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Photo by Derek Kouyoumjian

Members of the Connecticut Society Of The Sons Of The American Revolution stand guard at the Monument on Sunday, June 17, during the annual Battle of Bunker Hill Commemoration Exercises put on by the Bunker Hill Monument Association and the National Park Service. The Connecticut contingent makes a point of traveling to Charlestown each year as those in the Revolution did to fight on the Hill. See more photos on Page 6-7.

Wu, Edwards to study resident parking sticker program

By Seth Daniel

City Councilor Michelle Wu will hold a hearing next week, June 26, to begin examining the residential parking program citywide – including the extensive program in Charlestown.

Wu put in a hearing order last year, and action was slow to come on the matter, but she said the Council is ready now to take stock of the program and see if there are pro-neighborhood changes that can be made.

The program could mean charging for and counting residential stickers – which now is not done. While many cities charge for residential parking stickers and

closely monitor the numbers given out, Boston has never done that with its program.

“There is no specific amount of money being proposed for a charge now and no neighborhoods being looked at now,” said Wu. “The goal is to look at the program and find out more data. There are more stickers given out now than there are spaces in some neighborhoods. The program is not very efficient. We want to look at the data first and understand the gap between the numbers of stickers and the demand for parking in each neighborhood. Right now, we have estimates, but no specific numbers of spaces.”

Councilor Lydia Edwards said

there is a parking problem, and it will be important to start with a census of the numbers of parking spaces in Charlestown and their designations – whether resident, two-hour or commercial.

“Look, right now we have a parking problem,” she said. “Councilor Matt O’Malley and I want to conduct a parking census to find out how much street parking we actually have. Before we start assessing any fines or charging for stickers, let’s set what we have. I also want a comprehensive look at what relief we can provide to seniors especially those that need home health aides, teachers

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Rare Battle of Bunker Hill artifacts found by dealer

By Seth Daniel

Just as the sacred Battle of Bunker Hill exercises played out last Sunday, June 17, at the Monument, a dealer in Beacon Hill announced that he had located very rare military ribbons from the Battle of Bunker Hill that were owned by the family of Solomon Smith – a Colonial soldier from Acton who fought on the bridge at Concord and in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

“I think these are an amazing find,” said Ken Olson of Period Americana, an antiques dealer based in Beacon Hill who located the ribbons only weeks ago. “We have John Hancock manuscripts and letters from George Washington, but these are much more special because they belonged to a man that fought on

the first day of the Revolutionary War, a man who fired one of the shots heard ‘round the world, and he then marched in a company to Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775 and fought there too. I think that’s pretty significant. I’m not sure how many men fought on that bridge the first day of the battle, then turned around and marched to fight in Charlestown too.”

The three ribbons date to the 1820s, most likely 1825 when the country was celebrating the 50th anniversary of the War, and were owned by Revolutionary War Minute Man Solomon Smith of Acton.

One ribbon commemorates those that served in the Army of the Revolutionary, the second commemorates the Battle

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Mystic River builds momentum for access with kick-off event

By Seth Daniel

Siblings Tom and Sharon Dow have looked at the Mystic River from their home for their entire lives.

Three generations of their family have lived in Charlestown before them and also looked out on the River. Yet the one thing they had in common was that they could never get to the Mystic River to enjoy it.

Rarely, in fact, did they ever think about it.

Last Thursday, June 14, marked a moment when the two said they felt it was time for that to end, that they would like to be the generation that sees Mystic River access returned to the people of the Town.

“I used to take sailing lessons for a little bit when I was a kid down here, but then the boat got torched and that was that,” said Tom Dow with a laugh. “That was the last time I was down here. I played Little League at the Neck, but that’s about it. It’s not very inviting or neighborhood-ish.

I’d like to see it opened up all the way from Schrafft’s to the Tobin Bridge.”

Added Sharon Dow, “I like the HarborWalk here, but it just ends. The waterfront isn’t open. You have the Moran Terminal taking it up. It’s always been like this secret and something we can’t have.”

Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) hopes to be able to change that situation as they embark on a visioning plan for the Lower Mystic River – which kicked off last Thursday on the docks behind the Schrafft’s Center. Scores of residents came down to register their preferences and dreams for the study area – which goes from Ryan Field to the Mystic/Tobin Bridge.

Amber Christoffersen of MyRWA said the turnout showed how important the issue is in Charlestown.

“I think the evening certainly proved our theory that the Lower Mystic River is hidden and undiscovered and people don’t know the

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EDITORIAL

IS THIS REALLY AMERICA?

The national disgrace that is occurring at our Southern border is something that we never could have imagined happening in the United States of America.

The images of children separated from their parents and locked behind chain link fences evokes the worst horrors of the 20th century -- the concentration camps and gulags to which millions of people were consigned by the very worst dictatorial regimes.

For almost 250 years, America has been not merely a place, but an ideal for the proposition that all men are created equally and that every person has a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

In less than a few days' time however, the principles that Thomas Jefferson and the Founding Fathers so eloquently, yet simply, put into words in the Declaration of Independence have been destroyed.

The justification for what, by any standards of decency, amounts to an inhumane policy resembles a classic case of *reductio ad absurdum*.

