funding, which was approved by the Boston City Council, five additional officers are currently training in the police academy as the department works to develop an engagement-based strategy for identifying public safety needs across BHA communities. When the additional officers graduate in January, the department will grow by more than 50%.

"Throughout my career, I have focused on creating a safe, thriving city for all residents and families across our city's neighborhoods," said Chief Shumeane Benford. "From my work at the Office of Emergency Management, I have seen firsthand the crucial role the

members of the BHA Police play each and every day in making our communities safe and connecting residents with resources. I'm thankful to Mayor Wu and Administrator Bok for the opportunity and look forward to building on the BHA Police's strong foundation."

The BHA's Public Safety Department is a recognized law enforcement department by the Massachusetts Police Training Committee (MPTC) and the Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission (POSTC). The department was certified by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission (MPAC) on June 21, 2023. The BHA Police was the only police agency in Boston, with the exception of the Boston Police Department, to retain its certification after the state enacted vital police reforms to enhance professionalism and training among registered police officers in Massachusetts. Under Chief Benford's leadership, BHA police qualified for the designation in order to demonstrate the department's commitment to professionalism, equitable enforcement, and implementing best practices in policing.

As the Department has grown, BHA Police has been working to implement a new model for policing at the BHA which will assign a core team of BHA police for each BPD District. With the additional Officers, BHA Police will be able to enhance this model by assigning a team per police district. Each team will work closely with the respective BPD district, BHA residents, and other stakeholders on coordinated actions to address issues of crime and quality of life concerns. BHA Police has also worked closely with the Boston Police Department on technical and data enhancements to the BHA address portfolio in the BPD computer aided dispatch system. These improvements are expected to help improve inter-agency response, coordination, and communication.

The new station, which will serve as a permanent headquarters for BHA Police, was previously an underutilized structure used by BHA maintenance staff to store roofing supplies. BHA began renovating the building envelope in 2022 and the interior structure in 2023.

RICHARD H. CLAUDIO

A Walker Street Legend by Patricia Bailey

Dear fellow Townies, I wanted to share this November's passing of my father, Richard H. Claudio. He was born at 46 Walker Street where he resided most of his life. Living in the shadow of the Edwards School known to townies as "The Eddie's", was not only a school he attended, but also his playground of stickball, handball, bike riding and setting off 4th of July firecrackers. The schoolyard also served as the space he gave me my first bike riding lessons. He also led the neighborhood children in games of Kickball, Relievo and Red Rover. He was always a kid at heart.

For those of you reading this tribute, you may be racking your brain thinking, did I know a Richard from Walker Street? He belonged to the Fernandes, Nardo, Parise and Claudio family at the top of the hill before it crosses Russell Street. You may have recalled his booming voice over the CB radio airwaves in the 70s. His calls aided by the CB antenna system he installed on our roof known to hit max megahertz sending his audio transmission as far away as Austin, Texas. A huge feat in those days. I recall his excitement. It was reminiscent to receiving a "fragile" leg lamp depicted in the holiday classic A Christmas Story.

His working career at Ford Motor Company as a body shop foreman nurtured his mechanical inclination, which came natural to him. He could fix anything. He and his uncle Frank Fernandes were always tinkering with toy rockets, airplanes and motorized appliances, but my favorite memory was the two of them building a mini bike with a souped up lawn mower engine giving me the pleasure of being its driver. Afternoon races around the blocks of Bartlett, Sullivan, High and Walker Streets would lead to a 70s challenge with a ginger haired kid from Russell Street. There were plenty of cheers, high fives and laughter from the neighbors flanking the sidewalks.

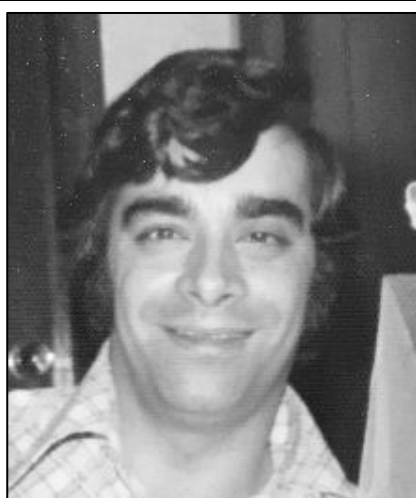
His kid brother Robert remembers flying balsa wood model airplanes with him at the open fields near Fort Point Channel in Southie and little-known airfields in the town of Orange, Mass. The two brothers would follow the lead of their uncles Joe, Frank and Sonny flying planes with names like the Red Baron and Mustang.

