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FRANKIE'S FRIENDS HOLD FUNDRAISER FOR CHARLESTOWN YOUTH HOCKEY



DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

Frankie Stillman has many friends indeed, still passionate about the same causes Frankie dedicated his life to. See more photos on Page 4.



Hockey coach Paulie Meyers with Nolan Carrier and John Caldwell from Bunker Hill Associates



Gift baskets of many varieties were available in the silent auction.

DiDomenico secures \$10 million for district

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Governor Healey recently signed a sweeping economic development bill into law, authorizing a nearly \$4 billion infusion into the Commonwealth's economy while making wide-ranging policy changes to make Massachusetts more competitive. Senator DiDomenico secured \$10 million in funding for local projects throughout the district, in addition to the inclusion of language that will allow for the construction of a professional soccer stadium and waterfront park in Everett. These investments will be an economic catalyst for businesses and residents across these communities and beyond.

Senator DiDomenico's local

funding secured:

- Funding for the design, permitting, and community engagement efforts in creating resilience along our waterfronts
- Funding for capital projects to promote green space access, environmental programming and climate resiliency
- Funding for public safety facilities
- Funding for the planning, design and construction of public infrastructure projects
- Funding for increased access to our public waterfront areas

The bold investments in H.5100, An Act relative to strengthening Massachusetts' economic leadership, will stimulate

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Residents invited to USS Constitution's annual tree lighting ceremony this Friday

Special to the Patriot Bridge

The public is invited to attend USS Constitution's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 6, 2024, starting at 3:00 p.m.

This free event will feature a visit and photo opportunities with Santa Claus, complimentary hot chocolate and cookies, holiday music, ship tours, and remarks from the ship's commanding officer.

Boarding of USS Constitution will begin at 3:00 p.m., and the event will conclude at 6:00 p.m.

Guests can witness the ship's gun firing during evening colors, a

ceremony marking the lowering of the American flag at sunset, scheduled for 4:11 p.m.

The tree-lighting ceremony will commence at 4:30 p.m., photos with Santa Claus will be available immediately afterward.

USS Constitution is open for free public visitation Wednesday through Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat and America's Ship of State, USS Constitution played a vital role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, safeguarding American sea lanes from 1797 to 1855.

EDITORIAL

REMEMBER THE NEEDY ON YOUR SHOPPING LIST

Americans already have been spending a record amount of money thus far this holiday season, spurred on by the extended "Black Friday" (we are using air quotes because Black Friday sales began in early November), Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday shopping days.

However, amidst our zeal to find the "perfect" gifts for our family members and friends, we hope that our readers make the effort, no matter how small, to remember those in need this holiday season.

As we noted in this space two weeks ago, homelessness is at an all-time high in this country. For example, almost one-in-eight New York City school children experienced homelessness during the most recent school year.

The simple reality is that for far too many of our fellow Americans, the holidays bring little or no joy.

There are countless ways by which each of us can make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate, ranging from toy drives to food banks to Salvation Army Santas. With Christmas fast approaching because of the shortened holiday season, we urge everyone who has the ability to do so to make that small effort to help those for whom the holidays are just another day.

HOPEFULLY, MUSK WILL BRING US SELF-DRIVING CARS

Everyone concedes that Musk unquestionably is a visionary who already has revolutionized the automobile industry. He was named Time Magazine's Person of the Year for the success of Tesla, which made electric vehicles available to the mass market. Tesla has done more than any other company in the world to address the existential threat of climate change caused by fossil-burning fuels.

Two months ago, Musk held a publicity event for the press and investors to showcase his plans for self-driving robo-taxis, which he said will be available by 2027. Self-driving vehicles will be powered by AI and Musk's companies have committed to buying billions of dollars of AI computer chips from Nvidia, the American chip company founded by another visionary, Jensen Huang.

A few months back, we wrote of our visit to San Francisco and mentioned that we drove in autonomous electric taxis operated by Waymo, which was founded by Google. Our experience, as has been the case with everyone who has used Waymo, was amazing.

Waymo is now expanding to Los Angeles, Phoenix, Austin, Atlanta, and Florida and clearly is the industry leader in robo-taxis.

Self-driving electric vehicles represent the future -- and it is coming faster than anyone ever expected thanks to Nvidia, whose AI chips will be key to the revolution. Self-driving electric vehicles not only will be good for the planet, but they also will benefit each of us in our everyday lives -- they will be safer (all but eliminating the carnage that exists on our highways today), they will reduce our auto insurance and repair costs, and they will allow for greater independence for both the young and old for whom driver's licenses are iffy propositions.

Although Waymo is doing great things with robo-taxis, a car manufacturer such as Tesla can scale-up production to meet the mass market. We would note here that GM tried the robo-taxi field with its Cruise fleet, but it presently is on hold because of safety issues.

