

Music, Dancing, Food And Fun Highlight CHAD Breakfast



SEVERAL HUNDRED Charlestown youngsters recently filled the Knights of Columbus Hall with song and laughter at a breakfast sponsored by CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD). The youngsters were all part of youth organizations in the town, and staff members, youth workers and agency representatives joined CHAD members in the festivities. Following a breakfast, prepared by caterer Sandy Griffin, D.J. Dennis Moore turned up the music's

volume and dancing was underway, and Jennifer Johnson of the Charlestown Working Theater began painting faces. The theme of this year's breakfast, "Healthy Activities, Healthy Alternatives." The MGH* Charlestown HealthCare Center generously donated educational material and volunteers from the center, Peg Carolan and Karen Murphy-Lind, took part in the event. Members of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club Peer Leadership

group were also on hand to offer their help. Shown at the left is Jen DeMille and her mom, Nora Pulliam, who were breakfast volunteers . . . In the center are representatives of the Boys & Girls Club Outreach Program. Shown (l. to r.) Christina Harrington, Brian Leonard, Anthony Vitale, P.J. Arroyo, Joe Burke and Ryan Allen . . . On the right, Brian Callahan takes to the dance floor in his new CHAD T-shirt. (photos by Kathy Whitehouse)

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Capture The Christmas Spirit – Be A 'Townie Santa' On Sunday

"Townie Santa" will be visiting 100 of Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins on Sunday morning, Dec. 21 to deliver boxes of Christmas gifts and a hot turkey dinner.

Santa may be any one of several dozen neighbors who will devote this morning to sharing the spirit of Christmas with those

who are unable to or have difficulty getting up and about.

Delivery of the boxes will begin at 11 a.m. from the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Persons with cars as well as those who

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A Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in Hayes Square this Saturday, Dec. 20, immediately after the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine's Church.

Immediately following the Mass, the beautiful blue spruce tree, which was originally planted by the children of St. Catherine's School in honor of Sister Ernestine

Quealey, CSJ, as she left her teaching assignment at the school, will be lit. Sister Ernestine is planning to be in Charlestown on Saturday to take part in the ceremony.

The tree was originally planted in the yard of the rectory and was relocated from the rectory yard to historic Hayes Square during the summer by the donated ser-

vices of Mario Susi & Sons. It will be used each year as a living Christmas tree.

Following the tree-lighting ceremony, all are welcome to join the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force and St. Catherine's Parish for refreshments in the parish hall.

For further information, contact Judy Evers at 635-3485.

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SERVICES FOR CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS

Monday

• **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

Monday And Friday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

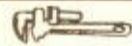
• **7 p.m.** - Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) meeting, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.

Thursday

• **9:30 to 11 a.m.** - J.F. Kennedy Center's Goal Setting Group, 55 Bunker Hill St. For more information, call Linda Hudson at 241-8866

Friday

• **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



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**PRAYER TO THE
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(never known to fail)

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recurred to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted for you.

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**PRAYER TO
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit, you who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love toward me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer 3 consecutive days without asking your wish. After the 3rd day, your wish may be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted.

M.V.F.

CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Friday, Dec. 19

• **9 a.m. to noon** - Annual Christmas Bazaar - C.R. Edwards School, Walker Street

• **10 a.m.** - Adult Discussion Program - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **7 p.m.** - Townie Santa Fruit Packing and Wrapping Night - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

• **8 p.m.** - Diane Edgecomb's Solstice Storytelling Show - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, Dec. 20

• **1 p.m.** - Performance of *Super Gift From Heaven* by the CWT Young Players - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

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• **Following 4 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine's** - Christmas Tree Lighting and Party - Hayes Square

• **8 p.m.** - Diane Edgecomb's Solstice Storytelling Show - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Sunday, Dec. 21

• **10 a.m.** - Lessons & Carols Service with the Boston Recorder Society - St. John's Episcopal Church, 27 Devens St.

• **11 a.m.** - Townie Santa Delivery - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

• **1 p.m.** - Performance of *Super*

Gift From Heaven by the CWT Young Players - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

• **8 p.m.** - Diane Edgecomb's Solstice Storytelling Show - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Tuesday, Dec. 23

• **8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** - Schrafft Center Blood Drive - Flatley Fitness Center Basketball Court, 529 Main St.

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

• **11 a.m. to noon** - Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

upcoming events

Thursday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas!

Friday, Dec. 26

• **10 a.m.** - Adult Discussion Program - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Monday, Dec. 29

• **1 to 3 p.m.** - Maritime Crafts

School Vacation Program - USS Constitution Museum, Navy Yard

Tuesday, Dec. 30

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

• **11 a.m. to noon** - Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

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• **1 to 3 p.m.** - Maritime Crafts School Vacation Program - USS Constitution Museum, Navy Yard

Wednesday, Dec. 31

• **7 p.m. to 1 a.m.** - New Year's Eve Party - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

plan ahead

Monday, Jan. 5

• **7:30 p.m.** - Daughters of Isabella No. 1 meeting - K. of C. Lower Hall, 75 West School St.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

• **9 a.m.** - Home Health Aide Orientation, sponsored by the Kennedy Center - St. Mary's Parish Hall, 48

Winthrop St.

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council meeting - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Thursday, Jan. 8

• **5:30 p.m.** - Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) meeting - Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.

Last Minute Gift . . . A Bunker Hill Cup Plate

According to Marie Alves, chairman of the Charlestown Historical Society's special fund-raising committee, there are just a few of the society's Bunker

Hill Cup Plates available for sale - an item that would make an excellent Christmas gift and/or a keepsake, and it comes in a gift box.

The cup plate is a reproduction of the famous 1841 "singing glass" lead crystal commemorative cup plate sold at the Ladies Fair in Quincy Market to raise funds for the completion of the building of the Bunker Hill Monument.

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This Sunday, Dec. 21, "Townie Santa" will deliver Christmas boxes with groceries, toiletries and gifts, along with a hot turkey dinner, to 100 elderly, needy Charlestown shut-ins. Make Townie Santa a part of your Christmas - lend a helping hand this Sunday morning starting at 11 a.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. **PLEASE don't take it for granted that help won't be needed - YOU are an important part of this holiday project.**

**• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED •
FOR FINAL PACKING**

Fresh fruit will be packed and gifts will be wrapped on Friday night, Dec. 19, starting at 7 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. Bring your scissors and come on down.

A few volunteers are needed at 9 a.m. on delivery day to pack the perishable items. All are welcome!

• WATCH THE CHRISTMAS TREE GROW •

Contributions for Townie Santa are arriving, but more is needed. The committee is asking for your assistance in **making the Christmas tree grow!** All donations will be publicly acknowledged.



Donations have been received from:

- Killilea Fund of Bunker Hill Post 26, A.L.
- Monument Laundry Center
- Charlestown Boys & Girls Club
- First Church in Charlestown
- Alva M. Sherrick
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LISA STRAWBRIDGE of Charlestown with daughter Schuyler of the Beacon Hill Nursery School, models a dress from the Woggle Bug collection at the recent sale. (photo by Laila Hadad)



PHOEBE MCGEE of Charlestown models a dress from the Woggle Bug collection, just one of the many items sold at the recent Beacon Hill Nursery School Craft Sale and Book Fair. (photo by Laila Hadad)

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McLaughlin House Seeking 'Secret Santa Friends'

The Dennis McLaughlin House of Charlestown, Inc., is a transitional housing program for homeless women in recovery from substance abuse, and their children under 12 years of age.

