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Charlestown Democrats To Caucus On Saturday

Registered Democrats in Ward 2, Charlestown will be holding a caucus on Saturday, March 8 at noon to elect delegates to the 1997 Mass. Democratic Convention.

Ward 2, Charlestown will be electing 12 delegates and 4 alternates, equally divided between men and women, to send to the convention. The apportioned number of delegates has been allocated on the basis of a formula giving equal weight to the Democratic Party registration and the average vote for Democratic candidates in the last general elections for governor and president for which figures were available at the time

delegate tabulations were prepared.

Donna O'Brien and Sheila Brown will call the caucus at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats, persons ineligible to register and media representatives. The only persons eligible to participate in any portion of the caucus are those who are registered Democrats in the ward or town as of February 19, 1997. There will be no absentee or proxy voting.

Candidates for delegate and alternate must also be present, voting and give his or her written consent to be nominated and that nomi-

nation must be seconded by two persons present at the local caucus.

All ballots will be written and secret. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot will be elected.

Each candidate will be allowed to make a two-minute speech and to distribute material on their behalf.

Slate-making is allowed, but no special preference shall be given to slates. There is no quorum requirements for the caucus.

There will be no admission or expense charge at the caucus, although donations may be solicited.

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around the town

by Gloria S. Conway

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings ...

Lighting On Bunker Hill Street Focus Of Basic Services Meeting

Obtaining community input into the selection of electric light fixtures for the Bunker Hill Street reconstruction project will be the focus of a Basic Services Committee meeting.

According to Chairman Bill Galvin, the meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10 at Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St. Please note time.

Galvin stated that representatives of the city's Public Works Department will be on hand to answer questions. Galvin noted that the contract for the street reconstruction will be signed soon and work is scheduled to begin in early summer.

Crime & Drugs

Topic Of Public Safety Meeting

Co-Chairmen John Dillon and Bill McCabe have announced that the next Public

Safety/Police Community Relations meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11 at the Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Three assistant district attorneys from the office of District Attorney Ralph Martin will be on hand to discuss and answer questions on crime and drugs in Charlestown.

Scheduled to speak are Marcy Cass, chief of Community and District Court Prosecution; Charlie Bartoloni, Superior Court Team supervisor; and George Hardiman, supervisor, Charlestown District Court.

The public is welcome.

Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council, chaired by Peter Looney, will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

All CNC meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

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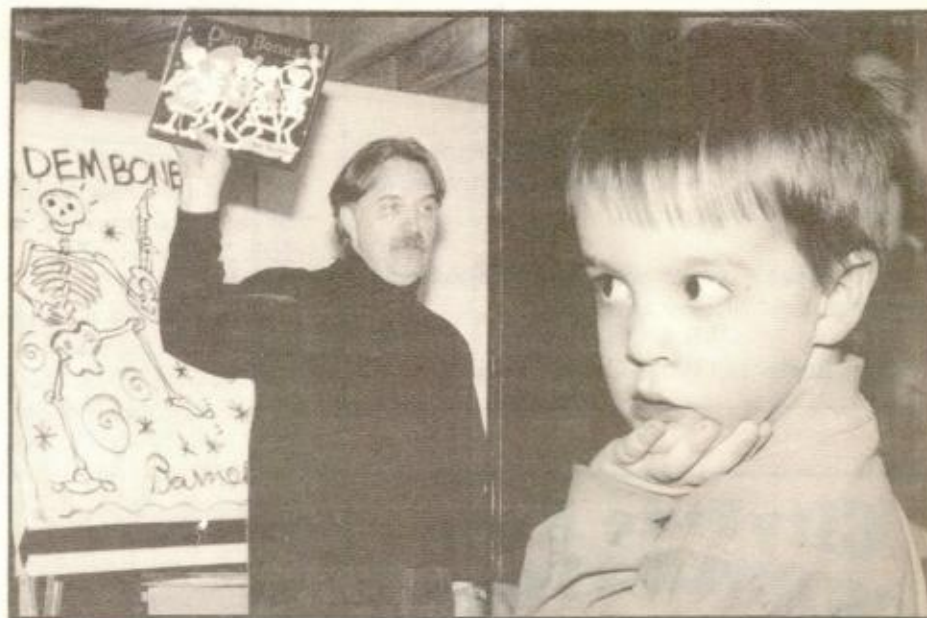
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'Dem Bones' Delights Audience At Charlestown Branch Library



YOUNGSTERS of all ages enjoyed the fun at the recent appearance of Bob Barner at the Charlestown Branch Library. Barner is an author and illustrator who brought the song "Dem Bones" to life for the children with drawings, music and stories, using his latest book, "Dem Bones." A Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) book giveaway of two books per child followed the program. Shown at the left is Barner during his performance at the library. On the right is Colin Murphy, age 3, who was intent on watching the performance. (photo by Kathy Whitehouse)

Development Committee Supports Frothingham Group's Proposal For R-87

by Lynn Peters
In a Feb. 27 vote of the
Charlestown Neighbor-

hood Council's Development Committee at the American Legion hall, the

Frothingham Place group was recommended as the designated developer of Parcel R-87. The Frothingham Place group, represented by local developers Dan McGoff, Doug MacDonald and Joseph McGonagle, won nine


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SERVICES FOR CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS

Thursdays

- **9 to 10:30 a.m.** - J.F. Kennedy Center's Goal Setting Group-Options Program, 55 Bunker Hill St. For more information, call Linda Hudson at 241-8866
- **10:30 a.m. to noon** - Women's Recovery Group session, Kennedy Center, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.

Fridays

- **7:30 p.m.** - Al-Anon meeting with help for families and friends of alcoholics, off lobby, Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown Navy Yard

First and Third Sundays

- **6:30 p.m.** - CHarlestown After Murder Program (CHAMP) meeting, St. Catherine's Rectory, 49 Vine St. All are welcome

Mondays

- **2 to 5 p.m.** - Mayor's Office Hours with Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** - Nicotine Anonymous support group meeting, Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown Navy Yard
- **7 p.m.** - Narcotics Anonymous beginners meeting, 55 Bunker Hill St.

Mondays And Fridays

- **9 to 11 a.m.** - Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.


Tuesdays

- **8 p.m.** - Al-Anon meeting with help for families and friends of alcoholics, Mary Colbert Apartments (side entrance), 20 Devens St.

Wednesdays

- **5 to 7 p.m.** - Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.
- **7 p.m.** - Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) meeting, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Thursday, March 6

- **3:30 p.m.** - Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- **7:30 p.m.** - Constitution School Informational Meeting - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Friday, March 7

- **10 a.m.** - Adult Discussion Group and Preschool Story Hour - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- **8 p.m.** - 31st Annual Irish Night Dinner Dance - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, March 8

- **noon** - Charlestown Ward 2 Democratic Caucus - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- **3 p.m.** - Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee meeting - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Sunday, March 9

- **7 p.m.** - Gladys' Corned Beef Dinner and Dance, sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella #1 - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Monday, March 10

- **2 p.m.** - Department of Mass. American Legion Oratorical Contest - Hull Room, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard
- **7 p.m.** - Adult English as a Second Language Conversation - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- **7:30 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Basic Services Committee meeting on electric lighting fixtures for Bunker Hill Street - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Tuesday, March 11

- **10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** - Children's Films - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Wednesday, March 12

- **11 a.m.** - Toddler Storytime, stories and songs for children 2-years-old accompanied by an adult - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- **noon to 1 p.m.** - Sen. Thomas Birmingham Office Hours, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- **5 to 6 p.m.** - Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** - Income tax preparation by volunteers from Community Tax Aid - Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford St. (call 635-5169 for income guidelines)
- **7 p.m.** - Espresso Lessons - Artisan Cafe, Bunker Hill Mall

upcoming events

Thursday, March 13

- **3:30 p.m.** - Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- **7 p.m.** - Adult Book Discussion Group featuring "Regeneration" by Pat Barker - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, March 14

- **10 a.m.** - Adult Discussion Group and Preschool Story Hour - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- **7 p.m. to midnight** - Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance, sponsored by the Bunker Hill Irish Heritage Society - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, March 15

- **noon to 3 p.m.** - 11th Annual

Sunday, March 16

- **3:30 p.m.** - Community Hymn Sing led by Ben Sears - First Church in Charlestown, Green Street

Monday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

- **7:30 p.m.** - Daughters of Isabella No. 1 meeting - K. of C. Main Hall, 75 West School St.
- **7:30 p.m.** - Charlestown Preservation Society Design Review Committee meeting - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Tuesday, March 18

- **10 to 11 a.m.** - Rep. Eugene

Wednesday, March 19

- **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** - Income tax preparation by volunteers from Community Tax Aid - Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford St. (call 635-5169 for income guidelines)
- **7 p.m.** - Learn what makes a tea an "English Breakfast" or an "Irish Breakfast" - Artisan Cafe, Bunker Hill Mall

Thursday, March 20

- **10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** - Children's Films - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, March 21

- **8 p.m.** - Charlestown Mayor Election Night, sponsored by the Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, April 5

- **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Flea Market, sponsored by the Charlestown Lions Club - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. (rent-a-table \$15, 242-2063)
- **noon** - Meat Raffle to benefit Camp Bunker Hill - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- **6:30 p.m.** - Lt. Michael P. Quinn, USMC Scholarship Dinner - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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Friday, May 2

- **7 p.m.** - Old Charlestown Schoolgirls Reunion - Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., Somerville

Saturday, May 3

- **7 p.m.** - Annual Banquet of the Daughters of Isabella #1 - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Thursday, May 8

- **6 p.m.** - Old Charlestown Schoolboys Reunion - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, May 10

- **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Bunker Hill Antiques Market,

St. Patrick's Day Party for Charlestown Senior Citizens, sponsored by The Flatley Co. - The Schrafft Center, Sullivan Square

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plan ahead

sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society - grounds of Bunker Hill Community College, 250 New Rutherford Ave.

Saturday, June 14

- **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Charlestown Garden Tour, sponsored by Community Gardens - beginning at the Community Garden, corner of Main and Bunker Hill streets

**BUNKER HILL DAY CELEBRATION
PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE**

Friday, June 13

- **7:30 p.m.** - Chief Marshal's Banquet - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, June 14

- **morning** - USS Constitution Turnaround Cruise for Charlestown residents
- **10 a.m.** - Bunker Hill Day Doll-Carriage Parade - Training Field
- **5 p.m.** - Mummers Band Concert - Bunker Hill Monument grounds

Sunday, June 15

- **12:30 p.m.** - Bunker Hill Day Parade - through the streets of Charlestown

Monday, June 16

- **7 p.m.** - Concert, Laser Show & Fireworks - Charlestown Navy Yard

Tuesday, June 17

- **9 a.m.** - Bunker Hill Day Ecumenical Service - St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St., followed by a procession to the Bunker Hill Monument grounds for the commemorative exercises

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American Legion High School Oratorical Finals On Sunday

The Department of Massachusetts, The American Legion High School Oratorical Finals Contest will be held on Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m. in the Hull Room, Building 5, in the National Historical Park section of the Charlestown Navy Yard.

According to contest chairman James W. Conway, past commander of Bunker Hill Post No. 26, there will

be four students competing in this contest, each having placed first in their respective zone contest.

The students will deliver an eight-to 10-minute oration on some aspect of the United States Constitution. These presentations will be followed by a three- to five-minute assigned topic discourse on one of four amendments or articles of the Con-

stitution which will be chosen at random at the conclusion of the students prepared orations.

Residents are welcome to attend this event to hear these outstanding young orators. Persons attending are asked to be in the hall before 2 p.m., as no one will be admitted during the orations. Entrance is allowed between speakers.

