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CHARLESTOWN BUSINESS ALLIANCE HOSTS HOLIDAY NIGHT OUT



JP Krueger and Sushma Vangala get into the Holiday spirit outside KT Fitness Together.



St. John Episcopal Church had a raffle table set up. See more photos on Pages 4-7.

DEREK KOUYOUNJIAN PHOTOS

Some of Charlestown's Top Stories of the Year

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

As the sun sets on 2023, let us take a look back — in no particular order — at some of the stand-out stories in Charlestown over the last year.

PLAN: Charlestown is Adopted
The Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) neighborhood planning initiative that brings forward changes to aspects of Charlestown, such as zoning and transportation, was adopted by the BPDA Board in September after years of planning. As part of this plan, changes were made to land use and density in the Sullivan Square and Rutherford Avenue planning framework area, which would accommodate around

18,000,000 square feet of new development over 30 years, about 8,000 units, and create approximately 20,000 jobs. Additionally, there were recommendations for improvements to neighborhood services and creating more open space opportunities.

Constitution Inn Project Gets BPDA Board Approval

In recent news, the BPDA Board approved The Independence, a project proposed by the Planning Office For Urban Affairs and St. Francis House at the site of the old Constitution Inn that would create affordable and permanent supportive housing. This story has origins dating back to 2022 when

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CHS and CPS to commemorate Charlestown Tea Burning Event

Everyone knows about the famous Boston Tea Party, which grandly celebrated its 250th Anniversary last weekend, but not many know about the Charlestown Tea Burning. The Charlestown Historical Society (CHS) and Charlestown Preservation Society (CPS), together with the Bunker Hill 250 Commission, will host an event at the Bunker Hill Museum at 1 p.m. on December 31, 2023 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Charlestown Tea

Burning event that took place in December 1773.

A pivotal moment in the lead-up to the American Revolution and virtually unknown to most historians, this milestone will be honored with a talk by James Fichter, author of *Tea: Consumption, Politics and Revolution, 1773-1776*. The Charlestown Tea Burning, the "after party" of the infamous Tea Party on December

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CNC GENERAL MEETING SET FOR JAN. 2

CNC General Meeting, Tuesday, January 2, 2024, The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold an in-person, public meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 7-9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 545 Medford Street, 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.

EDITORIAL

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We often quote a verse from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s “Ring Out Wild Bells” when we write our annual New Year’s editorial.

But after re-reading the poem in its entirety, we are printing the whole thing, because it sums up -- better than we ever could express -- our feelings about 2023 and our hopes for 2024.

Although it was published in 1850, its verses are timeless. Indeed, one could apply every stanza to something going on in the world today.

So we hope you take the time to read it and enjoy it, as we did the other day:

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

We wish all of our readers a Happy and Healthy New Year.

YEAR IN REVIEW (from pg. 1)

it was called The Helm on Third. The polarizing project had a strong contingent of residents who opposed the project and had concerns due to public safety, potential drug use at the site, and more.

Austin Street Parking Lots Process

Over the past year, the BPDA and the community have gone through a process to redevelop the Austin Street parking lots, which students of Bunker Hill Community College have historically used. After releasing a request for proposals in May and reviewing the two responses, Trinity Financial was tentatively designated to redevelop the lots in November. Trinity Financial’s plan includes a total of 686 units with 146 market rentals, 246 affordable rentals, 128 market homeownership, and 166 affordable homeownership units between four buildings, sports fields, retail space, and more.

Clougherty Pool Planning

Since the Clougherty Pool closed, residents have been waiting for it to reopen, and residents are slated to get their wish this coming summer. In February, a meeting was held to gauge interest in different types of design for the new and improved pool. Then, in July, features of the pool were displayed in another meeting, with the hopes of residents celebrating the Fourth of July in the new Clougherty Pool.

CNC Election

In February, the Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) held a special election and had a great turnout, with around 338 residents voting. The winners in this special election were Crystal Galvin (At-Large), Kelly Tucker (At-Large), Jay Driscoll (Precinct 3), Ameeth Deenanath (Precinct 4), Kelli Gillen Forbes (Precinct 6), and Mary Catherine Boucher (Precinct 8).

Georgine Tower Celebrates 28th Anniversary

July marked the celebration of the 28th Anniversary of the Robert A. Georgine Tower, a low-income housing facility serving about 58 seniors. As part of the festivities, elected officials such as Mayor Michelle Wu visited the facility and celebrated the achievement with staff and residents.

Urban Wild Opens

Urban Wild, the entertainment venue in Hood Park, opened up this year. The facility features all sorts of entertainment for folks, such as bowling lanes, a music

stage, a beer garden, and much more.

Bunker Monument Association’s 200th Anniversary

The group responsible for bringing the Bunker Hill Monument into existence celebrated its 200th Anniversary this year. The group, which was established in 1823, continues to bring attention to the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Ground Breaks on Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment

City Officials celebrated the groundbreaking for the Bunker Hill Housing Redevelopment in June. The project, which is the largest public housing redevelopment in Boston’s history, expands the 1,100-unit community to a 2,699-unit mixed-income community.

BPDA Approves Purchase of Peace Park

In November, the BPDA Board approved the purchase of Peace Park to go forward with reno-

vations due to construction limitations on the site under Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) ownership. These renovations stem from a 2021 Community Preservation Award from the City in the amount of \$500,000. Following construction, the BPDA plans to transfer the land to the City’s Parks and Recreation Department.

As is the case with most lists, some stories did not make the cut. However, this list truly only scratches the surface of how many newsworthy moments occurred in Charlestown this year.