The house is located in the Armed Services YMCA in the Charlestown Navy Yard and provides transitional housing for up to two years, support services, and collaborates with over 30 other agencies in the Charlestown/Boston communities to provide the women and children with a wide range of health, mental health, educational, job training, employment,

permanent housing, cultural, recreational and social services.

The McLaughlin House is planning a Christmas Party for its residential clients on Monday, Dec. 22. The Executive Director and Board of the McLaughlin House are requesting donations to make this a special Christmas for the McLaughlin House children.

If you would like to donate, please drop off toys to the Patriot office before noon on Friday, Dec. 19. Gifts may be submitted wrapped or unwrapped. If your gift is wrapped, please mark it with either "girl" or

"boy," and add the appropriate age range for each child.

The boys and their ages are: Dominic 13, Mike 3, Steven 2, Daniel 2, Dominic 4, Ricky 4, Amari 3, Steven 8, and Paul 7.

The girls and their ages are: Kiara 1, Tabby 3, Jaclyn 3, Hailey 4, Justine 5, Jessica 5, Tanya 10, Janaia 7, Erin 9, Katlyn 8, Jada 5, Ronica 11, Deanna 3 and Jada 2.

Thank you for your kind generosity and we wish you a wonderful holiday season.

For further information, please call Beth Hook at 242-0251.

Lessons & Carols Service At St. John's Church

Members of the Boston Recorder Society will visit St. John's Episcopal Church, 27 Devens St. in Charlestown, to take part in an Advent service of Lessons & Carols for the Sunday morning service on Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

Under the direction of Sheila Beardslee, the Boston Recorder Society members will play the four most common sizes of recorder - soprano, alto, tenor and bass - as well as tenor and bass viols in hymns, carols and anthems in collaboration with

St. John's organist, Douglas Witte, and the resident choir.

The BRS consort will play several Renaissance and Baroque settings of the German Advent chorale *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Saviour of the Nations Come)* as prelude, and will be joined by the choir in a motet on this same melody by 17th century composer Michael Altenburg. Under music director Witte, the BRS consort and the women of the choir will present a medieval carol which tells the

story of the Angel Gabriel's visitation to Mary. The BRS consort will also play on several of the congregational hymns for the day and provide music for the closing voluntary.

This is the BRS consort's third visit to St. John's Episcopal Church in historic Charlestown. Rev. Laurie Rofinot, rector of St. John's, invites all in the community to attend the service on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

For further information, please call the church office at 242-1272.

Be A 'Townie Santa'

(continued from page 1) do not have cars are needed for this important task. Those who do not have their own transportation will be paired with a driver to assist with the delivery.

Perishable items will be added to the boxes on Sunday morning, starting at 9 a.m. Several volunteers are needed at this early hour to assist with the final

packing, and for those who would like an inside task, a clean-up crew will be needed at noon.

All residents, whether newcomers or longtime Townies, are invited to be Townie Santas on Sunday. Adults, teens and children are all welcome.

Take an hour on Sunday, Dec. 21 to share in the spirit of Christmas - be a Townie Santa.



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

♣ **Trash Flash!!!** . . . Christmas and New Years Day both fall on a Thursday this year . . . Trash pick-up will be **ONE DAY LATE** . . . Regular Thursday pick-up will be on Friday . . . Regular Friday pick-up will be on Saturday . . . Remember, you read it here first!

♣ **Christmas Happenings** . . . on **Friday, Dec. 19th**, all are invited to the Clarence R. Edwards Middle School, 28 Walker St. where they will host their annual Holiday Bazaar, from 9 a.m. to noon . . . There will be homemade Christmas items, baked goods, crafts, raffles and a white elephant table . . . The **19th** is also the date for the Solstice Storytelling Show at the Charlestown Working Theater beginning at 8 p.m., and it continues on the **20th** and **21st** . . . on **Saturday, Dec. 20th** and **Sunday, Dec. 21st**, the young players at CWT will present "Super Gift From Heaven at 1 p.m. at the theater . . . and speaking of the young actors, they will be showcased on the Boston Neighborhood Network's channel 23 on **Wednesday, Dec. 24th** at 5 p.m. in the production of "Scrooge," and the 1996 performance of "Oliver." These were produced by Kevin Burke of Charlestown. Tune in and watch your young neighbors perform on stage! . . . The Christmas Tree Lighting and Party will take place at Hayes Square following St. Catherine's 4 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, Dec. 20th** . . . and on **Sunday, Dec. 21st**, the Townie Santa Elves make their annual trek through the town delivering holiday wishes and good cheer to Charlestown's elderly and shut-ins beginning at 11 a.m. from the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

♣ **Holiday Birthdays Abound** . . . and they begin today, Dec. 18th, for Dorothy Connolly Steele of Massport . . . Carol Edwards will celebrate the half-century mark on Dec. 21st, a date shared by Kathleen Evers . . . Dec. 22nd is shared by Lauren O'Hearn and Mary Donahue . . . Tim O'Connell and Rita Greco will party on Dec. 23rd . . . and Christmas Eve will be the big night for Sheila "Snuggles" Walsh . . . Best wishes to all!

♣ **A Belated Happy Birthday** . . . to Fran Ringer, who marked his big day on Dec. 10th . . . Hope it was a happy one, Fran!

♣ **Looking For A Unique Christmas Gift?** . . . The Charlestown Lions Club Christmas Ornaments are now on sale . . . The 1997 limited edition ornament of unbreakable white satin features the old Charlestown Town Hall, circa 1869, in City Square, the building on the spot where the Life Focus Center and Charlestown District Court are located . . . The ornaments are \$6.50 each, and can be purchased from Al Sullivan at Old Sully's on Union Street, or by calling Bud Coleman at 242-2063, or Bill Wood at 242-4919.

♣ **Congratulations** . . . to Mary Bradshaw of Charlestown, who was the recipient of the Eve and Ezra Merrill Award at Operation A.B.L.E.'s 15 Anniversary Gala at the World Trade Center . . . Mary was honored for her outstanding record of achievement in assisting mature workers in securing employment.

♣ **Kudos** . . . to John Lynch, a senior at The Rivers School in Weston, who was named varsity captain of the hockey team.

♣ **The Boston Parks And Recreation Department Park Rangers** . . . are offering a free program, "Holiday Lights and Historic Sites," on Friday, Dec. 19th and Sunday, Dec. 21st . . . Take a twilight tour on a tree-lit path in the nation's oldest park and learn about the Boston Common while savoring the festive flair and holiday air . . . Meet both days at the Boston Common Visitor Information Station at 5:30 p.m.