The New York Times columnist David Brooks (who is a conservative writer) put it this way in his analysis of the language that is being used when they talk about the situation:

"This is what George Orwell noticed about the authoritarian brutalists: They don't use words to illuminate the complexity of reality; they use words to eradicate the complexity of reality."

If we say nothing then basically we are telling these families and their children that they are getting what they deserve. If separating people into metal cages is okay, then what does that say about our society and ourselves.

BE THE TALK OF THE TOWN

The Charlestown Patriot Bridge is interested in publishing the memories of Charlestown residents in print. If you or someone you know would like to share your experiences, please send email to editor@charlestownbridge.com

JOINT STATEMENT ABOUT THE PEACE PARK FROM THE CLERGY OF CHARLESTOWN

Dear Editor

As members of the clergy serving both the Catholic and Protestant traditions in Charlestown, we want to express our support for the Peace Park that is being revitalized by the students affiliated with Turn it Around and in conjunction with the Charlestown Coalition. As the clergy members of Charlestown, we recognize the diversity we represent concerning our faith backgrounds and see the diversity that is also represented in Charlestown.

We hope that not only our congregations see our stand for unity, but that we may also show our unity for such a necessary community project in Charlestown. The stated purpose of the park is to show a united Charlestown that is committed to being a community and to showing the resilience of our neighborhood. Those qualities are ones that we can all agree on, regardless of our ethnic, economic or religious background. We hope that as a community, all of Charlestown will embrace the principles for which this Peace Park stands.

In His Service,

Fr Daniel Mahoney
Pastor - Saint Francis de Sales

Rev. Thomas Mousin
Rector - St. John's Episcopal Church

Rev. Erik J. Maloy
Lead Pastor - First Church in Charlestown

Rev. James J. Ronan
Pastor - St. Mary - St. Catherine of Siena Parish

here on. Your scholarship will be pivotal in helping me pursue my goal of a major in marine transportation and a career in the federal law enforcement fields. I hope that as the 2018 Michael Quinn scholar, I will continue on the legacy of a great marine and a great friend just as the 49 other recipients have done before me. Once again thank you for rewarding me this prestigious scholarship.

Devin Gallagher

PEACE PARK IS A PLACE FOR HEALING, CONTEMPLATION AND POWERFUL IDEALS

Dear Editor:

Charlestown is a place of deep history and striking urban beauty—but it is also a community imprinted over many years by the sadness of division, violence, and loss. Gun violence—a national public health epidemic of growing proportions—has touched our community and set off reverberations through neighborhood families and networks. And mounting losses due to the opioid epidemic—of which Charlestown remains an epicenter within the City of Boston—have left our community shaken and traumatized. Deep divisions of race and class still exist in our community—often under the surface, but still playing a role in this diverse neighborhood where tremendous disparities of income and health persist among the many segments of our one-square-mile footprint.

In this setting, I honor and celebrate the many strong organizations in our community who work hard to reunite and heal the neighborhood. This month, as one of five recipients of a "Love

Your Block" grant from the City of Boston, the Charlestown Coalition is unveiling a Peace Park in Mount Vernon Street Plaza, a small patch of mostly unused real estate located in one of the neighborhood's border zones. The park—to be built around a longstanding memorial stone to Robert McGrath, a well-known Charlestown resident who lost his life to community violence in the late 1980s—will feature new landscaping, quiet places for contemplation and healing, and a wall of memory stones bearing names or cherished poems memorializing lost loved ones. The Coalition's strong vision is to create a peaceful common space, like few others in the community, where Charlestown neighbors from all quarters can come together to share memories and find comfort. Facing the changing demographics, politics, and historical pain of our 390-year-old community can feel complicated, but the ideals behind the Peace Park are simple ones: unity, resilience, healing, and a way forward to solve problems together. And these powerful ideals are very much in sync with my mission and those of my colleagues at MGH Charlestown as primary care physicians watching over the health of this diverse neighborhood. Please join me in celebrating the Peace Park and the Coalition's visionary work making it a reality by participating in the park unveiling and the first annual Charlestown Peace Walk on Tuesday—a rare chance to gather in honor of those we've lost and those we now seek to bring together and protect.

Jim Morrill, MD
Medical Director
MGH Charlestown
HealthCare Center

THANK YOU

Dear Editor,

To the Lt. Michael Quinn Scholarship Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for rewarding me in being the 2018 Michael Quinn Scholarship recipient. I am writing to thank you for the generous scholarship that will help me continue to further my education at Massachusetts Maritime Academy. I am both honored and excited to receive this award, and I know that I have a big legacy to carry on my shoulders from



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BPDA to hold two meetings on zoning, Chain Forge next week

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) will be busy in Charlestown next week, holding two meetings in three days in the Town.

First, the BPDA will continue its educational series in Charlestown that started with an information session last year on the Article 80 Large Project Review process. This time, though, they'll be talking about zoning, discussing how the City's zoning code works in relation to Charlestown. Nothing is being proposed, but the idea is to let residents know how the process works, with a question and answer session following.

State Rep. Dan Ryan said it is

a next step from the Article 80 meeting he requested last fall.