If you are in the mood to reminisce as we welcome 2024, you can always look back at the year that was in the Charlestown Patriot-Bridge archives at <https://charlestownbridge.com/>.

CHARLESTOWN TEA BURNING (from pg. 1)

16, 1773, stands as a powerful symbol of resistance against unjust taxation and played a crucial role in shaping the course of American history. James Fichter, author of the acclaimed book “Tea,” reflects on its significance, stating, “The Charlestown Tea Burning epitomizes the fierce determination of colonial Americans to challenge oppressive policies, setting the stage for the broader revolutionary movement.” In his book he details that on December 25, 1773 the merchants in Charlestown, Massachusetts resolved not to sell tea and formed a buyback scheme and gathered tea from Townies to publicly burn three days later, rather than dump the tea in the harbor.

“Our commemoration of the Charlestown Tea Burning serves as a poignant reminder of the courage and unity of Townies centuries ago, said Julie Hall, president of the Charlestown Historical Society and co-founder of Bunker Hill 250. “The Charlestown Tea Burning not only marks a historical turning point but also under-

scores the resilience of a community committed to the ideals of freedom and self-determination.” Amanda Zettel, president of the Charlestown Preservation Society and co-founder of Bunker Hill 250 added, “The Charlestown Tea Burning helps understand the roots of the American Revolution and has never been celebrated before in a meaningful way. We are proud to bring awareness to Charlestown’s involvement in the road to revolution.”

The Charlestown Historical Society and Charlestown Preservation Society invites the community to join in the commemorative activities, including a tea tasting, on Sunday, December 31, 2023 at 1 p.m. at the Bunker Hill Museum, to honor the spirit of rebellion that ignited the flames of independence and hopefully shed light on the local heroes who took part in this iconic act of defiance.

For more information about the Charlestown Tea Burning commemoration event, please text Julie Hall at 617-216-9511.

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Mayor Wu announces 2024 Civic Summit for community leaders, members

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the Civic Summit, an event focused on uniting neighbors, civic leaders, and non-profit advocates in a dynamic forum featuring panels with local leaders and advocates. The Civic Summit, organized for the first time by the Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing, will be held Saturday, January 13, at the Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground at Boston University. This event will feature a fireside chat with Mayor Wu, a networking tea hour, and five additional sessions hosted by community leaders. Up to 200 community members can register for the free event online at www.boston.gov/civic-engagement/civic-summit-2024.

"Boston has always been a leader among cities because of the civic leaders in our neighborhoods and communities. The City of Boston is excited to connect and learn from all our civic leaders at this Civic Summit, which will convene those who know our neighborhoods best to share resources and best practices to empower our residents," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm thankful everyday for the strong civic leadership that drives Boston, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the summit."

The Civic Summit is designed to foster connections to share knowledge and ignite inspiration for positive change within the diverse communities in Boston. The theme for this year's summit is "Community Over Everything." The City of Boston hopes that attendees will represent every corner of Boston to network and to identify opportunities to connect and collaborate after the summit.

"I am so excited to breathe new life into the Civic Summit," said Nathalia Benitez-Perez, Director of the Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing. "My hope for this year's summit is that it serves as a crucible of knowledge, forging insights that empower present and future civic leaders to translate wisdom into tangible actions within their communities."

"I believe knowledge is power. I am really thrilled about the upcoming Civic Summit," said Margaret Farmer, Co-Chair of the Jeffries Point Association. "I look forward to connecting with other community members and learning more about how city government works, so I can better advocate for my neighborhood."

The Civic Summit will offer a fireside chat featuring Mayor Wu facilitated by Jeneé Osterheldt, Boston Globe's Deputy Managing Editor For Culture, Talent, and Development, and Founder of A Beautiful Resistance.

Featured sessions Include:

- Empowering Change: How to Fund Your Inspiration led by Eric Leslie, Founder and Lead Organizer of Union Capital

- Becoming a Civic Leader - Training the Next Generation of Leaders featuring panelists Lee Pelton, President and CEO of The Boston Foundation; Matthew Broude, Co-founder of The Queer Neighborhood Council; Commissioner Kristen McCosh, The Disability Commissioner for the City of Boston; Brianna Bourne, Boston University Class of 2024

- EmpowerED: Leveraging Social Media for Community Impact led by Emily Schario, Head of Content for Boston Globe's B-Side

- Sustainable Cities: Empowering Communities for a Greener Future, a fireside chat with Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Boston's first Green New Deal Director and a cabinet-level Senior Advisor to Mayor Michelle Wu, and Jaye Meakem, Boston Harbor Now's Community Engagement Manager

"The Civic Summit was planned to empower neighborhood community leaders and individuals in Boston who have a desire to make a difference in their community, but don't know where to begin," said Brianna Millor, Chief of the Community Engagement Cabinet. "This is going to be an incredible opportunity for constituents to be in the same space and to get City Hall out of City Hall."

This year's Civic Summit is a collaborative effort between community partners, City staff, civic leaders, local businesses, and residents to help shape an event that will be empowering and transformative for all attendees. The City of Boston is excited to work with Anais Summer Day, a local woman-owned event planning company led by Anais Ramos. Ramos is the lead event planner for the Civic Summit. Side Presents, a Boston-based creative production company, will be the Civic Summit's featured emcee. Boston University is the lead partner of the Civic Summit. Boston University and The Boston Foundation are event supporters.

"Boston University is honored



Cardinal O'Malley and Ripples of Hope carolers at the Pine Street Inn on Christmas Eve.