♣ **How Much Can A Car Be Worth?** . . . According to its owner, \$650,000 for a 1967 L88 Stingray Coupe Corvette that will be displayed at the 24th annual Auto Palace World of Wheels at the Bayside Expo Center, Friday through Sunday, Jan. 9th to 11th . . . For ticket information and directions, call 367-3555.

♣ **Making The Headlines** . . . this week, sort of, was Charlestown's own Chef Extraordinaire . . . none other than Tommy White! Seems as though Tommy sought to kick his cooking skills up a notch at the recent Emeril Lagasse cooking show at Macy's and the Herald's Monica Collins caught him at the scene. Boston Fire Fighter Tommy loves to wow the gang at Engine 8 in the North End, as well as the K. of C. here in town, with his culinary masterpieces.

♣ **Thought For The Week** . . . My father always told me, "Find a job you love and you'll never have to work a day in your life." - Jim Fox

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around the town

★ **Keep Your Ear To The Sea . . .** The cannons of *USS Constitution* are alive and well once again offering its morning and evening salute.

The residents say thanks to Cmdr. Chris Melhuish, USN, commanding officer of the ship, for resuming the saluting battery at 8 a.m. and at sunset.

★ **Bunker Hill Street . . .** Weather permit-

ting, the lights should go on from Polk Street to the upper part of Bunker Hill Street within two weeks.

The Public Works Department crew will be working on Saturday.

★ **Post Office Holiday Schedule . . .** The Charlestown Post Office at One Thompson Square will be open extended hours this weekend to assist patrons with their holiday

mailings.

The local post office will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20. It will also be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21.

★ **Neighborhood Council Meeting . . .**

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the council, chaired by Peter Looney, will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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

★ **Free Metered Parking On Saturdays . . .** Boston's shoppers are receiving a gift from Mayor Thomas M. Menino this holiday season. Two hours of free parking at each of the city's 7,500 parking meters is offered to drivers on Saturdays through Dec. 27. Additionally, in the spirit of the holiday, free two-hour metered parking will be available on Wednesday, Dec. 24.

★ **Board Of Appeal Hearings . . .** Petitions will be brought before the city of Boston Board of Appeal at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30 in Room 801 at Boston City Hall:

• David C. Jones is seeking permission to erect a 12' x 20' one-story addition to the rear of a one-family dwelling at 103 Baldwin St. (BZC-19266)

• The Archdiocese of Boston is seeking permission to allow the premises at 20 Corey St. to be used as a parking lot.

(BZC-19300)

• Donald Gibbons (by George Georges) is seeking permission to erect a one-family dwelling at 25 Elm St. (BZC-19264)

• Donald Gibbons (by George Georges) is seeking permission to erect a one-family dwelling at 27 Elm St. (BZC-19263)

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

★ **MADD Car Campaign . . .** Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) reminds people that with winter upon us, now is the time to think of getting rid of that unwanted car. The car campaign is designed to raise funds for MADD and is being conducted throughout Mass.

Anyone interested in donating a car is invited to call 1-800-720-6233. MADD will tow most any car free of charge. The 800 number may be called at any time. Pick up of the vehicles usually takes place in a few days. A tax deduction for making a charitable contribution to MADD may be an additional benefit to the donor.

★ **Senior Homeowner Services Program . . .** is available to homeowners 62 years of age or older who are in need of home repairs. Through Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH), health and safety related repairs can be done. For more information, call Kathy DelGreco at 569-0059 ext. 15.

★ **Project Bread Hotline . . .** Are you having a hard time feeding your family? Call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline for information at 1-800-645-8333.

Celebrate Opening Of MDC Rink



LOCAL SKATERS join MDC Commissioner David Balfour (left), MDC Regional Director Richie Hart (second from right) and MDC Recreation Director Gary Doak (right) at the recent opening of the MDC's Emmons-Horrigan-O'Neill Rink in Charlestown.

MDC Commissioner David Balfour, MDC Recreation Director Gary Doak and MDC Regional Director Richie Hart celebrated the opening of the winter public skating season recently at the MDC's Emmons-Horrigan-O'Neill Rink in Charlestown. They were joined by scores of

hockey players, figure skaters and just plain skaters.

The MDC is offering more public skating than ever before this season. "With the Winter Olympics in Japan coming up, we're making a big effort to increase our public skating hours," said Balfour. "It's a proven fact that whenever

the Winter Olympics are on television, demand for public skating goes up."

The MDC offers public skating at the Charlestown rink from 2 to 3:50 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The MDC will offer more free public skating scheduled around future holidays and school vacations.

Holiday Schedule . . .

The Christmas edition of *The Charlestown Patriot* will be in the stores on Tuesday, Dec. 23. The deadline for news and advertising for the Christmas issue is Friday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.

Meetings and events taking place between Dec. 23 and Jan. 8 should be in the Patriot office by Dec. 19 as there will not be an issue published during New Year's week.

The regular schedule resumes with the New Year's edition, which will be in the stores on Thursday, Jan. 8. The deadline for news and advertising is Monday, Jan. 5 at noon.

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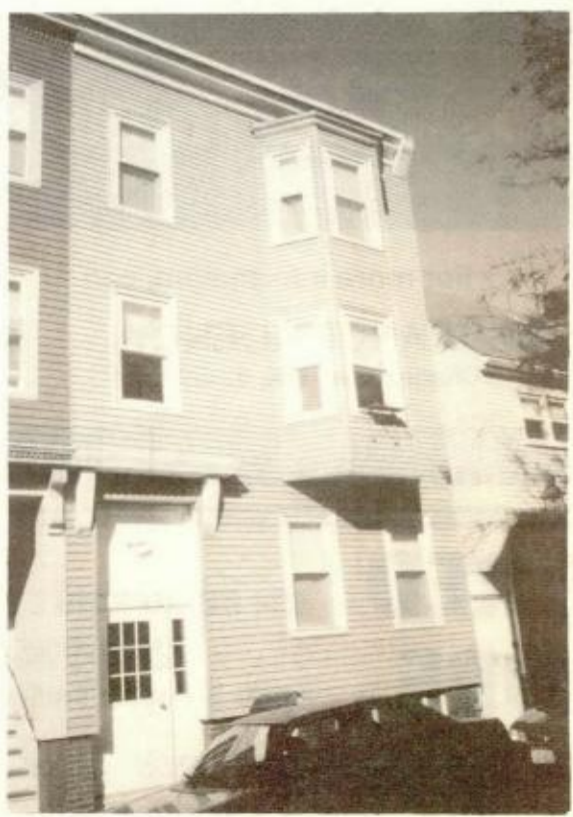
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This holiday season, wrap yourself in the warmth of giving - participate in the community blood program. One unit

of blood can help at least two or more patients. The blood donated will be separated into components - red blood cells, plasma and platelets. Each component plays an integral role in patient care.

The need for blood is unending, and the holiday season is no exception. The responsibility of maintaining the blood supply lies with healthy, eligible

community members. Please take the time and Give the Gift of Life!

Individuals in good health, 18 years of age or older (17 years old with a signed American Red Cross Parental/Guardian Consent Form) and weigh at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood.

Please give blood at the Schrafft's Center Blood Drive, Flatley Fitness Center Basketball Court, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Dec. 23.

