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FNY CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY



DC Bean and Associates of Peir3 generously donated its space to host the Spring Fling event celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Fends of the Navy Yard. See Pages 6, 7 and 8 for more photos.

PMC Kids ride to take place at Paul Revere Park

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Sunday marks the date another Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) Kids Ride will take place at Paul Revere Park to raise money for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and it will feature a courageous fighter by the name of Matilda Danoff.

Matilda, affectionately known as Tilly, is a five-year-old from Somerville who was diagnosed with a low-grade glioma tumor in her spine in February 2021.

Tilly's father, Josh Danoff,

explained that her tumor originally went from the C1 vertebrae down to the T8 vertebrae.

He said that when Tilly was first diagnosed and undergoing chemotherapy treatment, she had right-sided weakness in her hand and arm that went down her leg due to the location of the tumor. Her leg was also paralyzed during her initial surgery, though it has since come back.

"So she wasn't able to use her

(PMC Pg. 9)

DiDomenico secures millions Senate 2025 Budget

Special to The Bridge

Last Thursday, Senator Sal DiDomenico and his Massachusetts Senate colleagues unanimously approved a \$57.999 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25). Following robust and spirited debate, the Senate adopted several of Senator DiDomenico's amendments, adding millions of dollars in spending for statewide initiatives and local priorities that will directly benefit constituents in his district and residents around the Commonwealth.

The budget builds on the Senate's commitment to fiscal responsibility while delivering historic levels of investment in every level of education, regional equity, and mental health, reflecting the Chamber's commitment to creating a more affordable, equitable, and competitive Commonwealth. Senator DiDomenico's amendments will support working fam-

ilies by expanding access to food, clothing, quality education and workforce training.

"This budget is a victory for people of all backgrounds and income levels in my district and throughout the Commonwealth," said Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "I am proud to bring millions of dollars to my district for organizations and programs that provide vital services for our residents. These investments will create new opportunities for people of all ages in our communities, support projects that will improve lives and ensure all our children can build the bright futures they deserve."

Statewide DiDomenico Amendments

- \$3.5 million to expand the annual clothing allowance for low-income families. This investment will give families \$500 per child to purchase the clothes they

need every year.

- \$250,000 for operations services for the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program.

- Senator DiDomenico also successfully advocated for the \$42 million that was included for food services in this program.

- \$300,000 for Operation A.B.L.E. of Greater Boston to provide basic workforce and skills training, employment services and job re-entry support to older workers.

- Require the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education to gather data on sex & relationship education in our schools. This will help our state government understand how we can best support our schools to ensure our children have the information they need to protect their health and form respectful relationships.

(DiDOMENICO Pg. 4)

Councilor Coletta to host annual Pride Celebration

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta is hosting the annual Charlestown Pride Celebration on Tuesday, June 4, at 5:30pm at the Schrafft's City Center. The event will be held in partnership with The Flatley Company, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, State Representative Dan Ryan, and Out-Charlestown.

"I'm excited to continue this beautiful tradition and ensure all Charlestown residents feel supported, welcomed, included, and

loved in their community. All are welcome to join and stand in solidarity to show that this month and every month, love is love," said Councilor Gabriela Coletta.

The inaugural Charlestown LGBTQ+ Pride celebration took place in 2020 and was proudly sponsored by the District One City Councilor, Lydia Edwards, as well as the entire state delegation. The event will begin at 5:30pm with a short program followed by refreshments.

CNC MEETING DATES

General Meeting

CNC Meeting, Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 7 PM.

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold an in-person public meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, from 7-9 PM 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024

A high school graduation is a singular event in the life of every community, where almost everybody knows one of the graduates or their families. All of us share in the happiness and sense of achievement of our young people who will be receiving their diplomas. And for all of us, a high school graduation brings back our own fond memories from our long-gone youth.

For the graduates themselves, their high school graduation marks both an end and a beginning. They no longer are children, either in the eyes of the law or in reality. They are full-fledged adults who will be leaving the sheltered harbor of their families and communities and setting sail on a journey that none of them will be able to anticipate, but which will be full of surprises, bringing both stormy seas and smooth sailing.

Yes, graduation is a bittersweet time, both for the grads and their family members.

For the parents who will be watching their sons and daughters step to the podium when their name is called, no doubt they will be thinking of how fast time has gone by since they first brought their child by the hand to preschool and kindergarten.

Such moments bring to mind the sentiments expressed in the lyrics of the song, Sunrise, Sunset, from the musical Fiddler on the Roof:

Is this the little girl I carried
Is this the little boy at play?
I don't remember growing older
When did they?
When did she get to be a beauty
When did he grow to be so tall?
Wasn't it yesterday when they were small?

We congratulate the Class of 2024 for all of the accomplishments that have earned them the right to step onto that podium to receive their diplomas. We know we join with all of the members of our community in wishing them blue skies and sunny days, both on their Graduation Day and in the years ahead.

DRIVERLESS CARS: WE CAN'T WAIT!

We recently returned from a trip to San Francisco to visit our daughter and got the chance to ride in the driverless taxis from Waymo, the company owned by Google, which has been operating in San Francisco and Phoenix for the past few years.

At first we were skeptical of taking a ride in the cars, which have received some bad press, but Kate (who has been using the service for a number of months) assured us it was perfectly fine.

The vehicles, which are electric Jaguar SUVs, make you feel as if you are riding with a luxury limo service. They are clean, quiet, and have leather seats. They also play soft, relaxing music, though you have the option to choose different genres.