Cardinal O'Malley and Josh O'Brien, Director of Shelter Operations, Pine Street Inn.



Cardinal O'Malley chats with a guest while serving up a holiday meal.

Cardinal O'Malley, carolers from Ripples of Hope spread holiday cheer at Pine Street Inn

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Pine Street Inn, New England's leading organization dedicated to ending homelessness, prepared close to 1,000 holiday meals for its guests on Christmas Eve Day at its South End headquarters at 444 Harrison Ave.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley joined Pine Street Inn President and Executive Director Lyndia Downie along with volunteers to help serve a holiday meal and provide Christmas cheer. Ripples of Hope, a local choral group, performed Christmas classics as part of the Christmas Eve celebration.

Guests were served lasagna al forno, along with ceasar salad, garlic bread, and pie.

In addition to those at Pine Street's headquarters in the South End and other shelter locations, Pine Street's 38 permanent housing locations will celebrate the holiday with tenants. For some, this is the first Christmas in many years that they have spent in a home. Pine Street's outreach teams will also deliver holiday meals to individuals on the streets.

Founded in 1969, Pine Street Inn is the largest homeless services provider in New England,

offering a comprehensive range of services to more than 2,000 individuals each day, including permanent housing, workforce development, emergency shelter and street outreach. Our goal is to end homelessness by making permanent housing a reality for all, as we support people in moving off the streets, out of shelter, and into a permanent home, reaching their highest level of independence.

For more information on Pine Street Inn, go to www.pinestreetinn.org. Follow @PineStreetInn at Facebook, X, Instagram and LinkedIn.

to host the City of Boston's Civic Summit, in support of Mayor Wu's commitment to fostering community engagement and collaboration," said Kenneth W. Freeman, President Ad Interim of Boston University. "The Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground with its mission to connect people through creative, shared experiences is a fitting venue for this forum. We're pleased to play a part in facilitating conversations reflecting diverse viewpoints and experiences as we work to build a more inclusive and vibrant com-

munity."

"Our work at the Boston Foundation has taught us time and again that the best solutions are those that are driven by and responsive to the knowledge and insights of community members and leaders," said M. Lee Pelton, President and CEO of the Boston Foundation. "We appreciate Mayor Wu for creating this opportunity to listen, learn and share ideas for making Boston a more equitable city."

The Civic Summit is free and open to the public with registra-

tion. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information and to register visit boston.gov/civicsummit.

The Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing is committed to collaborative partnerships and programs that encourage proactive community engagement, awareness, and service in our neighborhoods. Follow the Mayor's Office of Civic Organizing on social media @bostoncivicorg and visit boston.gov/civicsummit to register and learn more about the Civic Summit.

Wu announces First Night public safety

Mayor Michelle Wu joined City leadership to share the City's preparations for First Night, Boston's annual New Year's Eve celebration. The free and family-friendly event is moving to the newly refurbished City Hall Plaza, and will feature performances, ice sculptures, fireworks, and more. The City is a partner of the New Year's Eve event, which is formally run by Boston Celebrations, Inc. and managed by Conventures, Inc. All parties are taking steps to ensure public safety as Boston celebrates the New Year.

"First Night is a beloved tradition in Boston and beyond, having created delightful experiences for neighborhood residents and visitors from around the world," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Our newly renovated City Hall Plaza is the perfect venue to welcome families from all over to ring in the New Year. I encourage all our residents to celebrate safely as we welcome 2024."

First Night will feature more than 13 hours of free programming on the recently renovated City Hall Plaza. The event has moved to City Hall from its usual hub in Copley Square due to the park's reconstruction. New this year, there will be programming inside Boston City Hall, comedy at

the ImprovAsylum, and six hours of free carousel rides on the Greenway.

The Boston Police Department will be present at First Night to support this family-friendly event. Additionally, Boston Police are reminding attendees not to consume alcohol or marijuana in public spaces or prohibited private spaces, not to fly drones at any First Night activities, to dress accordingly for the weather, and to report any suspicious activity.

"Families participating in the Official First Night celebrations, as well as residents celebrating in our neighborhoods, can expect to see a strong police presence," said Commissioner Michael Cox, Boston Police Department. "We are working with our public safety partners to make sure that this family friendly event is safe and secure for all in attendance. If you see something concerning or need to report a party or disturbance, please report it to an officer nearby or call 911."

A parade from City Hall Plaza to the Boston Common at 6:00 p.m. will lead up to the Family Fireworks over the Common starting at 7:00 p.m. Midnight Fireworks over Boston Harbor presented by Meet Boston will cap off the night. More information on

programming for Sunday, December 31, can be found at firstnight-boston.org.

"We are again proud to help organize this proud Boston tradition, and excited to celebrate in this year's home of City Hall Plaza," said Dusty Rhodes, organizer of First Night. "We're appreciative of the many organizations that help support this annual event, and we're excited to put forth an enjoyable event for Boston's residents and visitors alike."

The public is reminded that it is illegal for private citizens to use, possess, or sell fireworks, and that illegal fireworks pose significant dangers to the safety of residents and their property.

Boston EMS will be deploying additional personnel at dispatch operations and in ambulances across the city to support emergency medical needs on New Year's Eve.

"Whether you are celebrating at First Night events or another venue, please keep in mind that many illnesses and injuries can be avoided through sensible measures. Dress appropriately for the weather, have a transportation plan, and be a good friend, making sure everyone gets home safely," said Boston EMS Chief of Department, Jim Hooley.