Although Waymo already has a huge lead on Tesla, we have no doubt that once Elon Musk sets his mind to it, Tesla will catch up to -- and surpass -- Waymo. And, we hope, the sooner the better.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

To the Editor,

It was not all that long ago when the major cities throughout the United States, including Boston, were the cradle of community as they were comprised of multi-generational family-oriented neighborhoods. In fact, 1966 was the year that the population of people living in the suburbs surpassed that of the central cities for the first time in U.S. history. When speaking with someone who grew up in one of these neighborhoods, it is abundantly clear how strong their pride and sense of community is.

This strong sense of community came not only from residents sharing a similar background of their parents or grandparents coming to this country with nothing but their hopes and dreams after fleeing famine, poverty, and oppression, it was also due to the neighborhood's architectural layout and high density of people living closely amongst one another. High density neighborhoods can create a stronger sense of community than in the suburbs, where homes and people are spread apart, for the simple fact that when residents immediately step outside of their front doors, they are in a shared space and have the opportunity to interact with others more frequently. The fact that nearly all amenities and community institutions are in walking distance can further contribute to these social interactions, whereas a suburban town requires a resident to heavily rely on a vehicle. The architecture of charming townhouses and beautiful stone and brick buildings also significantly adds to the special aesthetic and charm in the neighborhoods, which undoubtedly has an impact on anyone living there.

The tie that binds a community together is the family. Today, Boston is the fifth major U.S. city with the least number of children, only having more than Scottsdale fourth, Pittsburgh third, Seattle second, and San Francisco first. These cities, which are the focal points and leaders of each state or region, are disconnected from the rest of the country where families and communities are. So why aren't these major cities, like Boston, actively trying to build community in their neighborhoods by attracting and retaining families? Why does the current discussion

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seem to revolve around closing and consolidating schools due to low enrollment, and not asking why there are so few children and families living in Boston? Each neighborhood will likely have different answers, however, Charlestown is an example of the desire of families to live in Boston. Though Charlestown has the highest share of children age 0-9, strengthening and building on the community seems like an uphill battle as many families leave primarily due to two basic needs: education and family-sized housing.

Charlestown has three great elementary schools in the area (Warren-Prescott, Harvard Kent, Eliot School) which is a result of parental/community involvement and great school leadership. Sadly, there are instances where a Charlestown student is not able to get into one of these schools, which is not right. Every Charlestown student should be able to attend one of the local schools as it is ideal for them to be able to walk or travel a short distance to school by bus. Perhaps BPS should explore expanding one of the elementary schools if they have not already. In contrast to the highly attended elementary schools is Charlestown High School, which consists of only about 10% Charlestown students and is roughly 700 students short of capacity. Serious conversations should be had to determine what can be done to attract local students to attend Charlestown High School so that it too can be like the elementary schools and be a draw for families to live in Charlestown.


Data released by the BPDA showed that the housing stock in Charlestown consists of only 16.9% three bedrooms and 9.8% our bedrooms. As families grow in size, they are unable to find or

afford a larger sq ft 3-4 bedroom townhouse or condo. High prices in real estate signal the need for more supply, so it is abundantly clear that a greater supply of this larger family housing is needed seeing how high it is selling for. This may be difficult seeing as special interests want to cram in as many smaller units as possible. Even those special interests that want to erect imposing 180ft tall buildings off of Medford St deflected when asked about committing to larger 3-4 bedroom units for families during a recorded virtual zoom meeting (search "Development in Charlestown, Massachusetts" on Youtube). If more supply of family sized housing of townhouses and/or condos is not built, it will become only obtainable by those with exorbitant wealth, who do not appear to remain very long judging by the property history of highly priced homes that are on the market.

In closing, there is an opportunity to start a movement to strengthen and build on the existing community in Charlestown. This can be accomplished by speaking openly about vital issues like improving or expanding local schools and by directing new developments to consist of forever homes for families so that the strong sense of community, that was once very prevalent, can spread throughout the neighborhood. The movement to bring back community to the City of Boston has to start somewhere and it has to start sometime, and with the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill approaching, what better place than here and what better time than now.

Phil Carr III

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National Parks of Boston hosts Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Charlestown Navy Yard

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

The National Parks of Boston will host a gathering of remembrance at the USS Constitution Museum followed by a wreath-laying ceremony on the World War II-era destroyer USS Cassin Young to remember and honor those who perished in the December 7, 1941 attack on the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. USS Cassin Young was named in honor of U.S. Naval Commander Cassin Young, who received honors for his actions during the Pearl Harbor attack. December marks the 80th anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Cassin Young.