Birmingham To Hold Office Hours On March 12

A member of Sen. Thomas Birmingham's staff will be available for community office hours in Charlestown on Wednesday, March 12 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Charlestown

Branch Library, 179 Main St. The public is invited

In the event that a constituent is unable to attend, he or she should contact the senator's office at 722-1650.

Leonard Awarded Russian Honors

Tegan Leonard, a Charlestown resident and student at Buckingham Browne & Nichols School was recently honored for her excellence in the Russian language. At the Advanced Level, Leonard, a senior won a bronze medal.

Students at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels participated in the 15th National Russian Essay Contest, sponsored by the American Council of Teachers of Russian.

Students were honored with gold, silver and bronze medals.

Armen Dedekian, Russian teacher and head of the upper school foreign language department, and Russian teacher Tatiana Melina were responsible for preparing the students for participation in the contest. All medal winners receive official American Council of Teachers of Russian certificates and medals.

Informational Meeting On Constitution School Tonight

Members of the planning team for the Constitution School, a proposed new middle school (grades 5-8) located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, will hold an informational meeting for prospective parents, family members and other interested parties tonight, Thursday, March 6, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Dudley Blodget, co-director of the planning team, described the proposed Constitution School as a "co-educational, independent school with gender-segregated classes, a special emphasis on character

education and public service, a classical curriculum including foreign languages and Latin, academic excellence, low tuition and need-blind admissions."

Blodget indicated he was eager to open the school this September but must determine whether there is sufficient interest from prospective parents in Charlestown and other parts of Boston to give it a green light. During the first year, the school plans to enroll 30 fifth and 30 sixth graders. In the subsequent two years, a seventh and eighth grade will be added.

For further information, call 756-0311.

Botman To Be Honored As Woman Of The Year

Dr. Selma Botman-Birmingham, will be honored by the Zonta Club of Chelsea as Woman of the Year. Botman is the wife of Sen. President Tom Birmingham.

An evening in her honor is planned for Thursday, May 1 at Caruso's Imperial Diplomat on Route 1 in Saugus. There will be cocktails at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The featured guest speaker for the event will be Shannon O'Brien, the vice president for external affairs at Community Care Systems Inc. She served in the Mass. legislature from 1986 to 1994.

Zonta International, the parent organization of the Zonta Club of Chelsea, is a professional women's organization with membership throughout the world.



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The club hopes the Charlestown community will join them in honoring this outstanding citizen, mother, wife and scholar.

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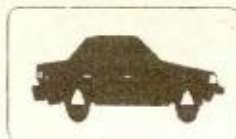
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Lenten Services

The Mass schedule during Lent is Monday through Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel. The Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the church every Friday evening at 7 p.m.

Irish Night Dinner Dance

The 31st annual Irish Night Dinner Dance takes place tomorrow, Friday, March 7 at 8 p.m. in the Bishop Lawton Hall. The Irish Night is in honor of Marty O'Brien in recognition of his service to the parish and the community. No tickets will be sold at the door.

9th Grade Confirmation Class

The 9th grade Confirmation Class, Confirmation One, meets Monday, March 10 in the Bishop Lawton Hall - girls at 6 p.m., boys at 6:45 p.m. Every student must be on time for the beginning of class.

10th Grade Confirmation Class

The 10th grade Confirmation Class,

Confirmation Two, meets Tuesday, March 11 at 6:15 p.m. to be measured for Confirmation robes. The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. To be eligible for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, May 18, every student must be present for all eight Confirmation classes. Reminder: All students must be at St. Mary's Hall at 6:15 p.m.

Novena of Grace

Father Patrick Healy, O.M.I., a native of Charlestown, will conduct a Novena of Grace Devotions and a Special Lenten Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church from Monday, March 17 through Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m. All are invited.

Firefighters Mass & Communion Breakfast

The annual Firefighters Mass and Communion Breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 6 at St. Francis de Sales Church. Father Patrick

Healy, O.M.I., will be the Homilist at the Mass. The breakfast will be held after the Mass in the Bishop Lawton Hall. Tickets are \$8 for a sit-down served breakfast, and are available from the ushers at Mass and at the rectory. This is an opportunity for all to say thank you to firefighters for all that they do. Everyone is welcome.

Spring Extravaganza

The Parish of St. Francis de Sales is sponsoring a Spring Extravaganza on Sunday, April 13 at 10 a.m. in the Bishop Lawton Hall. The Extravaganza Raffle will consist of 25 beautiful, expensive prizes, such as a two-day/one-night trip for two to the Irish Village, a two-day/one night trip for two to the Foxwoods Resort Hotel, a crystal lamp, scratch tickets, etc.

Tickets are \$1 for a chance on the 25 magnificent prizes and are available from Guild members, the ushers at Mass and at the rectory.

Democrats To Caucus

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Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, philosophical persuasion or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited.

Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed in writing with the Compliance Review Commission, c/o The Mass. Democratic Party, 129 Portland St., Boston, Mass. 02114 no later than March 10.

Children's Film Program

At The Charlestown Branch Library

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

A boy buys an invisible balloon with an invisible dime in "One" . . . Goofy swings in a tennis game using his own style in "Tennis Racket" . . . and explore a child's fears in an enter-

taining way in "There's a Nightmare in my Closet."

A children's gang encounters a suit of armor in "When Nights were Bold," which will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are *There's a Nightmare in My Closet* by Mercy Meyer and *The Red Balloon* by Albert Lamorisse.

Hackett Uses Flower Power



JIM HACKETT, Esq., a resident of Charlestown, of Choate, Hall & Stewart in Boston, participated in the Hearts in Bloom campaign to benefit the American Heart Association. The law firm was one of the top 10 companies in the state, raising more than \$2,100. Through his involvement, Hackett championed the cause of children and heart disease in the 1997 campaign. This year's campaign raised more than \$100,000 statewide for lifesaving research and education. The Hearts in Bloom campaign was dedicated to "Heart Child" Michael Gianetti. Despite being born with multiple heart defects, Michael enjoyed 10 years of life because of the medical advancements made possible with funding from the American Heart Association. Michael died unexpectedly in April 1996.

Not for nothin' . . . But have you heard . . .



♣ **Happy Birthday Wishes** . . . go out to John Walsh of Concord Street who celebrates his birthday today, March 6th . . . Aggie Kane will mark her big day on March 7th . . . March 9th will see Ellie Foley partying . . . Kenny Rae will kick up his heels on March 10th . . . and Michelle Galvin will celebrate on March 11th . . . Have a happy day everyone!

♣ **The Old Ironsides Penny Campaign** . . . needs your help! Funds raised during this campaign will go to purchase sails for the ship which has not been powered by sails since 1881. As she approaches the 200th anniversary of her commissioning this summer, it is hoped that she will sail out into the harbor under her own power during this celebration. Donations, in any amount, are welcome and can be sent to: Old Ironsides Penny Campaign, Charlestown Cooperative Bank, P.O. Box 38, Charlestown, Mass. 02129.

♣ **The Charlestown Lions Club** . . . will host their annual Flea Market on Saturday, April 5th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall . . . Rent a table for \$15 by calling Bill at 242-4919 or Bud at 242-2063 . . . Admission is only \$1!

♣ **Message To Jamsie G.** . . . Isn't there a park nearer your home???

♣ **Is A Trip To Houston In Your Plans?** . . . "Houston: The Texan Monthly Guidebook" is authored by Charlestown's own Joanne Harrison. Its latest edition takes you to all the must-see places and includes a month-to-month calendar of events.

♣ **The Somerville Support Group** . . . of the Lupus Foundation is hosting a support group meeting on Thursday, March 13th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., Somerville . . . Cathy Conboy, Psy.D., clinical psychologist at the Mass. General Hospital will discuss "Coping With Lupus, Part II," followed by an open discussion.

♣ **Pre-paid Phone Cards** . . . As the pre-paid phone card industry mushrooms, and more people buy and use the cards, problems are coming to light. A free brochure is available from the Federal Trade Commission to help consumers avoid these problems. To obtain your brochure, write to the Federal Trade Commission, 101 Merrimac St., Suite 810, Boston, Mass. 02114-4719, Attn. Mary G. Haley.

♣ **The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Of America** . . . conducts ongoing Support Group Meetings throughout Mass. for people living with Crohn's disease and Ulcerative Colitis. For information about meetings in your area, call the Northern New England Chapter at 449-0324.

♣ **Free Eye Screening At Whidden Memorial** . . . A free eye screening for older adults will be held on Tuesday, March 25th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett. The screening will be directed by Paul Greenfield, M.D., a board-certified ophthalmologist on staff at the hospital. Participants in the screening will be tested for glaucoma, cataracts and other eye problems associated with aging. Those age 55 and older are encouraged to participate. Registration is required and can be made by calling the Laser Service at the hospital at 381-7183. In addition to the March screening, eye screenings will also be held at the Whidden on April 16th, May 16th and June 18th. Registrations for these screening can also be made through the Laser Service.

♣ **Kennedy Library Public Programs** . . . On Tuesday, March 11th, at 6 p.m., the Kennedy Library will present "Tobacco Politics: Public Policy, Public Health and the Power of State and National Lobbying Efforts." This program is co-sponsored by the Kennedy Library, Sen. Warren Tolman, the American Cancer Society and Common Cause of Mass. Seating is limited and reservations can be made by calling 929-4571.

♣ **Just A Reminder** . . . The deadline for submitting nominations for the annual Community Service Awards is fast approaching . . . Don't let your hero go without much-deserved honors . . . Whether it be a young person, a senior citizen, a public servant, an organization, a business, a new resident or truly an unsung hero, put the scoop on your nominee in letter form and send it to the committee at P.O. Box 397, Charlestown, Mass. 02129 by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 14th. The awards dinner is on April 12th.

♣ **Thought For The Week** . . . Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back.

- John Ruskin

Guess who's
16 on
March 6?
Love . . .
Ma
& Lenny

Happy 1st Birthday
ELIZABETH JANE
CARMONA
on March 12th!
Love & Kisses . . . Nana MacInnes

Happy Birthday
"COLE"
on March 6th!
Love . . .
Your Pal,
Aaron

Happy Birthday
to a
Wonderful
Husband &
Daddy
on March 5th!
Love . . .
Stormy &
MacKenzi

Happy Birthday
to a
Great Sister &
Auntie
on March 10th!
Love . . .
John, Stormy
& MacKenzi



around the town

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★ **Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee Meeting** . . . The Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee will meet at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 8 at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Persons who would be willing to help with the parade, set for Sunday, June 15, and the others aspects of the celebration are welcome to attend.

★ **Design Review Committee** . . . The Charlestown Preservation Society Design Review Committee will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday, March 17 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Homeowners with design issues may contact Ron Swenson at 242-9213 to be added to the agenda.

★ **American Legion Meeting** . . . Bunker Hill Post No. 26, The American Legion will hold its monthly meeting at **8 p.m.** (note change in day and time) on **Tuesday, March 18** at the Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

★ **Board Of Appeal Hearings** . . . Petitions will be brought before the city of Boston Board of Appeal at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18 in Room 801 at Boston City Hall:

- Frederick Roberts (by JP's Pizza, Sub & Pasta) is seeking to change the legal occupancy of 219-225 Bunker Hill St. from dental office and shoe repair to dental office, shoe repair and restaurant, including take-out food. (BZC-18654)

- Nancy Lee Monaco is seeking to erect a one-family dwelling at 37 Parker St. (BZC-18661)

- William Evers is seeking to change the legal occupancy of 24R St. Martin St. from a one-family to a two-family dwelling, installing a basement apartment. (BZC-18747)

Persons with questions or concerns may call the board at 635-4775.

