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### Freedom Trail Sidewalk Markings

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square, to discuss the planned sidewalk and street markings for the continuation of the Freedom Trail through Charlestown.

The streets involved in the discussion of these markings include Prospect, Tremont, Mount Vernon, Chestnut, Adams, Winthrop Streets, Monument Avenue and Monument Square. Residents from these streets are advised to attend the meeting.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Human Services Committee of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, Moe Gillen, Chairman. Representatives from the National Park Service will be on hand to answer residents' questions.

### The Cassin Young Association On Second Annual Commemorative Sea Trials



MEMBERS of the Cassin Young Association gathered on the deck of the Fletcher Class Destroyer during the Second Annual Commemorative Sea Trials in Boston Harbor, under the command of Admiral John Burchill of the National Park Service Navy. Association members, volunteers and guests enjoyed the two hour cruise as tug boats guided the ship out to Castle Island and back to her berth at Pier One in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

### Charlestown Neighborhood Council Election On Saturday, October 24

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold an election for seven open Council seats on Saturday, October 24 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, 15 Green Street. Fourteen residents are running for the seven precinct seats. The candidates are:

- Precinct 1:** David Paisner, 23 Prescott Street  
Annmarie Vesey, 11 Ellwood Street
- Precinct 2:** Terry Cullen, 8 Constellation Wharf  
Thomas Jackson, 48 Old Ironsides Way
- Precinct 3:** William Galvin, 49 Monument Square  
Peter Golden, Jr., 9 Monument Square  
Robert Wallace, 11 Mount Vernon Street
- Precinct 4:** Christopher Page, 21 Bartlett Street
- Precinct 5:** John J. Lynch, 69 Pearl Street  
John F. Reveliotis, 54 Mystic Street  
Annette Tecce, 77 Russell Street
- Precinct 6:** Ellen D'Ambrosio, 6a Dunstable Street  
Virginia Jenkins, 16 Mead Street
- Precinct 7:** Thomas Cunha, 427 Bunker Hill Street

Residents may only vote for a candidate from their precinct. No absentee voting will be allowed. To be eligible to vote, you must be a Charlestown resident, 18 years of age or older. Residency will be checked from the police listing of residents. If your name does not appear on that list, some proof of identification that includes your address will be requested.

The Council's special Election Committee will tally votes after the polls close at 2:00 p.m. and election results will be announced at that time.

### Charlestown Clubhouse To Hold Parents' Night And Open House

On Thursday, October 29, the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club will be hosting both a Parents' Night and a special Open House for the Teen Room, which has just recently reopened at the Clubhouse.

The Teen Room had been closed since December 1986 and, thanks to a grant from the Amelia Peabody Foundation, the space has been renovated and the whole Teen Program rejuvenated at the Clubhouse. With new dropped ceilings, new lighting, a fresh coat of paint and new floor tiles,

the Teen Room is in great shape.

In addition to "new" space there are also new ideas and programs and a new Director of the Teen Program, Joe Jackson.

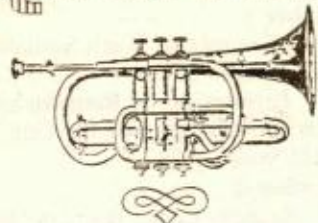
To help kick things off, a representative from the Peabody Foundation will be present at the Open House.

The night will begin at 5:30 p.m. and everyone is asked to enter the Clubhouse at the High Street Entrance which will bring you right into the Teen Room.

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### The U.S. Army Field Band

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### Charlestown Collaborative To Assist College Bound Students

Charlestown Community Schools and the Kennedy Center are designing a program to help assist college bound students. This program is open to high school sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Services being offered are SAT preparation, assistance with college selection, planning college visits and financial aid assistance.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday evening,

October 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Charlestown High School, 254 Medford Street.

Call Noreen O'Halloran or Jeff McGann at 242-2770 or Jack Sheehan at 241-8866 for more information.

### Board Of Directors Meeting

The Kennedy Center Board of Directors will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, November 2 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the old Kent School, 27A Moulton Street.