HOLIDAY NIGHT OUT IN CHARLESTOWN

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Charlestown Business Alliance held its annual Holiday Night

Out giving residents of Charlestown an opportunity to shop local and mingle with neighbors.



At Monroe George Blair and Tiffany Riddle of Charlestown Preservation Society had a pop-up table to raise awareness and generate some fundraising through cookie sales.



Grant and Archer Kimball meet Santa at TCB.



Some unique gift ideas that tempted visitors at Junebug.



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Alexa Currier serves up samples of Butternut Squash Soup courtesy of Navy Yard restaurant Dovetail.



Beth Wilson-Shunta of City Square Cycle promotes the fitness center outside of Monroe.



Junebug staff members Liz Ehinger (who was working the door), Abby Czerniecki, and Lisa Anderson greet customers and help connect them with finding fantastic gifts for the Holidays.



Customers browse the cozy space at On Again Consignment.



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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HOLIDAY NIGHT OUT IN CHARLESTOWN



There was a line waiting to get into Junebug for visitors to fulfill their Holiday shopping needs.



At Monroe cookies styled as iconic doors that reflect the neighborhood's historical identity helped with fund-raising efforts for the Charlestown Preservation Society.



Thomas Fink meets Santa at TCB.



Savy Sitter, a unique babysitting experience, demonstrated their service at their pop-up space at Monroe. Company owner Lauren Kuruc (far right) watches Haven Waters make ornaments with her mom Sarah Havens.



Santa gets a warm welcome from Ginger the dog. Meanwhile, bank manager and notorious historical re-enactmentor Tom Coots was seemingly absent.

CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

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Customers browse the merchandise at Monroe.



Michael Cole and Carly O'Brien look through the many interesting items at Junebug.



Quinton Preston, Kelsey Fitzpatrick, and Jim Kennedy shop at Junebug.

FLY SAFE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

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Helping the Veteran

Companies expanding clinical space in Charlestown

Suffolk, Wounded Warrior Project® and Home Base launched expansion of the Home Base National Center of Excellence, which will serve as a dedicated clinical space for Special Operators and Veterans impacted by Traumatic Brain and Polytrauma Injuries from war and training. With this expansion of its National Center of Excellence, Home Base will increase its clinical capacity to serve Veterans and their Families, providing comprehensive neurological, psychological and physical evaluations and treatments to treat traumatic brain injuries, musculoskeletal injuries and mental health conditions in Veterans and Service Members from the Special Operations community. The expansion will also include dedicated space for innovation and research for new treatments, including expanding investigations around the effectiveness of psychedelics.

Suffolk, Wounded Warrior Project and Home Base hosted 60 state and local dignitaries, Veterans, and leaders from Suffolk, Home Base, Wounded Warrior Project and Mass General Brigham at Home Base's Charlestown headquarters to celebrate the expansion of Home Base's National Center of Excellence.

Suffolk, one of the largest and most innovative real estate and

construction enterprises in the country, has donated \$1.5 million of services and in-kind materials to the Home Base expansion project. Home Base, a partnership between the Red Sox and Mass General Hospital, operates the largest private-sector mental health and brain injury clinic in the nation focused on caring for Veterans, active-duty Service Members, Military-Connected Families and Families of the Fallen. Suffolk and Home Base recently announced a collaboration through which Suffolk has committed \$150,000 over a three year period to provide healing and hope to thousands of Veterans and their families across the country.

Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP), a leading national veteran service organization, has invested over \$90 million into Home Base as part of Warrior Care Network®. WWP launched Warrior Care Network with four clinical partners in 2015 to increase access and improve health outcomes for warriors needing clinical care for mental health or brain injuries. WWP is investing an additional \$5.5 million to support the Home Base expansion project, including the creation of the Wounded Warrior Project Brain Health and Special Operations Performance Clinic.



A rendering of the completed space in the foreground of the third floor of Home Base headquarters. This space, renovated by Suffolk, will become a dedicated clinical space for Special Operators and Veterans impacted by Traumatic Brain and Polytrauma Injuries from war and training.

MASS GENERAL PHOTOGRAPHY.



(Left to right) Michael Allard, COO, Home Base; Eric Miller, CFO, Wounded Warrior Project; Laura Lakin, Assistant Project Manager, Suffolk; Ashley Ross, Warrior Care Network Deputy Director, Wounded Warrior Project; Win Hotchkiss, Superintendent, Suffolk



(Left to Right) Dr. Ross Zafonte; Scott Schoen; Jean Tempel; Nancy Kelleher; Michael Allard; Jack Hammond; John Fish; Sec John Santiago; Rep. Dan Ryan.

Local students on honor roll at Malden Catholic

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the first quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: President's List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes).

President's List
(90 to 100 in all classes)
Emily Parker

First Honors
(85 to 89 in all classes)
Gabriela Bethlendy Loscertales

Quinn Rockhill
Stella Safrine
Ashlyn Stillman

Second Honors
(80 to 84 in all classes)
Joseph Brienze IV
Keira Corbett

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ONLINE DONATION

Healey proposes regulations to strengthen resilience from coastal and inland flooding

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) today issued draft regulations to strengthen wetlands and stormwater resilience by providing flood control and preventing storm damage to shorelines and infrastructure from the impacts of climate change. The proposed regulations will help protect areas vulnerable to sea-level rise and storm surge, promote nature-based solutions to flooding, streamline certain permitting processes, and use updated precipitation data to inform decision-making.

The regulations are proposed under the Wetlands Protection Act and the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act. MassDEP will accept comments on the draft regulations until March 1, 2024.