★ **Board Of Appeal Action** . . . A petition was brought before the city of Boston Board

of Appeal on March 4

Vahid Nickpour sought permission to erect a two-family dwelling at 51 Park St. (BZC-18639). He made a presentation to the board and then asked for a deferral.

The board deferred the hearing until April 22.

Questions or concerns on this petition should be directed to the Board of Appeal at 635-4775.

★ **Fuel Assistance Deadline March 31** . . . Don't get left out in the cold! Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) is still accepting applications for Fuel Assistance. If you need help with home heating bills, don't delay, the deadline is March 31.

Fuel assistance help is available on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St. It is by appointment only, so call 241-8866 today! You may also call ABCD at 357-6012.

Help is available not only for residential heating bills, but for those living in non-subsidized housing. Also ask about ABCD's Weatherization Replacement Program for home heating systems. It's not too late!

★ **Water & Sewer Program Accepting Applications** . . . Don't drown in your water and sewer bills! Action for Boston Community Development Inc. (ABCD) is accepting applications for its new WATER (Water Assistance To Eligible Residents) Program, which provides relief to moderate- and low-income eligible homeowners with their water and sewer bills.

If you need help with your water bills, assistance is at the Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is by appointment only, so call 241-8866 today! You may also call ABCD at 357-6012.

★ **Mayor's Youth Summit** . . . The annual Mayor's Youth Summit will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 at Boston Latin School. Boston youth ages

12-18 are invited to attend.

The Youth Summit is free, but the young people must **register by March 21**. The Charlestown Community Centers have registration forms, or call Boston Community Centers at 635-4920.

★ **Mobility Assistance Program** . . . Secretary of Transportation James J. Kerasiotes announced the start of the 23rd round of the Mobility Assistance Program.

Private non-profit and public agencies are invited to apply for Mobility Assistance Program capital grants for the purchase of vehicles and related equipment. The vehicles are to be used to transport individuals with disabilities, regardless of age, and elderly persons where other forms of mass transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate.

These grants will only assist in purchasing equipment. Grants are provided for 80% of the vehicle and/or equipment costs. The remaining 20% must be provided as a local match, by the successful applicant. Applicants must also be prepared to provide 100% of the funding needed to operate the equipment.

Organizations wishing to apply for a grant must proceed through a two-step process involving completion of a preliminary application followed by a final application.

To receive more information about the program and/or a preliminary application, please call 973-7000.

★ **Water And Sewer Rates Will Not Be Raised In Boston** . . . Mayor Thomas M.




Menino has announced that Boston is not raising its water and sewer rates in 1997. For the fourth year in a row, the mayor is ordering that the rate remain exactly the same. Boston's neighboring communities, however, have increased their rates over the last three years on average more than 15 percent and may have to increase their rates again in 1997 due to a projected average 8.9 percent increase from the MWRA.

Boston is controlling water and sewer rates through implementing tight cost control measures, level funding direct operating expenses, and consolidating the Water and Sewer Commission work force. Also, several technology improvements have helped make for more efficient Water and Sewer Commission operations.

★ **Community Spelling Bee** . . . Charlestown's second annual Community Spelling Bee is being planned for Thursday, March 20 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the C.R. Edwards Middle School on Walker Street. For registration information, including the fee, contact Maureen McGoldrick at 635-7970 or Marilyn Votaw at 241-9200.

★ **Cultural Organizations Grants** . . . The Mass. Cultural Council has announced a March 21 application deadline for its Organization Support Program. The program provides matching grants to fund the public programs of organizations in the arts, humanities and sciences.

To request an application, call 1-800-232-0960.









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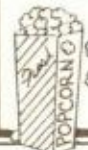


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Generally, you may deduct the cost of your home computer to the extent that you use the computer for business or investment activity. For example, if you use the computer 60% for your business, 30% for tracking your investments and preparing your personal tax returns, and 10% for writing personal letters, 90% of the cost is deductible.

In the above example, suppose you are self-employed and that you spend \$3,000 on a computer setup. You can depreciate \$1,800 of the cost (60% of \$3,000) over six years, or you can make an election to expense the entire \$1,800 in the current year if you have at least \$1,800 of business income. You can depreciate, but not expense, the \$900 of the cost (30% of \$3,000) allocable to investment use as a miscellaneous itemized deduction. Such deductions yield a benefit only to the extent their total exceeds 2% of your adjusted gross income.

If your computer is not used more than 50% for business, depreciation is limited to the straight-line method, and the expensing election is not available. Investment use does not count for this test.

An employee may deduct as a business expense the cost of a computer only if its purchase is for the convenience of the employer and is required as a condition of employment. As with other employee business expenses, this deduction is subject to the 2% of adjusted gross income limitation.

One final point - a home computer is generally considered to be "listed property," so it is subject to strict substantiation rules regarding business or investment use. To protect your deduction, keep a log of your computer use.

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Flatley To Host 11th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party For Charlestown Seniors

On Saturday, March 15, from noon to 3 p.m., Thomas J. Flatley, president and founder of The Flatley Company, will host the 11th annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Schrafft Center in Charlestown. Over 225 senior citizens will be present for this annual event.

Local and state dignitaries will be "wearing the green" in the tradition of the event as they celebrate the holiday with the senior citizens. Invited guests in-

clude Gov. William Weld, Mayor Thomas Menino, Boston Police Commissioner Paul Evans, Boston Fire Commissioner Martin E. Pierce Jr., Sen. Robert Travaglini, Senate President Thomas Birmingham and Consulate General of Ireland Conor O'Riordan.

While guests are dining on corned beef and cabbage, Joe Joyce will play Irish favorites for dancing and merriment. The audience will also be entertained by the fancy footwork

of Irish step dancers.

The Flatley Company, along with the Boys & Girls Club of Charlestown, The Elderly Commission, and the Teamsters Union, Local 25, will provide transportation for the seniors to the Schrafft Center. This event, now known as

a tradition in the Charlestown community, will be an exciting salute to St. Patrick's Day.

Tickets, which are free of charge to Charlestown seniors, are available by calling The Golden Age Center at 635-5175 or The Kennedy Center at 241-8866.

School Policewoman Guilty Of Drug Charges

District Attorney Ralph C. Martin reported that a Charlestown woman, who was a school policewoman when she was arrested in August 1995 on heroin distribution charges, pleaded guilty on March 4 in Suffolk Superior Court.

Nancy Gamby, 36, of Green Street, admitted to two charges, distribution of heroin in a school zone and possession of heroin with intent to distribute.

Judge James McDaniel sentenced Gamby, who had no prior criminal record, to 18 months in jail,

30 days to serve. Her co-defendant, Nancy McNelly, who also pleaded guilty to the same charges, was sentenced to two years in state prison, one year to serve.

The two women pleaded guilty just before their trial was to get underway this past Tuesday.

They were arrested on Aug. 29, 1995 outside a Bunker Hill Housing Development apartment by members of the Boston Police Drug Control Unit. They were later indicted by a grand jury.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Rose M. Woods wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation to the many relatives, friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during our loss.

Sincerely, The Woods Family

In Loving Memory Of ROSE M. WOODS February 4, 1997

A light is from our household gone, a voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home that never can be filled.
You can only have one mother, patient, kind and true,
No other friend in all the world, will be the same to you.
When other friends forsake you, to mother you will return,
For all her loving kindness, she asks nothing in return.
As we look upon her picture, sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine, and a smile for one and all.
Sweet Jesus take this message, to our dear mother up above.
Tell her how we miss her, and give her all love.

May she rest in peace. Amen.

Jackie, Pookey, Peewee, Mary, Susan & Twinkle

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I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is a perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever, safely home in Heaven at last.
Did you wonder I so calmly trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined every dark and fearful glade.
And He came Himself to meet me in that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely, for I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will.
There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth - you shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed, He will gently call you home;
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My days and nights are lonely and
I miss you more than words can say.

How I wish you were here... Your wife, "Ede"

Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT

THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Suffolk Division Docket No. 97C0053

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

To Luis Enrique Arroyo of Saugus, in the County of Essex, and to all persons interested in the petition hereinafter described.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Michaela Ryan Arroyo, minor, by Marlene Almeida, her mother and next friend of Boston in said County, praying that her name may be changed as follows: Michaela Ryan Arroyo to Michaela Ryan Almeida.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 27th day of March, 1997, the return day of this citation.

Witness, Mary C. Fitzpatrick, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this 26th day of February, 1997.

Richard Iannella
Register of Probate

Residents Listen To Central Artery/Tunnel Update – Raise Concerns On Off-Ramp At Sullivan Square

Residents of the Charlestown streets beyond Sullivan Square expressed shock at a Feb. 25 meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) to discover that construction was set to go on a two-lane off-ramp that would drop traffic from Route I-93 northbound onto Cambridge Street.

CNC member Ken Stone, who is the liaison from the council to the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel (CA/T) project, called the meeting at the request of the Mass. Highway Department (MHD) to provide an update on two contracts - one involving utility relocation and the second being the off-ramp

construction.

CNC members at the meeting, in addition to Stone, included Peg Bradley, Judy Brennan, Edna Kelly, Peter Looney, Don Haska, Bill McCabe, Tom Cunha, Bill Galvin and Jim Conway.

Resident Engineer Linda Miller presented an overview of Contract C19B7, which has begun, and involves the relocation of utilities in preparation for the construction of the Charles River Crossing bridge.

Miller explained that this was a \$4 million contract, scheduled to be completed in October. The work is 1 1/2 miles end-to-end, making it the longest contract on the CA/T pro-

ject. She noted that the contractor is Jay Cashman.

The first part of the contract, the demolition of ramp CL, which Miller called the "ramp to nowhere," is 95 percent complete. She added that at this same time, the MDC is building Paul Revere Landing Park adjacent to the dam, and it should be completed between October and December. This, according to Miller, would be when the "big bridge (Charles River Crossing) will just be getting started."

Being relocated are a 36-foot water line, MBTA signals, telephone and electric lines. Being installed is a 96-inch sewer pipe 25 feet below ground. Miller promised that there are no

planned shut downs during the cut-overs of service. She added that they are working with the commuter rail so there would be no interruption in service.

Miller stated that there would only be day work, mobilizing at 7 a.m., starting work at 8 a.m. and shutting down between 5 and 6:30 p.m. No night work is planned on this contract.

However, Marty Nee, manager of community relations for MHD, said that some upcoming contracts will have night work and they will bring each contract to the community. Miller said that all parking is on the site, and there are few trucks so traffic is not being impacted.

Miller spoke of the 250-foot of sewer that must be relocated. She noted that 12-inch flexible pipes will be in place for one to two months for a system that carries 150-million gallons of water per day during a storm. This will involve a series of pumps and raises the question as to the noise level with the operation of some 15 20-horsepower pumps.

Miller said that the pumps would be covered with hay bales to reduce the noise, and the noise should go from 95 to 50 decibels, which she said is "not as loud as passing traffic." The CA/T group were asked to bring a sound expert out to the next community meeting to demon-

strate just what the noise level would be.