Most importantly, the Waymos obey the speed limits, always signal when changing lanes, never rush through a yellow light, let alone a red light, and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. In other words, the Waymos are far safer than human-operated vehicles.

The experience made us realize that driverless vehicles, guided by AI, will be commonplace in the not-too-distant future -- a future that will make our roads far safer than the carnage that exists today in which more than 40,000 Americans are killed and countless tens of thousands more are severely injured every year thanks to human operators who either are texting-and-driving, under the influence, engaged in road rage, falling asleep at the wheel, inexperienced, too old, blinded by the sun, disobeying the traffic laws, or are just bad drivers.

Driverless cars also will have a huge positive financial impact on our society. Auto insurance rates will go down precipitously (especially for young drivers), car repairs caused by accidents will be minimal, health care costs will decline enormously because of the decrease in auto-related injuries, and senior citizens will retain their independence.

In short, we have seen the future of cars without human operators -- and we can't wait!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THANK YOU

Dear Editor

Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard (FCNY) wishes to thank our awesome sponsor DC Beane and donors (see below) for our Annual Spring Fling Annual Meeting and Social. At this event which is free and open to the public, FCNY presents Awards to local individuals and/or organizations as well as Scholarships to Charlestown High School students. This year's Award recipients are David Whelan Community Bridge Award/Boston Historical National Park, Anchor Award/Navy Yard Garden & Art, Commandant Award/Bunker Hill Associates.

Scholarships were awarded to two members of Turn It Around/Dynasty Figueroa and Miracle Rose. Congratulations to all the Award recipients and Scholarship recipients.

Raffle donors were Dove-tail, Brewers Fork, Costa Fruit, McCarthy's Liquors, Pier 6, Tall Ship, Reel House East Boston, Reel House Marina Bay, Warren Tavern, Classic Harbor Line and Blackmoor Restaurant and Bar.

Lois Siegelman,
FCNY President

FLYNN TAKES ISSUE WITH PROCESS

Dear Editor:

City Councilor Ed Flynn has sent the following letter to the Office of Participatory Budgeting opposing the voting process for project proposals to be open to residents as young as 11 years old.

Dear Director Castelo:

Following our hearing today, I am writing to again emphasize my unequivocal and vehement opposition to the voting process for project proposals from the Office of Participatory Budgeting, particularly in allowing residents as young as 11 years-old to vote for projects to be earmarked.

During this time of great fiscal uncertainty - with a study warning that remote work policies and the city's declining commercial property values may cost us \$500 million in revenue annually, as well as a subsequent proposal to also tax commercial property at a higher rate - now more than ever, it is critical that we show the taxpayers of Boston that we take our financial responsibilities seriously. Allowing children to decide the usage of taxpayer dollars would do just the opposite, and be viewed as tone deaf, unserious, and wholly inappropriate by my constituents.

From my understanding, the Office of Participatory Budgeting will begin its ideas collection this July, which will lead to project proposal development, and ultimately culminates in residents voting on a ballot either in-person or online with 15 proposals, in which residents who are at least 11 years-old can choose up to five proposals.

Civic engagement for our youth is critically important; however, allowing children as young as 11 years-old to decide the use of budget dollars sends the wrong message to neighbors who have faced years of increased property taxes.

Deciding and voting on the budget should be an informed decision, one that the residents of Boston have entrusted to their duly elected officials. I believe that allowing children as young as 11 years-old to vote on these matters will be viewed as out-of-touch and reckless, especially given the fiscal uncertainty as it relates to our future budgets. I urge that we immediately reconsider this process and demonstrate that we are serious about fiscal responsibility.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-635-3203, or at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

Ed Flynn
City Councilor, District 2



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Boston places 14th on annual Trust for Public Land ParkScore Index, boosted by strong scores for park access

Special to the Times

Trust for Public Land announced Boston was rated the nation's 14th best big-city park system by the 2024 ParkScore® index, dipping slightly below last year's 10th place finish. Atop the ParkScore rankings, Washington, DC, retained the ParkScore title, outpacing Minneapolis (2nd), Saint Paul (3rd) and Irvine, California (4th). The ParkScore index evaluates park systems in the 100 largest U.S. cities.

Boston ranked highly on all ParkScore rating factors. According to Trust for Public Land, 100 percent of Boston residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park. Among all 100 ParkScore cities, only San Francisco matches Boston's park access marks. The city also scored highly for park amenities, leading the nation for splashpads and spraygrounds at parks. Boston provides 12.6 of the popular summertime amenity per 100,000 residents, far above the national ParkScore average of 1.5.

Boston invests an impressive \$175 per resident in its park system, comfortably above the national ParkScore average of \$124. However, per capita investment declined slightly compared to last year's \$176, contributing to the park system's dip in the rankings. Boston's ParkScore was also limited by below-average marks for park size. The median Boston park measures only 1.4 acres, below the national ParkScore average of 5.4

Accompanying the annual ratings list, Trust for Public Land published new research reporting that residents of cities with high ParkScore rankings are, on average, more socially connected and engaged with their neighbors than are residents of cities with lower-ranking park systems.

The research report, The Power of Parks to Strengthen Community, found that residents of cities ranking in the top quarter of the ParkScore index are 60 percent more likely to volunteer than are residents of lower-ranking cities. Residents of higher-ranking cities are also 26 percent more likely to form friendships with people in different socio-economic groups. A strong body of research indicates that relationships crossing income divides increase economic mobility and reduce inequality. Social con-

nections also lead to better physical and mental health.