The public is invited to attend.

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# Charlestown Community Calendar

## This Week At A Glance

**Thursday, October 22**

- 4:00 p.m. — "Creative Library Drama" for children ages 8-12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street
- 5:00 p.m. — Charlestown Merchants Association Meeting and Tour of Navy Yard, BRA Office, Building 34, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 7:30 p.m. — "The Phoenix from the Flame: Charlestown's Recovery and Rivalry with Boston" with Professor Thomas N. Brown, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street
- 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. — Aerobics Class begins, Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, 15 Green Street

**Friday, October 23**

- 10:00 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group and Pre-School Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street
- 7:00 to 11:30 p.m. — Halloween Dance for Teenagers 13 to 18, Kent Community School, 55 Bunker Hill Street
- 8:00 p.m. — Performance of **Reunion and Great Nebula In Orion**, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street
- 8:00 p.m. — Irish Night featuring the "Silver Spears," Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill Street

**Saturday, October 24**

- 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. — Rummage Sale, First Church, Green Street
- 10:00 a.m. — Charlestown Youth Soccer Club games, Charlestown High School Field, Medford Street
- 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Election, Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, 15 Green Street
- 8:00 p.m. — Performance of **Reunion and Great Nebula In Orion**, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

**Sunday, October 25**

- 12:30 p.m. — Five-Mile Walk to benefit St. Francis de Sales School, from St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill Street
- 12:30 p.m. — Seminar on Youth Sexuality, St. John's Church, 27 Devens Street
- 2:00 p.m. — Navy Yard Tour by Historic Neighborhoods Foundation, from NPS Visitor Center, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 2:00 p.m. — Performance of **Reunion and Great Nebula In Orion**, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street
- 3:00 p.m. — Longwood Opera Company presents **La Boheme**, St. John's Church, 27 Devens Street

**Monday, October 26**

- 5:00 p.m. — Deadline for submission of nomination petitions for the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force, 76 Monument Street or 55 Bunker Hill Street
- 7:00 p.m. — "Townie Santa" Committee Meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens Street

**Tuesday, October 27**

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street
- 10:30 a.m. to noon — Responsive Parenting Discussion, Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street
- 7:00 p.m. — Program for college-bound high school sophomores, juniors and seniors sponsored by Charlestown Community Schools and the Kennedy Center, Charlestown High School Library, 254 Medford Street

**Wednesday, October 28**

- 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. — Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square
- 7:30 p.m. — Country Store, sponsored by Court St. Jude 1123, CDA, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill Street
- 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. — Adult Education Series on "Ecumenism," St. Mary's Parish Hall, Winthrop Street
- 7:30 p.m. — Meeting of the Human Services Committee of the Neighborhood Council on proposed Freedom Trail sidewalk markings, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, October 29**

- 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. — Substitute Teacher Aide Training Program, Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street
- 1:00 p.m. — Concert by the United States Army Field Band Brass Quintet sponsored by Bunker Hill Post 26, American Legion and the National Park Service, Pier One, Charlestown Navy Yard (in case of inclement weather, Preble Room, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard)
- 4:00 p.m. — "Creative Library Drama" for children ages 8-12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street
- 4:00 p.m. — Haunted Halloween Happening, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street
- 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. — Parents' Night and Teen Room Open House, Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, 15 Green Street
- 7:30 p.m. — "Annexation and Industrialization: The Flight of the Old Middle Class, 1847-1910 with Professor Thomas N. Brown, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street
- 7:30 p.m. — Installation of Officers of Bunker Hill Post 26, the American Legion, Preble Room, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard

**Friday, October 30**

- 10:00 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group and Pre-School Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street
- 6:00 to 8:15 a.m. — Halloween Party, Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, 15 Green Street
- 8:00 p.m. — Performance of **Reunion and Great Nebula In Orion**, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street
- 9:00 p.m. — Bunker Hill Irish Heritage Society Kick-Off Dance with Dick McManus and the Irish Revolution, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