On Thursday, December 7, this

free three-part public program will be held in the Charlestown Navy Yard starting at 11:30 a.m. with lunch and a speaking program at the USS Constitution Museum, followed by an outdoor ceremony beside USS Cassin Young, and concluding with warm beverages at the Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center. Lunch is provided by the Mayor's Office for Veterans' Services and Boston Harbor Now is sponsoring the beverages. Ceremony speakers include National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey, USS Constitution Commander Billie J. Farrell, USS Constitution Museum President & CEO Anne Grimes Rand, Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services Secretary

Jon Santiago, and Boston Commissioner of Veterans' Services Robert Santiago. State and city elected officials will be among the attendees, along with veterans and USS Cassin Young volunteers. The program will include the USS Constitution and Flying Leatherneck Honor Society Color Guards and rifle and cannon salutes from both USS Cassin Young and USS Constitution.

USS Cassin Young was named for U.S. Navy Commander Cassin Young, recipient of the Medal of Honor for his distinguished and heroic actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor, which initiated the United States' entry into World War II. As commanding officer of USS Vestal, which was moored to

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

"On this day of remembrance and reflection, the National Parks of Boston is proud to honor the service people of the United States Navy

past and present, and share the history of USS Cassin Young with visitors from around the world," said National Parks of Boston Superintendent Michael Creasey.

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

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The National Parks of Boston is a collection of three National Park Service sites – Boston National Historical Park, Boston African American National Historic Site, and Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park. Established by individual legislation and for designated purposes, the three units have come together under a unified organizational umbrella to collaborate in ways that celebrate our cultural heritage, reconnect people to history and nature, and provide outdoor recreation opportunities on land and on the water. For more information, visit: www.nps.gov/bost, www.nps.gov/boaf, and www.bostonharborislands.org.

REAL ID will be necessary starting May 7

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding residents that beginning May 7, 2025, anyone traveling by plane domestically or entering certain federal facilities will need a Registry-issued REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID, or a valid passport. The Registry is strongly encouraging everyone seeking a REAL ID-compliant license or identification card to go online now at Mass.Gov/REALID to learn what documents are needed for a required in-person appointment. Appointments are available right now. Customers who already have a compliant credential may renew online as long as they have not had a name change.

The fee to obtain or renew a REAL ID compliant credential is

the same as obtaining or renewing the equivalent non-compliant credential:

- The fee for renewing a non-commercial standard or a REAL ID driver's license is \$50.

- The fee for renewing a Mass ID is \$25.

- The amendment fee for upgrading to a standard or REAL ID credential before an existing credential's expiration is \$25.

- Customers with a less than five-year stay in the U.S. pay a pro-rated fee.

"Do not wait. We are six months away from the REAL ID federal requirement going into effect and strongly urge Massachusetts residents who wish to upgrade to a REAL ID-compliant credential to act as soon as possible," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "For customers who qualify for a REAL ID and want to renew and upgrade, we recommend you schedule your appointment at least three weeks before your birthday so that you can receive your credential in the mail ahead of your expiration. The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, and its partner AAA Northeast, have successfully been issuing REAL ID credentials since 2018 and are prepared for interested residents prior to the May 2025 deadline."

Appointments can be scheduled by visiting the RMV's Online Service Center at Mass.Gov/myRMV or if you are a AAA member at <https://northeast.aaa.com/automotive/registry-services/massachusetts>.

LETTERS (from pg. 2)

2025 MARKS THE 250 ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL

Dear Editor,

Did You Know? The Bunker Hill Monument Association (BHMA) is 201 Years Old!

Founded in 1823, the Bunker Hill Monument Association (BHMA) was established to lead the creation of a lasting tribute to the patriots who fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill, one of the earliest and most pivotal encounters of the American Revolutionary War. After 16 years of determi-



nation and intermittent progress, the iconic 221-foot granite obelisk was completed, standing proudly atop Bunker Hill in Charlestown. Today, 201 years later, the

BHMA remains dedicated to preserving the history of the Battle of Bunker Hill and safeguarding its artifacts. In collaboration with the National Park Service, the association continues to commemorate, memorialize, and honor the legacy of this historic battle.

Looking ahead to 2025, the 250th anniversary of the battle will be marked by a series of special events, culminating in an annual commemoration ceremony at the monument on June 17, 2025.

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Bunker Hill Monument Association

Birthday Remembrance



Ruth M. Lori Napolitano

December 5, 1927 – June 9, 2007

Remembering Ruthie with love on her birthday and every day. Always in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

With love,
Her husband, her sons Al & John in heaven,
loved ones & friends.

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Kevin Woods and Frank Schofield.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Frankie Stillman was a lifelong resident of Charlestown and a lover of hockey. An avid Bruins fan, Frankie was heavily involved with hockey in the youth league, high school, and worked at the Emmons Horrigan O'Neil Memorial Rink.