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Petitions Are Presented At Precinct 7 Resident Parking Meeting

by Amy Chardavoyne

Residents of Precinct 7 gathered at Bishop Lawton Hall on Dec. 11 to drop off petitions and begin the initial planning stages for resident parking in their neighborhood. The meeting was facilitated by Tom Cunha, Precinct 7's representative to the Charlestown Neighborhood Council. Representing the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) was Dick Loring, supervising Traffic Engineer.

In total, over 400 signatures were collected on Main, Bunker Hill, Short, Baldwin, Chappie, St. Martin and North Mead streets. The petitions will go to the BTD for verification.

The meeting proceeded with the presumption that enough signatures had been collected to implement a resident parking program on those streets. There was a real sense of urgency to begin the program as residents expressed their frustration not only with commuter parking, but with real

threats to the safety of Charlestown residents as parked cars have been clogging the intersections, particularly at Medford Street. There was a report that a parked car was seen blocking the ambulance bay at Sullivan Square. Loring assured those present that any activity in other precincts toward resident parking will not hold up the implementation of Precinct 7's program.

Residents expressed concerns about "sign pollution" when the parking program is instituted. Loring explained that the BTD will use existing poles when available as they, too, do not want to inundate streets with signs. He went on to explain that it is difficult to install new sign poles in the winter, so they need to make use of existing pole locations.

The residents outlined their preferred guidelines for the program beginning on the main thoroughfares. It was suggested that the

program be implemented from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

On Bunker Hill Street, resident parking only restriction was recommended for the odd side and two-hour, resident exempt, parking was recommended for the even side. It was suggested that Main Street be resident parking on both sides with two-hour parking from the ambulance station to Charbonnier Street.

It was recommended for Medford Street that resident parking only be implemented on the residential side and two-hour parking be instituted on the commercial side. **Please note: This applies to the Precinct 7 portion of Bunker Hill, Main and Medford streets only.**

The general consensus was that resident parking only be enforced on the side streets in Precinct 7. These streets are Short, Baldwin, Chappie, St. Martin, and North Mead. There was some discussion about

the hours and days needed for the program. Some residents preferred an 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday program while others were in favor of a 24-hour-a-day program.


Loring informed residents that he will bring these suggestions back to the BTD and they will take a closer look at the situation to evaluate the needs of the community as well as businesses in the area. The BTD will come back to the community with its recommendations for the program in about one month. Another meeting will be scheduled so residents can review the BTD's plan and offer suggestions to work out any outstanding issues.

Ice Skating Lessons

Registration begins Jan. 9 for ice skating classes to be held at 16 MDC ice skating rinks in Boston and the suburbs. There are weekend, evening and afternoon classes for children and adults.

The fee for the seven week course is \$75 per child and \$85 per adult. For specific sign up dates and times, call the Bay State Ice Skating School at 781-890-8480.

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BHCC Offers Irish-American Literature Course

Bunker Hill Community College will offer an *Irish-American Literature* course at its Charlestown campus, 250 New Rutherford Ave., during the spring 1998 semester. Students will have an opportunity to study the literature of Irish-American writers from the early 19th century through to the present, including James T. Farrell, Eugene O'Neill, Edwin O'Connor, Pat Conroy, Mary McCarthy and William Kennedy.

Meeting on Tuesday evenings from 6 to

9 p.m., beginning Jan. 27, students can earn three credits toward a degree program or take the course for enrichment. The course will include lectures, discussions and readings on a variety of poems, plays, stories and novels that convey the experience and mood of the Irish in the United States as immigrants or their descendants.

The course will be taught by Dr. John Meagher, a professor in BHCC's Communications Department.

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Charlestown Youngsters Treated To Music, Dancing, Food And Fun At CHAD Breakfast



photos by Kathy Whitehouse



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HAPPENINGS

Hungry Sunday

Thank you to all who donated canned goods to the Hungry Sunday collection last weekend for the poor among us.

Breakfast With Santa

We are truly grateful to the committee for the wonderful Breakfast with Santa last Sunday. A good time was had by all.

Beano Gift Certificates

Are you looking for a gift for someone who is hard to buy for this Christmas season? St. Francis de Sales Beano has gift certificates available in any denomination.

Please contact Joan Rae at the rectory or at the Beano on Saturday nights.

Cookbooks

The second order of cookbooks has arrived. They are now on sale for \$6 each and are available at the rectory or from the ushers at Mass. They'll make great stocking stuffers while supporting the parish.

Christmas Poinsettias For The Altar

If you are interested in remembering a loved one with flowers for the altars, flower envelopes are available at the ushers table at Mass.

Charlestown Gym Hockey News

Standings - Dec. 13

	W	L	T
Bunker Hill Florist	10	0	0
Jimmy's On Top	7	2	1
Poolie's Pals	6	3	1
Grant Photo	5	4	1
Main St. Furniture/Medford	4	3	3
Dunny's Pals	4	4	2
Bryan's Pals	3	6	1
Li'l Al's	3	7	0
Bunker Hill Insurance	2	7	1
Kerrigan's	2	8	0

Jimmy's On Top	Eric Butler
	Danny Fowkes
	Michael Woods
Kerrigan's	Matthew Collins
	John Castrucci
Li'l Al's	Jennelle O'Donnell
	Andrew DeMaio
Main St. Furniture,	Liam Lynch
Medford	Taylor Simpson
Poolie's Pal	Cory Johnson
	Jamie Roche

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Players of the Week - Dec. 13

Bryan's Pals	Brendan Collier
	Jay Godding
Bunker Hill Florist	Shauna Smith
	Marco Torres
Bunker Hill Insurance	Sal Lainez
	Timmy Lawton
Dunny's Pals	Jimmy Vesey
	Joseph Torres
Grant Photo	Michael Tucker

Bunker Hill Insurance will be having its team picture taken on Saturday, Dec. 20. Because it's such an early game, the picture will be taken after the game. Please make sure the kids are wearing their team jerseys.

Also on Dec. 20, we're having a Bake Sale/Christmas Raffle. Please come and support our league!

Thank You,
Charlestown Gym Hockey Board

Charlestown Little League News

All players ages 13 to 15 who would like to play Senior League next year must register now in order to form Charlestown's own league for next season.

In 1997 there were enough players for one team, and they played in Brighton. The team went 14-3 and won the Brighton Senior League Championship. Now Charlestown would like their own league.

Charlestown Little League needs sponsors, coaches, fundraisers and concession help. If you can donate some time to the

kids, please call Wayne at 241-4952.

Little League Parents

We need your help in purchasing 1997 Champion T-Shirts. Quite a few were ordered, and to be able to keep the cost down, a little help is needed. The shirts are available for \$8. They can be used as night shirts, or Christmas gifts. If you would like to order shirts, call Wayne at 241-4952.

Charlestown Little League Board
Board of Directors

ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS

★ **CCD Children's Christmas Party** - A Christmas Party for all children in the CCD program will take place on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

★ **CYO Ski Weekend** - scheduled for Friday, Jan. 30 through Sunday, Feb. 1 has been filled. Currently, no additional rooms are available at the Town Square Condos. We hope the situation will change as the trip draws near. Those who secured a place on the trip have already returned their sign-up form with the \$100 deposit. Names are being taken for a waiting list. For further information, call Father DiPerri at 242-1750.