**Saturday, October 31**

- 10:00 a.m. — Charlestown Youth Soccer Club games, Charlestown High School Field, Medford Street
- 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. — Halloween Face Painting, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street
- 4:00 p.m. — Halloween Party sponsored by CAPS, Memorial Hall, 14 Green Street
- 6:00 p.m. — Halloween Costume Parade Around the Monument sponsored by CAPS, from in front of 5 Monument Square
- 8:00 p.m. — Performance of **Reunion and Great Nebula In Orion**, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

**Sunday, November 1**

- 12:30 p.m. — Seminar on Youth Sexuality, St. John's Church, 27 Devens Street
- 2:00 p.m. — Performance of **Reunion and Great Nebula In Orion**, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

**Monday, November 2**

- 7:00 p.m. — Kennedy Center Board of Directors Meeting, Old Kent School, 27a Moulton Street

**Tuesday, November 3**

- 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. — City of Boston Election Day — **BE SURE TO VOTE!**
- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street
- 10:30 a.m. to noon — Responsive Parenting Discussion, Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street

**Wednesday, November 4**

- 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. — Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square
- 7:30 p.m. — Adult Education Series on "Peace and Justice," St. Mary's Parish Hall, Winthrop Street
- 8:00 p.m. — Bunker Hill Post 26, American Legion Meeting, First Floor, One Thompson Square

## Plan Ahead

**Friday, November 6**

- 7:00 p.m. — Retirement Party honoring John "Red" Curtin, Somerville City Club (across from Holiday Inn)

**Saturday, November 7**

- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. — St. Mary's Sidewalk Sale, St. Mary's Church, Warren and Winthrop Streets
- 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. — 148th Annual Fair, St. John's Church, 27 Devens Street

**Sunday, November 8**

- 10:00 a.m. — Annual Veterans Day Mass sponsored by Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill Street

**Tuesday, November 10**

- 7:00 p.m. — Charlestown Police Community Relations Meeting, Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street
- 8:00 p.m. — Fashion Show, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill Street

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<p><b>Dirty Dancing</b> PG-13 12:45-3:00-5:10-7:45-10:00 Fri &amp; Sat 12:10</p>	<p><b>THE Sicilian</b> R 12:30 - 2:50 - 5:10 - 7:30 - 10:00 Fri. &amp; Sat. 12:10</p>
<p><b>PRINCE OF DARKNESS</b> R 1:10 3:15 5:30 7:45 10:00 Fri. &amp; Sat. 11:55</p>	<p>Starts Friday 10/30 <b>The HIDDEN FATAL BEAUTY</b></p>

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## Congregate Housing Receives Support For Re-Use Of Municipal Building

by Mary Ziniti

The Public Facilities Department (PFD) of the City of Boston conducted a public meeting on October 20 concerning the re-use of the former Municipal Building located at the corner of Bunker Hill and Lexington Streets. PFD owns the building. Approximately 35 people attended the gathering at the Kent Community School.

The presentation made by the department included a recommendation for Elderly Congregate Housing to serve the "frail" elderly of the Charlestown community. The recommendation also included having an Elderly Day-Care service on the first floor of the building for those who would live in the housing and for elderly community residents to visit on a daily basis.

Jean Moltenbrey, housing analyst/congregate specialist for the Executive Office of Elder Affairs for the Commonwealth, also spoke as a "technical advisor" on the recommendation. She described the congregate housing as a place for the elderly who can't live totally alone, but who aren't ready to enter a nursing home. She added that residents usually include single women who never had children who could care for them in their later stage of life and individuals who had recently lost a spouse. This latter category allows for a large number of men who find themselves unable to perform everyday tasks when they lose their "nurturer," according to Moltenbrey. She added that this type of living does not necessarily mean that residents are one step away from a nursing home. In fact, she noted that some residents have moved out of congregate housing to return to living on their own.

Twenty-three congregate houses are now in operation throughout the state of Massachusetts and a few of the houses were presented during a slide show. Moltenbrey said that state legislature has been very generous in funding this housing, as

approximately 40 more are currently in the planning stages. Only eight state funded congregate housing units currently exist in Boston, specifically in Hyde Park.