Richard and his Uncle Frank and their dog Willy walked the newly built Central Artery span from Sullivan Station to the Dewey Square Tunnel in the mid 50s before it opened to traffic. His mother Tina nurtured his singing talents from a young age and at sixteen years old he cut a boy band record with music producer, Bill Tardiff from Boston's South End. The name of the band escapes me, but I remember the album cover depicting heartthrob types with pompadour hairdos. Although the boy band period ended, his love for music and singing lasted a lifetime. He continued to entertain family and friends developing a love of Karaoke that led him to a wider music community with the StarMaker app.

All kinds of shenanigans were my father's way. He preferred days of curiosity, whimsy and song. His stories of Charlestown were colorful and joyful.

At the age of 79 he continued to sing for those that would listen and enjoyed building model airplanes with his companion Diane Armstrong of Maine. They shared hobbies of aviation and music proving friendship and companionship are born from many places.

He is survived by his brother Robert Parise, Robert's wife Maria and daughters Elizabeth and Alison of Reading, MA. His three children - daughter Patricia Bailey and her husband PJ of Newport RI, daughter Tracy Claudio of Chelmsford MA, his son Richard Claudio and two grandsons, Michael and Hunter Claudio of Waterville, ME. His nephew Robert Parise, wife Jordyn, daughter Emma and son Pierce of Sydney, ME along with extended family Raymond and David Fernandes, Rhandi Burns and Susan Ryan.



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Candle with Care! Candle Safety Day should be everyday

As Massachusetts enters the time of year when candle fires are most common, Governor Maura T. Healey has proclaimed December 11, 2023, to be Candle Safety Day and State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents to follow safety guidelines.

"There have been more than 1,000 candle fires in Massachusetts over the past 10 years," State Fire Marshal Davine said. "These fires caused 11 deaths, 191 injuries, and over \$35 million in losses. More

of these fires started in December than in any other month, and especially on the days leading up to Christmas. If candles are part of your celebration or decoration, please use them carefully."

Candles are part of many holiday traditions this time of year, including Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. As a result, candle fires tend to peak on December 25, and December and January accounted for nearly 25% of all such incidents in the period from

2018 to 2022. State Fire Marshal Davine offered the following safety tips to reduce the risk of fire:

No matter the season, have working smoke alarms on every level of your home. Check the manufacturing date printed on the back, replace alarms that are more than 10 years old, and test alarms every month to be sure you're protected.

Place lit candles on sturdy, non-combustible saucers or candleholders. Keep anything that can burn at least one foot away on all sides.

Always extinguish candles when you leave the room or go to sleep. Never leave a lit candle unattended.

Keep candles out of reach of chil-

dren and pets. Store matches and lighters up high where kids can't access them.

Consider switching to battery-operated flameless candles.

Flashlights are much safer than candles during a power outage. Keep batteries on hand for emergency use.

There were 115 candle fires in Massachusetts last year, and 92 took place in residential settings. The most common location was the bedroom, followed by the living room, bathroom, and kitchen. One of these fires claimed the life of a 93-year-old Kingston woman with limited mobility, and another claimed the life of a 61-year-old

Springfield resident whose home had no working smoke alarms.

Candle fires peaked in Massachusetts in 1999, with local fire departments reporting more than 340 of them. Candle Safety Day was established the following year, designating the second Monday of December to promote awareness of the problem.

"Since that time, we've reduced candle fires by more than 65%," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Let's continue to practice safe candle use, especially around the holidays." For more candle safety resources, including Spanish-language information, visit the DFS website

Hayden launches multi-agency to help resident avoid scam

District Attorney Kevin Hayden has announced the formation of Suffolk County Fraud Fighters, a multi-agency external effort designed to help Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop residents identify and avoid scams, schemes and other nefarious efforts to gain their trust—and their money.