★ **Harvard Women's Basketball Trip** - On Saturday, 20 youth from the CYO program attended a Harvard Women's Basketball game against N.H. Many thanks to Sheila Brown who acquired the tickets and to all the youth who represented Charlestown in a very fine light.

★ **Christmas Caroling** - The CYO is looking for youth who would like to go Christmas Caroling between Saturday, Dec. 20 and Wednesday, Dec. 24. If you are interested, contact Neal Boyle at 242-1276.

★ **Congratulations** - to Neal Boyle, a member of St. Catherine's Parish, who was a recipient of the Lewis/Jennings Award. Boyle, a member of the Youth Voice Collaborative Press Corps, was presented the award by First Lady Hillary Clinton for going beyond racial, religious, cultural and economic differences to create, with his peers, a most positive image of urban youth.

Neal was also awarded the Classical Prize for excellence in the Greek or Latin, and also the Fidelity Prize, given to one student in each division who has been conspicuous for faithful endeavor, regardless of mere rank in class, at the prestigious Boston Latin School.

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Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and in all instances of my life. You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as You confirm once again that I never want to be separated from You even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. (Say for three consecutive days - favor will be granted.) Prayer must be published.

H.

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Oh Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue, and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, for you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition, in return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail. I have had my request granted. Publication Promised.

H.

Daniel Broderick Dies At 32 In California

Daniel Sean Broderick, 32, son of Charles M. and Margaret E. (McGah) Broderick, died in California

in late November.

Daniel is survived by his brother, Martin, and his aunt, Catherine Long of Milford.

There will be a Month's Mind Mass at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20 at St. Francis de Sales Church.

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♣ **A Holiday Song** . . . Get 100 or so teens from all around the city, some very dedicated youth workers, a JAM'N 94.5 DJ., and a place to come together, and you will have a joyous Holiday Song. Friday night at Boston City Hall, this Holiday Song was sung. The first Mayor's Holiday Dance, hosted by Boston Community Centers, the Boston Housing Authority, the Summer of Opportunity, the Boston Police Department Youth Services Officers, the Mayor's Youth Council, Boston Against Drugs, and the Boston Public Schools Student Advisory Program, was a great success.

I took some teens from the North End and we met up with Kelly Mahan, Steven Burke, Cory Hollien, Lauren Brennan and chaperones Mimi Wrenn and Joe Mahoney of the Charlestown Community Centers, and many other teens from all around the city, and we had a great time. Boston Together is a beautiful place, especially at this time of the year.

♣ **Christmas Stroll** . . . If Friday was the Holiday Song, Sunday's Terry Ring Christmas Stroll was the Holiday Symphony. The Christmas season has arrived at Newtowne, thanks to Terry Ring and her committee. Over 300 youngsters were touched by the Christmas Spirit in what has now become a

Charlestown tradition. There is a lot of love in Charlestown, and people like Terry Ring just bring it out. On behalf of the Andy Puopolo Christmas Elves, I would like to thank Terry for once again letting us become involved, and also for reminding us about the true meaning of Christmas. My special thanks to teens Mike Centola, Fred Arroyo, Justin O'Brien, Pat Doe, Bobby Lawrence and Shawn O'Donnell.

♣ **Scholar Roll** . . . Adam Fomash, Xaymara Saez, Sugeilly Saez, James Greatorex, Mary Sena, Timmy Warren and Janelle Jones were among the Charlestown Townies who achieved FIRST HONORS at Charlestown High for the first marking period. Keep up the good work!

♣ **College Board** . . . The Framingham State Hockey Coach is high on Jon Lent, and he well should be. Jon is the leading scorer, and is also the top league scorer. The Framingham team is off to their best start in a long time and Jon is the reason why. The Framingham coach was "scouting" last Saturday at the High School Preseason Jamboree at Arlington. Word to the wise - you just never know when a scout is in the stands!

♣ **First Student** . . . Charlestown High Senior Claude Paul made a great impression on the

First Lady. Hillary Clinton was the keynote speaker at the Team Harmony Rally at the FleetCenter last week. Claude's "Young at Arts Wang Center" group performed at the event before 10,000 plus young people. Why Claude Paul, you might ask? Charlestown High has a lot of opportunities open to all students and Claude takes advantage of them.

♣ **Pop Warner Corner** . . . Update! The Plymouth, N.H. Pop Warner team defeated Port Charlotte, Fla. 6-0 to take home the Pop Warner Pee Wee Division National Championship. Plymouth defeated Mexical, Mexico 38-0 in the semi-finals. The games were played at Disney World in Orlando.

♣ **High School Prep Notebook** . . . The winter season is here, and once again many Townies will be found on teams throughout the area. Over at Matignon, we have already spotted Eddie Prince, Jack Kelley, Mike Machado and Danny Feeney in the varsity hockey lineup and we know that Michael Kelley has made the freshman hoop team.

Savio Prep hockey will be a team to watch, thanks to Liam Lynch, who is on the varsity team. Dress warm, the Eastie rink is cold, Mrs. Lynch.

Townies on the Charlestown High Hockey Team will be Timmy Warren, Brian Dole,

Marc Russell, Phil Jones, James Greatorex, Richard Sullivan, Fred Arroyo, Brian McCrary, Bart Rosher, Adam Smith and Phil O'Neil.

In boys' hoop action for the varsity team will be Anthony Walker, Jamal Francis, Mike Coleman, Ed Walker, Lavell Larkin, Delineau Luc, Melvin Minard, Lamont Harris, Basil Wajo, Rosuan Kindell, Frank Finklea, Ken Jackson and Jim Leveque.

♣ **Pro Line** . . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tkachuk on the birth of their first child. Congrats also to the grandparents! Phoenix will be in town on Jan. 8 when they take on the Bruins at the FleetCenter.

♣ **Tidbits** . . . Larry Mulcahy, aka George of the Jungle, will sing for his chocolate Ring Dings . . . Tracy is teaching the CHS cafeteria staff the Mash Potato . . . Dan Feeney, nice baby blue Yankee cap . . . If you see Kelly Harrington, be sure to call her Mrs. Claus . . . Mike Melaugh, don't forget to shave . . . Word is that Anna Leonard is being recruited for the Air Force . . . Sister Ida's favorite student at Don Bosco was Steve Kilcoyne . . . How many hot dogs did Leo Boucher really eat?

Smile

CHAD Junior Bowling League News



by John Dillon

Before we report on the scores, I would like to thank the parents and children for bringing such nice, tasty things to our Christmas Party. The brownies and toll house cookies were delicious, and with the leftovers, I'll be getting fat for Christmas.