As she talked the audience through the slides, Moltenbrey noted that this housing is not "stamped" out in design, but tends to reflect the neighborhood in which it is situated. Moltenbrey noted that the rooms of the residents, showing various styles of furnishings, were "not institutional, but homey."

In the slide presentation, the audience saw that a number of services occur within the congregate housing, including visiting nurses and homemakers. Congregate housing does not include 24-hour care, but a housing coordinator overseeing the building does live on the premises. A number of slides depicted residents in wheelchairs, as Moltenbrey explained that congregate housing is handicap accessible.

The conceptual design presented by Andy Slettebak of PFD gave a general idea as how congregate housing would appear. Slettebak stressed that his presentation was not a final design, only a "basic outline that might work."

The design showed the

lay-out for eight private rooms on one floor that included a bed, a side-table, two dressers, an arm chair, a desk and a straight chair. Also, each private room might have a walk-in closet. Two residents would, according to this example, share a lavatory consisting of a sink and a toilet, while four residents might share a bathing room containing a bathtub and a wall shower. In this design, the living room, dining room and kitchen areas would exist as common space shared by all eight residents.

Slettebak also informed the audience during the question and answer period that eight parking spaces would be provided in the plans.

Moltenbrey explained that the cost of living in such housing follows certain guidelines. She said that residents must have a maximum yearly income of \$13,000 to \$14,000. While 25 per cent of this would pay for the elders' rent in this housing, the state would fund the difference.

Barry Berman, also of PFD, said that the city hired an engineer to examine the condemned building to ensure that such housing plans could be feasible. After an inspection of the structure, the engineer determined that housing for 21 to 24

elderly residents on floors two through four is possible, according to Berman. He added that the first floor would contain the Elderly Day-Care, while medical facilities would also be available.

The city is currently seeking a developer to actually build this project when plans are finalized. The officials speaking at this meeting said that they are applying for state funding under Chapter 667 of the Elderly Housing Program run by the Executive Office of Communities and Development (EOCD). When the state funds such a project it requires that the local housing authority manage the site. In this case the local authority is the Boston Housing Authority (BHA).

Berman said that some gaps may or may not exist in the cost of rehabilitating the Municipal Building. Should funding gaps occur, the city would seek a combination of additional funding from other sources than the state, such as city funds, linkage money and private money.

Residents attending the meeting voiced general approval for this recommendation for the building, but showed some reservations at the mention of the BHA. The community voiced its concern that if the place-

ment for residents in this housing is left to the decision of the BHA, elderly from outside Charlestown would have first preference. However, Moltenbrey reassured the gathering that local elders would be considered first for placement and then any available space would be filled by elderly from outside the community.

A few residents showed reservations concerning the recommendation. Joe and Margie Kent said that congregate housing was not what the community decided upon at the last meeting concerning the matter held in March of this year. Anne Wilson of PFD said that she remembers this subject being mentioned among other topics. She reiterated her earlier statement of the evening that their presentation was only a recommendation, not an actual proposal.

Among other possible uses for the building, mentioned at the March meeting were plans for a police station, however, Wilson said that the police department does not want the Municipal Building as it is examining another site in the community.

Wilson also reviewed the property disposition process that the city follows. She noted that another meeting will occur with the community before any final decisions are made, as city looks for the "blessings" of the community.

Charlestown resident Bobby Wallace drew resounding applause from the audience as he voiced his support for this recommendation when he said that Charlestown as a community cannot allow the situation to occur when it can't take care of its own elderly. As

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### REAL ESTATE WEEKLY

By Joseph P. Gannon III  
Century 21 Silva Realty Associates

#### NEGOTIATING POINTS

When you're selling a home, it's easy to be offended by buyers who are making an offer on your property. Even if they love your house, they are trying to negotiate the best price and terms possible, and they probably won't let you know how much they want the place until their offer is a ratified sales agreement.