"The zoning workshop being held by the BPDA is a logical next step in a series of pro-active community forums being conducted in conjunction with the Mayor's office over the past couple of years," he said. "The hope is to give interested community members some insight and basic understanding of the development process in the City of Boston. I think we'll find such discussions more effective when not done in conjunction with any particular project."

That meeting will take place on Monday, June 25, at 6 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford St.

•The second meeting will be

on Weds. June 27, and will focus in on the long-time coming Chain Forge hotel site, otherwise known as Building 105. While that project stalled for some time, it has now revived and is getting ready to start construction.

"In anticipation of construction activity at the Project site, the Proponent would like to share the latest project details and timeline," read the meeting notice. It will include an approximately 180,000 sq. ft. hotel with a restaurant/bar area and other amenities.

The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on June 27 in the MGH/IHP-Shouse Building (3rd floor), Room 305A/B, 36 First Ave.

Solstice Stroll to unite three arts organizations at The Neck

By Seth Daniel

Three arts organizations in the Town will combine their efforts on Thursday, June 21, for a Solstice Stroll that hopes to make people think of the Medford/Bunker Hill/Main Street area as an arts district.

"As anyone who has been around Charlestown for any length of time knows, sometimes the far end of Charlestown near Sullivan Square is not as attractive as the other side," said Chris Schiavone of Gardens for Charlestown. "However, in that area there are three great community based non-profits doing great things there – the Gardens, the Charlestown Working Theatre and the Artists Group of Charlestown. It only makes sense for the three of us to collaborate and to get this part of the Town in people's minds as the cultural district of Charlestown."

Toni Pollak has led the committee in planning the Solstice

Stroll – which will offer different activities at all three locations.

"The three organizations have done small collaborations in the past," she said. "We have done a lot of activities, but the three organizations are maybe undiscovered by the other end of the Town. We felt that maybe collectively we could have a larger appeal with one voice. We hope to introduce people to the assets on our side of Charlestown."

The event will take place on June 21 and there will be the Dirty Water Brass Band playing, and events at all three locations – all well within walking distance of one another. The event will begin at 6 p.m. at the Stove Factory on Medford Street with the Artists Group of Charlestown.

The organizing committee included:

•Toni Pollak (leading the committee)

•Darren Evans (representing the Charlestown Working Theater)

•Lillian Weigert (representing Gardens for Charlestown)

•Deb McCarthy (representing Gardens for Charlestown)

•Chris Schiavone (representing Gardens for Charlestown)

•Karla Quattrocchi (representing Artists' Group of Charlestown)

•Didier Delepine (representing Artists' Group of Charlestown)

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3rd Floor, Room 305A/B
Charlestown, MA. 02129

PROJECT PROPONENT:
CV Properties LLC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Chain Forge project in the Charlestown Navy Yard was approved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) on March 12, 2015. The approved project consists of the redevelopment of the existing building, also known as Building 105 located at 105 First Avenue, into an approximately 180,000 square foot hotel with a restaurant/bar area and other amenities. In anticipation of construction activity at the Project site, the Proponent would like to share the latest project details and timeline.

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Bunker Hill Florists will be retiring, to pass on business after 37 years

By Seth Daniel

Nearly four decades have passed since Joe Shadroui came to the Town with flowers in hand, but his reign over the petals is coming to an end this month.

Through his Bunker Hill Florist business, now owned with his husband Larry Bowling, they have processed around 112,500 orders for flowers in Charlestown – and that's only since they started keeping records. That's hundreds and

thousands of special occasions, funerals and Valentine's Days.

"We've watched Charlestown grow up in a lot of ways," said Shadroui last Friday as they took down the iconic Bunker Hill Florist sign at the Main Street store. "We cannot thank Charlestown residents and businesses enough for their support and loyalty. We are grateful that we have been part of this wonderful community."

To celebrate their time in the Town, Shadroui and Bowling – along with so many of their staff

from over the years – will hold a farewell gathering on Sunday, June 24, at Sorelle's City Square from 3-5 p.m.

"It's a chance for us to say good bye and thank you to all our customers from over the many years," said Shadroui.

Charlestown's Diane Valle presided over the sale of the real estate and business, which will now land in the coming weeks with Amanda Mitchell of Place & Gather on the Training Field. She will call the business 'June Bug.'

"Joe and Larry offered a beautiful place to shop for flowers, plants and gifts; and they are a special part of our neighborhood," said Valle, longtime Charlestown resident and Boston Portfolio Properties real estate firm owner.

"We are excited that Amanda plans to continue the tradition of being Charlestown's florist, servicing our customers, along with our remarkable staff Christine, Tom, Eri, Bette, Lisa and Kim," said Shadroui, mentioning how important it was to find a buyer to continue their tradition.

Shadroui had an interesting sojourn to Charlestown, growing up in Vermont and going to school on a pre-med path for psychology and zoology. Following college, he decided to travel across the



On Friday, the iconic Bunker Hill Florist sign came down on Main Street, as owners Joe Shadroui and Larry Bowling announced they will retire and sell the business to Amanda Mitchell of Place & Gather. That transaction is expected in the coming days. Coming together for one last photo are Tom Cobb, Katy Flynn, Bowling, Shadroui, Bette Task and Christine Kerans.

country. When he got to San Francisco, he stayed for five years and became a pre-school teacher.