The Power of Parks to Strengthen Community details many strategies used by civic leaders to facilitate social connection at parks. Some common tactics include hosting movie nights and other gatherings at public recreation centers, sponsoring arts and fitness classes, and supporting voter registration drives. The research is based on nearly 900 examples shared with Trust for Public Land by city park leaders.

"Park leaders are stepping up to promote community connection and address the national epidemic of loneliness and social isolation," says Diane Regas, President and CEO of Trust for Public Land. "By mixing tried and true strategies like fitness classes and sports leagues with innovative ideas like intergenerational storytime, where senior volunteers share their favorite books with children, cities are finding creative ways to bring people together and strengthen community bonds. We're impressed by what we've seen this year, and we will continue working with cities throughout the United States to support park access for all."

The ParkScore index reported significant increases in park investment for 2023. Across all ParkScore cities, average park spending per resident increased to \$124, up from last year's \$108 and reaching a ParkScore-era high. ParkScore reports investment per resident as a three-year moving average, so totals for 2023 are based on 2021-2023 city budgets. Trust for Public Land attributes the increased investment to heightened awareness among policymakers and local residents about the many ways parks serve as vital community infrastructure, especially during emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic. Local governments are also taking advantage of federal stimulus funding to launch major park projects. Previous research found that virtually every city included in the ParkScore index leveraged parks as testing centers, personal protective equipment distribution hubs, or emergency food service centers at the height of the pandemic.

PARKSCORE RANKINGS FOR 2024

Washington, DC, was rated the best big-city park system in the United States for the fourth con-

secutive year. The city scored well on all ParkScore rating factors. Twenty-four percent of land in the District of Columbia is reserved for parks, among the highest in the United States. The District also outperformed on ParkScore's park access and park equity metrics. Residents of Washington, DC, neighborhoods where most residents identify as Black, Latino, Indigenous and Native American, or Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have access to about the same amount of park space as residents of neighborhoods where most of the population identifies as white.

By contrast, among all ParkScore cities, neighborhoods where most residents identify as people of color have access to an average of 45 percent less park space than residents of predominately white neighborhoods. Similarly, ParkScore city residents in low-income neighborhoods have access to 45 percent less park space than residents in high-income neighborhoods, on average.

Irvine continues to climb the ParkScore index rankings, finishing fourth for the second consecutive year and matching its all-time high. Irvine ranked eighth in 2022. Irvine's surge is driven by significant increases in park investment, as the city continues progress toward creating its planned "Great Park" on the site of the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station.

Other major ParkScore movers this year include Gilbert, Arizona (+33 to sixty-seventh); Arlington, TX (+27 to forty-seventh); Richmond, VA (+17 to twenty-second) and Nashville, TN, (+15 to seventy-eighth).

Boise defended its title as the best park system for dogs, with a nation-leading 7.6 dog parks per 100,000 residents, outscoring Portland, Oregon, and Henderson, Nevada. St. Paul received top marks for basketball hoops, Las Vegas scored best for playgrounds, and Boston earned top marks for splashpads and other water features.

PARKSCORE METHODOLOGY AND RANKINGS

The annual ParkScore® index ranks park systems in the 100 most populous U.S. cities and is widely considered the gold standard for park evaluation. ParkS-

core rankings are based equally on five factors:

- Park access measures the percentage of residents living within a 10-minute walk of a park.

- Park equity compares per capita park space and 10-minute-walk park access in communities of color vs. white communities and in low-income neighborhoods versus high-income neighborhoods. Park systems score higher if disparities are minimal or non-existent.

- Park acreage is based on a city's median park size and the percentage of city area dedicated to parks.

- Park investment measures park spending per resident.

- Park amenities assesses the availability of six popular park features: basketball hoops; off-leash dog parks; playgrounds; splashpads and other water-play structures; recreation and senior centers, and restrooms.

The ParkScore index uses advanced GIS (Geographic Information Systems) and spatial analysis to evaluate park accessibility. Instead of measuring distance to a local park, the rating system's GIS technology considers the location of park entrances and physical obstacles to access. For example, if residents are separated from a

nearby park by a major highway, the ParkScore index does not count the park as accessible to those residents, unless there is a bridge, underpass, or easy access point across the highway.

Municipal leaders use ParkScore information to guide park improvement efforts, studying park access on a block-by-block basis and pinpointing the areas where new parks are needed most. The ParkScore website, www.tpl.org/parkscore, is free and available to the public, empowering residents to hold their elected leaders accountable for achieving equitable access to quality parks for all.

Trust for Public Land (TPL) is a national nonprofit that works to connect everyone to the benefits and joys of the outdoors. As a leader in equitable access to the outdoors, TPL works with communities to create parks and protect public land where they are needed most. Since 1972, TPL has protected more than 4 million acres of public land, created more than 5,420 parks, trails, schoolyards, and iconic outdoor places, raised \$94 billion in public funding for parks and public lands, and connected nearly 9.7 million people to the outdoors. To learn more, visit tpl.org.