"Scammers have been with us since there's been money to scam. But today's technology has opened up many more methods for these predators to reach unsuspecting members of our society, gain their trust and then fleece them out of every dollar they have. They're constantly coming up with new frauds, and we need to stay current with them—or better, a step ahead—to keep our residents from getting drawn in," Hayden said.

The first Fraud Fighters presentation will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 14 at the Kroc Center at 650 Dudley Street in Roxbury. The program will include a multi-media presentation and speakers from the various participating organizations.

Fraud Fighters presentations will be scheduled in other venues throughout Suffolk County, Hayden said.

"We're going to reach as many people as possible as often as possible, because that's exactly what the con artists are doing. They're doing it by every means available, including emails, telephone calls, texts, physical contact and urgent, phony pop-up messages on computers. Our goal is to update our presentation whenever they update their scams," Hayden said.

Several units in Hayden's office are involved in Fraud Fighters, including the Civil Rights/High-Risk Victims Unit, the Special Prosecutions Unit and the Community Engagement Unit.

Also involved are the Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere police departments, the Boston

Housing Authority, the Vine Street Community Center, Hebrew SeniorLife, Central Boston Elder Services, Metro Credit Union, Mystic Valley Elder Services and the US Secret Service.

Hayden said the effort is aimed at education and awareness regarding the methods and tactics of scams and scammers, such as the telephone scam earlier this year featuring callers claiming to be representatives of Hayden's office, and the recent case of an elderly woman in Winthrop who paid out \$35,000 to a bitcoin scam.

"We and our Fraud Fighters partners are committed to giving older adults and all other community members the information and awareness necessary to spot a scam before they fall victim to it. The people that conceive and execute these scams are cunning, convincing and ruthless. Education is the best weapon against getting fleeced by their ever-changing schemes," Hayden said.

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

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

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PROJECT (from pg. 3)

responsible for determining necessary mitigation and community benefits, which are not relevant in this project.”

“Constitution Inn is an interior retrofit to accommodate a change of use from hotel to housing units, so the project would not generate significant impacts to the built

environment, wind, shadow or traffic, and therefore would not require mitigation, and the community benefit from the project is predetermined as affordable housing,” they added.

In response to a question asking if the BPDA planned to take its time evaluating the project and

look at it more closely, considering what some say is a majority of residents in opposition, the Spokesperson said, “At the most recent public meeting held by the BPDA, roughly an equal number of residents spoke in support and in opposition to this proposal.”

Later, adding, “We recognize

concerns from community members who are opposed to the project, and have a responsibility to weigh those comments along with a number of other factors.”

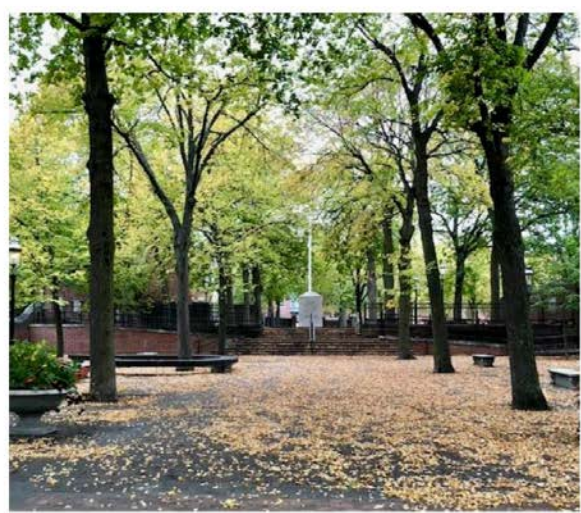
The factors cited by the Spokesperson were “the City’s critical need for more permanent supportive housing units, the robust amount of support that we have received from residents, stakeholders, and community organizations, and the proponents diligent work over the course of many months engaging with the community, understanding the concerns or feedback from neighbors, abutters, and residents, and altering their proposal significantly to address the input they received.”

In the end, whether you are for or against the proposal, one fact remains: it’s scheduled to be voted on by the BPDA Board today.

While the project is not open for public testimony, you can still watch the proceedings at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/broadband-and-cable/watch-boston-city-tv>. The Board meeting is slated to begin at 3:30 P.M.

To learn more about the project, view the October Meeting and its presentation materials, and view the “Response to Public Comments” document, you can visit <https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/constitution-inn>.

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