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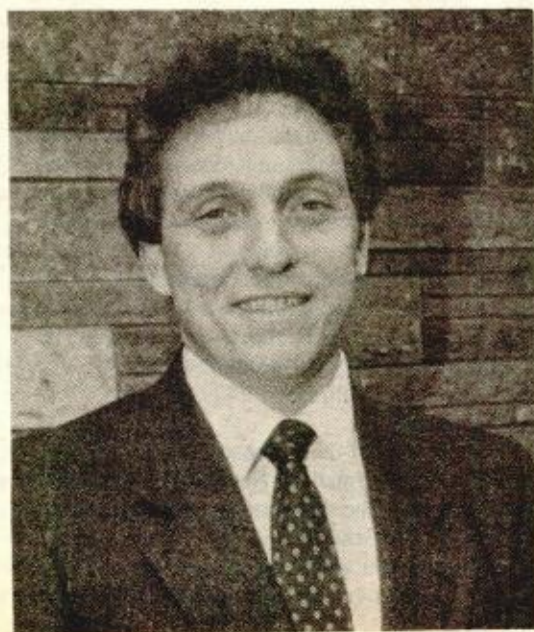
The election for the **Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force Board of Directors** is **NOVEMBER 2 and 3**.

Nomination petitions and election rules are available at the Task Force Office, 76 Monument Street or the BHA Management Office, 55 Bunker Hill Street.

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### Letters to the Editor

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### Joseph Tognarelli Scholarship Fund Established

Dear Residents of Charlestown,

On Sunday October 4th, the residents of Charlestown were dealt a serious blow with the tragic death of Joseph Tognarelli. Joe's death was tragic to all of those who were lucky enough to call him a friend. Joe died trying to knock an electrical wire off of a house which was on fire.

A Scholarship Fund has been established in memory of Joe at Saint Dominic Savio High, where Joe was an outstanding student-athlete.

Donations can be sent to: The Joseph Tognarelli Scholarship Fund, c/o Dominic Savio High School, Bennington & Byron Streets, East Boston, MA 02128, attention: Father John Serio.

Ed Codair

### Sidewalk Conditions Deplorable

Dear Editor:

Thank you for bringing to light the problems on the reconstruction work on Warren Street. I thought I was the only one who found the conditions of the sidewalks deplorable.

I certainly hope that the width of the sidewalks on the left hand side of Warren Street can be adjusted. It doesn't seem logical that the side of the street that handles the heaviest traffic should be narrowed to a point where only one person can pass through.

Please keep us informed on the progress of your report.  
Mary DeVallis

### Brick And Hot-Top Don't Go Together

To the Editor:

The residents of the Constitution Co-op would like to know why the contractors who are doing the sidewalks on Warren Street are not going to finish these sidewalks with brick as we were told.

We are led to understand that the brick will be laid, **only to the end of our building** and the remaining sidewalk is to be hot-topped! This certainly will spoil the Colonial appearance at this important part of Charlestown.

Plans were to give this entire area the Colonial look — with red brick and gas lights — as of old.

Can't have the Colonial-look with brick and hot-top together!

Sincerely,  
Mary Dearing, President  
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### Congratulations To The Lions Club

Dear Editor,

Charlestown is truly fortunate to have such a philanthropic organization as the Charlestown Lions Club offering its assistance to our local youngsters. It was certainly evident to me, as I am sure it was to the many others who had the pleasure to attend the recent fundraiser, that the Lions Club's effort to assist Charlestown's local youth sports programs was a huge success.

This was a most important event. Knowing how athletics can help provide the guidance and self discipline youngsters needs to build a foundation for future growth and maturity, I certainly believe the Lions Club has taken a gigantic step towards ensuring that further opportunities will be available for today's youth to become vital and integral members of tomorrow's society.

In extending my heartiest congratulations to Bud Coleman and the Charlestown Lions Club, I would again like to bring to the attention of our entire community the immense efforts of this organization and its membership. It is because of efforts like this that Charlestown's future continues to be bright.

Very truly yours,  
Richard A. Voke  
State Representative

### No Excuse For Sidewalk Hazards

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the article in the October 15th edition of **The Patriot** on the road and sidewalk reconstruction work on Warren and Main Streets. I realize that there are many concerns discussed in the article that are not going to be addressed immediately, but there is one concern that should not even have had to be mentioned.

