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SOLD	Bunker Hill Street	2 bedroom condo	\$84,500
SOLD	Tremont Street	carriage house	\$164,000
SOLD	Russell Street	2-bedroom plus den	\$111,000
SOLD	Bolton Place	worker's cottage	\$161,000
SOLD	Old Rutherford Avenue	triplex with parking	\$169,000
SOLD	High Street	2 bedroom plus den	\$180,000
SOLD	Austin Street	2 bedroom with deck	\$150,000
SOLD	Sullivan Street	2 bedroom with garage	\$172,000
SOLD	Auburn Street	3 family rehab	\$150,000
SOLD	Eden Street	4-bedroom single	\$160,000
SOLD	Flagship Wharf	2-bedroom	\$341,500
SOLD	Main Street	1-bedroom with deck	\$131,000
SOLD	Auburn Street	2-bedroom with parking	\$165,000
SOLD	Lawnwood Place	2-family rehab	\$162,000
SOLD	Park Street	2 bedroom duplex	\$155,000
SOLD	Baldwin School	2 bedroom	\$139,900
SOLD	Monument Square	2-bedroom with deck	\$172,000
SOLD	Monument Avenue	3 bedroom	\$250,000
SOLD	Cordis Street	Victorian 2 bedroom	\$205,000
SOLD	Chestnut Street	2 bedroom with garage	\$189,000
SOLD	Washington Street	brick townhouse	\$530,000
SOLD	Courtyard	2 bedrooms, 2 baths, garage	\$185,000
SOLD	High Street	1-bedroom with parking	\$122,500
SOLD	Cordis Street	2-bedroom penthouse, deck	\$236,500
SOLD	Flagship Wharf	1-bedroom	\$180,000
SOLD	Sullivan Street	3-family brick	\$240,000
SOLD	Elm Street	3-bedroom with deck	\$146,000
SOLD	Bunker Hill Street	land	\$30,000
SOLD	North Mead Street	cottage	\$111,000
SOLD	Washington Street	2 bedroom with fireplace	\$180,900
SOLD	Union Street	1-bedroom with parking	\$125,000
SOLD	High Street	triplex with parking	\$220,000
SOLD	Oak Street	3 bedroom	\$150,000
SOLD	Pearl Street	2-bedroom with deck	\$117,500
SOLD	Adams Street	brick single	\$585,000
SOLD	Eden Street	3 bedroom	\$155,000
SOLD	Monument Square	2 bedrooms, 2 baths	\$255,000
SOLD	Green Street	2 family, yard	\$184,900
SOLD	Harvard Street	2-bedroom with parking	\$249,000
SOLD	Courtyard	1 bedroom with garage	\$125,000
SOLD	Harvard Street	1 bedroom with fireplace	\$118,000
SOLD	Mason Court	cottage	\$124,000
SOLD	City Square	2-bedroom	\$117,000
SOLD	Russell Street	single with parking	\$150,000
SOLD	Devens Street	1-bedroom with parking	\$129,300
SOLD	Tremont Street	brick 2 family	\$261,500
SOLD	Monument Street	3-bedroom-duplex	\$260,000
SOLD	Pleasant Street	1-bedroom with parking	\$162,500
SOLD	Mead Street	2-bedroom with deck, c/a	\$143,000
SOLD	Monument	2-bedroom with yard	\$185,000
SOLD	Warren Street	2 family with parking	\$178,000
SOLD	Main Street	penthouse with parking	\$210,000
SOLD	Devens Street	duplex	\$235,000
SOLD	High Street	Victorian 2 family	\$297,500
SOLD	Russell Street	single	\$125,000
SOLD	Lexington Street	single	\$283,000
SOLD	Soley Street	2-bedroom duplex	\$210,000
SOLD	Common Street	penthouse	\$249,900
SOLD	Cedar Street	brick single	\$450,000
SOLD	Bunker Hill Street	2 family	\$308,000

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Low Is Not The Word To Describe Tuesday's Voter Turnout

Snow? . . . Cold? . . . Apathy? . . . None of the above? Just 12 percent of Charlestown's registered voters braved the elements on March 5 to cast a ballot in the Presidential Primary Election.