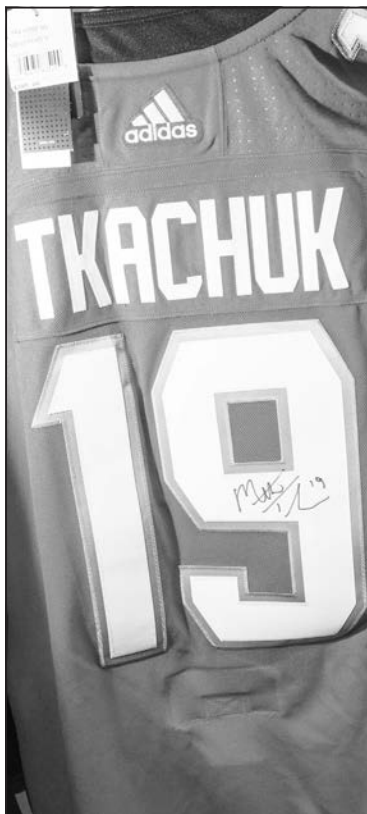
Frankie passed away 10 years ago but his spirit and love for hockey lives on through his family and friends who started Frankie's Friends, an organization dedicated to supporting youth hockey in Charlestown. Tonight was celebration of Frankie Stillman and a fundraiser for Frankie's Friends.



Autographed sports jerseys awaited to be auctioned live. .



Former CYHA president Mike Frowley, current president Joe Deroeve (current president, and U19 girls hockey coach Derek Arsenaault.



An autographed jersey of Matthew Tkachuk was one of many sports jerseys that will help raise money for Frankie's Friends' support of Charlestown Youth Hockey.



Kathleen and Tom Childs with Patrick Paulick and Julie Rockett.



Bob Marcotte, Craig and Sarah Marcellus, and Joe Deroeve



The Bunker Hill Pipe Band.



Bobby Das, Erin and Patrick O'Hearn, and Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta Zapata.



Michael and Olivia Gautreau.

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Annual DiDomenico Foundation Toy Drive set for Dec. 12

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

Join us for the Annual DiDomenico Foundation Toy Drive as we celebrate the holiday season and collect toys for children throughout our region. Residents from far and wide will come together at Santa's "pop up" toy factory at

the Kowloon Restaurant on Route One North in Saugus, Massachusetts Thursday, December 12, 2024, from 6:30pm until 9:00pm.

The DiDomenico Foundation is an all-volunteer organization and one of their primary missions is to distribute toys to children in

homeless and domestic violence shelters, social service agencies, parishes, and local schools.

"We are grateful for the tremendous support of our Foundation benefactors, members, and volunteers, who help make the holidays a little brighter for hundreds of

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

The Wong family, owners of Kowloon Restaurant, have once

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



A view of all the toys donated during last year's toy drive at Kowloon.



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HKPA HOLDS HARVARD-KENT PRIDE FUNDRAISING EVENT

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The Harvard-Kent Parents Association (HKPA) organized a Harvard-Kent Pride fundraising event at the Knights Of Columbus Hall to invite all adult friends and family of the students to “Show

Your Pride”. It was a relaxed setting for students’ parents to meet and mingle with teachers and faculty of the school and to help enhance their kids’ educational experience.



Parents Charles Palleschi, Luke Bruno, and Ryan Lia.



Parents Rosanne and Michael Demas.



Retired Harvard Kent teacher and pillar of the community Ms D'Itria (center) with alumni Maria Marcella, Elaine Donovan, and Lisa Collins, with Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata.



Parents Mandy Datro and Jen Schulte.



Harvard-Kent teachers Angela Pettee, Brent Raymond, and Courtney Ottaviano.



Attendees look over the items available in the silent auction. .



Harvard-Kent teacher Steve Carney, para professionals Marielle “Ms M” Mosqueda and Jenny “Miss Jenny” Wu, and teacher Lily Kang.



President of HKPA Shannon Fry, new Principal Ben Russell, 4th grade teacher Nick Free, and Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata with her husband Sebastian

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Harvard-Kent School students' moms Jodi Petersen, Katie Butler, and Sarah Bradshaw.



Parents Benjamin Pasley and Jiana Onesimo.



Harvard-Kent teachers Kayla McGaughey and Noreen Walsh.



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Harvard-Kent School Principal Ben Russell with strand coordinator Diana Kerkorian, first grade inclusion Eileen Hayes, and learning specialist Ben Russell



BPS principal at The Bradley a school in East Boston Claire Carney with members of the parents fundraising committee Becky and Duke Adamonis.



Former Harvard-Kent School Principal Jason Gallagher, Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata, WBZ meteorologist Eric Fisher, and Dave Alexander.