The Chief Marshal's Banquet

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Dinner at 7pm, Doors open 6pm

Tickets \$30 per person - table for 10 \$300

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DiDOMENICO (from pg. 1)

Local DiDomenico Amendments

- \$25,000 for the John F. Kennedy Family Service Center for educational programming and family engagement.
- \$25,000 for East End House to provide comprehensive support services for families.
- \$25,000 for Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee for economic stability and mobility services
- \$25,000 for Transition House to address domestic violence through intervention and prevention
- \$25,000 for Margaret Fuller House for community advancement programming
- \$25,000 for The Spot to pro-

vide materials and services to residents in need

- \$25,000 for the Eliot Family Resource Center for comprehensive community-based services and resources
- \$25,000 for La Comunidad to support community programming and services
- \$25,000 to the Everett Haitian Community Center for community programming, resources and services
- \$25,000 for Chelsea Black Community for community-based services and resources
- \$50,000 for Community Action Programs Inter-City for economic stability and mobility services
- \$25,000 for Chelsea Resto-

ration Corporation to promote home ownership for low-to-moderate income residents in Chelsea and the surrounding areas

- \$25,000 for Harvest on Vine Food Pantry to provide food resources and services
- \$50,000 for the theater program at Cambridge Public Schools
- \$50,000 for the music program at Everett High School
- \$25,000 for the music program at Chelsea High School
- \$25,000 to the Everett Public Schools for student-led environmental initiatives
- \$25,000 for Girls on the Run Greater Boston to provide social-emotional learning and physical activity curriculum to elementary and middle school-

aged girls in the cities of Chelsea, Everett, and Cambridge, and in Charlestown

- \$25,000 to For Kids Only Afterschool for a pilot workforce development program to support programming for low-income and at-risk children and educators
- \$25,000 for the Bunker Hill Monument Association regarding the history of the Bunker Hill Monument
- \$25,000 for Courageous Sailing for youth programming and enrichment opportunities

As the Commonwealth adjusts to a changing economic landscape and ongoing tax revenue volatility, the FY25 budget adheres to disciplined and responsible fiscal stewardship. It does not raise taxes,

nor does it draw down available reserves from the Stabilization Fund or the Transitional Escrow Fund, while at the same time judicially utilizing one-time resources to maintain balance.

The Senate's budget continues responsible and sustainable planning for the future by continuing to grow the Rainy Day Fund, already at a historic high of over \$8 billion. The Senate's proposal would build the Commonwealth's reserves to a healthy balance in excess of \$9 billion at the close of FY25.

A conference committee will now be appointed to reconcile differences between the versions of the budget passed by the Senate and House of Representatives.

PMC (from pg. 1)

right hand for anything, but she could use her left hand, and then one morning, I saw her go to flush the toilet, and she couldn't flush the toilet," said Danoff.

"You know, at that point, you just kind of have this sinking feeling, and a few weeks later, when-

ever it was, we got the MRI, and the MRI showed that the tumor had grown. So for me, in the back of my mind, tumor growth equals her not being able to do stuff, so it can affect her quality of life."

This diagnosis obviously took its toll on an — at the time — two-

year-old child in Tilly but also on the rest of her family.

Danoff compared getting the news of Tilly's diagnosis to when he and his wife Clare Storck's eldest daughter, Josephine, who is now 10 years old, was born and will ride along with Tilly this weekend.

"I got this feeling. It can't be similar to when Josephine was born, but it was like some like inverted version of that because I also knew, I knew that life was never going to be the same again after this diagnosis," said Danoff.

"Our family is forever different, and the dynamics are different."

As time went on, and Tilly kept on persevering, the Danoff household received some encouraging news in March — her tumor had shrunk.

"When they said that the tumor had shrunk — in the greatest possible way — we were not prepared for it because we didn't really ever see that as an option," said Danoff.

He explained that they had always been rooting, in a sense, for nothing — meaning that the tumor was stable.

"Nothing is everything like it's everything. If the tumor was stable, then that's it. Then it's this exhale, and it's this combination of just like relief and happiness," said Danoff.

In the months before they received the news that Tilly's tumor had shrunk, she got more motion in her hand and arm.

"It just felt like we were granted this hopefulness for Tilly that we had not really experienced before," said Danoff.

For Danoff, PMC has been a big part of his life even before he had children, as his mother has ridden in the PMC with family friends for more than 10 years. Union Square Donuts, of which Danoff is a Co-Founder, has also donat-

ed donuts to the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber for years.

Danoff spoke about bringing Tilly to the Jimmy Fund for the first time — she received treatment at Dana-Farber's Jimmy Fund Clinic — and walking over the PMC bridge to progress, a walk he had done before under different circumstances. "It brought it back pretty close and pretty hard and pretty heavy," he said before adding that it provided an even deeper meaning for fundraising.

For example, Storck participates in the winter cycle. Josephine rode in a kids ride two years ago, and both she and Tilly rode in a kids ride last year.

Moreover, Danoff's aunt and uncle helped create a fund at Dana-Farber called "The Matilda Rose Danoff Fund for Spinal Cord Tumor Research."

According to Danoff, through rides like this Sunday's Kids Ride, teams riding for Tilly raise money, which goes toward Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's general fund. Some of the money is then allocated toward Tilly's fund, which helps physicians study and better treat spinal cord tumors.

He explained that treatments for these types of tumors have evolved in the last 10 years, and remarkably, in another 10 years, Tilly could potentially reap the benefits from her own fund.

"This fund not only could have a wonderful impact on other kids that have a similar diagnosis to Tilly, but there's a chance that through the research that's done, Tilly could potentially become a beneficiary of her own fund," said Danoff.

While Tilly, who will have been off of treatment for two years this July, will gear up for the ride on Sunday — her battle continues. "Tilly will never really get to experience the term remission," said

Danoff.