“Data tells us that inland and coastal flooding are two of the biggest threats to Massachusetts. The storms we saw this summer showed us that there is no time to waste,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “These updates strike a balance to preserve and protect development along our waterways. These changes also present Massachusetts with another opportunity to lead – we’re promoting the most cutting-edge nature-based solutions along our coastlines.”

“We cannot continue a ‘business-as-usual’ approach if we want to build more resilient communities,” said MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. “With these regulations, we’ve integrated the latest science and green infrastructure techniques to mitigate climate change impacts and protect residents, municipalities, and businesses from costly rebuilding efforts. MassDEP is grateful for the engagement of stakeholders and

agencies in developing this proposal and looks forward to continued feedback on these regulations.”

Community Resilience

The proposed Wetlands regulations would protect the coastal floodplain, which hosts nearly \$55 billion in structures, of which about \$40 billion is residential, \$12 billion is industrial, and \$2.5 billion is commercial. Of the nearly 2.5 million people living within the 78 coastal communities in Massachusetts, approximately 55 percent live within Massachusetts-designated Environmental Justice Block Groups, representing communities of color, low-income populations, and/or communities facing language barriers.

Coastal and Inland Flooding Resilience

The proposed Wetlands regulations will promote resilience by creating performance standards to protect the natural buffering function of wetlands and floodplains and help prevent damage to both the natural and built environment. The standards will require elevation of new development in areas of the coastal floodplain where most storm damage occurs and minimize new development in the most vulnerable area of the coastal floodplain where waves are higher than three feet. The regulations encourage nature-based approaches to improve resilience, such as restoration of salt marshes, coastal dunes, and barrier beaches on the coast, as well as inland wetlands. Updated stormwater management standards will reduce stormwater pollution to water bodies throughout the state, helping to improve the water quality of our rivers and streams.

The regulations are designed to be flexible for homeowners and

families. Single-family homes and housing development with four or fewer units are exempted from the stormwater requirements of the Wetlands regulations and new housing developments with five to nine units per lot must meet new standards only to the extent possible.

Updates to Waterways regulations – which protect and promote public use of tidelands and other waterways in Massachusetts and are commonly known as “Chapter 91” – require license applications to consider projected sea-level rise for certain projects and encourage relocation of building mechanical systems away from the ground floor.

Incentives for Nature-Based Solutions

The Wetlands regulations promote Green Site Design, which uses natural solutions – like trees and buffer zones – to manage stormwater, instead of more expensive detention basins and other traditional infrastructure. By using nature to address stormwater runoff and pollution, developers will receive Green Site Design credits and will substantially reduce the need to build and maintain more costly stormwater management systems.

Updated Precipitation Data

The proposed Wetlands amendments use up-to-date data sources to evaluate precipitation – replacing the 1961 data that is currently used with 2019 data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Storms have been increasing in intensity with climate change so that today’s storms deliver more precipitation than they did 60 years ago. Using outdated data to design stormwater systems means pipes that are too small to carry increased

volumes of water – resulting in overflows and flooding. The switch to data that are more reflective of current conditions will prevent resulting damage to buildings and bridges, scouring of riverbanks, and other problems.

Streamlined Permitting

The proposed regulations streamline certain permitting processes. The Wetlands regulations are updated to align with the EPA Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit and the Transportation Separate Storm Sewer System Permit to improve consistency and protect surface waters, including wetlands, from stormwater runoff pollution. The Waterways regulations allow modifications to licenses for identified smaller structures (primarily small docks and piers) to account for sea-level rise and maintaining public water access.

Regulatory Process

These regulatory updates are among the 142 priority actions for state agencies to direct under the ResilientMass Strategy released in November 2023. The Strategy was developed to address the impacts of climate change, such as flooding from precipitation, high heat, and coastal flooding and erosion. ResilientMass identified inland flooding as the most significant climate hazard in Massachusetts.

The proposed amendments were developed over several years in close consultation with a broad range of stakeholders, including more than 10 sessions with stakeholder groups, more than 25 presentations, and meetings with various groups and interested parties.

MassDEP is accepting public comment on the draft regulations until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024. Virtual information sessions and public hearings on both sets of regulations will be held throughout January and February; more details are available here. For more information on the Wetlands Regulations, turn here. For more information on the Waterways Regulations, turn here.

Validators:

“The Massachusetts Associa-

tion of Conservation Commissions (MACC) is pleased that MassDEP is publishing important updates to the Wetlands Protection Act,” said MACC Executive Director Dorothy A. McGlinchy. “These proposed regulations, along with the climate related goals established by the Healey-Driscoll Administration, will help minimize impacts from severe storms in a changing climate. Additional urgency and coordination will be needed in our continued fight to preserve wetlands, open space, and biological diversity. MACC supports the Conservation Commissioners who are on the front lines of protecting our precious resource areas.”

“The urgency of these regulations is underscored by this week’s major rainstorm causing extreme flooding, power outages, damage to homes and businesses and most tragically, a death. How we manage water has profound implications on not only our environment, but also public health and safety,” said Charles River Watershed Association Executive Director Emily Norton. “We are pleased that these proposed regulations offer so many improvements in terms of updated precipitation models, stricter rules around building in floodplains, more consistency for developers and municipalities between state and federal rules, and more. We do not have the luxury of moving slowly when it comes to climate resilience, so kudos to MassDEP and the Healey-Driscoll Administration for acting now to protect our communities and natural spaces from the impacts of our changing climate.”