The concern I refer to is the metal strappings removed from the piles of new bricks as they are installed. These strappings litter the sidewalks and streets from Thompson to City Squares and pose a severe hazard to pedestrians.

I personally have fallen victim to the careless disposal of these strappings. On a recent evening, I was crossing the island at Thompson Square — an area with minimal lighting — when my foot caught in one of these strappings, severely cutting my leg and causing me to fall over the curbing between two parked cars.

I noted as I walked the area this past Tuesday that the hazard remains. There is no excuse for this condition. These metal strappings should be removed and the area cleaned at the conclusion of each work day. The residents should not be subjected to such hazardous conditions.

J.C.

### We Should Receive Answers

Dear Mrs. Conway,

I wish to congratulate you and your paper's effort to address the complaints and concerns of the community regarding the reconstruction of the sidewalks and streets on Main and Warren Streets. I have observed with much interest the progress of this reconstruction and have wondered why one particular sidewalk would be widened to an extreme footage, while another (more heavily traveled) would be narrowed to a point of almost non-existence.

Also, it is a disgrace that the sidewalk outside the elderly housing on Warren Street should be left in the condition that it is in today. If it was agreed that the B.R.A. would pay for these sidewalks, then let them do so. Is this another promise they don't intend to keep with our community?

Although we have been very patient with the construction company, and have been made to live with traffic headaches, inaccessibility to our streets during the day and an overall inconvenience with services having been shut off while new connections had to be made, I do feel we should receive answers to the questions raised in the article in last week's **Patriot**.

Peter McDermott

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### Thank You, Firefighters

Dear Charlestown Firefighters,

I must write to publicly thank you for your prompt response to our call for help on Bunker Hill Street on Tuesday evening, October 13th. Your courtesy and helpfulness meant so much.

A "Tip of the Hat" to each of you.

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### Thank You

On behalf of the Daughters of Isabella No. 1, I would like to thank everyone who helped make the "Princemen Chorus" night such an enjoyable evening. The response was really great! I will be looking forward to having them back next year.

Thank you also to Alice Lynch, Dodie Boyle and the girls, many thanks for your cooperation. Also to Grand Knight Ed Lynch and the boys, President Judy Burton, Betty Donahue, Kay Dunleavy, Carol Savinsky (for her transportation), Peg Sullivan, Phyllis Ward and Mary Callahan.

I also want to thank Bob Travaglini, "Dapper" O'Neil and Bob Cappucci.

Thanks also to Gloria Conway of **Charlestown Patriot**.  
Glady Gauthier, Chairman  
Judy Burton, President

### Seeks Support For Council Seat

My name is Tom Jackson and I am a Charlestown resident interested in youth and elderly issues, as well as, all basic services affecting our community.

I am a candidate for the Charlestown Neighborhood Council in Precinct 2. I would appreciate any resident who is 18 years of age and registered to vote, cast a ballot for me in the upcoming election. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Tom Jackson

48 Old Ironsides Way, Charlestown

### Charity Dinner Dance A Success

Dear Gloria,

The October 9th Charlestown Lions Charity Dinner Dance was more of a success than any of those involved had dared to think. In our first attempt at such an event, we all under estimated the capability of our club and the commitment of the committee members from the Lions Club, Little League, Hockey, Pop Warner Football and the Youth Soccer League and, more importantly, the generosity of people who are intent on helping out the youngsters of Charlestown.

As we promised throughout our drive, a financial statement of the source of income for this event, including the expenses involved and the proceeds, is enclosed with the request that you publish it for the information of all who helped us through ad purchases, ticket purchases, raffle sales at the dinner and outright donations.