Give a Gift that Lasts a Lifetime!

It's a great time to join the Bunker Hill Monument Association as we plan the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 2025.

When you give the gift of a \$50 lifetime BHMA membership, you will be putting the recipient in the company of former Presidents such as John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and Ulysses S. Grant.

Your gift will include a Membership Certificate and BHMA's 200th Anniversary lapel pin.



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Our mission is to preserve, protect and promote the historic importance of the Bunker Hill Monument; to promote the history and significance of the Battle of Bunker Hill to the course and outcome of the American Revolution and the formation, and development of the United States of America. |



Happy Holidays

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Harvard-Kent School students' dads Paul Bradshaw and Joe Butler.



The current Principal of the Harvard-Kent School Ben Russell with an earlier Principal Jason Gallagher.



Andrea Gorman with pillar of the community Ms D'Itria.



Harvard Kent School councilor Paula Dodge and teacher Angela Pettee.



Katherine and Devin Kennedy, whose daughter just started kindergarten.



MC duties was handled by fellow Heartbreak-Kent parent WBZ meteorologist Eric Fisher, holding a tale ticket.



Parents Katie and Joe Butler with Julia and Mike Ludwig.



Parents and school staff got to mingle together in a relaxed setting to help support an important educational resource in Charlestown, the Harvard-Kent School.

Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour comes to the neighborhood Dec. 8

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

For the 28th year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will continue the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees while bringing holiday spirit to children across Boston. The event is sponsored by Bank of America, and includes visits with Santa, tree lightings, and more.

This year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will start on Saturday, December 7, and end on Sunday, December 8, in neighborhoods throughout Boston.

Saturday December 7

- 2 p.m. - Hyde Square, Jamaica Plain
- 3 p.m. - J.P. Monument, Jamaica Plain
- 3:45 p.m. - Brigham Circle, Mission Hill
- 5:45 p.m. - Blackstone Square, South End
- 6:45 p.m. - Oak Square, Brighton

Sunday December 8

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

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILL *(from pg. 1)*

new and proven industries, support workforce development and talent retention, and modernize economic growth strategies. Provisions of the bill will support small businesses, communities, and cultural development, ensuring that businesses Main Streets across the Commonwealth benefit from the economic boost.

“I am proud to share that I have secured \$10 million in the Economic Development bill for projects throughout my district that will spur our local economy, promote climate resilience in our cities, improve public infrastructure, and expand our green spaces,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “This bill also makes meaningful investments in life sciences, climatetech, and small businesses that will have far reaching benefits for our residents and set our state up for success long into the future. In addition, I am proud to have secured language that will allow our much-anticipated soccer stadium to go forward. I want to thank Senate President Spilka and members of the conference committee for crafting such a significant piece of legislation for our state.”

Bond Authorizations

The legislation includes a total of \$3.96 billion in capital authorizations for leading Massachusetts industries including life sciences and climatetech.

Climatetech investments. The bill provides \$400 million in capital resources to the MassCEC (Massachusetts Clean Energy Center) to utilize over the next ten years, with \$200 million authorized to support innovation and deployment of climatetech technologies and \$200 million to support the offshore wind industry.

It also establishes a new tax credit to invest in climatetech companies. A new program housed at MassCEC will develop and expand employment opportunities in climatetech and promote climatetech-related economic development by supporting and stimulating research, development, innovation, manufacturing, deployment and commercialization in the climatetech sector. The credit will be subject to a \$30 million annual cap.

Life sciences. This legislation authorizes \$500 million over ten years for the Life Sciences Breakthrough Fund to reauthorize the Commonwealth's life sciences ini-

tiative.

Known as Life Sciences 3.0, the reauthorization adds health equity, biosecurity, digital health, and artificial intelligence to the mission of the Life Sciences Center. The bill increases the annual tax credit authorization for the life sciences industry from \$30 million to \$40 million.

Additional authorizations include:

- \$400 million for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program to support public infrastructure projects and create jobs;
- \$150 million for library construction projects;
- \$103 million for artificial intelligence in systems across the state;
- \$100 million for infrastructure improvements in rural communities;
- \$21 million for resilience in agriculture and fishing; and
- \$40 million for food science innovations, including \$10 million to support the state's nascent alternative protein industry.

Policy Changes

Numerous policy changes in the legislation targeted at growing the Massachusetts economy include:

Support for small businesses. The bill restructures two quasi-state agencies that are designed to be the gateway for access to state resources, the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) and Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment).

The legislation also authorizes a five-year pilot program for the Commonwealth to assist small businesses in acquiring surety bonds. Large capital projects, whether public or private, often require retention of a surety bond by the contractor as financial security. Historically, economically and socially disadvantaged businesses often cannot acquire these bonds because of a lack of credit history or collateral. This program creates a self-sustaining state assistance program to open doors for more of these businesses.