MassDEP’s mission is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth’s natural resources – air, water and land – to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all people, and to ensure a clean and safe environment for future generations. In carrying out this mission, MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth; to provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for people to participate in agency decisions that affect their lives; and to ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities we serve.

Boston finalizes regulations to ensure large buildings achieve carbon neutrality by 2050

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston’s Environment Department have finalized regulations for Boston’s Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO). The updated regulations were adopted by the Air Pollution Control Commission during their December hearing. These rules set the standards for implementation of BERDO, which sets carbon targets for existing buildings that decrease over time

with all buildings achieving net zero emissions by 2050. This vote for adoption marks the end of the third and final phase of BERDO 2.0 regulations development. Additionally, the City of Boston has invested \$3.5 million in the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund. The Equitable Emissions Investment Fund is an innovative funding tool that will support emissions reduction projects in Boston buildings, while prioritizing benefits to Boston’s environmental justice communities.

Buildings in Boston account for nearly seventy percent of citywide greenhouse gas emissions. BERDO buildings are responsible for five percent of the building stock in Boston and account for over forty percent of the total greenhouse gas emissions.

“Policy is only as strong as its implementation, so I’m very grateful to the team for working hard over two years to translate the landmark BERDO ordinance’s

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Mayor Wu, PowerCorpsBOS celebrate third graduating cohort

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Mayor Michelle Wu celebrated the graduation of PowerCorpsBOS' third cohort. PowerCorpsBOS is a green jobs program that creates workforce development opportunities for young adults, particularly from Boston's environmental justice communities, in fields that address pressing environmental challenges in Boston. The 29 graduates spent the past six months learning about various green industries and skill sets, including urban forestry and energy efficient building maintenance.

"PowerCorps is essential in our work to invest in our young people, expand opportunity and build a Green New Deal city," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This program provides crucial pathways through skills and job training to our young people - ensuring that our green workforce is accessible to all. Congratulations and thank you to this year's empowering graduating class for their commitment to strengthening Boston's foundation for a clean, resilient future!"

Led by the Worker Empowerment Cabinet in partnership with the Environment Department, PowerCorpsBOS is a "learn and earn" program that pays Boston's young adults ages 18-30 to participate in hands-on training and provides them with career readiness support, and connections to employers in the green industry. Priority populations for the program are marginalized groups, residents from environmental justice communities, as well as returning citizens, court-involved residents, youth who have experienced homelessness or housing instability, and youth who have been in foster care.

"I am incredibly proud of our Cohort 3 graduates for dedicating the last six months to improving themselves personally and professionally while serving their communities," said Davo Jefferson, Executive Director of PowerCorpsBOS. "It has been a privilege to witness first hand the positive impact PowerCorpsBOS has had in changing the trajectory of the lives of Boston's young adults. Thank you to the employer and community partners who have made this work possible. Together, we will continue to provide our young people with these critical career pathways into the green



The third graduating cohort of the PowerCorpsBOS program, a green jobs program focusing on workforce development opportunities.

industry."

"Being a Green New Deal city means we must move forward priorities that fall at the intersection of racial and economic justice—that open doors for our residents—to join us in the fight against climate change and the preservation of our green spaces," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "I am grateful to the PowerCorps graduates for dedicating themselves to learning these critical skills that will positively impact our communities for years to come."

PowerCorpsBOS offers two training pathways in Urban Forestry (UF) and Building Operations (BOS). The Building Operations track was created in partnership with Roxbury Community College (RCC) and A Better City (ABC). Twenty-three

graduates completed the UF track which covers the planting, maintenance, care and protection of tree populations. These participants assisted 101 acres of public land, removed 197 bags of invasive material, worked with 18 service project partners, planted 52 trees, pruned 21 trees, underwent eight hours of tree climbing training and eight hours of chainsaw training, earned three college credits from UMass Mount Ida in Arboriculture, and talked to 78 employees in the private and public industry.

Six graduates completed the BOS track which provided training for jobs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in large buildings by learning skills to maintain building operations at peak efficiency. The curriculum included topics ranging from conducting energy audits to maintaining electrical, HVAC, and plumbing systems. The par-

ticipants earned several industry recognized certifications including a Building Operator Certification (BOC), Fundamentals in Energy Efficient Building Operations (FEEBO), Building Performance Institution (BPI) Certificate, and a Green Building Professional - Operations and Maintenance (GPRO) certificate.

"PowerCorps has been a life changer for me and led me on a path to a bright future," said PowerCorps graduate Ricky Bradley-White. "I have sharpened my skills and earned certifications that will help me secure a meaningful quality job. This experience was more than I have ever expected and was worth every moment. I highly recommend this program to anyone who lives in Boston and is looking for a career change."

"PowerCorps Boston has done so much for me throughout these

past six months," said PowerCorps graduate Daquan Dixon. "Everything I have learned has been a tool to unlock my true potential. I got the opportunity to experience things I never could have imagined. The program has taught me that the tools are there; it's up to you to reach out and grab them."

PowerCorpsBOS plans to increase the program duration from six months to ten months to offer participants a more comprehensive and immersive experience and enhance the depth of the program's curriculum. The new schedule will align with the traditional college academic calendar and seeks to capitalize on peak hiring seasons in the green industry. Learn more about PowerCorpsBOS at boston.gov/powercorps.