There were 7,915 voters registered in Ward 2, Charlestown for this election. This included 4,694 Democrats, 809 Republicans with 2,412 undeclared. Taking a Democratic ballot were 569 vot-

ers, with 371 voting Republican. No one was recorded as voting for the Libertarian candidates in the unofficial tally.

In the Democratic field, President Bill Clinton received 433 votes, Lyndon LaRouche Jr. 20, no preference 60 and there were 56 not voting for president.

James Roosevelt Jr. and Elizabeth M. Dunn, both from Cambridge, were elected Middlesex/Suffolk/Essex State Commit-

tee Man and State Committee Woman, respectively. There was no opposition for either candidate.

The election of a Ward 2 Democratic Committee was done by write-ins and stickers, which in some precincts created chaos, since no candidates had submitted names to the Democratic State Committee by filing deadline.

Elected to the Democratic Ward Committee, in

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Community Meeting On Parking In Charlestown

There will be a meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday, March 11, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, co-sponsored by the Charlestown Neighborhood Council and the Charlestown Business Association to address parking concerns in Charlestown.

Parking is a continuing headache for everyone. Charlestown is the closest non-restricted parking to downtown from the north. Commuters who use our streets, but not our neighborhood, are a common concern for residents, busi-

nesses and service providers in town.

There have been a series of meetings in Precinct 1, the area of town closest to downtown and to the MBTA Orange Line, about instituting resident parking on certain streets. While the results of a vote in that precinct are currently in question, there is no doubt that commuter parking is a continuing problem.

The solution to this problem is not simple. No one solution solves all of our problems. And each

solution brings with it a different set of trade-offs, including forcing residents to comply with local car registration laws, constant enforcement by meter maids, parking restrictions on friends and families, and restrictions on those who serve the community but don't live here.

The current process used by the Boston Transportation Department involves holding meetings and voting on resident parking precinct by precinct. While this does

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Local Businessman Celebrates 50 Years In Charlestown

by Lynn Peters

Fifty years ago Andy Sferruzza Sr. opened the doors of Air & Refrigeration Service at 53 Main St. In 1946, the lower end of Charlestown's Main Street was home to a Chinese laundry, the post office, and coffee, pawn and barber shops. The El and two-way traffic moved people in, around, and back and forth to Charlestown and Boston proper. The Navy Yard was going strong, spilling sailors into a thriving business district.

"I don't know where the time went," says 70-year-old Sferruzza, a past president of Charlestown's Ki-



FATHER AND SON, Andy Sferruzza Sr. and Jr., celebrate 50 years in Charlestown with Air & Refrigeration Service..

wanis Club among his community credits.

Originally, Sferruzza started the business with his brother-in-law. Between 10 and 15 years

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SERVICES FOR CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS

Thursdays

• **9 to 10:30 a.m.** - J.F. Kennedy Center's Goal Setting Group-Options Program, 55 Bunker Hill St. For more information, call Linda Hudson at 241-8866

• **10:30 a.m. to noon** - Women's Recovery Group session, Kennedy Center, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.

Fridays

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

First And Third Sundays

• **6:30 p.m.** - Charlestown After Murder Program (CHAMP) meeting, St. Catherine's Rectory, 49 Vine St.

Mondays

• **2 to 5 p.m.** - Mayor's Office Hours with Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

• **3 to 4:30 p.m.** - Al-Anon meeting for friends and families of alcoholics, Kennedy Center Head Start, 23 Moulton St. (babysitting is available)

• **5:45 to 6:45 p.m.** - Free Smoking Cessation course, second floor conference room, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.

• **6 to 7 p.m.** - Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Thursday, March 7

• **3:30 p.m.** - Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

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

• **7 p.m.** - Friends of the Library Membership Committee meeting, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **7 p.m.** - Meeting on the Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter School, Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Friday, March 8

• **10 a.m.** - Adult Discussion Group and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **11:30 a.m.** - Toddler Storytime, stories and songs for children 12 to 36 months old accompanied by an adult, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **6 to 8 p.m.** - Charlestown Little League Registration, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St.

• **7:30 p.m.** - Paddy Reilly in Concert to benefit the Bunker Hill Day Parade, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

• **8 p.m.** - Annual Irish Night Dinner Dance, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

• **8 p.m.** - "An American Storyteller in Ireland" with Sharon Kennedy, for adults, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, March 9

• **8 a.m. to noon** - Charlestown CYO T-Ball and Wack-A-Ball Registration, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 48 Winthrop St.