Danoff explained that Tilly's tumor is unable to be removed and that data indicates that for a majority of patients in her situation, the tumor usually ceases activity in their mid-20s.

"The kids live out the rest of their lives in kind of whatever shape they are in when they get to that point," said Danoff.

Currently, Tilly does horseback riding therapy and physical therapy, visits a nutritionist and chiropractor, and more. She will also likely receive an MRI every 12 weeks for the next 20 years.

"We are doing all of these things to try to have Tilly be in the best shape possible, but what the data says is that it's not necessarily a matter of if the tumor grows again; it's a matter of when," said Danoff.

That said, Danoff made it clear that he is fortunate to see his young daughter's strength and perseverance, whether that be riding a bike or scooter this weekend or being able to get dressed on her own — things most people take for granted.

"I feel fortunate that I'm here to witness what this little girl is capable of," said Danoff.

2024 marks the 20th year of the PMC Kids Ride program — a branch of PMC's annual fundraising efforts. Not only that, but this Sunday's Kids Ride in Charlestown will help contribute to an upcoming milestone for PMC: crossing \$1 billion in lifetime fundraising for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

For more information about the PMC's Kids Ride program, visit <https://kids.pmc.org/>.

For more information about this Sunday's Charlestown PMC Kids Ride, which begins at 10:00 a.m. at Paul Revere Park, visit <https://kids.pmc.org/charlestown>.

Battle Of Bunker Hill Parade Donations 2024

Amanda Annis	50
In Memory Of Edward, Theresa, Anthony & Catherine Ross	25
Charlestown Mothers Association	500
In Memory Of Edward & Loretta Carpenter, Edward F. Carpenter, Rose & Chris Carbonello and Courney Beals	100
In Memory Of Sonny Norton	100
The Lynch Family	75
In Memory Of The Kavanagh Guys	100
In Memory Of Jackie & Dottie Duffy	250
Kathia Capellupo	25
Kevin & Lynne Smith	100
Claire Peront	25
Al Marcotte	50
Diversified Automotive	500
Chapters Recovery	1000
In Memory Of Brenda Page	100
In Memory Of Victoria	250
In Memory Of James 'Mike' O'Halloran	100
Mayor Michelle Wu	300
In Memory Of John (Buster) Woods and John J. Woods III	50
Charlestown Ace Hardware	200
In Memory Of Margie O'Halloran	100
In Memory Of Tom & Mae McGurty	50
Teamsters Union Local 25	500
In Memory Of Vincent "Butch" Harkins	100
Helen Chin Schlichte	100

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Bunker Hill Parade Committee,
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PARADE WEEK 2024

JUNE 9 TOUCH A TRUCK @ Schrafft's Parking Lot 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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BUNKER HILL FLAG RAISING @ Bunker Hill Monument 11 AM
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JUNE 10 CHARLESTOWN MARCH AGAINST DRUGS | 6 PM

SPONSORED BY THE BUNKER HILL ASSOCIATES. IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL CHARBONNIER AND BILLY BOYLE. BEGINNING AT AREA – 15 ON BUNKER HILL STREET & MARCHING TO THE CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FIELD (COMMUNITY CENTER). ACTIVITIES + LIGHT SNACKS

JUNE 11 PETER LOONEY NIGHT | 6 PM @ Peter Looney Park

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JUNE 12 MAYOR WU'S AGE STRONG LUNCHEON | 12 PM

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BUNKER HILL ASSOCIATES FAMILY FEUD | 6 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MEDFORD STREET

JUNE 13 CHARLESTOWN'S GOT TALENT | 6 PM @ Eden Street Park

TALENT SHOW, DJ/BAND, ICE CREAM AND PIZZA TRUCK

JUNE 14 CHIEF MARSHALL'S BANQUET | 6 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JUNE 15 EDNA KELLY'S DOLL CARRIAGE PARADE | 10AM @ Training Field

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ALL ROADS CHARLESTOWN-BUNKER HILL BLOCK PARTY | 11 AM

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CONCERT ON THE MONUMENT | 5-7PM

A BUNKER HILL PARADE COMMITTEE EVENT

BUNKER HILL LUMINARIA CEREMONY | 7:30-8:45PM

WITH MONUMENT ILLUMINATION. A BUNKER HILL MONUMENT NATIONAL PARK SERVICE + BUNKER HILL MONUMENT ASSOC. EVENT

FRIENDS OF NAVY YARD CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Friends Of The Navy Yard celebrated its 20th anniversary with a Spring Fling held at DC Bean and Associates on Pier 3. It was the "Year Of The Organizations" as 3 such groups were recognized for their efforts in making Charlestown the connected, diverse neighborhood that it is.



Friends Of The Navy Yard Chairman Michael Parker and Charlestown Coalition Youth Program Manager Mswati Hanks.



Friends Of The Navy Yard President Lois Siegelman and Chairman Michael Parker presented the Commandant Award to John Driscoll, President of Bunker Hill Associates.



Accepting the Whelan Community Bridge Award on behalf of the National Park Service was Superintendent for Boston Michael Creasey. He speaks with Mary Whelan, wife of David Whelan for who the Award is named, listening.