Charlestown Library announces events for January

This January, The Charlestown Public Library will have the following events at the local Branch of the Boston Public Library:

- Children's Musical Performances with Evan Haller from Music at the Blissful, Friday, January 5, 12 and 26 at 11:00 am

- Storytime and Sing Along with Librarian Lena, every Wednesday at 11:00 am

- BTU Homework Help with Mr. O'Brien, Mondays and Thursdays 4:00-6:00 pm

- Unsolved America Northeast true crime lecture with Historian

Chris Daley, Thursday, January 11 at 6:00-7:30 pm

- Meet and Greet with Allison and Therapy Dog Penny, Saturday January 20 at 11:00-12:00am

- Access to Books in the Context of Mass Incarceration lecture, Thurs. January 25th at 6:00 pm

The work continues on our elevator, which should be done shortly after New Years. As of Saturday, January 6th the library will close at 5:00 pm on Saturdays instead of 2:00 pm. Merry Christmas and best wishes for a great 2024!

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mandate into specific regulatory details that will make implementation clear and accountable, with dedicated resources to ensure equitable progress across the city," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The official vote on these BERDO regulations marks a critical milestone and turning point in building a greener and healthier city for everyone. The properties covered by this mandate are the 5% of buildings that comprise 40% of Boston's total emissions, so full implementation to decarbonize this sector will be the most significant step we can take. Our charge is to lead the way on climate action for cities, and Boston will continue to accelerate decarbonization through every means possible."

In 2021, the amended ordinance was unanimously approved by the Boston City Council with the goal of significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions, encouraging efficient use of energy and water, and developing investments in a green economy. The BERDO ordinance sets emissions targets and reporting requirements for non-residential buildings greater than or equal to 20,000 square feet and residential buildings that have 15 units or more. The ordinance also established the BERDO Review Board with community representation to increase accountability and transparency, as well as an environmental-justice focused Equitable Emissions Investment Fund. In order for buildings to reduce their emissions, building owners may choose to carry out: energy efficiency improvements, switch to clean, efficient and electric heating systems, or fossil fuel free systems, purchase clean energy, and/or make alternative compliance payments into the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund. Building owners must reduce emissions from their buildings below a sector-specific emissions standard, or limit, and all buildings are expected to reach net-zero by 2050. Buildings must begin complying with these emissions limits in 2025 or 2030 depending on their size.

"The final regulations were designed to accomplish significant emissions reductions while paying attention to equity and affordability," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "I am thrilled that Mayor Wu has committed to investing in the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund that will ensure that environmental justice communities have the resources needed to decarbon-

ize and retrofit their buildings."

The finalized regulations range from topics that address complex building portfolios, individual compliance schedules, hardship compliance plans, fines and enforcement, compliance with emissions standards, and the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund. The new investment fund will collect all alternative compliance payments and penalties made to BERDO and invest them in local building carbon abatement projects that support environmental action while directing funds towards environmental justice communities. In addition to funding carbon reduction projections in buildings, projects supported by the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund may have supporting benefits including improving or promoting affordable housing and tenant protections, local air quality improvement, indoor environmental quality and health for building tenants, economic inclusion, training, and technical assistance for Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (MWDBE) and cooperative contractors, equitable workforce development training programs for residents who have been disproportionately impacted by the effects of climate change, projects with community ownership of housing and renewable energy infrastructure, and reduced energy burdens. All funding awards will be overseen by the BERDO Review Board, a nine-member independent board of volunteers who monitor, enforce, and make decisions on the day-to-day operations of BERDO. The Review Board is charged with ensuring projects funded by the Equitable Emissions Investment Fund directly benefit the communities that disproportionately bear the burden of climate change.

The regulations and policies that guide the implementation of BERDO were developed in collaboration with a Community Advisory Group composed of ten community-based organizations and leaders in environmental justice, climate action, affordable housing, workforce development, and social justice. Community leaders frequently collaborated with the City to identify the potential impacts of BERDO on environmental justice communities and to provide advice on how to integrate equity into the rules of BERDO. Additionally, over the past two years, the Environment Department hosted seven working sessions and thirteen focus groups

with hospital and healthcare institutions, commercial and multifamily real estate, affordable housing, cultural institutions, universities, Boston residents, and various other stakeholders across the City.

"With the finalized regulations for BERDO, the City of Boston is taking a crucial step to equitably achieve net zero emissions by 2050," said Lee Matsueda, Acting Chair of the BERDO Review Board. "I am grateful to the Mayor, the Environment Department team, and all of my colleagues on the Review Board for working to secure a just transition to a more sustainable future."

The ordinance was originally passed in May 2013, and required large buildings to report their energy and water use to the City of Boston every year. The ordinance required the City of Boston to make this data publicly available. This revised ordinance is the single most impactful initiative to curb Boston's carbon emissions. Building owners or managers who are looking for technical support in complying with BERDO can contact retrofit@boston.gov.

Mayor Wu recently announced the City of Boston's new rates for the Boston Community Choice Electricity (BCCE) program, which is the largest municipal aggregation program in the com-

monwealth. Customers may choose to "opt up" to enroll in the Optional Green 100 rate, with 100% of electricity coming from local, renewable energy sources, like solar or wind. By opting up, customers can support the City of Boston in reducing carbon emissions, improving local air quality, and taking climate action within our communities. BCCE Green 100 is one compliance pathway that residents can choose to pur-

sue in alignment with the 2025 compliance deadline. Boston Community Choice Electricity's Optional Green 100 plan costs less than Eversource's basic residential rate while utilizing 100% renewable electricity compared to Eversource's 22%, which is the state requirement for renewable electricity. Residents and business owners can opt-up, down, or out of BCCE at any time with no penalties.

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Lifelong Responsibility

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

For most of us fortunate enough to have companion animals, they are family. Family we choose to have; therefore, we're responsible for being the best of friends and family members as they age.