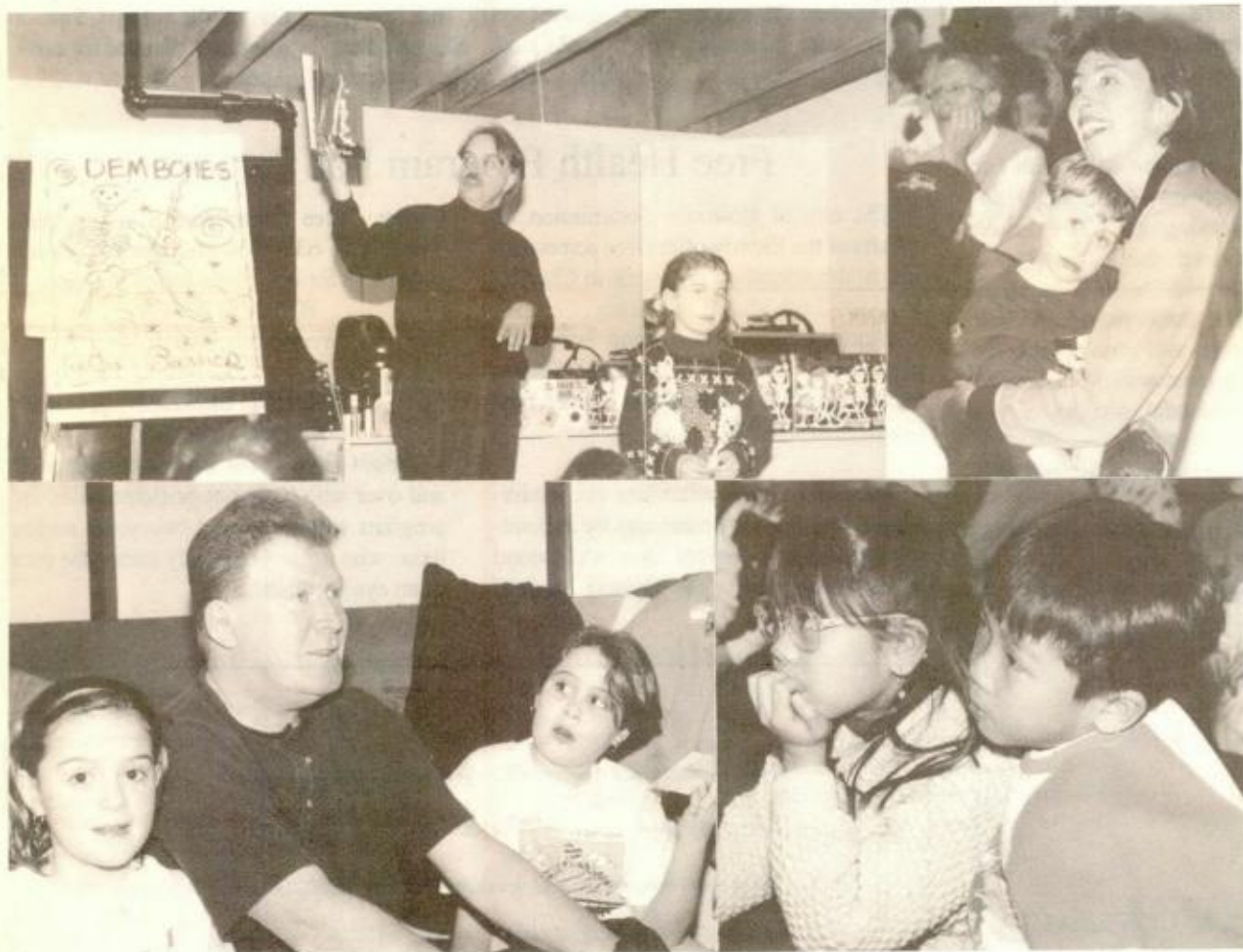
Other issues brought up relative to the site are air quality monitoring, environmental impacts, condition of the area soil, upkeep of the Field Office, which is located in Tower A near the North Washington Street Bridge. There was criticism of the CANA Field Office on Front Street which, according to one resident, "has been left a dump."

Nee told the group that if problems arise on construction contracts, call CAT-HELP (228-4357) 24-hours a day and a senior-level person from MHD would be sent out to investigate the complaint.

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'Dem Bones' Entertains And Educates At The Charlestown Branch Library

photos by Kathy Whitehouse



Students To Get 'Close Up' View Of Washington, D.C.

While Congress debates the nation's budget and the Balanced Budget Amendment, a total of 149 high school students representing 11 Mass. high schools will have a front row seat as they travel to Washington, D.C. March 8 through 15 to learn, first hand, how American government operates.

The students will be participating in the Close Up Foundation government studies program for high school students. Charlestown High School is one of the schools represented, and Charlestown resident Ian Urquhart, a senior at CHS, will be among the

participants.

During their week in Washington, the students will attend seminars with members of Congress and meet with a representative of the Washington press corps, lobbyists, government officials and political figures to learn more about the federal process. Time will also be provided to tour the city, visit local universities and enjoy cultural activities.

The local group will be mixed with students from other areas of the country in workshops where they will have daily discussions and activities focused on current events and on the

governing process.

Steve Janger, president of the Close Up Foundation, said that one of the main goals of the program is to show the students that one person can have an impact on the community.

A teacher from each of the Mass. schools will accompany the students not as a chaperone, but as a participant in a program designed to acquaint them with an in-depth study of current issues and with innovative educational techniques.

The Close Up Foundation is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization that provides first hand opportuni-

ties to learn about the democratic process and the role of the individual. Since 1970, more than 450,000 students, teachers and others have taken part in Close Up Washington programs.

The Mass. students will arrive in Washington on Sunday, March 9 and return home on Saturday, March 15.

HAIL MARY

Pray 9 Hail Marys for 9 days. Ask for 3 wishes, 1 involving business and 2 impossible. On the 9th day, publish this article and your wishes will be answered, even though you may not believe it. A.B.

Martin And Boston Coalition To Hold Drugs In Workplace Seminar

Suffolk County District Attorney Ralph C. Martin, the Boston Coalition and the Atlantic Health Group will hold a seminar in March for companies interested in creating a drug-free workplace program.

The seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 20 at the law offices of Nutter, McLennen & Fish at One International Place, 16th floor, in Boston. The \$150 attendance fee includes breakfast and lunch.

The seminar will feature a variety of experts on testing, training, legal issues, security and other topics relevant to the establishment of a drug-free workplace policy.

Companies attending the seminar will leave with an action plan for putting their own policy in place,

Martin said.

"Many large companies already have policies in place, but we're aiming to help the small and medium-sized companies that want to set up a program but don't know how to go about doing it," Martin said.

Martin pointed to the arrests last month of five BankBoston employees for drug dealing at the bank facility as evidence that workplace drug problems exist.

The seminar is a follow-up to a conference held last May at the World Trade Center in Boston. That conference, which attracted 150 businesses, outlined the benefits of a drug-free policy.

Companies and individuals seeking more information on the seminar can call 888-5NO-DOPE.

THANK YOU, GOD

Pray 9 Hail Marys during 9 days. Ask 3 wishes, 1 concerning business and 2 impossible. On the 9th day, publish this article and your wishes will be answered even though you may not believe it. R.T.

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Residents Raise Concerns On Off-Ramp At Sullivan Square

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The focus of the meeting then turned to the new off-ramp that will allow traffic from Route I-93 northbound down onto Cambridge Street, just opposite the pedestrian egress from the Sullivan Square MBTA station.

Cynthia McCarthy, resident engineer for this contract (C19B8), told the gathering that plans for this ramp have been prepared by the design consultant and approved by the city. The Notice to Proceed was issued on Jan. 28 and construction is beginning, with a completion date set for April 1998. The contractor is J.F. White Construction who, McCarthy said, had a good reputation.

The two-lane ramp will allow vehicles to travel in either direction on Cambridge Street through a "fully signalized" intersection. McCarthy explained that there should be an improvement in the level of service on the roads, which is now termed 'F,' to go to a 'B' in the mornings and a 'C' in the afternoons. She added that, although there will not be parking in that area of Cambridge Street, other parking areas have been identified and will provide four more spaces than are available at the present. The areas for parking were not defined.

In addition to the ramp, this contract calls for the construction of a paved

"maintenance way" from the rear of the Hood property to the Boston Sand & Gravel site beyond the Gilmore Bridge.

Also, McCarthy said, an interim power facility will be constructed on the BRA lot where the CANA trailers now stand for use during construction. She stated that later in the project, a permanent power station will be constructed between ramps. However, she added, the "exact location of this plant has not been determined."

McCarthy went on to say that the ramp structure will be concrete with the superstructure fabricated and shipped to the site. She said the there will be "no riveting, no high-impact hammers or no driven pilings." According to McCarthy, the concrete is being provided by Boston Sand & Gravel and they will be able to go directly from their plant to the site without going out onto Charlestown streets.

The rail line has imposed restrictions on the project. Between 6:30 and 9:30 a.m. and 3 and 6:30 p.m., work is prohibited within 10 feet of the tracks. McCarthy said the the only night hours she knew of at this time, was a Boston Transportation Department restriction that the tie-in from I-93 to the ramp be done at night, and not when there is an event at the FleetCenter.

McCarthy concluded her presentation stating that there would be noise, and she couldn't say there would be no impact to the neighborhood. She added that she wants a safe project with a minimal impact on the neighborhood.

The first complaint, issued loudly by a resident, was that there had been no community input on this plan. He referred to the highly publicized off-ramp proposal of several years ago that would have located the ramp across Bunker Hill Community College property and dumped traffic out onto Rutherford Avenue.

Looney brought up the rotary at Sullivan Square and the issues raised relative to that "200-year-old circle." He also put in a plea that contractors hire union workers from Charlestown.

Galvin pointed out that this was the third site proposed for an off-ramp, adding that at the previous two meetings, residents didn't "come in to find a signed deal," and he didn't expect when he came in tonight he would be looking at a "done deal."

Brennan, who with her husband Tom, has been working on CA/T issues through the Citizens for a Livable Charlestown, stated that "this project doesn't work and won't work for Charlestown." She invited residential support of the organization.

Bradley stated that this

project was beyond the design phase and now it was time to ask some hard questions about construction. She told the MHD representatives, "Come back and address design issues."

Conway expressed dismay at the failure of the departments to "interlock work on Sullivan Square." He noted that "the ramp is not doing Charlestown any favor - the favor is to the people outside."

Cunha accused the MHD of "divide and conquer," keeping residents busy with other things and not letting them be a part of the final plan. He asked why CA/T would bring a ramp down into an unstudied area and not even know where the traffic is going.

McCabe told the CA/T representatives to "let the powers that be know Charlestown can't handle the off-ramp traffic with Sullivan Square as it is."

At several points in the meeting, Nee said he could not answer questions on design and promised to bring out an expert.

Some of the over 35 residents present, most of whom live in the ramp construction area, spoke out on various concerns. Karen Burns stated that Cambridge Street can't handle existing traffic, and asked how it could handle the increase. She also spoke about safety, calling Sullivan Square "a tragedy waiting to happen."

Charlie Johnson commented on the traffic on Washington and Cambridge streets and the traffic generated from the Innerbelt commercial area where Somerville wants to build a recycling plant.

Ruth Murphy asked how she would get to her work at Winter Hill with the traffic being dumped there. She added that the city said they would install working traffic lights three years ago, and the people are still waiting.

Laura Johnson stated that she would like to see a model of the Sullivan Square rotary and how it would work. She said that the CA/T project has not

affected that area until now, and "bam - it's here."

Nee stated that "a Notice of Project Change had been sent out to persons who had been involved." Galvin countered with "notice may have been given, but not to these people."

Nee had told the CNC and residents that members of the design team and noise specialists would come back out to the community. It was suggested that representatives of the city who are involved with CA/T be invited to the same meeting.

At presstime, Stone, Nee and Judy Evers, regional coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, have been laying the groundwork for a community meeting. This would bring together MHD and city representatives to review the CA/T project as it relates to the Sullivan Square rotary and allow for a presentation on any planned reconstruction of the rotary. Such a meeting is planned for early April.

Free Health Program For Seniors

The city of Boston's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly offers free screenings and health education programs to Charlestown residents age 60 and older.

Blood Pressure Screening will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 21, at the Charlestown Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.