Educator diversity. It allows the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to develop an alternative certification process for teachers who may face challenges passing the educator certification exam but can otherwise demonstrate their competence as teachers. The change will

help Massachusetts diversify the K-12 educator workforce.

Live theater tax credit. It launches a new tax credit of up to \$7 million annually to support local live theater productions. The credit will help Massachusetts artists working towards Broadway or off-Broadway launch a national tour.

Craft beer at farmers markets. The legislation updates the law to allow for locally produced craft beer to be sold at farmers markets, like wine and cider currently.

Ticketing transparency. It requires ticket sellers to clearly disclose the actual ticket price when listing tickets online and bans automated ticket purchasing software, otherwise known as bots. Bots drive up prices in the secondary market by creating artificial scarcity when fans try to purchase tickets from the artist or venue.

Professional soccer stadium and environmental cleanup in Everett. It allows for the construction of a professional soccer stadium and waterfront park on a parcel of land in Everett by removing the parcel's classification as a designated port area. The change is expected to have positive environmental and economic impacts in surrounding communities as well as improve public transit connectivity.

Public funding for the construction of the stadium is not allowed, and funding for public infrastructure improvements associated with the stadium would require matching private funds. The language also requires community mitigation agreements with the cities of Everett and Boston.

Strengthening local and regional public health systems. It overhauls the state's fragmented public health system to ensure strong public health protections for all residents regardless of race, income, or zip code.

Honoring Mayor Menino. The bill renames the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center the Thomas Michael Menino Convention and Exhibition Center.

Pathway for foreign-trained physicians. It creates a pathway in Massachusetts for physicians previously authorized to practice medicine outside the United States to practice in an underserved region of the Commonwealth.

Nurse licensure compact. It includes a provision to admit Massachusetts in the national nurse

licensure compact, which will help alleviate the critical workforce challenges facing the health care sector.

Civil service reforms. This legislation modernizes Massachusetts civil service laws to give communities more options in filling vacancies while giving qualified job seekers more opportunities to find a match.

Data centers tax credit. It creates a new tax credit to attract investment in qualified data centers.

Childcare as campaign expense. It removes current limitations on political candidates using campaign funds for childcare services that occur because of campaign activities.

FAFSA. The bill requires each school district to notify students prior to graduating from high school of the availability of FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and to provide students with information on financial aid options.

Liquor license equity. It removes an archaic requirement that a restaurant liquor license holder be a United States citizen, thereby creating a pathway for other qualified immigrants.

Project labor agreements. It authorizes public agencies and municipalities to enter into project labor agreements for public works contracts when such an agreement is in the best interest of the public agency or municipality.

Sustainability for farmers. Finally, the bill allows farmers to diversify how they use their farms, including using land for agritourism and selling goods made from produce they have grown themselves.

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Mayor's Cup Ice Hockey Tournament begins on December 13

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Youth hockey teams from across Boston will hit the ice to compete for the title of "Boston's Best" at the 2024 Mayor's Cup Ice Hockey Tournament. Hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department with support from the Boston Bruins Foundation and P&G Gillette, this exciting event celebrates community, sportsmanship, and the city's love for hockey. The tournament begins December 13, with 136 games scheduled at eight different rinks throughout

the city. Nearly 1,300 youth hockey players will participate from seven different programs: Allston-Brighton, S.C.O.R.E Boston, Charlestown, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Parkway, and South Boston. They will compete for the 30th Annual Mayor's Cup in 16 different divisions.

"Youth sports like hockey play a vital role in building confidence, fostering teamwork, and keeping our young people healthy and active," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We're excited to see so many young athletes from across Boston

come together to represent their communities and play for the title of 'Boston's Best' in ice hockey."

Spectators can experience the tournament at these ice rinks: Bajko Rink, Hyde Park; The Edward T. Barry Rink, UMass Boston Dorchester; Murphy Rink, South Boston; O'Neil Rink, Charlestown; Reilly Rink, Brighton; Roche Arena, West Roxbury; Matthews Arena, Back Bay; and Conte Forum, Boston College.

The Mayor's Cup would not be possible without the support of Boston College, the Massachusetts



You can view the full schedule by scanning the QR code above with your smartphone.

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the University of Massachusetts Boston, Northeastern University, and FMC Ice Sports. Thank you to all of the youth hockey directors, board members, coaches, parents, and athletes who take part.

For a full game schedule, go to boston.gov/sports. To stay updated with news, park improvements, and events, sign up for the Parks email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and follow @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

ABCC kicks off 'Operation Safe Holidays'

Special to the Patriot-Bridge

To ensure safety for everyone in Massachusetts during the holidays, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) will be conducting alcohol enforcement at local bars in Massachusetts cities and towns through New Year's Eve.