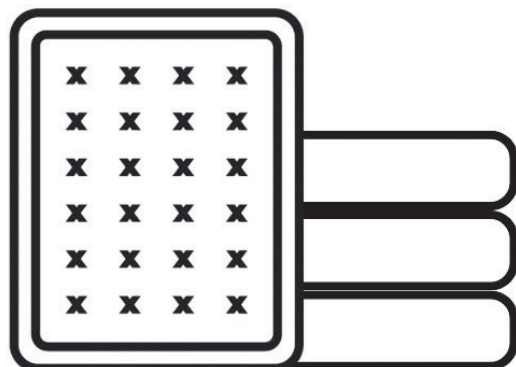
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Friends Of The Navy Yard Board members Marie Richards, Megan Mulligan, Sarah Ritch, and Kira Jacobs



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National Park Service Superintendent for Boston Michael Creasey, owner of DCBA David Beane, and Doug Pope of Pope Energy.



Preeti A, Karen Rave with Leo, and Mary Whelan.



Friends Of The Navy Yard President Lois Siegelman, Marilyn Darling, and Ann Dunphy.



Miracle, Rosilda, Crystal, Ariana, and Dynasty from Turn It Around.



Friends Of The Navy Yard Chairman Michael Parker asks for the attention of the attendees to commence with presenting the evening's awards.



Attendees await for the awards to be presented.

FRIENDS OF NAVY YARD CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY



The Whelan Community Bridge Award was presented by Friends Of the Navy Yard President Lois Siegelman, Chairman Michael Parker, and Mary Whelan to National Park Service Superintendent for Boston Michael Creasey.



The Anchor Award was presented by Friends Of the Navy Yard President Lois Siegelman, Chairman Michael Parker to Navy Yard Garden & Art President Robin DiGiammarino. In her remarks she noted that her organization was "committed to making the Navy Yard more beautiful and enjoyable to the community".



Turn It Around and The Charlestown Coalition were lauded as Youth Project Manager Mswati Hanks presented participants Miracle Rose and Dynasty Figueroa to be awarded scholarships for their continuing education.



DCBA employees Jocelyn Yokow, Brendan DeMango, Ben Denman, and Mike Lobben

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Boston Lyric Opera's free outdoor 'Street Stage' series returns

Boston Lyric Opera's (BLO) popular mobile performance venue Street Stage returns for free live performances to locations throughout Boston this summer. Sponsored by HarborOne Bank and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, Street Stage brings opera and popular music performances to neighborhoods from Charlestown to South Boston; the series kicks off June 1 on the Rose Kennedy Greenway.

Conceived and created as a way to bring music to the public during COVID shutdowns, the 26-foot-long Street Stage vehicle is a semi-trailer engineered to open on three sides and offer a 270-degree view of performers. Audiences are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs to the open-air performances.

"There's no more exhilarating experience than hearing beautiful music on a gorgeous warm summer day," says BLO Artistic Director Nina Yoshida Nelsen. "The artists performing this summer season are some of the most accomplished performers in Greater Boston. Different programs and activities are planned at each site, so multiple visits are encouraged!"

Nelsen says support from HarborOne Bank and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture is crucial to make the series available for free across the city. "It's quite fitting that three of our concerts are

in places where the Harbor figures prominently."

Details on the performance listings below, and information on BLO's other summer events is available at blo.org/events.

Street Stage Season Opener at Rose Kennedy Greenway

Date/Time: June 1, 2024 @ 3:00 PM (Rain Date: June 2)

Location: Rowes Wharf Plaza, Atlantic @ High Street, Boston

Details: The season opener at Rose Kennedy Greenway will feature a selection of beloved arias and popular opera repertoire, including exclusive previews of BLO's 2024/25 Season. Attendees can also enjoy free Greenway Carousel passes available at the BLO information table.

Street Stage Returns to the South End's Villa Victoria

Date/Time: June 13, 2024 @ 4:30 PM

Location: Plaza Betances, IBA's Villa Victoria, 100 W. Dedham Street, South End

Details: Street Stage makes its anticipated return to Villa Victoria. This family-friendly program will highlight Spanish-language arias, and poetry by local residents and youth program participants, all to celebrate the cultural heritage of the community.

Street Stage Debut at Charlestown Navy Yard

Date/Time: August 3, 2024 @ 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM

Location: Charlestown Navy Yard, 23 2nd Ave., Charlestown, Boston

Details: For the first time, Street Stage visits the historic Charlestown Navy Yard. In partnership with the National Parks of Boston, this event will feature operatic arias and music inspired by the sea, set against the backdrop of the Boston Harbor. Performances will take place on the lawn of the 1805 Commandant's House, with alternating musical sets at 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM. The program will also include meet-the-artist interviews and family-friendly educational content.

An Evening Concert at South Boston's Moakley Park

Date/Time: August 7, 2024, 5:30-7:30 PM

Location: Moakley Park Picnic Area, 450 Old Colony Ave., South Boston

Details: Street Stage brings a multicultural music program to historic Moakley Park for the first time. The event, perfect for a family-friendly evening, will feature food, games, and kid-centered art activities provided by Boston Harbor Now. Picnic tables and chairs will be available on a first-come basis, with attendees encouraged to bring their own seating. Registration is recommended at blo.org/events.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction look-ahead for the North Washington Street Bridge through June 8 is as follows:

Scheduled Work

- South abutment concrete placements
- Drilled shaft installation
- Architectural trellis painting and lighting
- Steel touch-up painting
- Main bridge west sidewalk formwork and rebar installation
- Warehouse span barrier formwork and rebar installation
- Marine fender pile installation

Work Hours

- Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 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:

- CELTICS: June 2 at 8 p.m.
- OTHER EVENTS: June 7 at 7 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

You can also sign up to receive project updates via email by clicking this link.