Eventually, he made his way to Boston on the recommendation of a friend, and also became a pre-school teacher for a while. However, having a creative bent, he decided to enroll in the Rittner School for floral design in the Back Bay. After graduating, he was working in Allston when he heard of a floral business for sale in Charlestown.

He and his first business partner, Jean Pohler, decided to dive in and bought the business in 1981 at a good price. It was located in Mishawum at the time, and they spent a three or four up, and down years there before moving

to Thompson Square – where they stayed for 30 years.

They purchased their current building on Main Street in 2014.

The business also introduced him to his husband, Larry, who is also retiring. While at the Flower Market one day, he ran into him. Bowling had applied for a job at one time in Bunker Hill, but wasn't hired. The two hit it off, and the rest is history.

"It's definitely bittersweet, but what I'm doing is moving to Vermont and buying the home I grew up in," he said. "I've always wanted to retire to where I grew up. I will be doing that now."

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who have to leave the classroom to pay the meters and visitors."

In Charlestown, the resident parking program is very critical as much of the street parking is restricted for residents only from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. – mostly to prevent northern commuters from parking all day in the Town and taking the train downtown. That situation is exactly the opposite in other parts of the city, where resident parking is either all day long or in the night hours.

Wu said the study will take into account the different characteristics of each neighborhood like Charlestown – and it won't be a one-size-fits-all solution, if adopted.

"You have a place like South Boston where the need is greater

and it's so much more densely populated," she said. "That's different compared to JP where other off-street parking in the neighborhood is available, but often can be taken up by commuters who park and take the train – taking all their off-street parking. That's why we want to find the gaps in demand in each neighborhood."

She said they would likely report to the full Council on June 27 after the hearing, but that any action is far off.

Before anything could be changed, she said they would have to file ordinance language and bring that to the Council, which will probably happen later in the summer or fall.

The hearing on June 26 will be in City Hall at 2 p.m.



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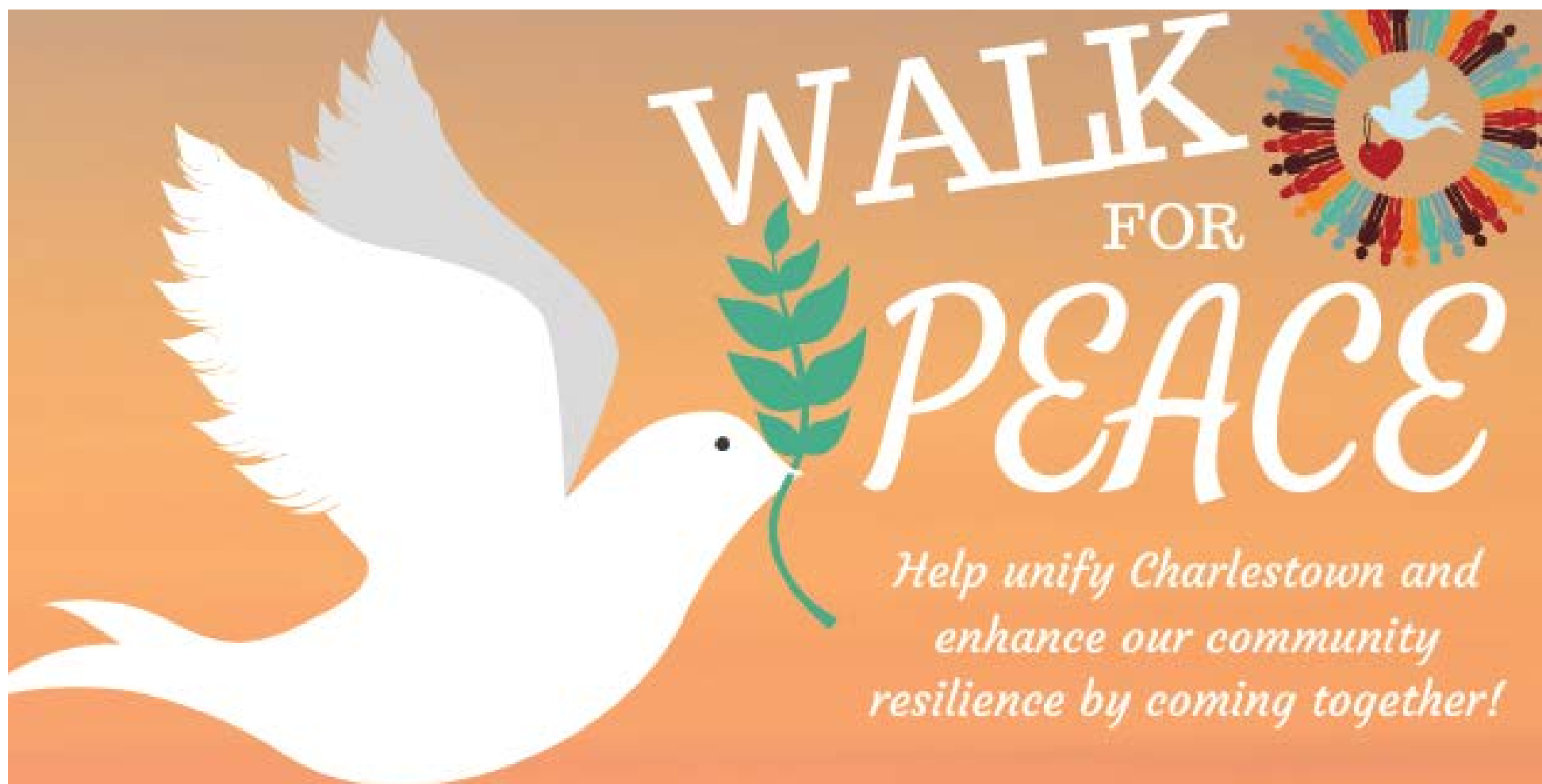
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For more information contact the Charlestown Coalition
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243RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL OBSERVED