INCOME	
Dinner Tickets Sold	\$10,650
Ad Book	5,530
Donations	1,795
Raffle	645
Bus Fares	90
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$18,710</b>
EXPENSES	
Caruso's Diplomat	\$5,508
Ad Book Printing	1,308
McManus Orchestra	700
Fiore Bus Company	151
Postage Stamps	286
Saugus Police Detail	187
Ticket Printing	90
Advertising	66
Photocopies	65
Envelopes and Stationery	25
Raffle Tickets	13
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,399</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 10,311</b>

We do want to again thank all those who assisted in any way and I wish to extend my personal thanks and the thanks of the members of the Charlestown Lions Club and the Committee to you and the staff of the **Charlestown Patriot**; to the members and Grand Knight of the Bunker Hill Council 62 Knights of Columbus; to our State Representative Richie Voke for his most generous contribution of \$1,000; and for the continuous support you have all shown to programs designed to help our community as a whole. Without such assistance, organizations such as the Charlestown Lions Club would not be as effective as we have been.

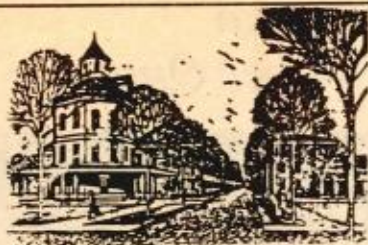
Anyone with any questions concerning our Charity Dinner Dance can call me at 242-2063 and I will be glad to answer them.

Distribution of the proceeds will be made upon receipt of our bank statement in November, after all deposits have been cleared. The distribution of the proceeds will also be made public at that time.

Thanking you again for all the help to the Charlestown Lions Club in our efforts to help Charlestown's young athletes.

Sincerely,  
Francis J. Coleman  
President Charlestown Lions Club

## Life Behind The Wall



by Ronan FitzPatrick

The cast is assembling for the Charlestown Neighborhood Council Election on Saturday, October 24th. Yard resident Terry Cullen circulated nomination papers hoping to capture a casting vote. Cullen works in the Yard's commercial segment. Terry is depending on his former Shipway and present Constellation neighbors, as well as all residents of the Yard, to come out on Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, 15 Green Street, to support his candidacy. To the victor belongs the spoils of creating a logical and comprehensive design for one of the town's last bastions — The Yard.

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Several decades ago, the article in "Ripley's Believe It Or Not" stated that Charlestown had more bars and lounges in one square mile than any other community. As the lyrics go, "the times are a changing." On a recent morning commute to downtown, the wrecker's crane was having a swinging ball with razing of the last bar on Chelsea Street. That's correct, folks, Doherty's has been leveled. For a returning "Townie," City Square to Chelsea Street is indeed a ghost town. Where have all the revelers gone?

Presently, the Yard has the Above Deck Restaurant, Blossoms Cafe and the Commissary with its extensive beer, wine and liquor selection. In addition to Barrett's, adjacent to the USS Constitution, and the anticipated plans for other establishments, the area is quickly becoming a social gathering scene.

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An interesting flyer circulated by the Constitution Commissary noted the delivery of wine and wood for the nominal price of \$10.00. For those with a surplus wine cellar, the purchase price of the wood alone is \$5.50. For the good life, take heed and give a call at 242-6089.

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A professional position is being advertised by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. The office of the Executive Director is seeking a Technical Manager to coordinate schedules of a sundry of projects. Reporting to the Associate General Counsel for Environmental Law, the successful applicant must have a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Sciences, Engineering, Business Administration or Public Administration. Resume and salary requirements must be forwarded to Paul F. Levy, Executive Director, MWRA, Charlestown Navy Yard, 100 First Avenue, Charlestown. Don't be left out — if qualified, apply.

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Adorning vehicles parked throughout the Yard was a blue pamphlet heralding the benefits of the Shipyard Garage. Building 199 is clean, well lit, and has friendly attendants. Operating around the clock, seven days a week, the rates effective November 1st will be \$90 for 24 hours, seven days a week; \$60 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. and Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays; and regular rates are \$1.00 each hour, with a \$4.00 maximum per day. If the numbers add up, join the 199 garage at 13th Street.

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Stretching the length of the affordable housing site, heavy equipment was awaiting its operators. After a protracted period, it appears the definitive approaches to structural work is upon us. With many a turkey lottery held in November, hopefully the numerous anxious applicants will see their lottery come to fruition, welcoming the harvest season as well.