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• **Overnight Trip** - A two-day, one night trip to the Mystic Seaport and Foxwoods is being planned for April 17 and 18. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. on April 17 and return at 7 p.m. on April 18. The cost is \$149, double occupancy.

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CNC Development Committee Supports Frothingham Place Group For R-87

(continued from page 1) committee members' votes, edging out the two other Charlestown bidders, Rockview Park Development with five votes and Prospect Park Associates with one vote. Parcel R-87 is located between Tremont and Prospect streets and Lowney Way.

More than 100 people crowded the Legion Hall to hear final public discussions on the three proposals for development of R-87, which has been the subject of consistently scrapped city redevelopment plans for more than 10 years.

Before Committee Chairman Tom Cunha read mailed-in questions and those from the floor and the committee for the three development teams, the issue of conflicts of interest among council members was addressed. Cunha said that members would be asked to excuse themselves if they believed there was a conflict.

"I will not question anyone's integrity," Cunha said. "If an individual feels comfortable, they'll vote."

Council member Jim Conway recused himself from the vote based on his

affiliation as the Life Focus Center's representative to the council and Rockview Park Development choosing the agency as its designated nonprofit, a connection required by the RFP.

Conway questioned how members of the Charlestown Board of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) or those fiscally responsible to the BGCB could vote impartially for a developer for the parcel when the BGCB is the nonprofit marketing partner for the Frothingham Group, and would be receiving monetary fees for this service.

Thomas Celata of Prospect Park Associates said that his group had not pinpointed an organization but will definitely be using a Charlestown nonprofit. He said that the group "hasn't selected one yet, because we want our proposal to be judged on merit only and not be influenced by the selection of a nonprofit."

Attorney Pat Sweeney for the Frothingham Group, in answer to a question as to what nonprofit organization were they were negotiating with to manage the park in the proposal, stated that he

could not identify that organization as they requested their name not be mentioned as no decision had yet been made.

Judy Brennan, a board member of the BGCB, said that she did not feel a conflict of interest. Council member Danny Ryan said that he represents Charlestown Community Centers on the council and did not feel a conflict of interest.

The Frothingham Group is proposing 14 three-bedroom single-family homes that would sell between \$165,000 and \$339,000. The project architect is Dieter Gartner & Kent Duckham of Boston, and legal representation is provided by Patrick Sweeney of Orlandi & Sweeney, and Finneran, Byrne, Dreschler & O'Brien. Century 21 Elite Realty will handle the marketing of the new homes. Included in the Frothingham proposal is 31 parking spaces, a 10,200-square-foot park and homes ranging in size from 2,200 to 3,062 square feet. Potential homeowners will need approximately a \$60,000 income to afford the lowest priced home.

Some committee mem-

bers expressed their concern that the 20 percent affordable housing rate required in the RFP was not enough. They were disappointed that homes here are out of reach for young Charlestown families. However, at prior meetings of the CNC Development Committee and the council itself, both voted approval of the RFP that was sent out to potential developers, which stipulated only 20 percent affordable. There was disappointment expressed by some CNC members that abutters seemed more concerned about parking and open spaces than with lower costs for homes.

Other CNC members were concerned with the things that the abutters had mentioned in prior meetings, such as the importance of impacts on the neighborhood. Including the design of the buildings and park, the amount of parking and the funding for the maintenance of the park. Furthermore, the lack of affordability was not the responsibility of the developers but is limited by the lack of subsidies.

"People will leave disappointed," Cunha said, as

he thanked the neighbors for dealing with Parcel R-87 over the years. "The next development will say 50 percent affordable and if nobody else will build it, I'll build it. It's a shame we can't build it, but affordability is a drum that won't be silent."

Cunha announced that the CNC Development Committee would vote publicly to recommend a developer for R-87. At this point, Tremont Street abutter Betty Golden asked if those in the audience would get a chance to say anything else. Cunha's reply was "no." Golden then stated that at the beginning of the meeting when she asked whether it would be one question for the night, Cunha had replied "no - just one question right now." Cunha then relented and Golden was allowed to make comments on the proposals and the fact that she supported the Rockview Park Development.

Then Bob Peabody of Lawnwood Place stated that he, like the prior speaker, had taken Cunha's remarks literally as to the opportunity to speak later, and had not wanted to pose

a question to the developers, but wanted to make a comment.

Cunha then said he would poll the CNC members as to whether any further comments would be accepted and the floor be reopened. Contrary to prior procedures of both the Development Committee and the CNC over the past several years, there was never a motion nor a public vote to either open the floor or close the floor to discussion during the Feb. 27 meeting on R-87. In the past, abutters have been given an opportunity to voice their support or disapproval of proposals and have never been limited to just questions to the developers.

Committee members voting to support the Frothingham Group were Judy Brennan, Tom Cunha, Jim Mansfield, Peter Looney, Bob Scalli, Danny Ryan, Don Haska, Kate McDonough and David Whelan. Voting for Rockview Park Development were Bill Galvin, John Dillon, Peg Bradley, Ken Stone and Dan Kovacevic. Council member Marty O'Brien was the Prospect Park Associates single vote.

Successful \$5,000 Dinner And Drawing Benefits Charlestown Catholic

The annual \$5,000 Dinner and Drawing, organized by the Parent Board of Charlestown Catholic Elementary School was a success and, according to all reports, a good time was had by all.

The winners were: Jack Kelly Sr.,

\$5,000; Dodie Boyle and Mary Goggin, \$500; Carol and Stephen Morrissey, \$300; Ricky and Kathy Walsh, \$200; Mr. and Mrs. William Nolan, \$100; and Iris Box and Virginia Miller, a free ticket for next year's event.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS who planned the \$5,000 Dinner and Drawing to benefit Charlestown Catholic Elementary School on Feb. 22, relax and enjoy the evening, once the event got underway. Seated (l. to r.) are Sister Mary Ellen, principal of Charlestown Catholic; and Father Jim DiPerri, pastor, St. Catherine of Siena parish. Standing (l. to r.) Rita Greco, Karen Langan, Carol Devlin, Donna Hickey, Laura Johnson and Marianne Lacey (photo by Ed Loan)

TIARA To Meet On March 14

The Irish Ancestral Research Association, known as TIARA, will hold a business meeting followed by a program on Friday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 307, Higgins Hall at Boston College. The public is welcome.

This month's program will feature Janis Duffy Hourigan, a former officer of TIARA, and currently a volunteer coordinator at the

Mass. State Archives. She will discuss "Passenger Manifests at the Mass. State Archives."

The TIARA computer user's group will meet at 6 p.m. in Room 304, and will feature Chris Donovan, demonstrating Broderbund's database, "Family Tree Maker" (available in both Mac and Windows versions).

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BOB D'S BEAT

BY BOB DeCRISTOFORO



♣ **A Shining Charlestown Moment** . . . What a week at Charlestown High! March Madness hit the school big time! The "States" was the buzz word, and everyone was talking about the basketball and hockey teams. This is what its supposed to be like in March in high school. Friday night was a magic moment in the sports annals of Charlestown. To see the gym filled to capacity with students, faculty, family members and alumni to watch CHS devour Belmont 76-45 in the quarterfinal round of the Division 2 North Tournament was a sight to behold. Prior to the game, a number of Townies huddled around a TV set to watch senior captain Hugh Coleman receive a well-deserved "High Five" tribute.

The magic continued on Saturday afternoon at the Watertown rink as the hockey team stunned Newton-South 4-3 in the final 30 seconds on a goal by senior Greg Poole. Freshman Freddy Arroyo had two goals for the hustling Townies, and Chet Ferreira had a goal and two assists to lead the way. Three cheers to the media, both press and audio, who covered the fine points of this great weekend quite well. Our kids are super!

♣ **Ian Urquhart To Be Honored** . . . More good news! Cablevision's Extra Help program has selected CHS senior Ian Urquhart as its "Student of the Month." Ian was nominated as a positive, energetic young man who has found a way to balance his extra curricular activities with "High Honors" schoolwork. He will be highlighted in a special upcoming "Extra Help" feature, and also be presented a "Student of the Month" award. Extra Help is cablecast on Channel A 21 every Monday through Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m.

♣ **Bunker Hill Cup '97** . . . Five teams will be involved in the 1997 Bunker Hill Street Hockey Cup. Joining defending champions "Tidbits" will be teams organized by Joe Tallent, Greg Poole, Freddy Arroyo and Rob Murray. Each team will play four 30-minute mini-games, and the top four teams will advance to the semi-final round. The winners of the semi-finals will, of course, battle for the championship.

♣ **Thank You, Officer Teddy, BPD** . . . The young people who attended the Bruins-Flyers game would like to thank Officer Teddy Boyle, our youth officer, for the tickets. Young Clinton MacDougall and his partners were very surprised and had a great time in attending the 5-5 afternoon tie.

♣ **Andy Puopolo Basketball** . . . We had the gym time. Rick Rock was there, and I was there from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Charlestown Community Center to get the Andy Puopolo's 13 & under Interagency Basketball program going, but no one else

showed up! We will try again in the near future, so please drop down to the gym and leave your name, age and telephone number. We would definitely like to get some young people into the many upcoming spring basketball youth tournaments. Revive the Pride!

♣ **Rookie Ball '97** . . . The Red Sox Rookie Ball program will be returning to Charlestown this summer. Once again I will be helping to coordinate the entire program around the city. We have already had our first meeting! Watch the Patriot for all the details.

♣ **High School Prep Notebook** . . . Matt Chardavoyne added another medal to his collection when he picked up the gold for winning the 50-yard free style in the state swim meet. Next up is the New Englands to be held this weekend in Connecticut.

It was quite an impressive Division 1A hockey show at the FleetCenter on Sunday. It was great to see so many of our young people enjoying life all day in a 10-hour hockey marathon, both on and off the ice. It was even more impressive to see the support these fine young people deservingly received in the stands as fellow students, faculty, parents, relatives and friends packed the place. We can certainly be very proud of the many Townies who took part in the games, and even I was surprised at the numbers. Hockey is still #1 in Charlestown.

BC High opened its defense, soundly defeating St. John's of Shrewsbury 6-0. A freshman defenseman named Jimmy Bymes had quite a debut, picking up three assists.

Arlington Catholic tipped Billerica 4-3 in a hockey gem. Brian Hannafin's third goal of the game broke a 3-3 tie at 8:49 of the third period. Familiar faces on this AC team are junior defenseman Chris Gallagher and sophomore defenseman Jack Celata, who sends a special "hello" to Grandma Betsey.

Matignon whipped Reading 8-1. Jimmy Considine scored a goal for the warriors and Townies Danny Feeney, Eddie Prince, Jack Kelly and Mike Machado have brought back the Charlestown Pride to Matignon.

Catholic Memorial needed 53 shots and an overtime to defeat Chelmsford 5-4.

Tonight, the winners bracket of this 1A double elimination tournament clash at the FleetCenter. CM will face BC High, and Matignon takes on Arlington Catholic in what should be a memorable hockey night in Boston.

In Division One Jimmy Kane and his Malden Catholic Lancers defeated Medford 5-4 in triple overtime. Latin Academy topped Ashland 4-3 in overtime, and Boston Latin sent Ply-

mouth North packing 4-1.

In hoop action, Boston Latin nipped St. John's Prep 59-58, but fell to a strong Methuen team 81-48, bringing a close to the Nick Smith reign. The Boston Latin girls were upset by Chelmsford 74-71. Brian Ward's hoop odyssey came to an end when Pope John tipped Arlington Catholic in overtime.

♣ **Pro Line** . . . Congratulations to Phoenix Captain Keith Tkachuk on his Saturday wedding. Much happiness to the new Mr. & Mrs. Tkachuk!