In doing so, the ABCC hopes to prevent accidents caused by impaired driving and other alco-

hol-related harm that often occurs at this time of year. The ABCC will work with municipal police departments and focus enforcement efforts at bars that have been identified as the last to sell alcohol to a convicted drunk driver and other high-risk locations.

"It is extremely important to deter bars from over-serving and prevent problems before they happen," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg,

who oversees the ABCC. "We want to keep people safe and make sure everyone can enjoy the holidays with their family and friends, avoiding tragedies before they occur."

The program is run in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Impaired Driving Crackdown, from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year's Eve, and is funded through the Executive

Office of Public Safety and Security - Highway Safety Division.

According to the NHTSA, from 2017 to 2021, 137 drivers involved in fatal crashes on Thanksgiving Eve (6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.), also known as 'Blackout Wednesday,' were alcohol impaired. In 2021 alone, 36 drivers were in fatal crashes on that day. Also, from 2017 to 2021, young drivers ages 21-24 represented the largest percentage of drivers involved

in deadly crashes. The message before Thanksgiving is simple - the NHTSA says to stop the blackout trend on Wednesday.

Alcohol is involved in 40 percent of traffic crash fatalities, resulting in 17,013 fatalities and injuring an estimated 275,000 people annually. Data indicates that well over 50% of impaired driving arrests originate at bars.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No.

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an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 12/19/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 18, 2024

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LEGAL NOTICE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION, CARE AND PROTECTION, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, DOCKET NUMBER: 24CP0143FV,

Trial Court of Massachusetts, Juvenile Court Department, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Bristol County Juvenile Court, 289 Rock Street, Fall River, MA 02720 508-676-0090. TO: Kareem Phifer and any unknown unnamed father: A petition has been pre-

sent to this court by DCF (Fall River), seeking, as to the following child, Anthony S Rolle, that said child be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting


the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the child named herein, if it finds that the child is in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the child would be served by said disposition. You are hereby ORDERED to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the

following date and time 04/03/2025 at 09:00 AM Pre Trial Conference (CR/CV) You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you. If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any

date thereafter to a trial on the merits and adjudication of this matter. For further information call the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate at 508-676-0090. WITNESS: Hon. John S. Spinale, FIRST JUSTICE, DATE ISSUED: 11/07/2024, Roger J. Oliveira, Clerk-Magistrate. 11/21, 11/26, 12/5/24 CT

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Mayor Michelle Wu with City and State officials and leaders, celebrating the award.

City receives \$9.8 million to build a climate-ready workforce

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu recently joined Senator Ed Markey, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) officials, state officials and local partners to announce that the City of Boston has been awarded \$9.8 million from the Inflation Reduction Act to develop the workforce needed to enhance climate and coastal resilience across Boston neighborhoods. The grant will assist City departments in developing training programs that build in-demand and emerging climate resilience skills, offer wraparound services to ensure workers' success, and place workers in good

jobs and career pathways. The Office of Workforce Development (OWD), under the leadership of the Worker Empowerment Cabinet (WE) and in collaboration with the Environment, Energy, and Open Space Cabinet (EEOS), Green New Deal Office, and the Office of Green Infrastructure applied for the grant.

"Boston is the economic engine of New England. We are the national leader in education, healthcare and biotechnology. If we want to continue being the best home for innovators, entrepreneurs and working families, we need to not only invest in creating more jobs but protecting our coast

and our residents from the effects of climate change," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This nearly \$10 million dollars in funding from NOAA is going to help us do all of that in partnership with dozens of community partners across labor, academia, non-profit and the private sector. This Alliance will create a pipeline of highly skilled workers ready to fill the good paying jobs it'll take to protect our communities from higher tides and stronger storms. Thank you to all of our partners across industries who are forging this alliance with us and to NOAA for helping execute on our responsibility as a city to keep our community safe with

a once in a generation opportunity for Boston's workforce."

This funding comes from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate-Ready Workforce initiative. This represents a \$60 million investment to support sectoral partnerships that will develop and implement job training programs to help train and place people in jobs that advance a climate-ready workforce for coastal and Great Lakes states, Tribes, and Territories as part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda under

the Inflation Reduction Act. The City of Boston received the largest grant among the nine projects selected for funding through a competitive process. Modeled after the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's successful Good Jobs Challenge, the Climate-Ready Workforce initiative is uniquely focused on preparing and placing people in good jobs that will advance climate resilience nationwide, ensuring coastal communities are prepared for the worst

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impacts of climate change. The program will also assist employers in developing a 21st-century workforce that is climate literate and skilled at addressing climate challenges.