• **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** - Charle-

stown Little League Registration, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St.

• **noon** - Meat Raffle to benefit the Dennis McLaughlin House, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

• **noon to 4 p.m.** - "Fact Not Fiction" Day, sponsored by Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD), Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St.

• **from noon 'till** - Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Towne Lyne, 108 Cambridge St.

• **2 p.m.** - Costumed, interpretive program on "Rosie The Riveter," Visitor Information Center, Building 5, National Historical Park, Charlestown Navy Yard

• **8 p.m.** - "An American Storyteller in Ireland" with Sharon Kennedy, for adults, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

• **8 p.m.** - St. Patrick's Dance, sponsored by the Bunker Hill Irish Heritage Society, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

• **8 p.m.** - Dance to benefit Charlestown Mayoral candidate Frankie Stillman, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.

Sunday, March 10

• **9 a.m.** - Annual Irish Breakfast, Bunker Hill Post 26, American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

• **Following 9 a.m. Mass** - Holy Name Society meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

• **from noon to 7 p.m.** - Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Towne Lyne, 108 Cambridge St.

• **2 p.m.** - "Irish Folktales for Families" with Sharon Kennedy, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

• **2 p.m.** - Costumed, interpretive program on "Rosie The Riveter," Visitor Information Center, Building 5, National Historical Park, Charlestown Navy Yard

Monday, March 11

• **5:30 p.m.** - Friends of City Square Park Board of Directors meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

• **7 p.m.** - Gardens for Charlestown Inc. Board of Directors meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

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

Tuesday, March 12

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

• **6 to 8 p.m.** - Warren-Prescott School Site Council meeting, Warren-Prescott School, 50 School St.

• **5:30 p.m.** - Charlestown Business Association meeting, Citizens Bank, 5 Austin St.

• **7 p.m.** - Night at Wonderland Track - postponed

• **7:30 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Public Safety/Police Community Relations meeting - postponed

Wednesday, March 13

• **noon to 1 p.m.** - Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham Office Hours, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **12:30 to 2 p.m.** - Science Fair, Charlestown Catholic Elementary School, Tufts Street

• **3 p.m.** - Court St. Jude #1123, C.D.A. meeting and Irish Social, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

• **3:30 p.m.** - "Fairy Folk of the Emerald Isle," Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

upcoming events

Friday, March 15

• **10 a.m.** - Adult Discussion Group and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **11:30 a.m.** - Toddler Storytime, stories and songs for children 12 to 36 months old accompanied by an adult, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **6 to 9 p.m.** - Family Fun Night, Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford St.

• **7:30 p.m.** - Chris Rizzo for Mayor of Charlestown Fund Raiser, K. of C. Lower Hall, 75 West School St.

• **8 p.m.** - Comedy Night to benefit Gym Hockey, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

• **8 p.m.** - "An American Storyteller in Ireland" with Sharon Kennedy, for adults, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, March 16

• **8 a.m. to noon** - Charlestown CYO T-Ball and Wack-A-Ball Registration, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 48 Winthrop St.

• **noon** - Annual St. Patrick's Day Party for Charlestown Senior Citizens, sponsored by The Flatley Co., The Schrafft Center

• **8 p.m.** - St. Patrick's Day Party, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.

• **8 p.m.** - "An American Storyteller in Ireland" with Sharon Kennedy, for adults, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Sunday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

• **2 p.m.** - "Irish Folktales for Families" with Sharon Kennedy, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

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

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Arts & Culture Committee meeting on the Artery Arts Project, K. of C. Hall

plan ahead

Friday, March 22

• **7:30 p.m.** - Charlestown Mayor Election Night,

sponsored by the Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

♪ Paddy Reilly In Concert On Friday Night ♪

Paddy Reilly, who will be appearing in concert in Charlestown tomorrow night, is regarded as the all-time best of Irish ballad singers, an accolade bestowed on him by no less than the late, legendary Luke Kelly of the Dubliners.

His album sales are phenomenal and a Paddy

Reilly concert is an experience that has thrilled and enthralled audiences across the U.S., Australia, U.K., and his homeland, Ireland. His "Fields of Athenry" is possibly the best selling Irish single of all time.

Paddy has a vast catalogue of products available, including tapes, cd's,

albums and videos, which are distributed by Rego Irish Records in New York.