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

Project email: NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us

What's happening at the Charlestown Catholic Collaborative St. Mary- St. Catherine & St. Francis de Sales Parishes

Thank you, Fr. Britto

As Fr. Britto looks up and look ahead to returning home, we are grateful for his generous, faithful and loving service here.

He'll speak at the Masses this weekend - join us for a collation following the 11 am Mass as we say thank you and farewell.

Our second collection this weekend

Thank you to all who donated to our second collection this weekend to St. Nancy's order's great work in Phoenix.

There is still time to give- please write SND or Phoenix on your check or write it on an envelope and it will go to this important and life-saving and life-giving ministry.

Ad Multos Annos (To Many Years!)

Please keep the young men who were ordained to the Priesthood at the Cathedral last weekend in your prayers.

A Word to the Wise

Please note that the 6 pm Sunday Mass on June 16 is suspended.

Catholic Appeal update

Both parishes are over 90% of our Catholic Appeal assessments!

We need your help to reach and surpass the goal! It helps our parishes, our Collaborative and our Archdiocese!

Please give and help us build the ministries so many around us need.

To give, take a blue envelope from the pews or go to catholicappeal.com and answer the call.

Summer Mass schedule

Lots of changes are on their way, so we need to take some time this summer to pause.

Please note that from June 10 through Labor Day, Daily Mass will be suspended on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thanks very much for your understanding!

Summer plans

Summer is coming soon but the needs around here remain- please consider online giving and make sure we pay our bills and continue to build for the future.

Give us a call and we'll walk you through the process. Thank you!

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

Are you - or someone you

know- seeking peace after an abortion?

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion, to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat on Saturday, June 8th.

Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. Fr. John is a Project Rachel priest.

When my heart finds Christ-mas...

On Friday, Nov. 22, we're going to Manhattan to see incredible Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, starring the Rockettes! We'll leave Charlestown by motorcoach at 7 am, attend the 2 pm show in Orchestra seats, and have a few hours to take in the excitement of the Big Apple- we'll be back in Town by midnight!

Tickets are \$225 per person, reservations with a \$100 deposit. 20 available for each parish- maximum of 4 tickets per family.

Call Dianne at 617-242-4664- any questions? See Fr. John!

Stewardship

Giving of our time, talent and treasure is not about giving until it hurts.

Rather, it is about giving until you feel good about what you have given.

-Anonymous

As summer approaches and plans are being made for vacations, let's look ahead to how we all can get involved at St. Francis de Sales and St. Mary- St. Catherine Parishes. Please take a look at some of the ministries that will benefit from your involvement: Worship Committee, Baptism Prep Team, Wedding Team, St. Francis Hall Team, Stewardship Committee, Social Team, Spiritual Committee, Family Committee, Social Justice Committee, and Adult Confirmation/OCIA. Please think about volunteering and sharing your talents with our Parish. Throughout the summer, we'll be sharing information about these important ministries. If you would like more information on any of the listed committees/teams, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for all that you do for our Col-

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Wu appoints former State Rep. Byron Rushing to city's Reparations Task Force

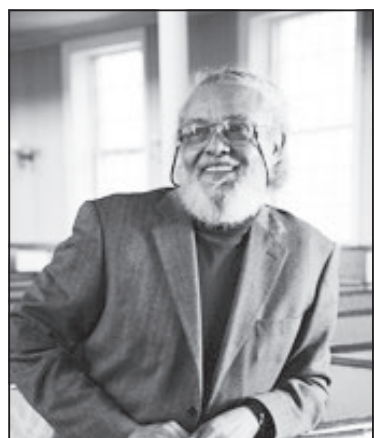
Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston Reparations Task Force recently announced the appointment of former State Representative Byron Rushing to the Reparations Task Force. With this appointment, the task force members will continue to build and convene around Boston's work regarding research and community engagement around reparative solutions for the descendants of enslaved persons.

"Byron Rushing is a groundbreaking leader and legendary advocate for justice whose work has moved our city forward," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Throughout his life, he has always fought for voices who have gone unheard and uplifted communities across the state. I'm grateful for Byron's service on the Reparations Task Force and know that he will be an invaluable member guiding this critical work."

Rushing's appointment adds a range of experience and strong understanding of Boston's communities that will build on the task force's composition and current work. The Reparations Task Force consists of community leaders in law, academia, community organizing, and education and represents diversity in age, gender, and discipline to fully encompass the Black experience in Boston. The task force is currently working with two teams of research partners who are studying and documenting the City's role in the transatlantic slave trade.

"As the Boston Reparations Task Force conducts our examina-



Former State Rep. Byron Rushing.

tion of the historical and present impacts of slavery in the City of Boston, we are pleased to welcome State Representative Byron Rushing (Ret.)," said Joseph D. Feaster, Jr., Chair of the Reparations Task Force. "We thank Mayor Wu for her leadership in appointing Representative Rushing. I am delighted with his appointment because of the thoughtful deliberations he will bring as we, in collaboration with the community, work towards presenting recommendations for a reparations plan for Boston."

Former State Representative Byron Rushing has served as a vital advocate for Black communities across Boston and Massachusetts. During his time in the State House, Rushing represented the 9th Suffolk District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1983-2018. Rushing rose to become Assistant Majority Leader, the highest-ranking leadership role ever held by a person of color in the Massachusetts State Legislature.