In the first match of the day, The McCarthy Brothers team solidified its hold on first place by knocking off the Kennedy Center in an 8-0 shut out. Every member of the McCarthy Brothers team bowled over 200 and, as is our custom, we will give you all the scores because it is very rare when every member of a team bowls over 200. Chris Schievink was top bowler with a three-string total of 242, followed by Matt Hickey 232, Tim Venezia 203 and Jessica Grace 201. That is great team bowling and that is

why this team is in first place. Top bowler for the Kennedy Center was John Harrington, who had a fantastic day bowling 290, but it wasn't enough to stop the McCarthy Brothers. Runner-up was Nick Celata with 173.

During the next match, Cricket's team was waylaid by the Bunker Hill Real Estate team in an 8-0 shut-out. Chris Chiampa was top bowler for BHRE with a nice 260. Runner-up was Courtney Schievink with 254. Top bowler for Cricket's was Matt Paley with 240. Runner-up was Jared Silva with 202.

In the next match, the Shamrocks took over second place by dumping the American Legion in a 6-2 match. Jeff Lynch, who has been bowling great, was the top bowler for the Shamrocks with a nice 264, and also a single string of 106. Stephen

Awbrey was runner-up with 200. Jon Paul Awbrey was the top bowler for the American Legion with 212 and Mark Dillon was runner-up with 201.

Diane Modica's team came back big time after last week's loss, by shutting out the Charlestown Patriot 8-0. Top bowler for Modica's team was Eric Lynch with 225. Chris Boutwell was runner-up with 213. Quinn Evers was top bowler for the Patriot with 208 and Nicole Chiampa was runner-up with 204.

In the final match of the day, Jenny's Pizza bombed the Red Store in a 7-1 match. Top bowler for Jenny's was Mike Shackford with 245. Runner-up was Tim Hickey with 205. Top bowler for the Red Store was Sheilann Williams with 204. Brendan Grace was runner-up with 182.

Bowlers of the week are

John Harrington 290, Jeff Lynch 264, Chris Chiampa 260, Courtney Schievink 254, Mike Shackford 245, Chris Schievink 242, Sean Cronk 242, Matt Paley 240, Matt Hickey 232 and Eric Lynch 225.

Bowlers trying the hardest were Kevin Celata 122, Leesia Lawton 147, David Grace 148, Joe Awbrey 152, Andrew Foley 153, Brendan Brasil 155, Casey Schievink 167, Mike Venezia 167, Kevin Lavalley 182 and Shawn Burke 194.

Standings

	W	L
McCarthy Bros.	50	14
Shamrocks	44	20
Cricket's	38	26
American Legion	36	28
B.H. Real Estate	36	28
Diane Modica	31	33
Kennedy Center	28	36
Jenny's Pizza	27	37
Chas'n. Patriot	15	49
Red Store	15	49

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 The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 offers some estate tax relief for family-owned farms and businesses. Under the old law, estates could exclude \$600,000 in assets from tax. The new law gradually increases this exclusion to \$1,000,000 between 1998 and 2006. However, estates that include family-owned business interests are not limited to this general exclusion; they may be able to exclude up to \$1,300,000 in assets. For estates that are able to take advantage of the increased inclusion, the additional tax savings are available in 1998. There is no gradual phase-in as with the general exclusion.
 The new law is effective for estates of people who die after 1997. There are a number of requirements for the estate to qualify for the family-owned business exclusion. For example, the value of the family-owned business interests must exceed 50% of the total estate, and the decedent or his family must have materially participated in the business for at least five of the eight years before his death. The business must be located in the United States, and it must be owned at least 50% by one family, 70% by two families, or 90% by three families. The estate must pass its ownership to "qualified heirs," which can be members of the decedent's family or individuals who were actively employed in the business for at least 10 years before the decedent's death.
 The qualified heirs or their families are required to materially participate in the business for at least five of any eight year period within 10 years after the decedent's death. If they do not, they are subject to a recapture tax.
 Family farms and businesses should review their eligibility for this new exemption. Call us for details and any assistance you may need in taking advantage of this important tax break.
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CHARLESTOWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Once again, the Boys & Girls Club will be accepting donations for its Shelter Drive now through January. We are looking for household items for families who are transitioning from a shelter to more permanent housing.

Due to last year's overwhelming response, we will not be accepting clothing, except for winter coats and outerwear. Please contact Denise at 241-3754 for information on where to donate other clothing items.

Women and children victims of domestic violence often must leave their possessions behind when seeking safety and need whatever the shelters can give them to help start over.

Items that are desperately needed are: curtains, pillows and cases, cookware, umbrellas, children's books, vacuum cleaners, plates, dishes, comforters, sheets, decorative items, men's coats, blankets, towels/washcloths, tablecloths and kitchen towels. Items may be new or used.

We appreciate anything you have to give and will distribute the items to various local shelters. Please ask for Denise or John when bringing donations to the club, and leave your name, phone number and address. Thank you!!

★ GAMES ROOM/SOCIAL RECREATION

Congratulations - to Jarrod Marchesi who won the Foorball Tournament, and Franklin Gutierrez who won the 3-Point Shootout last week. Thanks to everyone who entered.

Celts Win - Thanks to the good luck brought by Darius Payne, Cory Roy, Andrew Southern, Joe Pinto and Edgar Sanchez, who went to the game versus the Bucks last week with Mark.

Volunteer Night - Volunteer night has been postponed to tonight, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. See Mark if you have volunteered enough time to attend.

Grand Prix Racing - The racing has begun with Franklin Gutierrez taking first place honors in the opening day race. Stop by to race tomorrow, Dec. 19!

Holiday Party - There will be a holiday party for members ages 6 to 13 in the games room on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at noon. Stop by for snacks, games and fun!

Essay Contest - Congratulations to the winners of the library essay contest, "If you could be any animal, what would it be?" Most original - Kathryn Blaikie; Most Creative - Meaghan McGoff; and Most Realistic - Jennifer Santos.

Steppingstone - Any fifth grader interested in the Steppingstone Program should talk to Jenny Atkinson this week.

★ CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Museum of Fine Arts - Kevin Black, Alex Gaudette, Jack Flaherty, Cory Doyle, Jordan Paquette, Erin Mahoney, Nina Santana, Jill Flaherty, David Grace, Brendan Grace and Michael Black, all went to the Museum of Fine Arts last week to learn about drawing portraits. Jack and Jill Flaherty were the models.

Wang Center - Taylor O'Neil, Paula Breen and Katie

Ryan all went to *The Nutcracker* at the Wang Center with Allyson Foley and Colleen Burke. The best part of the night was the dessert table.

Photo Show - Elvis Santos and Edgar Sanchez recently visited club volunteers Kris Snibbe's photo show about China. Our thanks to Kris who is donating the proceeds to the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club.

6 And 7 Room - A special thank you to Ashley and Ryan Foley, Rebecca and Caitlin Donovan and Christine Burke for their help in reorganizing the 6- and 7-year-old room.

Discovery Zone - On separate field trips, boys group members and girls group members zoned out at Discovery Zone. Jack Flaherty, Brian Callahan, Cory Doyle, Corey Ferreira, Thomas and Paul Locke ran rampant. They played hide-'n-seek and competed in a tug-of-war contest. Edine Collette, Jill Flaherty, Erin DiNovo, Courtney Ferreira, Jennifer Santos and Nicole Callahan ruled the zone with wild antics, endless tag games and crazed energy.