He recently completed a three-week concert tour of England and Scotland and also played to packed houses every night in the Clontarf Castle in Dublin.

He will be appearing at the Knights of Columbus

Hall, 75 West School St., Charlestown, tomorrow night, Friday, March 8 to benefit the Bunker Hill Day Parade.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at The Charlestown Patriot office, One Thompson Square, by calling Arthur Hurley at 242-2724 or at the K. of C. door on Friday.



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MONUMENT PROPERTIES



Committee Supports Housing Proposal For 258 Main St.

by Lynn Peters

Plans to renovate 258 Main St. and provide 13 permanent Section 8 housing units for homeless elderly and other-aged adults were supported by the Charlestown Neighborhood Council Development Committee at its Feb. 29 public meeting.

Recommendations for the redevelopment of the old JJ McCarthy's building, a former rooming house and neighborhood bar, will be presented to the full council at its March monthly meeting, tonight at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St.

Committee Chairman Tom Cunha will suggest that the council support the nonprofit Boston Aging Concerns' (BAC) proposal

with continuing community input and monitoring on public safety, and the tenant-selection and building design-review processes.

Issues raised at three other community meetings with residents and BAC representatives include a safe selection procedure for tenants, a Charlestown outreach effort to encourage locally based housing, parking and open space, the building's facade and union labor.

Mark Dinaburg presented BAC's plans to receive ownership and management from the New Atlantic Development Corp.'s renovation of the four-story sorely-in-need-of-repair building. Dinaburg said the housing would provide 12 tenants and a resident manager with approximately 250 square feet, including

a private bedroom, bathroom and kitchenette. Full-time maintenance and service coordinator staff members would be part of the plans, with program space offered on the first floor.

The proposed housing combines independent living with a shared community atmosphere. All residents would be referred for housing by service providers who work with people who are homeless or at risk of losing their homes. The Erich Lindemann Center would refer five of the selected tenants, and others would come from agencies in Charlestown and greater Boston.

Cunha asked redevelopment representatives specifically for an itemized list and criteria for the tenant-selection process, and

for the actual number of Charlestown people that local organizations, such as the John F. Kennedy Family Service and Bunker Hill Health centers, claim are in need of this type of housing.

Residents expressed concern about any criminal background a prospective tenant may have, especially involving young children. BAC representatives said that, in addition to personal interviews and references, C.O.R.I. record checks would be completed on all tenants. Neighbors also encouraged an alcohol-free environment for the housing program.

The council is expected to vote tonight on whether to support the committee's recommendations for the development.

Gallagher Graduates From Basic Training

Edward Gallagher of Charlestown graduated from basic training in the



EDWARD GALLAGHER

U.S. Marine Corps on Feb. 23.

He is presently working with Marine recruiting in Boston. He leaves for infantry training at Camp LeJeune, N.C. on March 25.

A graduate of Somerville High School, Gallagher is the son of Ed and Ellen Gallagher of Elm Street, Charlestown. He is engaged to Kim Melendy of Charlestown.

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Celebrates 50 Years in Charlestown

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later, Air & Refrigeration became a father-and-son venture, adding only-son Andy Sferruzza Jr.

The commercial air-conditioning, refrigeration and food-service equipment business relocated about 20 years ago to 523 Medford St., doing busi-

ness within a 50-mile radius of Boston.

The elder Sferruzza says he has only held two jobs in his whole life, the other was managing shoe stores in Troy, N.Y. and Portland, Maine. He cannot pinpoint the secret to successful business, except for his general air of providing

good service and having a sense of responsibility.

With all due respect to the senior Sferruzza, Air & Refrigeration Service is now ably run by a very busy Andy Jr. as this Charlestown-based business enters its second half of a century of service. Today Air & Refrigeration

serves hotels, restaurants, hospitals, printing companies and will care for the much-awaited air conditioning at our Knights of Columbus Hall.

The most-rewarding aspect of these 50 years for Sferruzza? "The good people of Charlestown," he says.