We recently took our eleven-year-old Poppy for her checkup. We were delighted to receive an email from her veterinarian telling us the results of her blood tests were excellent. Poppy is aging well.

It's easy to let the little changes that occur slowly slip by until something serious alerts us to the reality that our dog or cat is having age-related problems. Fortunately, there are things we can do to prevent some issues and to help alleviate others.

Aging Checklist

A few years ago, we came across a checklist designed to test how Poppy was aging and turned it into a reminder that we run through regularly. We rate some items ourselves and ensure we have the Vet run tests to check the others.

We look for signs of loss of

vision, hearing, energy, sleep/wake cycles, and muscle tone. We monitor weight gain and look for signs of arthritis and other joint problems. Our veterinary team monitors dental health and organ integrity (heart, liver, kidneys).

Ed has a logbook for what we notice and whenever something unusual happens with our dog. This record lets us prepare a list of information and questions for our vet. He also weighs Poppy weekly and enters her weight in the log. A small dog can put on weight more quickly than you might think.

Weight Control

Monitoring and controlling weight is one thing you can do that will improve both health and quality of life. Excess weight in seniors (both human and animal) can impact joint issues, willingness to exercise, and organ health. Just as for us, what is needed is a healthier diet, fewer calories, snacks, treats, and more gentle exercise.

Social Activity

More exercise, community, and social activity are benefits of

having a dog. Do you realize that these are also important for our dogs? The brain stimulation these provide can help prevent doggie dementia called canine cognitive dysfunction (CCD).

Researcher Sarah Yarborough at the University of Washington found the same steps we take ourselves to promote healthy aging work for dogs. You protect your dog from CCD by increasing exercise, and by doing it together, you improve your health. It's a win-win situation. However, consult both your doctors before starting any significant change in exercise routines.

We know that loss of sensory input increases the danger of dementia in humans. As guardians, we should provide the necessary care to prevent ear and eye infections from causing deafness and blindness in our pets.

It May Not Be Aging

Consider that a change may not be due to aging but rather a treatable underlying issue. Since some medical conditions are more likely and concerning in older animals,



Poppy takes a few more naps than she did as a puppy, but she still brings us her toys to play with and loves to run in the snow.

your veterinarian may recommend more frequent checkups and tests.

These exams should also include screenings for conditions like diabetes, arthritis, thyroid disease, kidney disease, and failing vision and hearing, which are statistically more likely to occur in seniors. These tests may include blood counts, chemistry screens, and urinalysis. Be sure to ask if your pet needs any breed-specific tests.

Research has shown that com-

panion animals are good for human health. When you add an animal to your life, you take on a lifelong responsibility to provide the best possible quality of life and prevent harm for that creature from youth to old age.

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

BPHC encourages vaccination as respiratory virus cases rise

Recent data analyzed by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) shows low vaccination rates and an increase in cases of respiratory viral illness in Boston. BPHC recommends people protect themselves and their communities from getting sick, especially as they travel and gather with loved ones.

According to data from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), twice as

many people have been hospitalized with the flu or COVID-19 in Boston compared to October.1 BPHC also measures virus levels in wastewater in Boston to track transmission of infection and has noted significant increases in the amount of COVID-19, Flu, and RSV. Compared to two weeks ago, the amount of COVID-19 in wastewater across the city of Boston is 23% higher, the flu virus

is 23% higher, and RSV is 34% higher.

Staying up to date on vaccines for respiratory viruses, such as COVID-19, flu and RSV is an important strategy to reduce the risk of severe illness and hospitalization. Using DPH data, BPHC found only 15.7% of people in Boston have received the updated COVID-19 vaccine. The data also show only 33.8% of people in Boston have received a flu vaccine this season.2

"Vaccination is the best way to prevent severe illness and hospitalization from COVID-19, flu and RSV, and it is not too late to protect yourself this season," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "We encourage residents to take advantage of opportunities for free walk-in COVID-19 vaccination and testing as well as flu shots."

To make it easier for people to get vaccinated ahead of the holidays, BPHC is holding a vaccine event at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building in Roxbury on

Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23. With a winter wonderland theme to kick off the holidays, the vaccine event will offer free COVID-19 and flu immunizations, giveaways, face painting, treats, and an opportunity to meet Santa. (See flyer attached.) For RSV vaccination, people should reach out to their healthcare provider to determine eligibility.

Standing COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinics remain at the Bruce C. Bolling Building and Boston City Hall:

Boston City Hall – 1 City Hall Square, Room 115

§ Open Mondays from 7 am - 1 pm and Wednesdays from 12 - 5 pm.

§ Holiday Hours:
Monday, January 1 - CLOSED

Follow the recommended respiratory virus safety steps to reduce your risk:

Stay home when sick.

Consider wearing a mask:

- o If you must leave the house while sick.
- o If you are going to be in crowded outdoor spaces.

o And/or, if you are at a high risk of severe illness.

Have COVID-19 rapid testing kits available at home to test if you have symptoms of COVID-19.

o Visit walk-in and by-appointment testing sites throughout the City.

Seek treatment from a trusted healthcare provider if you test positive for COVID-19 or flu and are at a high risk for severe disease.

Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Regularly disinfect and clean high touch surfaces.

Older adults, adults aged 60 and older, children younger than 5 years old, pregnant people, and people with chronic medical conditions are among those at higher risk for severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

BPHC has several resources to help people stay healthy ahead of the holidays, including COVID-19 test kits and health education materials in 12 languages. Visit boston.gov/bphc-infectiousdisease to learn more.

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