## Subase Accepts Oak For Delivery To USS Constitution

The Washington Oak, a landmark in Saint Marys, Georgia for 187 years, is gone, but it won't be forgotten.

Oak, which has meant so much to so many Saint Marys citizens for 187 years, is memorable both to the local community and to the

also the 200th birthday of Saint Marys. What better time than now to accept this timber and promise you all that the tree will 'live on' within the restoration of USS Constitution."

Mayor Ward Hernandez thanked the Navy for preserving a part of Saint Marys heritage. "Someday I hope to go aboard the USS Constitution and walk her deck," he said. "How wonderful it will be to realize that timber from our Washington Oak is a part of this great sailing ship that became a symbol of heroism during the war of 1812."

A ceremonial cut of the

oak was made by Captain Ramsey, Mayor Hernandez and two local civic leaders, followed by the presentation of a piece of the oak to Captain Ramsey.

The Navy has transported the selected timber to Charlestown and work is underway to incorporate the oak into "Old Ironsides."

Ramsey presented a colored photograph of the USS Constitution to Mayor Hernandez and then read a letter from Commander Dave Cashman, 62nd Commanding Officer of USS Constitution, in which he congratulated Saint Marys on her 200th birthday.



*THE WASHINGTON OAK, a 187 year old tree in Saint Marys, Georgia, was cut during ceremonies in that town on September 11th and selected timber from the oak will live again in the restoration of the "USS Constitution." Captain William F. Ramsey, commanding officer, Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay, Georgia; Ward Hernandez, Mayor of Saint Marys; and local dignitaries took part in the ceremony. The oak has recently arrived in Charlestown and work is underway to incorporate the oak into the restoration of the "USS Constitution."*

(U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Rick Toppings)

The live oak, which was one of six others planted on Osborne Street in downtown Saint Marys in honor of President George Washington following his death in December 1799, will live again in "Old Ironsides" — thanks to the Navy.

On Friday, September 11, a ceremony for the removal of the remaining oak was held next to the tree. More than 300 residents, school children, local dignitaries and Navy personnel were on hand to hear Captain William F. Ramsey, Commanding Officer of the Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, express the Navy's concern over the oak.

"This event, at which the Navy accepts with pride and dignity the Washington

Navy," the captain said.

He added, "This year, we celebrate the Bicentennial of our Constitution. It is

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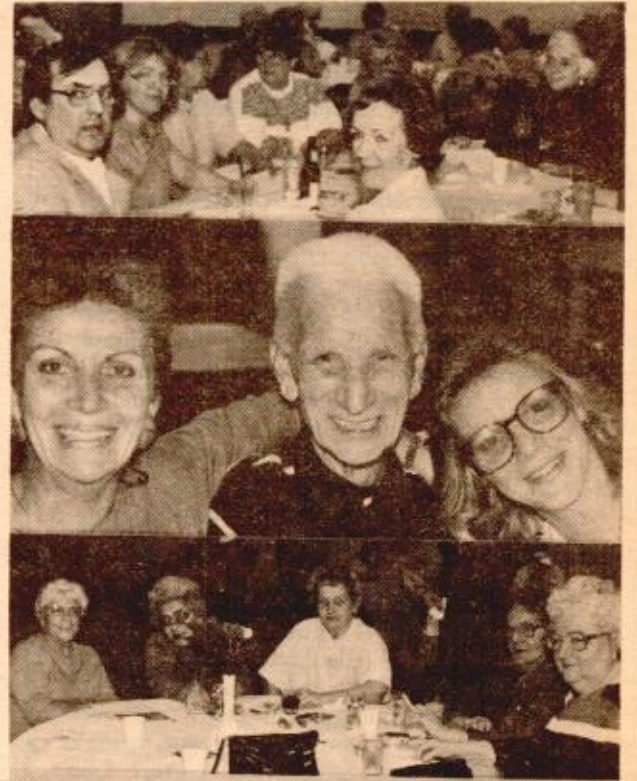
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