Put Your Old Eyeglasses To Good Use

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

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HAPPENINGS AT THE CHARLESTOWN WORKING THEATER
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• **Sharon Kennedy Returns With Two Shows** - The CWT is proud to present Storyteller Sharon Kennedy in two shows, "An American Storyteller in Ireland" for adults, and "Irish Folktales For Families" for all ages. These popular shows feature Kennedy performing with Celtic harpist Barbara Russell. Don't be left out, make your reservations now! "An American Storyteller" will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings March 8 through 24. "Irish Folktales for Families" will be performed at 2 p.m. on Sundays during this same time. Come and share these unique performances with Kennedy, about whom the Boston Globe said, "Sharon Kennedy has the ability to turn a word into a thousand pictures!"

• **The Wizard of Oz** - We are still in need responsible young adults for those important behind-the-scenes jobs, so call if you're interested in student director, assistant to the choreographer, assistant to the musical director, student stage manager, prop manager and stage crew. These positions require an approximate six-week commitment.

For reservations or information, call 242-3285.
See you at the theater!

Old Charlestown Schoolboys To Hold 83rd Reunion

The Old Charlestown Schoolboys' Association will hold its 83rd reunion on Thursday, May 9 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St., Charlestown.

For more information, contact Ken Awbrey at P.O. Box 375, Charlestown, Mass. 02129, or call 242-3573.

MEMBERSHIP

Applications for membership in the association are available through Ken Awbrey. Prospective mem-

bers must have attended school in Charlestown prior to 1950.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Old Charlestown Schoolboys' Scholarship applications are available to any interested boy or girl from Charlestown. They may be picked up at The Charlestown Patriot office at One Thompson Square or at the Charlestown High School office at 240 Medford St. The deadline for applications is April 19, 1996.

Charlestown Catholic Elementary School News

There is much excitement building throughout Charlestown Catholic Elementary School as the youngsters prepare for their upcoming Science Fair which will take place on Wednesday, March 13. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to visit the classrooms between 12:30 and 2 p.m. Come and learn more from projects about oceanography, endangered species, weather, environment and many

other interesting scientific projects.

Have you bought a delicious candy bar from one of the CCES students yet? If you haven't, they would certainly appreciate your support in this fund raising event.

The snow continues to fall and even the youngest members of our school community are looking forward to spring! What about you?

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



• **Don't Forget To Tune Into . . .** "The Single Guy" at 8:30 p.m. tonight as Charlestown's own Tony V. makes a guest appearance with Ernest Borgnine. He will also appear on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" tonight, Thursday, March 7 at 12:30 a.m. . . . Both shows are seen on Channel 7 . . . We'll be watching, Tony!

• **Paddy Reilly Comes To Charlestown . . .** tomorrow night, Friday, March 8, for what promises to be a super concert. This world renowned artist will bring his talents to town in an event to benefit the Bunker Hill Day Parade. The concert gets underway at 7:30 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, and tickets are priced at just \$15 . . . There aren't many tickets left . . . so don't be left out. Give a call to Arthur Hurley at 242-2724, pick them up at the Patriot office, One Thompson Square before Friday at 5 p.m., or purchase them at the door.

• **Saturday, March 9 . . .** will be a busy day at the K. of C. Hall . . . A Meat Raffle will get underway at noon to benefit the Dennis McLaughlin House, a residence for women in recovery . . . and the Bunker Hill Irish Heritage Society will host a St. Patrick's Day Dance and Corned Beef & Cabbage Buffet starting at 8 p.m. for just \$12 per person!

• **There Will Be Plenty Of Green . . .** Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10 starting at noon as the Towne Lyne Cafe at 108 Cambridge St. holds its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner for just a \$5 donation to Muscular Dystrophy . . . This event, part of the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign, was the top of the list in money raised last year . . . So come on down and get the royal treatment as elected officials and celebrities serve up the dinner and help a good cause!

• **Mayoral Hopeful . . .** Frankie Stillman will host a fund raiser on Saturday evening, March 9, starting at 8 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 14 Green St., Charlestown. Your \$10 admission will count for 10 votes. D.J. Macca will provide the music.

• **It's Birthday Time This Week . . .** as Aggie Kane celebrates today, March 7th . . . Devan O'Malley McDonald will turn 5 on March 9th . . . Kenny Rae will party for sure on March 10th . . . and Arthur Hurley and Joey Burke will share the honors on March 13th . . . Have a great day every one of you!