On the hockey front, the Phoenix Coyotes were shut out by Chicago 4-0 and hold on to the eighth Western Division playoff spot with a 28-32-4 record for 60 points.

In the East Conference, the Florida Panthers are in the fourth playoff spot with a record of 29-20-15 for 73 points. Florida is currently three points behind second-place Buffalo and New Jersey, who are tied with 76 points.



JIMMY VESEY (right) caught up with hockey pal, Kelly Chase (left) of the Hartford Whalers, and Bob D. (center) on a recent visit to the FleetCenter. (photo courtesy of Ed Loan)

♣ **Tidbits** . . . Birthday best to Aileen Gorman . . . If you heard something shake Saturday evening, don't be alarmed. The MDC Charlestown concession girls tell us that it was only Pat Doe (Sr.) who made a memorable entrance into the FleetCenter. Pat has joined the Pepsi Generation! . . . Pat Lacey's famous line: "Fat is beautiful!" . . . Jamsie, did your teeth really hurt? . . . Word to the defending champs - PRACTICE! . . . Countdown: 45 days! *Smile*

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CHAD Junior Bowling League News

by John Dillon

As the bowlers return after the school vacation, CHArlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Bowling League has some very interesting scores to report.

Bunker Hill Real Estate holds on to a thin lead in the race for the championship by one point with a 6-2 thrashing of the McCarthy Brothers team. Top bowler for BHRE was Shawn Burke with a nice 231. Shawn has been bowling great lately and he wants the championship very badly. Runner-up was Mike Shackford, who has also been bowling great, with a 230. Top bowler for McCarthy Brothers was Matt Paley with 245 and Jared Silva was runner-up with 211.

There was a 4-4 tie between the Kennedy Center and Diane Modica's team. Top bowler for the Kennedy Center was Joey Burke with 216. Sean Cronk was runner-up with 213. Top bowler for Modica's team was Richie Burns with 267, which was 30 pins over his average. Colleen Hoell and Candace Eatherton were both runners-up with 212, which was great bowling for both of them.

Jenny's belted the Cricket's team in a 6-2 match. Top bowler for Jenny's was Jimmy Kissane who had a great day bowling 270. Runner-up was Keri Maguire with 133. Top bowler for Cricket's was Marianne Kissane with 215 and Chris Schievink was runner-up with 207.

There was another 4-4 tie between the Shamrocks and

the Charlestown Patriot. Top bowler for the Shamrocks was John Harrington with 262 and Jon Paul Awbrey was runner-up with 227. Top bowler for the Patriot was Meaghan Burke with 195. Michelle Williams was runner-up with 187.

In the final match of the day, the American Legion slam-dunked the Red Store in a 8-0 match to come within one point of the first-place BHRE team. Top bowler for the American Legion was Sheilann Williams with 224 and Jessica Grace was runner-up with 198. Top bowler for the Red Store was Kaileigh Burke with 202.

Bowlers of the week are Jimmy Kissane 270, Richie Burns 267, John Harrington 262, Matt Paley 245, Shawn Burke 231, Mike

Shackford 230, Jon Paul Awbrey 227, Sheilann Williams 224, Joey Burke 216 and Marianne Kissane 215.

Bowlers trying the hardest are Candace Eatherton 212, Colleen Hoell 212, Nicole Chiampa 201, Andrew Foley 195, Robert Hoell 189, Chris Chiampa 184, Danny Kissane 180, David Grace 177, Brendan Grace 157 and Sara Johnson 115.

See you all on Saturday.

Standings		
	W	L
B.H. Real Estate	34	14
American Legion	33	15
Shamrocks	30	18
Jenny's Pizza	26	22
Diane Modica	24	24
Chas'n. Patriot	23	25
Cricket's	22	26
McCarthy Bros.	20	28
Red Store	16	32
Kennedy Center	12	36

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♦ GAMES ROOM/ SOCIAL RECREATION (ages 6-13)

Chess Club - The Chess Club has been moved to Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. All ages and playing levels are welcome. Tournaments will be happening soon. See Mark if you're interested.

Thanks - to all our February volunteers. There were 18 different youths who contributed almost 30 hours of volunteer service to the club last week. The top volunteer was Michael Black who worked over six hours of volunteer time.

Adventure Challenge - On March 1, some AWESOME kids learned how to read a Topo map, navigate with a compass and survive in the wilderness of the Blue Hills. The adventurers were: Brandon Swales, Geoff Ferreira, Adam Fornash, John Fabiano, Billy Walsh, Donald Twomey, Sean Rea and Brian Leonard.

Special thanks to Tom Rouse for his ex-

pertise! You guys were fantastic!!

★ TEEN CENTER

Snowboarding Update: Week 5 - This week was pretty eventful as everyone has now graduated from the bunny slopes to more advanced trails. Kim and Fallon Leonard, Xaymara Saez and Denise hit the race course in a little unplanned adventure. Kim has turned her attention from snowboard instructors to the ski patrol. Ana, Bryan, Leonard and Chris Mitiraph took their act to the Black Diamond Trails - and survived. Paul Blaikie has finally mastered his turns and stops, and is no longer a menace in the mountain. Spill of the week goes to Dan Ryan for sheer numbers of falls (quantity vs. quality).

♦ PHYSICAL EDUCATION

15 & Under Boys Basketball - The team got back on the winning track with a 62-51 win over Somerville. A strong game was

played by all and the team tries to slide into the playoffs with a home game on Tuesday against Marlboro.

Nate Hurwitz Basketball Tourney - The tournament is less than a week away. Any team interested in playing should see Derek, Stephen or John before Saturday.

Swim Team - On Feb. 8 and 9, the Charlestown Swim Team competed against 12 other teams from all over New England at the annual Sectionals. Not surprisingly, our swimmers did remarkably well, racking up the medals and ribbons. Also, for the first time in years, our boys scored points in and placed in every age division. The swim team has worked incredibly hard for the past six months and that effort has paid off. Outstanding performances were given by: Michael Donahue, Timmy Donahue, Padraic Locke, Brendan Ryan, Sean Anthony, Paul Daniels, Kevin Daniels, Adam Fornash, J. R. Felix, Matt Tinsley, Brandon Swales, Eddie

Donahue, Danny Shea, Michael Lacey, Jack Doherty, Kevin Bailey, Eddie Coleman and Corey Ferreira.

Also, Amanda Nadeau, Kaitlyn Nadeau, Megan Daniels, Carol Woods, Katie Swales, Kristie Donahue, Mary Felix, Cara Matthews, Katy Locke, Stephanie Saccardo and Shannon Delaney and Kerrin Donahue.

Congratulations to everyone and best of luck and continued success as you prepare to swim at the Northeast Regional meet in New Jersey.

Swimming Lessons - The next session of swimming lessons for children will begin on Tuesday, March 25. Lessons will be given on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Jennifer if you're interested.

Lifeguard Training - If anyone is interested in Lifeguard Training and adult swimming lessons, sign up with Jennifer Swales. Classes will begin as soon as they are filled, so call ASAP!

CYO Bantam Girls Basketball Team Ends Its Season With 10 Wins, 4 Losses

The CYO Bantam Girls basketball team had a great season this year. With 10 wins and 4 losses, Coach Lynne Brooks was very proud to be a part of the team again this year, with help from Assistant Coach Mary Roche. An exciting year was had by

all and everyone played well.

The coaches would like to thank all the parents and friends for all their support and rides to the games. Brooks tells the girls to keep on practicing! "We'll be back next year!"



THE CYO BANTAM Girls Basketball team is shown celebrating the end of the season. Sitting in front is Julie Grzelyck. Kneeling front row (l. to r.) Erin Barry, Kerrie Eddy, Kristen Gomperts, Allyson Roche and Maureen Coppinger. Middle row (l. to r.) Assistant Coach Mary Roche, Courtney Wrenn, Alicia Castronova, Nicole Bourgeois, Cara Mondello, Catherine Burke, Caitlin Collins and Coach Lynne Brooks. Back row (l. to r.) McKenzie Ridings, Jennifer Fidler, Michelle Kane and Ashley Carr.

BHCC Basketball Bulldogs Win Regional Title

Bunker Hill Community College Men's Varsity Basketball squad, The Bulldogs, defeated New Hampshire Technical College 97-84 on Feb. 22, to win the regional basketball championship of the National Small College Athletic Association (NSCAA). This playoff win earned the BHCC Bulldogs one of 12 spots to compete for the NSCAA National Championship in Salinas, Kansas now through March 9.

Under the helm of Coach Chris Jones, a BHCC alumni and basketball standout, the Bulldogs finished the regular season with a 17-7 record - defeating Mass. Bay Community

College 80-74, and the University of Maine/Ft. Kent 87-85, in the playoffs before beating New Hampshire Tech in the final round.

The BHCC basketball team is made up of all local talent. Players come from Charlestown, South Boston, Dorchester, Roxbury, Arlington, Billerica and Revere. The squad prides itself on its "down to earth" approach to college basketball. The Bulldogs play home games at a local, rented community gymnasium and carry their own score board and shot clocks to the games.

Charlestown resident Thomas McDonough, plays

forward on the Bulldogs. A student at BHCC majoring in biology, he is a graduate of the Fenway Middle College High School. He is the son of Janet McDonough and has three sisters, Marlene Almeida, Christine and Tina McDonough.

The National Small College Athletic Association is comprised of athletic programs of small two- and four-year colleges from across the nation. The NSCAA Championship is a premier sporting event, generating national interest and major press coverage. The 1997 Championship is the first opportunity BHCC has had to compete for the title.



CHAD Tennis Team Plays Sportsman's Club In Dorchester



It was a fun afternoon last Saturday, when the CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) traveling tennis team visited the Sportsman's Club in Dorchester.

First, the kids got to play some very fine and entertaining tennis for almost two hours as they battled the team from Dorchester in a grueling round-robin tournament. Then, after the match was over, it was time for a pizza party, compliments of CHAD, as all participants from both teams got together in the lobby of the facility to socialize and share a nice meal.

It was just great to see the kids from both towns come together, make new friends and exchange tennis (and life) experiences. The whole event was a wonderful experience for everyone involved, and

even those who watched from the distance couldn't help but smile as they saw and felt the camaraderie among all the kids. This is what it's all about; good fun competition and friendship (or the makings of it).

Once again, a sport event, in this case, tennis, showed how it can bring together young people from different neighborhoods and backgrounds, in a healthy and positive way. Thanks again to CHAD Captain Tom Desmond for caring and making it all possible.

CHAD's participants in the match were: Jenna Garr, Sara Johnston, Elizabeth Johnston, John Fabiano, Brian Knowak, Seth Stulgis, Deacon Howard, Ricky Evers, Roger Kueny and Jannette.

- Daniel Cayarga

Bentley Women's Basketball Team Headed For NCAA Regionals

For the 11th straight year and a record 15th time overall, it's off to the NCAA Division II Northeast Regionals for the Bentley College women's basketball team.

Coached by Barbara Stevens, the Falcons drew the second seed and a first-round bye. They'll begin defense of their regional title this Saturday, March 8, against the winner of Friday's UMass-Lowell/St. Anselm contest in a game that will be played at the University of Albany.

The regional championship game, with a trip to the Elite Eight, the reward for the winner, will be Sunday, March 9 at 7 p.m.

Bentley, whose 26 NCAA tournament wins is the fourth highest total nationally among Division II schools, will enter the regionals sporting a 24-5 record after dropping a 57-48 decision to Stonehill on Saturday in the championship game of the Northeast - 10 Conference playoffs. That loss snapped the Falcons' 14-game overall

winning streak and also halted the team's 32-game home streak.