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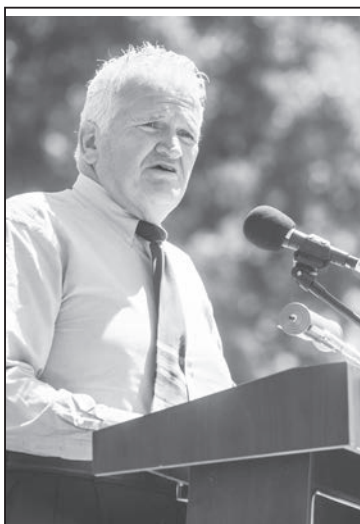
June 17th marked the 243rd anniversary of the Battle Of Bunker Hill, the first battle of the American Revolution. Abigail Adams called it “a decisive day.”

Dignitaries from the U.S.’s war-time ally France and enemy Great Britain were in attendance, as well as many residents and visitors from far and wide.

Guests and speakers included Congressman Michael Capuano, NPS Boston Supt. Michael Creasy and Master Mason Johnathan Bowers from the King Solomon Lodge in Somerville, who spoke to the gathering about the role the Masons played in the construction of the Monument.



Arthur Hurley, chairman the Bunker Hill Monument Association, offers his remarks.



David Hennessey, secretary of the Bunker Hill Monument Association, offers his remarks.



Reverend Erik Maloy of the First Church In Charlestown offers a benediction as State Rep. Dan Ryan and Veterans Secretary Francisco Urena look on.

ARTIFACTS(from pg. 1)

at Concord Bridge on April 19, 1775, and the third depicts General Lafayette and the Bunker Hill Monument. This last ribbon was likely issued in June 1825 when Lafayette laid the cornerstone of the Monument.

“These are a rare find from the Revolutionary War as only one of the three ribbons has surfaced at auction, and that was nearly 10 years ago,” said Olson. “None appear to be in the collections of the major museums,” referring to the Smithsonian Institute and Library of Congress.

The ribbons were handed down through the generations until the last family members divested of them.

“Solomon Smith was Patriot and a Minute Man who, on the very first alarm on the first day of the War, grabbed his musket and took part in the fight for independence. It is an honor to hold the same ribbons that he once wore,” said Olson.

Smith is detailed as having marched all the way from Acton to Charlestown at the age of 72 – some 24 miles – when the celebration to lay the cornerstone at the Monument occurred. That is likely when he received the rare Lafayette ribbon. In the Revolution, he served in Captain Isaac Davis’ company. Following Davis’ death at Concord, Smith was attached to Captain William Smith’s company and marched to fight at the Battle of Bunker Hill. He was later present at General Burgoyne’s surrender at Saratoga, NY.

But the connection to the Town doesn’t stop there.

Smith’s son, Luke Smith, is said to have been one of the founding members of the Bunker Hill Monument Association – a group that still exists proud-



An assortment of the rare Revolutionary War ribbons recently found by a dealer in American artifacts. The ribbons have extreme importance to the Battle of Bunker Hill as they belonged to Solomon Smith, who fought at Bunker Hill and also fought on the bridge at Concord.

ly in Charlestown and whose main mission is to make sure the Bunker Hill exercises are celebrated each year on June 17.

“In that, you have both father and son who are intimately connected to Bunker Hill,” said Olson.

Luke Smith also had the distinction of serving in the 6th Massachusetts Regiment and participating in the Baltimore Riots on the first day of fighting during the Civil War, April 19, 1861.

The ribbons will remain part of Period Americana’s collection, which it makes available for research and for school presentations. The collection is comprised of several artifacts of American turning points such as John Hancock’s copies of George Washington’s letters to General Howe, one of the few known Revolutionary War medical diaries, a Civil War prison diary, and hundreds of documents and artifacts.



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US Congressman Michael Capuano addresses the gathering.



Students from the Warren Prescott School sang a medley of patriotic songs, including ‘Grand Old Flag’ and ‘Yankee Doodle.’



A musket salute following ‘Taps.’



The many dignitaries gathered for the exercises gathered around the statue to lay the commemorative wreath.

 | **Public Meeting**

ZONING INFORMATIONAL SESSION

MONDAY, JUNE 25
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

545 MEDFORD STREET
Knights of Columbus
Charlestown, MA. 02129

MEETING DESCRIPTION:

Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) staff will present an overview of how Boston’s zoning code works, focusing on its role in guiding development in the city at large, and within the neighborhood of Charlestown. A question and answer session will follow.