Adventure Challenge Update - And then there were two... After an amazing group of climbing and belaying over Thanksgiving break, the group dwindled to two survivors last week. Joseph Pinto and David Vilfranc. Undaunted by the lack of group participants, they took to the two-line bridge like a pair of superheros. Now let's see who makes it to the final episode, ending Friday, Dec. 19.



SEVERAL TRIPS made for a busy fall for Charlestown Boys & Girls Club members. At the left, Erin Russell, Kaleigh Burke, Andrea McMaster, Lesley Southern, April McMillan, Kim Leonary and Billy Walsh take a break on

their way to the summit of Mt. Greylock... On the right, Adventure Challenge participants Joseph Pinto and Tashiana Wolfe help Stephanie Saccardo cross over from "island" to "island." Angie Felix, Brian Leonard and

David Vilfranc hold the bridge steady while Donald Twomey grins at certain success. Horizons for Youth staff member Mike Dallilio looks on.

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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.



My Thanks For Your Kindness

To Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion,
Dear Sirs:

Many thanks for the lovely turkey dinner you sent me on Thanksgiving Day. Two young girls delivered it to me in all the cold and wind that day. They were great.

I appreciate your kindness very much. Thank you for remembering an old lady; it meant so much to me.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
B.Mc.

Thank You - You Are Wonderful!

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney,

Your Thanksgiving dinner was delightful!

I had a most unexpected surprise when two lovely people brought me the meal. My nephew was going to pick me up and take me to his home for the holiday, but I was not feeling well and refused to go. A friend of mine, who also received your kind repast, learned that I was alone and he phoned requesting a meal for me. I was truly shocked.

You are wonderful, caring people. May God bless you always! Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
L.L.

We Await Your Response . . .

Dear Gloria:

A few years ago, I asked the Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee, sponsors of the race for Mayor of Charlestown, in an open letter through the Charlestown Patriot, to restructure the format of the Mayor of Charlestown raffle election as a possible fund raiser for all youth programs in the community. As I expected at that time, there was no response.

Looking back on the past few years of the mayor's election, it is quite apparent that under the current structure, interest has waned. The Charlestown Rose contest has been cancelled due to a lack of interest and the present mayor was elected by default, as there was no other candidate. As I said a few years ago, this proposition could generate a new enthusiasm and a new sense of pride in being elected Mayor of Charlestown.

Be it, I once again propose to the committee, that the mayoral raffle election be the single most important fund raiser for all our youth programs in the community. Under this format, each program would become eligible for funding by nominating a parent from their program as a candidate for mayor. The candidate from each program would, in turn, rally its base for raffle votes and I can assure you that you will have the largest field of candidates ever. The election would surely develop fun, healthy competition between all

Thank You To The Patriot

Dear Gloria,

Thank you so much for the extensive Patriot coverage of the fourth annual Taste of the Town auction benefitting Camp Bunker Hill. The Patriot clearly conveyed the important work done by Camp Bunker Hill as well as the festivities of the evening.

We would also like to thank Kathy Whitehouse for capturing the spirit of the evening with photographs. We truly appreciate your continued support of Camp Bunker Hill. Have a great holiday season!

Thank you again,
The Auction Committee
Camp Bunker Hill/YouthCare Community Services

It Brought Back Memories

On Dec. 15, the daily Mass on television brought me back many, many years to St. Mary's in Charlestown where I was a member of the choir and sang as the beautiful children of Little Flower School in Somerville did on Monday. It's great to see we still have some traditions left.

God bless you, Father John McLaughlin of St. Benedict's in Somerville. I hope and pray that your prayers for more vocations will be answered. May you have a Blessed Christmas and New Year 1998.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Houghton
Charlestown

youth programs and, most importantly, provide a level of funding to all programs that does not exist today.

As each program would nominate a candidate for mayor, the Charlestown Rose contest could also be resurrected. Youth programs eligible for funding would also nominate a participant from their program to determine the Charlestown Rose.

We are very fortunate to live in a community where our children can participate in a wide variety of programs, sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. Unfortunately, many programs are struggling to fund budgets, and if we do not find another source of revenue, we will begin to see many programs fall the way of the Mayor of Charlestown election and the Charlestown Rose contest.

As an active member and fund raiser for various youth programs in the community, we as a group cannot continue to pound our local merchants who have been most generous for many years. There are other creative ways of generating funds for our programs, which has been discussed, but the best possible solution is the Mayor of Charlestown election.

This is, without a doubt, a winning proposition for all and if I'm wrong, then 100 lashes with a shillelagh.

We await your response.

John Tagliatela

**MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed General Bids for MPA Project No. 1.707R RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM, PHASE 69, EAST BOSTON, SOUTH BOSTON AND REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT, 2ND FLOOR, SUITE 209S, LOGAN OFFICE CENTER, ONE HARBORSIDE DRIVE, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1998 immediately after which, in a designated room, the proposal will be opened and read publicly.

Sealed filed sub-bids for the same project will be received at the above address until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1998, immediately after which, in a designated room, the filed sub-bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT AT 1:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1997.

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Bid documents will be made available beginning MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1997.

Bid Documents may be picked up only at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Capital Programs Department Office, 2nd Floor, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this project General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Planning and Operations and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION or DOORS AND WINDOWS. The estimated project cost is \$650,000.00.

Bid Documents may be obtained at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments which the Authority may issue. A charge of \$25, PAYABLE BY COMPANY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY, will be made for these Documents, which charge will be refunded upon their return in good condition, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the General Bids.

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub-contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44H inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and/or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of \$1,000,000.00. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

Return of bid deposits will be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 149, Section 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Filed sub-bids will be required and taken on the following classes of work:
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The Authority reserves the right to reject any sub-bid of any sub-trade where permitted by Section 44E of the above-referenced General Laws. The right is also reserved to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals and General Bids.

This contract is subject to a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than 10% of the Contract be performed by disadvantaged business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds \$10,000.

A contractor having 50 or more employees and his subcontractors having 50 or more employees who may be awarded a subcontract of \$50,000 or more will within 120 days from the contract commencement, be required to develop a written affirmative action compliance program for each of its establishments.

Compliance Reports. Within 30 days of the award of this Contract the Contractor shall file a compliance report (Standard Form (SF)100) if:

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- (b) The Contractor is within the definition of "employer" in paragraph 2e (3) of the instructions included in SF 100.

The Contractor shall require the subcontractor on any first tier subcontracts irrespective of the dollar amount, to file SF 100 within 30 days after the award of the subcontracts if the above two conditions apply. SF 100 will be furnished upon request. SF 100 is normally furnished Contractors annually, based on a mailing list currently maintained by the Joint Reporting Committee. In the event a Contractor has not received the form, he may obtain it by writing to the following address:

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Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

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THE CHARLESTOWN POLICE LINE

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From the desk of Capt. Ronald X. Conway,
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Sunday, Dec. 7

A Charlestown woman stated that between Dec. 4 and this date, her auto was broken into while it was parked at High and Green streets. Tapes, tools and \$12 were taken and the auto was damaged.