• **A Reminder . . .** The deadline for submitting nominations for the annual Community Service Awards is Friday, March 22 at 5 p.m. . . . If you know someone who has helped his or her fellow Townies or the town itself, then write a few lines and mail it to the Community Appreciation Awards Committee, P.O. Box 397, Charlestown, Mass. 02129 . . . Also, the **Patriot** is always willing to help, but we cannot be responsible for nominations just dropped off at our door or sent through our FAX machine . . . Please use the P.O. Box!

• **With Spring Just Around The Corner . . .** The American Cancer Society will hold their fund-raising Daffodil Days from March 19 to 24. If you would like to support the society, and at the same time surprise that special someone with a bouquet of daffodils, (the symbol of hope that cancer will be beaten), call the society's Metro North office at 437-1900 and have your flowers delivered. The last day to place an advance order is tomorrow, March 8.

• **Does Helping People Make You Feel Good?** . . . The American Red Cross of Mass. Bay is looking for volunteers who can devote a few hours during the day to help meet the emergency needs of disaster victims by providing them with temporary housing, food and other basic necessities. For more information, contact Vida at 375-0700, ext. 280.

• **Collect Your Treasures To Sell . . .** or buy some new ones at the Charlestown Lions Club Indoor Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 at the K. of C. Hall. Give Bud a call at 242-2063 for more info on renting a table!

• **Enjoy A Free Program At The JFK Library . . .** on Tuesday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. and hear Edward Radzinsky, one of Russia's most prolific playwrights, discuss his new book "The Last Tsar," a new biography of Joseph Stalin who ruled the Soviet Union with an iron fist. For further information, call the library at 929-4554.

• **The Life Focus Center Night At The Races . . .** has been cancelled and will be rescheduled during the warmer weather. Stay tuned for details.

• **Thought For The Week . . .** What soon grows old? Gratitude.

- Aristotle

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around the town

by Gloria S. Conway

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings . . .

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council will be held at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, March 7 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Included on the agenda for this month's meeting, in addition to reports of committees that met throughout the month, are: a presentation by Mon O'Shea, acting president of Bunker Hill Community College, on the movie soundstage proposed adjacent to the college; information from Ted Marquis of City Year and Jack Halloran, principal of the Harvard-Kent School, on a proposed park in the school area; and representatives from the Chow Thai restaurant at 189 Main St. on a proposed beer and wine license.

Public Safety Meeting

Co-Chairman John Dillon announces that this month's Public Safety/Police Community Relations meeting, originally scheduled for March 12, has been postponed.

Basic Services Committee Chow Thai Cafe

Chairman Bill Galvin has announced a meeting of the Basic Services Committee for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 relative to the application to the Boston Licensing Board by the Chow Thai Cafe at 187 Main St. for a seven-day beer and wine license. The meeting will be held at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Arts & Cultural Committee Artery Arts Project

Co-chairmen Don Haska and Ken Stone have called a meeting of the Arts & Cultural Committee at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. Catherine Rafferty, Ross Miller, Bridget Smyth and Marty Nee from the Central Artery/Tunnel Project are scheduled to attend.

Basic Services Committee BFI Transfer/Recycling Facility

Chairman Bill Galvin has announced a meeting of the Basic Services Committee to review the plans of BFI to purchase 28-acres of land in Cambridge, adjacent to the Gilmore Bridge, to build a new transfer/recycling facility. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 25 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

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

★ Charlestown Business Association . . .

The Charlestown Business Association will hold its monthly meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 at the Citizens Bank in the Bunker Hill Mall.

The guest speaker will be Charlestown resident Julie Barron, who is vice president of the commercial loan division of Citizens Bank. Her topic will be the requirements for acquiring a business loan. Prospective members are welcome to attend.

★ "Pack It In Program" . . . MGH-

Bunker Hill Health Center is offering continuous free five-week programs to help you stop smoking. Sessions, which are free of charge are held each Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. from now through April 10 in the second floor conference room at 73 High St. Space is limited, so call 485-6210 to register.

★ Licensing Board Hearing . . . The

city's Licensing Board will hold a public hearing at 10:25 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20 in Room 809A of Boston City Hall. Chase Duckworth Inc., David Chase, manager, at 73-83 Main St. has applied for a C.V. 7-Day Malt and Wine License on the above premises in one room on the first floor with bar area, kitchen and storage in the rear. They are also seeking a midnight closing hour.