"Thanks to this grant funding, Boston's Office of Workforce Development is uniquely positioned to implement climate resilience plans for the City of Boston," said Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Deputy NOAA Administrator, Jainey Bavishi. "The cohort they will be a part of highlights the importance of regional public and private partnerships in climate careers, and will ultimately strengthen efforts to build a community that is more ready, resilient, and responsive to the impacts of climate change."

Boston is uniquely vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. According to the 2016 Climate Ready Boston Report, by the 2070s annualized losses from coastal and riverine flooding could amount to \$1.4 billion. To reach our climate goals, the public, private, and institutional sectors must make unprecedented investments that will require a larger, more diverse workforce. Boston has become a leader in coastal resilience planning and implementation. Since the 2016 Climate Ready Boston report, the City of Boston has worked with community partners to complete coastal resilience solutions plans for all 47 miles of Boston's coastline, presenting district-scale and nature-based solutions to reduce coastal flood risk while simultaneously improving connectivity along and access to the waterfront, enhancing public open space and recreation, and restoring natural ecosystems.

In addition, Mayor Michelle Wu established the Green New Deal as a framework for tackling the climate crisis in Boston — with policies that address economic, social, and racial inequities, while advancing health, livability, and justice throughout our neighborhoods for all Boston residents. Through a series of ambitious policies and city-wide investments, Boston has been steadily advancing towards its climate and equity objectives, striving to achieve carbon neutrality in our built environment, promote economic vitality, and enhance climate resilience across the city for all our residents.

"Building climate resilience is not just about infrastructure and

innovation — it's about people. This funding from NOAA enables Boston to lead in creating a workforce that is both climate-ready and equity-driven," said Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Environment Commissioner and Green New Deal Director. "By investing in training programs and job opportunities that prepare individuals for high-demand resilience roles, we're not only fortifying our city against climate impacts but also breaking down barriers to economic opportunity for historically underserved communities. The Greater Boston Climate and Coastal Resilience Workforce Alliance is a testament to our commitment to a just, inclusive, and sustainable future."

Boston cannot have a climate-ready city without a climate-ready workforce. The funding announced today creates the Greater Boston Climate and Coastal Resilience Workforce Alliance, an equity-based initiative that will advance new sectoral workforce development systems aligned with achieving the objectives of a green economy and growth. By creating workforce development programs centered on equity and engaged employers, this generational green investment can address age-old inequalities in the city. The Alliance brings together 30+ key stakeholders, including employers, training providers, community engagement partners, climate policy practitioners, adult basic education programs, and wrap-around service agencies to develop and implement training pathways aimed at filling over 1,200 committed jobs in coastal and climate resilience occupations over four years. Workers trained through the grant will be placed in jobs that help advance coastal resiliency strategies, especially in the municipal and public sector including:

- Installation of green infrastructure and other nature-based solutions which are key strategies for flood protection and water quality.
- Working to ensure our water and wastewater systems are reliable.
- Building critical flood and coastal protection infrastructure.
- Strengthening the City's emergency preparedness and response capabilities.
- Climate and coastal resilience community education and outreach.

"To create a climate resilient city for all, we must create

a trained, well-paid, diverse talent pool to tackle these pressing issues with a focus on equity and engaged employers," said Trinh Nguyen, Chief of Worker Empowerment. "We are incredibly grateful to NOAA for providing this funding to create the Greater Boston Climate and Coastal Resilience Workforce Alliance that will allow us to address critical workforce development needs to support Boston's coastal climate and coastal resilience goals."

"Developing a workforce with climate-informed skills is essential for building statewide capacity for advancing climate adaptation and resilience," said Rebecca Tepper, Massachusetts Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary. "The City of Boston's leadership on equitable workforce development for regional climate resilience is commendable, and this collaboration among municipal, state, and private sector partners underscores the City's and the state's dedication to creating climate career and education pathways for people from underrepresented populations. We are proud to support this initiative through positions at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and we deeply appreciate NOAA's support."

The Alliance is employer-driven with employer engagement in the curriculum, assessment, pre-hiring, and support services for graduates. Unlike other employer-driven approaches, this initiative is unique in that the City of Boston is leading the way as a model employer. In addition, the Alliance will benefit individuals from historically underrepresented communities and incorporate wrap-around services like childcare, career coaching, and training stipends to ensure their success.

"Parterre Ecological Services is proud to partner with the City of Boston to help prepare our company and our city for the ever-advancing impacts of climate change," said Jason Harris, Owner of Parterre Ecological Services. "The Alliance will assist us greatly in finding the people we need to grow and rise to this challenge. As an employer, this presents us with a rare chance to add skills and talent to our base while working closely with local government and non-profits to impact our local communities while improving our business prospects."



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