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CNC AND SPAULDING REHAB HOSPITAL PRESENTS 18 AWARDS

Photos by Seth Daniel

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) and Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Community Partnership Fund made 18 awards to the community on Tuesday, June 5, at the Knights of Columbus Father Mahoney Hall.

The Partnership has been giving out awards for the last three years, and has two more years of awards.

The Committee included Shelley Mogil of the CNC, Rebecca Kaiser of Spaulding, Katie Alitz of the CNC, and James 'Mac' MacDougall.

The Partnership gave out a total of \$100,000 this year.



Rebecca Kaiser, Tom MacDonald of Harvest on Vine, Shelley Mogil, and CNC Chair Tom Cunha.



Shelley Mogil and Rebecca Kaiser presented an award to representatives from the Gardens for Charlestown/Harvard Kent Elementary partnership.



Shelley Mogil, Karen Scholz of the Warren Prescott, Warren Prescott Principal Michele Davis, and Rebecca Kaiser.



CNC Chair Tom Cunha, John Sutich from Charlestown Youth Hockey, Shelley Mogil and Rebecca Kaiser.



Peg Bradley, Kelly Moses of Charlestown Youth Football and Cheerleading, Shelley Mogil and Rebecca Kaiser.



Eileen Ward, Kelly Pellagrini of Charlestown Nursery School, Shelley Mogil, and Rebecca Kaiser.



Eileen Ward, Dave DiLorenzo of Courageous Sailing, Shelley Mogil and Rebecca Kaiser.



Susan Wynn and Susan Whalen of the Mel Stillman Tennis Center with Shelley Mogil and Rebecca Kaiser.



Terry Kennedy of the Kennedy Center, Eileen Ward, David Flanagan of the Kennedy Center, Shelley Mogil and Rebecca Kaiser.



Bill Galvin, Shelley Mogil, Sean Nyhan of Town Track, and Rebecca Kaiser.



Shelley Mogil, Cheese Chisholm of the Babe Ruth Baseball, Rebecca Kaiser and CNC Chair Tom Cunha.

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CNC AND SPAULDING REHAB HOSPITAL PRESENTS 18 AWARDS



Little League President Cathy Reese, Joe Neilon, Shelley Mogil and Rebecca Kaiser.



Shelley Mogil, Peter Jaffe of Charlestown Youth Soccer and Rebecca Kaiser.



Front row, Tom White, Leo Breen, Tom Cunha, and Paul Herrick. Back row, Diana White, Rose Howell, Vin Doherty, Debbie Lyman, and Rich Lyman.



CNC Chair Tom Cunha, Kristin Johnson of Charlestown Working Theatre, Shelley Mogil, and Tony V. of Charlestown Working Theatre.



Rachel Channon of the Charlestown YMCA, Shelley Mogil, Andrea Wilk of Charlestown YMCA, and Rebecca Kaiser.



Karen Scales of Special Townies, Shelley Mogil, Debbie Hughes of Special Townies, and Rebecca Kaiser.



Shelley Mogil, Patricia Ganski and Jessica Rubin of the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club and Rebecca Kaiser.



The full group of the 2018 recipients pose for a picture.

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SCENES FROM THE BUNKER HILL DAY ROAD RACE

Photos by Emily Harney

The Battle of Bunker Hill 5K had its 50th running on Sunday, June 10, before the Parade. The annual race benefits the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club.



Dean Hoeger, of Charlestown, stands with his sons, Albert and David, at the finish line.



Kacey Grette of Pelham, NH, and Doreen Marchand of Nashua, NH, approach the finish line.



Katsomper Yiorgo, 9 of Charlestown, is cheered on by supporters.



Benjamin Zavadoski, of Charlestown, takes off at the starting line.



Charlie Partridge, of Charlestown, leads Liam Harris and George Nelson, also of Charlestown, in the 50th running of the Battle of Bunker Hill 5K on Sunday.



Kate Brouns and Rachel Harshaw, of Allston, and Eliza Smith, of Charlestown, round the corner onto High Street.

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COOPERATIVE BANK SPONSORS CHS BAND

Courtesy Photos

Tom Coots and the Charlestown Cooperative Bank sponsored an incredible performance by the Charlestown High School Band and musical talents from the Boys & Girls Club Wednesday night, May 23, in City Square Park. The weather was perfect, and the performers' energy was magnetic. Many thanks to those participated including Megan, our resident face painter and Marisa, the popcorn queen.



The band from Charlestown High School performed in the concert.



Marisa was a hit at the popcorn machine with the children who attended.



Hundreds came out to enjoy the beautiful weather and music from students from Charlestown High School.



Performers from Charlestown High School and the Boys and Girls Club delighted the many who came to enjoy a great night in the park.



A drummer from the Boys and Girls Club band kept good rhythm.

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Dick Cane and Bill Bush from Flatley Companies, with MyRWA Director Patrick Herron.



Siblings Tom and Sharon Dow said they have been cut off from access to the Mystic River their whole lives, and would love to see that access returned to the residents of Charlestown.