At 4:36 p.m., police saw an auto that had been reported stolen on Dec. 5 from 5th Street in Charlestown. A description of the car had been broadcast earlier in the day as being used by three skinny males wearing black clothing that were breaking into vehicles in the Caldwell Street area. The officer attempted to stop the auto at Medford and Decatur streets but the operator failed to stop. He followed the auto to 8th Street where the suspect exited the auto and fled down 1st Avenue where officers stopped the suspect who appeared nervous. At the scene, the man, a 17-year-old Charlestown resident, said he had been a passenger in the auto. He was arrested for receiving a stolen motor vehicle and brought to Area A. There he told the detective that his fingerprints would be found on the steering wheel as he was the only occupant of the auto.

Monday, Dec. 8

The director of the Courageous Sailing Center on Pier 4 in the Charlestown Navy Yard told the police that between 7 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 9 a.m. on this date, the center's property was damaged. Taken were two fire extinguishers, a lamp fixture and light bulbs with a total value of \$200. He noted that such vandalism is a frequent occurrence.

At 7 a.m., police responded to the market at 180 Bunker Hill St. on a report of men ripping off a store grate. The owner of the store said that between 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 7 a.m. on this date, the front grate of his storefront was damaged, including the metal.

A Charlestown woman stated that between 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 9:50 a.m. on this date, her Jeep was broken into while it was parked on Warren Street. She is not sure what was taken at this time.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

A Charlestown woman reported that between 10 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 8:30 a.m. on this date, three swastikas had been drawn in blue chalk on the sidewalk in front of her Bunker Hill Street home. She stated that a menorah had been hanging in her

window when the incident occurred.

The owner of a beauty salon on Main Street stated that between 5 and 9 a.m. person(s) unknown smashed the front door window of her shop. Entry was not gained.

A Cambridge man told police that between 3 and 3:45 p.m., credit cards were stolen from his locker in the gym on Second Avenue in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Thursday, Dec. 11

At 4:50 a.m., police responded to a call on an armed robbery at Store 24 on Main Street. The clerk said that an unknown male entered the store, approached the counter and asked for cigarettes. He then pulled a knife and put it to the clerk's chest and demanded money. The man took the money from the cash draw and demanded to see under the tray. He also took uncashed lottery tickets. He ran out of the door, dropping a stack of dollar bills and some lottery tickets, and fled down Main Street.

A Charlestown woman reported that between 9 p.m. on Dec. 10 and 9 a.m. on this date, the license plate was stolen from her auto while it was parked on Crescent Street. The license plate was South Dakota 19A4034.

At 5:05 p.m., a Billerica man stated that an unknown male approached him while he was getting into his auto on Phipps Street and told him to give him all his money. The man refused and the suspect reached into the victim's vehicle, removed a knapsack containing glasses and then fled. The man chased the suspect onto Salem Street and retrieved his knapsack but the glasses were gone. A search for the suspect was conducted to no avail. The man reported finding his glasses on Dec. 15.

A Charlestown woman reported that between 9 p.m. on Dec. 10 and 6 p.m. on this date, her auto was broken into while it was parked on Walker Street. She stated that there was a great deal of damage done to the auto.

Friday, Dec. 12

A Charlestown man stated that between 10 p.m. on Dec. 11 and 8 a.m. on this date, his auto was broken into while it was parked on Medford Street. The rear window was broken and two pair of sunglasses were stolen, a Polo and a Bole, each valued at \$100.

A Charlestown woman told police that she parked her auto on Terminal Street a 7 p.m. on Dec. 11 and when she returned at 8 a.m. on this date, the right rear window of the

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auto had been broken. Nothing was reported missing at this time.

A Charlestown man told police that between 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 and 4 p.m. on this date, the rear window of his motor vehicle, which had been parked at Elm and Medford streets had been broken. An Audiovox cellular phone, valued at \$20, had been stolen.

Saturday, Dec. 13

The owner of the market at 180 Bunker Hill St. reported that between 9 p.m. on Dec. 12 and 8 a.m. on this date, an attempt had been made to break into the store. The officer observed a damaged steel grate, valued at \$1,000. The owner said this is part of an on-going problem.

A Chelsea man stated that about 12:05 p.m., he was driving at North Washington Street and Rutherford Avenue, heading toward I-93, when a milk truck struck his vehicle on the driver's side causing damage from the driver's door to the front quarter panel of her vehicle. The driver of the truck did not stop.

A Charlestown man told police that the rear driver's side window of his auto was smashed between 2:30 a.m. on Dec. 12 and 2 p.m. on this date while it was parked at Medford and Terminal streets. Taken was \$30.

At 4:15 p.m., officers responded to a breaking and entering on Dunstable Street. The officers saw that the front door of the apartment was wide open and the door frame and lock had been broken. The apartment was vacant and the officers did not see other damage. The Mishawum Park office was notified and responded to secure the door.

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Santa watches over the holiday gifts in the traditional "Twelve Days of Christmas" . . . Donald Duck and his friends celebrate a Mexican Christmas in "Feliz Navidad" . . . "The Little Drummer Boy" is the story of the Nativity and the Little Drummer boy who

offers his drum to the baby Jesus . . . and Max attempts to stay up on Christmas Eve in order to see Santa in "Max's Christmas."

A boy sells his beloved donkey to a man and his wife to aid their journey to Bethlehem in "The Small One," which will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

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Young Adult Happenings

From The Desk Of Father McCarthy/St. Mary's

If you are a young adult age 20 to 40, and would like to be put on the mailing list, call Father McCarthy at 241-9014.

Thank You - Many thanks to the young adults who helped out with the Long Island Shelter Clothing Drive on Nov. 22. Over 70 young adults participated in organizing, driving and dropping off clothes at the rectory. Thanks to the young adults, the clothing room at the shelter, which was empty, is now full.

Also, I want to thank the young adults who participated in the Young Adult Mass and brought toiletry articles for the shelter. Four wicker baskets were filled by the 75 young adults who participated in the Mass. You will never know how much your generosity was greatly appreciated by the staff and guests of the shelter.

Young Adult Advent/Christmas/ Giving Mass - will be held this Sunday, Dec. 21 at St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. I am asking

that you make every effort to attend this Mass and bring a new present for a homeless person.

Needed are warm clothes, mostly for men, sizes medium, large and extra large. Please label the gift as to item and size on the outside of the package. This will be our Christmas offering at the Mass.

Young Adult After Christmas Social - will be held on Friday, Dec. 26 at The Warren Tavern at 9 p.m. Please join us for some well-deserved conversation, enjoyment and relaxation.

Young Adult Ski Trip - We are tentatively planning a young adult ski trip to Loon Mountain during the weekend of Feb. 6 and 7. If you are interested, please let us know by Dec. 30, so we can get a package deal together. There will be a meeting in early January for anyone who is interested in this ski trip.

Father Paul McCarthy, 241-9014



CHARLESTOWN YOUNG ADULTS gathered at St. Mary's Rectory on Monument Square just before Thanksgiving to collect clothing for the Long Island Shelter. Father Paul McCarthy (left) organized the collection and delivery.

(photo by Ed Loan)



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