The 1996-97 Falcons relied on a stingy defense (56.3 points per game, sixth best in Division II) and a balanced offense to capture the Northeast - 10 regular season championship by two games over Stonehill.

Playing forward for the Falcons is Corey Gallagher, a sophomore, and daughter of Jim and Lois Gallagher of Charlestown. She is a graduate of Matignon High School.

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Old Charlestown Schoolboys To Host 84th Reunion

The Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association will hold its 84th reunion on Thursday, May 8 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St., Charlestown.

Applications for membership in the association are available by writing to Ronan FitzPatrick, P.O. Box 375, Charlestown, Mass. 02129. Prospective members must have attended school in Charlestown prior to 1950.

The Schoolboys are

offering two \$1,000 scholarships this year, the Old Schoolboys Scholarship and the Old Schoolboys Palledoes Athletic Scholarship. Applications may be obtained at The Charlestown Patriot, Charlestown High School, or the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center. Applications for the scholarships must be returned by April 19 at one of the above locations.

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Charlestown Catholic Elementary School News

Students in Kindergarten through grade 8 are working on science projects in preparation for the Science Fair which will be held on Wednesday, March 12 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. All family, friends and interested

Charlestown residents are invited.

Kindergarten through grade 4 students will present their work in the classrooms. The projects prepared by grades 5 through 8 will be displayed in the hall. Come and listen as the stu-

dents share what they have learned. Topics include space, animals, electricity, crystals and many more. Come and spend an hour with the students. You will find the time informative and enjoyable.



STUDENTS AT CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL are shown preparing their projects for the upcoming Science Fair. TOP ROW: At the left, (l. to r.) Kerin Scales, Michaela Flynn, Brian Callahan and Joseph Twomey gather around Matthew McLaughlin's model of the planets . . . On the right, fourth graders Manuel Sanchez, Sean Doherty and Joseph Hurley display a drawing of the frog habitat. BOTTOM ROW: On the left are fourth graders Jarrod Marchesi and Mark Hanscom showing off their poster of frogs . . . At the right, Micah Young, Matthew Whalen, Kaitrin Krol and Crystal Mundeley study Kaitrin's planet model.

ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS

★ **Many Thanks** - Many thanks to our youth representatives, Sheila Brown and Ann Joyce, for organizing the recent CYO Dance. Similar future events need to be planned and supported.

★ **Mass For CYO Basketball Teams** - On Sunday, March 9 at 9 a.m., there will be a Mass for the basketball teams. Refreshments will be available in the parish hall immediately following. Congratulations to all boys and girls who participated in another successful season.

★ **Lenten Penance Service** - A penance service will be held on Monday, March 10 at 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. in the lower church. All are welcome to attend.

★ **Confirmation I Class** - The 9th grade Confirmation I class will meet Monday, March 10 in the Bishop Lawton Hall of St. Francis de Sales Church. Girls at 6 p.m. and boys at 6:45 p.m.

★ **Confirmation II Class** - The next Confirmation II class will meet at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, at St. Mary's Hall.

★ **Super Bingo** - Another Super Bingo will take place at St. Catherine's Hall on Tuesday, March 11. It will be \$50 for an 18-card package and will include 24 games: four - \$100, two - \$150, 12 - \$200, five - \$500, two shotgun games for \$50 each. Raffles and a door prize.

Tickets are on sale at the rectory until March 7. Cash only. No checks will be accepted. Come and bring a friend.

If there are less than 150 players attend, prizes will be adjusted accordingly.

★ **Eucharistic Adoration - Exposition (Benediction)** - Eucharistic adoration and Benediction will be offered each weekend during Lent. This time in prayerful reflection will serve as an opportunity to deepen our love for the Lord in the Eucharist and help us on our journey to ever more faithfully live the Christian life. Eucharistic Adoration will be offered on Saturdays at 3:15 p.m. until the 4 p.m. Mass; and Sundays immediately following the 9 a.m. Mass until the 11 a.m. Mass. Avail yourself of this opportunity to spiritually grow in the Lord.

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'Thank God' For Resident Parking!

Dear Gloria,

I am writing regarding the Resident Parking situation in Precinct One. As a resident of that neighborhood, I can only say, "Thank God," it's about time we can park our cars in front of our homes again. Those of us who live in this area can attest to the fact that we have some of the highest taxes and water rates in Boston, not to mention insurance rates that skyrocket every year.

For almost seven years, we have been unable to park near our homes due to commuters and the rink. The rink is only seasonal, many of us have children who have played hockey and we can deal with the short term inconvenience of that, but the commuters were another story altogether. It was impossible to find parking even early in the morning after dropping our children off at school, or going grocery shopping as there would be no place to park even by 8 a.m.

Most of my family does not live in Charlestown, yet they have no trouble parking on the weekends when they come to visit. My husband's family still lives in Charlestown, (not in our neighborhood), and although, they don't have resident stickers for our part of town, they can still visit us without any trouble because of the two hour parking allowance.

Perhaps businesses have been put out, but they are only here from 9 to 5 p.m. We live here 24-hours-a-day, 7 days a week. We have been inconvenienced far more than the businesses. Do you have any idea what its like to come home from the doctor with a sick child and not have any place to park? Or have a carload of groceries and have to lug the bags from several streets away? Why? So that commuters can be accommodated? Do they pay my taxes, water or insurance?

Consider the residents of Brighton Street, Parker Street, etc. That neighborhood has had resident parking for years and it works. Resident parking is important to the residents. We spend enough money for our homes and their upkeep to deserve this one little perk.

Also, keep in mind that most of the people who are making such an issue of the resident parking are those who do not live in Charlestown, do not have their cars registered in Charlestown, and therefore, do not have to pay the outrageous insurance rates we face. They most likely have off-street parking, a luxury not afforded most of us in this town. If I go to Tewksbury and park my car in front of their homes, rest assured I would be towed.

Michael J. D'Ambrosio
Debra A. D'Ambrosio

The Development Of Parcel R-87 Important To Charlestown And To Boston

February 26, 1997

Tom Cunha, chairman
Development Committee
Charlestown Neighborhood Council
P.O. Box 316
Charlestown, MA 02129

Dear Tom,

As a former member of the Neighborhood Council and a past president of the Charlestown Preservation Society, you have my deepest sympathies and also my heartfelt appreciation for wading through all of the competing facts, interests, drawings, financial statements, etc. in the submissions for the development of Parcel R-87. Not only is the development of this parcel important to Charlestown, but it's important to the entire city of Boston, because of R-87's prominent location on the Freedom Trail.

Although I won't be able to attend the council meeting, I hope that at least some of the following questions can be addressed:

1. Approximately 10 years ago, the council had a series of meetings resulting in a vote that R-87 be divided into single family house lots, rather than developed as a whole. Part of the reasoning behind this vote was support for a mix of housing styles, rather than one basic unit being repeated over and over again. Although it may now be necessary to develop R-87 as a whole unit for economic reasons, a mix of housing styles should still be possible.

→ Which plan has the greatest mix of housing styles?

→ Which plan most reflects the fine architectural detail that is characteristic of our town?

2. The RFP for R-87 recognizes the importance of an ample amount of open space. However, open space can be a beautiful amenity or simply SLOP (an acronym for Space Left Over after Planning). Furthermore, we've learned from the Navy Yard, that even the most beautifully landscaped areas are of little benefit to the community if there is heavily restricted public access. And, of course, even the best designed parks can become eyesores without thoughtful maintenance plans.

→ Which plan has the most thoughtful open space plan, as reflected in similarities in design to our best existing parks and to historic open spaces that have been lost?

→ Which plan gives the most public access to the park

space?

→ Which plan has the best maintenance plan?

→ Which landscape architect has demonstrated the best track record in design, access, and maintenance in Charlestown and Boston?

3. R-87 is a very highly visible site. For well over 100,000 visitors a year on the Freedom Trail, R-87 is the gateway to our community. This is not a site where a plan should be developed by trial and error. Any mistake will be an embarrassment to our entire community. More than most places, experience will count here.

→ Which developer has the most experience building in Charlestown?

→ Which developer has best demonstrated an understanding of Charlestown's historic architecture in past work?

→ Which developer has the most experience in dealing with the complex building conditions presented by the hills that form our town?

4. Pictures of pretty buildings in the submissions are only that—pretty pictures. The buildings will only get built as presented if there is sufficient money available to build them.

→ Which development team has the best financing plan, as demonstrated by the capital put up by the developers in this submission and by their past track record in attracting outside financing?

I think that the questions above address at least some of the important considerations of developing R-87. Conspicuously absent from this list is the question of who is currently the most politically popular developer or beneficiary group. The political tides in Charlestown have ebbed and flowed quite a bit in the 18 years I've lived here and I expect they will continue to do so. The buildings on R-87 will stand for hundreds of years, or at least they will if they are as well built as the buildings in Charlestown always have been. These buildings can be a monument to the processes of the Neighborhood Council or, if badly built, a shameful commentary.

My personal conclusion is that the Rockview Park Development Company is most likely to do the best job. I hope you will agree.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Downing

cc: Charlestown Patriot

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor must be signed and include name, address and telephone number for verification. The name will be withheld if the writer so requests. Anonymous letters will NOT be published.



Thank You

Dear Gloria,

I would like to take a moment to thank all the generous people who participated in the recent fund raiser held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The K. of C. donated the the hall for our dinner and drawing on Feb. 22.

It took months to plan this fund raiser and weeks of ironing out fine details, but once again, we succeeded in having an unforgettable night of eating, dancing, laughter and fun.

The people who filled the hall that night ranged in age from 20 to 80 and were from various social backgrounds, yet they harmoniously contributed and celebrated in the name of Charlestown Catholic Elementary School.

The Charlestown community never ceases to amaze me, when it comes to generosity. It is heartwarming to see the outpouring of goodwill each year as the community has outstretched its arms in the name of Catholic school education.

Gratefully,

Marianne Miller-Lacey

Parent of children at Charlestown Catholic

Vandals Must Not 'Get Away With It!'

Vandals stole the wheelchair van belonging to Life Focus Center... how CRUEL!

Vandals trashed the Field House at the Ryan Playground... viciously - according to the pictures in the Patriot Feb. 6, 1997.

Are the vandals going to "get away with it?"

What steps are being taken to assist the police in this matter?

Would the businessmen in Charlestown consider offering a reward for information that would lead to an arrest for this vandalism?

If they "get away with it,"... trashing will occur again and again.

Deeds such as these reflect on the overall image of our town and its residents. We have many tourists and fine restaurants that attract visitors. A safe town requires vigilance!

If vandals and their parents have to pay for the damages, then young people may get the message that they are responsible for their actions.

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Boston Police Department

Monday, Feb. 24

Police officers arrested a male on Main Street on an outstanding warrant.

Boston Housing Police arrested a male on Medford Street for trespassing.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

A woman reported that person(s) unknown broke into her home on Concord Street through a cellar window and stole an air conditioner, an iron and a stereo.

Police officers arrested a female on Medford Street for possession of heroin.

A man stated that a male co-worker broke the windows of his motor vehicle, which was parked on Main Street, and stole his tools.

Police officers arrested a male at Main and West School streets for possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

A man reported that person(s) unknown broke into his

apartment on Monument Square and stole a Rolex watch, another man's watch and a camera.

Thursday, Feb. 27

A man reported that person(s) unknown hit his motor vehicle that was parked at Vine and Chelsea streets and left the scene without making himself known.

Detectives from the Licensing Unit closed a bar on Bunker Hill Street for not having the proper licenses.

Police officers arrested a male on Medford Street for possession of heroin.

A man stated that person(s) unknown threw rocks at his Bunker Hill Street apartment.

A man reported that person(s) unknown broke the window of his Mt. Vernon Street apartment.