State Rep. Dan Ryan, Sy Mintz and Councilor Lydia Edwards.

MYSTIC RIVER (from pg. 13)

public access points," she said. "At least 60 percent had never been to the docks and most live within a half-mile from the Schraffts. The Schraffts is a very attractive building with great amenities, but the

parking lot is an impediment to those great amenities. What we took from that kick-off is there is a real desire of people to get access to the River. There was a great sense of community there too...

and that's important for consensus building as we move ahead."

Christoffersen said they will be taking next steps with the study, which is funded by the Barr Foundation, and will announce

those steps soon.

At the gathering, State Rep. Dan Ryan and Councilor Lydia Edwards were present and spoke about their desire to revisit access to the Mystic River.

Charlestown resident Devin Quirk said he is getting involved because he would like to see his kids be able to use the Mystic River as they grow up.

"I think we'd really like to see this open up for these kids," he said, as his children danced to the sounds of violin music by the Boston Latin Jazz duo.

He said he hopes that one day there's a HarborWalk that runs the entire length of the River and also connects with Assembly Row.

Added Tom Dow, "I look at Assembly Row right there, but I can't get to it without getting in a car and sitting in traffic at Sullivan Square. It's right there, but it's like, 'That's not for you.' We're cut off from these things."



Charlestown residents Diane Valle and Peg Bradley of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC).

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Time to Heal: Peace Park and Walk to take place on Tuesday evening

By Seth Daniel

Once-underutilized Lowney Park has been converted in the last few months into a Peace Park, and advocates from the Charlestown Coalition will open the revamped space this coming Tuesday, with an unveiling, a march and an event.

"It's all about finding light in darkness," said Ginaya Greene-Murray, a Charlestown native and part of the Coalition. "The history of Charlestown is pretty dim. We want to brighten it up and create a place for people to heal and reflect. That will really add to the specialness of this park."

The Peace Park was funded by a \$2,700 Love Your Block grant from the City – one of only five given out last March citywide.

The Coalition said there is so much pain bottled up from victims and families that experienced violence and drug overdose that a place for them was necessary.

That place became Lowney Park.

Police Commissioner William Evans said he is in full support of the park, and believes it is a great location.

"I can think of no better cause to dedicate a park to than the never-ending pursuit of peace in our neighborhoods," he said. "I couldn't be prouder or more impressed by the vision and efforts that went into turning this dream of a peace park into a reality... Our success as a department is undoubtedly measured by the level of safety felt by our citizens. The fact that community orga-

nizations like the Charlestown Coalition were moved to create a solemn, tranquil place where neighbors and friends can gather under a banner of peace is incredibly inspiring. I know I speak for all of my officers when I say I am excited, for not only what this park represents, but also for how it will be utilized in the years to come."

The park didn't come without controversy, though.

While the McGrath family supports the plan – as one of their relatives who was killed has a memorial in the park – some neighbors have protested the choices of color and aesthetics.

Greene-Murray said some of the choices – such as painting the fence gold instead of the traditional black – are risky, but are meant

to show that this is a different space for a different purpose.

"I knew the gold would be risky, but it was different and you aren't going to miss it," she said. "It's a better space now than before we got our hands on it. This park was dead and we brought it to life. That's what we're doing here. People are walking around Charlestown with pain and trauma and are dead inside. This allows them to connect with neighbors and others who have the same feelings, and perhaps they can heal here."

Other facets of the park include a heart-shaped garden where there will be memory stones for those who have been victims of violence or overdose. Their names can be written on the rocks and placed in the garden. Some of the rocks

will actually glow in the dark too, Greene-Murray said.

Sarah Coughlin of the Coalition said they will have an unveiling of the new park at 4:30 p.m. on June 26. Following that, they will have a march from the Park to the Knights of Columbus Hall – stopping at various points to place flowers at points where people have succumbed to violence or drug overdose.

At 7 p.m., an event will kick off at the Knights Hall, where they will have two keynote speakers, as well as food and music. One speaker will be the Rev. Ron Daley, a long-time Boston peace advocate who coordinated the first anti-gang march in Boston in the 1980s.

Hood Park to talk new campus proposal, major community input Saturday

By Seth Daniel

From new office buildings, to water falls at the stack, hotels to a two-acre green space, Hood Park is coming to the community this summer – beginning on Saturday morning, June 23 – to share some ideas for their revised campus and to listen to the community's thoughts.

The summer-long exercise will happen through a series of informal planning open houses that will start this Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Hood in the Cambridge College Commons.

Some of the new ideas for the campus include a two-acre green-space front Rutherford Avenue, a hotel on campus, a creative stormwater system that will filter rain with an outdoor waterfall and charcoal purifier next to the Hood stack, and – as has been the most high-profile piece – additional height on the buildings.

Currently, the Hood Campus is approved for a suburban-style office park with surface lots and parking garages, but owners have recently found that office tenants want something different than their current plan – which was

ok'd in 2000. In fact, they want taller buildings with more green space and parking underneath. By re-locating the parking under the buildings, making the buildings higher and eliminating the garages front Rutherford Avenue, Hood believes it can create a great space for the tenants and the community.