"The task of determining rep-

arations is one of utmost importance in this moment as Boston and communities across the country take on helping people reconcile, move forward and recover," said Byron Rushing. "This work will not be easy because it begins with the history of Boston's involvement with slavery and the slave trade. I'm thankful to Mayor Wu and look forward to working closely with every member of the task force and community to ensure that we center this work on equity and justice and truth."

Before his service as a legislator, Rushing participated in the civil rights movement and worked in various capacities for the Congress of Racial Equity (CORE) and the Northern Student Movement before becoming President of Boston's Museum of African American History. As State Representative, Rushing worked to pass a groundbreaking law to ban discrimination the basis of sexual orientation, led Massachusetts' fight against apartheid in South Africa, championed marriage equality, and worked to address racial disparities in our legal system.

In January, Mayor Wu and the City of Boston Reparations Task Force announced the selection of two teams of historians who will research and document the City of Boston's involvement in and historical connections to the transatlantic slave trade, as well as the institution and aftermaths of slavery. The research teams are in the process of conducting original historical research and a comprehensive review of major themes and findings on the City's history from 1620 to the present. For more information about the task force, visit boston.gov/reparations.

CHURCH (from pg. 9)

laborative.

Baptismal Preparation Ministry comprise a group of parishioners from both parishes

who help parents and godparents in the following areas:

Understand the meaning of Baptism

Embody their roles as leaders of children in their faith journey

Encourage parents and godparents to find different ways to practice faith in action and be powerful

Christian examples to their children.

Develop relationships with young families to build the Body of Christ in the Charlestown Catholic Collaborative.

Members of the Ministry - Baptismal Facilitators need to be welcoming representatives of our Faith Community. They need to demonstrate a strong desire to serve their fellow parishioners and share Christian parenting values. A commitment to the Ministry is

very important to maintain a constant schedule of classes and baptisms for our parish.

There are teams of Baptismal Facilitators; each team teaches, along with staff, the class for parents and godparents, and assists at the celebrations. Preparation classes are on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11 am will be combined; celebrations take place on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm at St. Mary's Church and at 1:30 pm at St. Francis.

SIDEWALK SALE TO BE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 1

St. John's Episcopal Church Annual Sidewalk Sale will be held Saturday June 1, from 10am to 2pm.

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One of the farmer's wagon on the Greenway.

Boston Market annual farmers' market is moving to Greenway

Special to the Patriot Bridge

Boston Public Market outdoor seasonal farmers market is back, and better than ever, in a new location. Through October 24, the farmers market will be open on Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on The Rose Kennedy Greenway, between Milk Street and India Street, across the street from the Rings Fountain and the Harbor Towers.

The market will bring fresh local food and local artisanal specialties and retail products to residents, workers, and visitors on The Rose Kennedy Greenway. The Market is currently accepting applications for vendors selling products that have been grown and/or produced by local vendors, or made from locally grown ingredients.

On June 13, the Market had a kick-off party with live music, vendor giveaways, farm friends, and more for a festive start to the farmers market season.

"We're thrilled by the opportunity to be in the hub of The Greenway, which welcomes both tourists and our neighbors in the North End, close to East Boston, and still accessible for our long-time visitors from the financial district," said Cheryl Cronin, CEO of the Boston Public Market. "One of the fundamentals of this market is to increase accessibility to fresh, local food for all, and this new location fosters that community goal."

This year the Market will feature an exciting, rotating assortment of all-new vendors including:

Building Audacity, a hydroponic produce company from Lynn, Mass.

Chocolaffee, is a company that offers roasted peanuts, almonds, and other nuts and ethnic sweets based in Revere, Mass.

Cini Coffee is a coffee company based in Cambridge, Mass. that offers roasted coffee and teas sourced from Ethiopia.

Craic Sauce is a Lowell, Massachusetts-based hot sauce company that uses locally sourced peppers.

Del's Coffee Roasters is a locally roasted coffee based in Somerville, Mass.

Forestopia, based in Mass., offers a variety of teas, powders, nuts, syrups, and more.

Fulful Bakery, based in Quincy, Mass. offers a variety of European-style breads, pretzels, and pastries featuring a wide variety of flavors highlighting Asian ingredients.

Hillside Herbals, a Jefferson, Mass.-based company offering teas, culinary herb blends, and herb-infused self-care products.

Inkasisa Farm, based in Salisbury N.H., offers Alpaca fiber products such as dryer balls, felted soaps, socks, knitwear, yarn & more.

Kettlebones, based in Danvers, Mass, this company sells all-natural dog treats baked with a great deal of locally sourced ingredients, such as Teddie Peanut Butter and Essex Count Honey, along with award-winning Oat Flour, and no additives or preservatives. Ragged Hill Cider Company, based in West Brookfield, Mass., this company uses apples grown on the family-owned orchard to create small-batch hard cider. Sudbury Bees, based in Sudbury, Mass. features wildflower raw honey, beeswax, and beeswax candles. We Grow Microgreens, based in Hyde Park, Mass. is an urban farm offering microgreens, plants & seedlings, herbs, vegetables, flowers & more from their greenhouse. As a supplement to the indoor, year-round Boston Public Market, the outdoor market offers farm fresh produce; agricultural products; bread and baked goods; and an assortment of specialty and packaged foods from local farmers, food entrepreneurs and artisanal retailers. Boston Public Market vendors are proud to accept SNAP/EBT for all eligible market products.