Friday, Feb. 28

A man reported that person(s) unknown stole his coat containing various credit cards and his wallet.

A man stated that person(s) unknown poured paint over his motor vehicle while it was parked on Polk Street

Sunday, March 2

A man reported that person(s) unknown damaged the

Legal Notice

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Suffolk Division Docket No. 97P-0425

NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF James M. Doherty.

To all persons interested in the estate of James M. Doherty late of the County of Suffolk, Date of Death January 23, 1996.

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the will be proved and allowed and that Ernesta M. Doherty, of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, be appointed executrix, without sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Boston Suffolk Probate Court, Old Courthouse, room 120 BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON March 27, 1997.

Wills only: In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motions with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness Mary C. Fitzpatrick, Esquire, First Justice of said Court.

Date 2/27/97

Richard Iannella
Register of Probate

CITY OF BOSTON

To the Public Safety Commission
Committee on Licenses
Building Department

Boston, Nov. 1, 1996

APPLICATION

For the lawful use of the herein-described building and other structure, application is hereby made for a permit for a private - public garage already licensed parking garage for 1344 cars, and also for a license to use the land on which such building or structure is/are or is/are to be situated for the KEEPING-STORAGE of: 1,344 vehicles which contain 26,880 gallons of gasoline (20 gallons per vehicle) and an 8,000 gallon fuel oil tank.

Location of land: Building 199, 13th Street,
Charlestown Navy Yard

Ward 2 Parcel 3510-100

Owner of land: Mass. General Hospital

Address: 55 Fruit Street, Boston, MA

Dimensions of land: Ft. front: 220 Ft. deep: 420

Area Sq. ft.: 76,411

Number of buildings or structures on land, the use of which requires land to be licensed: One building

Manner of keeping: 1,344 parking spaces on 8 levels and an 8,000 gallon fuel oil tank which resides in the abandoned elevator sump.

Kenneth Weinberg, director
Radiation Safety Officer
MGH, 55 Fruit St.
Boston, MA

City of Boston, In Public Safety Commission, Feb. 20, 1997. In the foregoing petition, it is hereby ORDERED, that notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Committee will on Wednesday, the 26th day of March at 9:30 o'clock, A.M. consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Charlestown Patriot and by mailing by prepaid registered mail, not less than 7 days prior to such hearing, a copy to every owner of record of each parcel of land abutting on the parcel of land on which the building proposed to be erected for, or maintained as, a garage is to be or is situated. Hearing to be held in 1010 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA 02118. Gary P. Moccia, chairman; Martin E. Pierce; John Magee, Committee On Licenses. A true copy. Attest: Brigid Kenny, secretary.

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NOTICE

In the ESTATE of Philip J. Whelan a/k/a Philip John Whelan.

To all persons interested in the estate of Philip J. Whelan a/k/a Philip John Whelan, late of the County of Suffolk, Date of Death January 31, 1997.

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying the will be proved and allowed and that Richard K. Mazow, of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, be appointed executor, without sureties on his bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Boston Suffolk Probate Court, Old Courthouse, room 120 BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON May 1, 1997.

Wills only: In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motions with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness Mary C. Fitzpatrick, Esquire, First Justice of said Court.

Date 2/26/97

Richard Iannella
Register of Probate

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locks at his store on Bunker Hill Street.

A woman stated that someone stole her wallet containing credit cards and money.

Monday, March 3

A man reported that person(s) unknown broke into his residence on Eighth Street and stole gold jewelry.

Community Sing At First Church

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English As A Second Language Conversation Groups

The Charlestown Branch
Library at 179 Main St. will
be having English as a Se-
cond Language Conversa-
tion Groups during the
month of March for adults
learning English. The
group is open to all levels
of ability and provides an

opportunity to practice
speaking English aloud.

The groups will meet
on Monday, March 10 and
Monday, March 24 from 7
to 8 p.m.

Come prepared to talk,
listen and have a good
time!

Put Your Old Eyeglasses To Good Use

The Charlestown Lions Club has recycled over 8,000
pairs of eyeglasses, making it possible for many who
could not afford to buy eyeglasses to obtain them.

If you have any discarded or unneeded eyeglasses or
sunglasses and would like to put them to good use,
please give them to a local Lions Club member, drop
them off at the Patriot office at One Thompson Square,
or call Bud Coleman at 242-2063.

North Adams State College To Hold Eastern Mass. Session

As part of its continuing
commitment to bringing
North Adams State Col-
lege closer to home for
many students from east-
ern Mass., the institution
will hold its annual "Bos-
ton Information Session"
on Sunday, March 9 in
Waltham. The event will
be held at the Westin Hotel
from 2 to 4 p.m., with reg-
istration beginning at 1:45
p.m. To reach the Westin
Hotel, take exit 27A off of
Route 128 in Waltham.

President Thomas Ace-
to will deliver a welcoming
address and will be avail-
able to answer questions
from students and parents.
North Adams State Col-
lege, the public liberal arts
college of Mass., is located

in the northern corner of
the Berkshire hills and
enrolls 1,600 students.

College representatives
will also be on hand to pro-
vide information regarding
the institution's academic,
admissions, financial aid
and student life offerings.
The information program
will open with a brief panel
presentation, followed by
an open session for ques-
tions, as well as an oppor-
tunity for students to speak
one-on-one with college
representatives.

The program is free and
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HAPPENINGS AT THE CHARLESTOWN WORKING THEATER 442 Bunker Hill St. 242-3285

• Class Schedule

Acting - Saturday at 11:30 a.m.
Dance - Saturday at 1 p.m.
Piano - Wednesday as scheduled
Singing - To be announced

Please remember, unexcused absences will end your participation in classes. All classes, except for singing, are filled to capacity.

• Snoopy Rehearsal Schedule

Tuesday, 7 - 9 p.m. - Charlestown High School
Thursday, 7 - 9 p.m. - Charlestown High School
Saturday, 2 - 6 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater

• Snoopy!

This April, the CWT will present its Junior Players in a musical production of *Snoopy*. In order to make this show a success, we need YOUR help! Because of the popularity of our community productions, we are adding this show to our season at the last minute. This means we need dedicated volunteers for fund raising, marketing, set building, costume making, in short, just about everything. If you have ever thought about helping out on one of our productions, now is the time! Participate in making a positive difference in the life of your community, using your creativity, meeting new people and having fun.

Tickets for *Snoopy*, which are \$10 per person, will go on sale at Artisan Cafe in the Bunker Hill Mall and Bunker Hill Insurance Agency, 82 A Bunker Hill St., on Monday, March 10.

For information, call the theater at 242-3285.

See you at the theater!

Bunker Hill Irish Heritage Society Annual

St. Patrick's Day Dance Saturday, March 14

K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Dancing to the music of
D.J. Eric Johnson, 8 to midnight
Light Buffet

Tickets \$5 per person

Tickets will be sold at the door
or to reserve a table of 10, call
Florence Johnson at 241-8131,
Maryhelen Whelan at 242-1604
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CHARLESTOWN SMOKING-CESSATION GROUPS

Tuesday Morning Group

10 - 11 a.m.

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15
April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

Wednesday Evening Group

5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16
April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21

The Smoking Cessation groups run for 5 consecutive weeks and are held at the MGH Charlestown HealthCare Center, 73 High St., in Charlestown. Classes are held in the 2nd floor conference room and are **FREE** of charge.

Please call 485-6210 to register.

In addition to group session,
individual sessions are available by appointment.



A Celtic Courtyard At The New England Flower Show

Francis McCormack of Irish Natural Stone in Boston, Tubber, Co. Clare is teaming up with Minerva Design of Charlestown, USA to present a Celtic courtyard at the 126th annual New England Spring Flower Show from March 8 through 16 at Bayside Expo Center in Dorchester.

The theme of this year's show is "Secrets of the Garden." This patio and water feature of Irish marble and limestone may be the "secret of the show."

Designed by Charlestown resident Robert Spencer of Minerva Design with masonry installation by Kilkelly Masonry of Holliston, the garden consists of a semi-circular patio of

limestone tiles engraved with Irish county names and a hand carved cascade crafted by Irish Natural Stone. McCormack, whose stone works are featured at the Irish American Partnership Heritage House Gallery and Shop in Dublin, produces timeless pieces fashioned in the styles and motifs of ancient Celtic stone crafters.

Along with the cascade and tiles, bird baths and sundials will also be displayed for sale. McCormack specializes in monumental custom designs, sculptures and architectural pieces of great artistry. All of his works are available here in New England through Spencer's garden art im-

porter, Garden Crafts of Charlestown.

Minerva Design, co-sponsor of the display at #231 in Hall C of the Expo Center, specializes in the design and installation of Irish-style gardens in the metropolitan Boston area. This style combines the classic geometry of a well organized outdoor garden space with the profusion of planting so typical of gardens in Ireland's damp and temperate climate.

If you wish more information about this joint garden display or seek a piece of stone garden art which might be custom crafted for your own garden, please contact Spencer at Minerva Design, 242-2422.

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Dear Carolyn,

We would like to thank you formally for your competence and professionalism in assisting us in the purchase and subsequent sale of our home. Right from the beginning we knew we had chosen the right realtor when you spent time listening to us and asking questions in order to determine our specific needs, and then found the perfect house for us.

In selling our home, we certainly appreciated your sound advice and suggestions along the way which enabled us to obtain a good price and very favorable terms. As busy professionals with small children, we truly valued your expertise as well as your kindness and consideration in marketing our home with minimal interference with our daily routine.

Once again, we thank you for your valuable assistance, and we highly recommend you to our friends and acquaintances who are buying or selling a home in Charlestown.

Sincerely,
Gigi N. Givis, M.D.

Dear Carolyn,

At your request, enclosed find the party wall agreement. That was a smooth closing, mainly because of your terrific display of teamwork. I am opening a Boston office next week and hope that we can do some more closings together.

Elliott S. Topkins, partner
Topkins & Bevans
Attorneys At Law

Dear Carolyn,

We write to express our sincere gratitude for the sterling efforts you recently made on our behalf so that our housing dream became a reality. You have now guided us through four real estate transactions (two sales, two purchases), so your professionalism, efficiency and reliability are well known to us. We have come to depend on your knowledge and advice on values and prices. But, what really amazed us was your ability to cut through red tape and keep things moving forward. That skill was particularly critical this time where we were required to sell a house and buy another all within 90 days. During that interval, a number of issues came up which caused us seriously to doubt whether we could close within the allotted time frame. But thanks in no small measure to your experience and good-humored optimism we made it.

We are very happy with our new home and cannot contemplate wanting to move again, but we certainly will continue to recommend you without reservation to friends and acquaintances who have real estate business within the area.

Sincerely,
Paula & Stephen Snyder

Dear Carolyn,

I've been meaning to write to you, but I never realized how many boxes we had to unpack since our move from Charlestown. I hope we don't go through this process again for a good while.

Anyway, we wanted to thank you for helping us sell our home so quickly. For that matter, thank you for selling our condo before that, too. You are a delight to work with. Your professionalism, honesty and attentive style made the process less stressful than we expected. Best of all, you got us what we were hoping to get for our home. That and the speed in which you were able to buy our home that we found here in the North Shore. You know the market and you know your clients, on both ends. Thank you, Carolyn. Please say hello to our wonderful neighbors on Baldwin Street.

Sincerely,
Lucy & Bill

LUCY & BILL PHOTOGRAPHY

Thank you, Carolyn, for the champagne and the book about Charlestown. I'm slowly getting settled in, and I think it will take another week or so before the reality of it being my own place will set in, and I'll really enjoy it. Thanks for all your help. You were a pleasure to work with.

Peter Hall

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