"This won't mean any additional density or any more traffic than what we already have approved," said Mark Rosenshein of Trademark Partners. "It's a question of additional height and stacking it differently to allow more open space. Would people support that? Right now, we can do a boring office park, but we think there's a better solution. This is the beginning of a process. We filed our Letter of Intent already with the City, but we're not doing any further City reviews until the fall."

He said they would likely begin the City process in September or October.

On Saturday, they will have four work stations for residents to review. They will include Open Space, mitigation for the current proposals – including a maker

space/educational space for the youth of Charlestown, preferences for the retail aspect and the street layout (including new layouts for Baldwin, Mishawum, D and Spice Streets).

"All of these things we're looking at as part of the revised Master Plan," he said. "We're really hoping to get Charlestown to participate on Saturday and get as much feedback as possible so when we prepare a revised Master Plan we can get as much community input within that plan as possible."

One of the new highlights includes the Hood Green, a two-acre parcel that will be privately owned, open to the community and maintained by Hood "in perpetuity."

Rosenshein said that open space could be anything the community wants, from field space to a Southie-style 'Lawn on D' programmed space. He said Hood is interested in studying how that space will fit in with other nearby open space like Ryan Field and the upcoming Parcel A open space on Sullivan Square.

"Lawn on D is a good example of open space with active programming," he said. "Maybe the

community says they would like something like that. There are things we can do at Hood Park that can't be done (as easily) in a public park like having Food Trucks or a beer garden. We'd like to know what kind of open space people see there and what the possibilities are."

Another interesting piece is the proposed, large educational space within the campus for young people. Already, they have had some preliminary conversations with the Charlestown Mothers Association (CMA) about that piece of mitigation – which would be in exchange for a larger building on the new Stack Street.

There will also be heavy input requested from the community regarding what kind of retail they desire for the 100,000 sq. ft. that is proposed. Rosenshein said there are probably plenty of nail salons in the Town, and they'd like to find out what other retail offerings would be preferable to residents that would shop at Hood.

Finally, the proposed hotel is something that they would like to talk about. At this point, there is no firm plan for it, but Rosenshein said there is heavy demand for

hotel rooms in Charlestown and in all of the areas north of downtown.

"Whether near-term or long-term, we think a hotel is a good additional use," he said. "Right now, the Marriott or Constitution are it...It will be nice to have an additional hotel."

The meeting will include breakfast and coffee, and there will be childcare as well with activities for the kids so parents can take their time reviewing the plans.

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The Charlestown Patriot Bridge is interested in publishing the memories of Charlestown residents in print. If you or someone you know would like to share your experiences, please send email to editor@charlestown-bridge.com



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the class is \$799 and covers the testing materials, practice exams, and pays for our wonderful teachers! As always, scholarships are available upon request. Space is extremely limited, so register now at www.charlestownlacrosse.com/ registration or by calling the center at (617) 242-1813!

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No show this week but you can catch last week's program on Facebook at Charlestown & Beyond, Youtube at Charlestown and Beyond or going to: <https://youtu.be/75bEUNLRO-MA> Charlestown & Beyond appears on the Boston Neighborhood Network - BNN-TV Comcast channel 9, RCN channel 15 and Verizon channel 1961 every other Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Reruns can be seen on the same TV stations on Thursday at 11:30 p.m., Saturday at 9 a.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m. The next scheduled program will be seen on June 28th. To contact host Kathy "Cookie" Giordano go to kathy.gio46@gmail.com or call her at 617-447-1406. She is also available at the Charlestown Branch Library on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY

The Harvest on Vine Food Pantry this week is requesting bags of rice and cans of ravioli, two of the most popular items that fill the shelves. Any donation on non-perishable foods that you could make would also be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry at 49 Vine St. (Hayes Square), The Cooperative Bank at 201 Main St. and at the Parish Center on Winthrop St. (across from the Training Field). Financial donations can be sent to: Harvest on Vine, Parish Center, 46 Winthrop St., Charlestown, MA 02129. For more information, call Tom MacDonald, director, at 617-990-7314.

PEACE PARK DEDICATION JUNE 26

On Tuesday, June 26, there will be an unveiling ceremony on Charlestown's Peace Park at the Mt. Vernon Street Plaza. The ceremony will be followed by a community-wide Walk for Peace and inspirational dinner. Meet at 4:30 pm at the Mt. Vernon Street Plaza for a blessing of the park, a few brief statements by residents and organizations involved in the revitalization and a few short words from the niece of Robert McGrath (for whom the park is dedicated). After the ceremony, there will be a walk throughout the community ending at the Knights of Columbus on

Medford St. All are welcome for dinner, music and a short speaking program from 6 to 8 pm. For more information contact Sarah Coughlin at the Charlestown Coalition SCoughlin1@Partners.org

LOCAL RESIDENT RAISING MONEY FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

Justyne Collier, local resident of Charlestown, whose brother committed suicide in 2004, is working to raise money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. She will be joined by her extended family, also longtime Charlestown residents, when she participates in the "Out of the Darkness Walk" in Wakefield in September. She is asking for donations for her team, "In Memory of Danny". To donate, please go to <https://afsp.donordrive.com/participant/rememberingdanny>. Offline donations are also available, email justynecollier@gmail.com for details.

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