★ Have Lunch With Mayor Thomas

Menino . . . at the Charlestown Kiwanis Luncheon on Thursday, March 14 at noon at Barrett's Restaurant in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Menino will be on hand to acknowledge the Charlestown Kiwanis for initiating the Warren-Prescott Community Playground that is slated for construction in the spring. He will also discuss his "Playground Initiative," a directive to create outdoor play and learning areas for children in the public schools and the power of partnerships: communities working together for children.

For \$12, you will have a choice of chicken or fish. If you would like to attend, you must RSVP to Henry Sawyer at 242-4610, Mark Greenbaum at 241-9292 or Patricia Simpson at 242-7578.

★ A Boston Landmarks Commission

Meeting . . . will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St., Charlestown. The staff of the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) will discuss the status of and plans for landmark designation in our town. This event will allow residents to get answers to our questions about city policy and to begin to establish a lasting relationship with the BLC staff.

This will be the first of several meetings and is sponsored in collaboration with the Charlestown Neighborhood Council and the Charlestown Preservation Society. Everyone is welcome to attend. For additional information, call Ginger Leonard

meeting coordinator, at 242-4235.

★ Host Families Are Being Sought In

The Boston Area . . . Boston Ireland Ventures, a local charitable group that has won international praise, is sponsoring an eight-week training and educational program in Boston for young Irish men and women from both communities, north and south. They are seeking families in the Boston area who would be willing to house a young Irish person (or two) for eight weeks beginning on April 27. Host families will be compensated.

These young people will train with local employers four days a week, and attend classes one day a week at the University of Mass. in Boston. All the participants from Ireland in the Boston job training program have been professionally screened for personal character and academic achievement. All will be returning home after the Boston program is completed. This is a good opportunity to help a deserving young Irish person and advance the cause of peace in Ireland.

For more information, contact Sean Connolly or Bill O'Donnell at Boston Ireland Ventures, 723-1361, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

★ Charlestown Parks . . . Joe Doyle,

engineer from the Boston Parks Department, will meet with residents at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26 to discuss proposed improvements at the Training Field. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

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Community Meeting On Parking In Charlestown

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ensure that those most immediately impacted have a say in what regulations get instituted, their decisions may also impact their neighbors who do not have the chance to participate.

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council and the Charlestown Business Association, seeing the potential for these impacts across the community, are co-sponsoring this community-wide meeting. This is a chance for the whole community - residents and businesses alike - to get together and hear the concerns of neighbors all around town. It is also an opportunity for all of us to collectively search for creative solutions.

The results of this meeting will be used by the Neighborhood Council as input if and when precincts hold meetings to consider options for parking in their areas. It is the hope of these sponsors that, by bringing everyone together to talk about this problem, we may also be able to find solutions that solve our worst problems with the smallest possible overall impact on the community.

Come prepared to participate in solving

this problem. The best way to minimize the negative impact on our lives is to make sure we understand our biggest problems and to choose solutions that solve those specific problems. Participants will first be asked to talk about their biggest parking problems. What areas have the biggest problems? When is parking at its worst in your area? Is parking in your area worse at different times of the year?

Participants will then be asked to talk about various options. What are we willing to trade off to solve this problem? Are we willing to have day and night presence

of meter maids to ensure that no commuters park on our streets? Are there any solutions that limit this and other significant impacts?

If you cannot attend, but would like to be heard, please fill in the following form and mail it to the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, P.O. Box 397, Charlestown, Mass. 02129. A summary of comments received during the meeting and by mail will be prepared for the Neighborhood Council and the Boston Transportation Department.

- by Marilyn Darling

CHARLESTOWN PARKING INPUT FORM

NAME: (optional) _____

PHONE: (optional) _____

STREET: _____ PRECINCT: _____

My biggest problem is: (be as specific as possible)

When is parking especially bad in this location?

What solution would you favor to solve this problem?

What other ideas or concerns do you have?

Delegates Elected To Represent Ward 2 At Democratic Convention In June



SIX FEMALE DELEGATES and two alternates were elected to represent Ward 2, Charlestown at the Democratic Convention to be held in June at Worcester. The caucus, chaired by Tom Cunha, was held on March 2 at the K. of C. Hall. Shown front row (l. to r.) are delegates Donna Henderson-O'Brien, Mary MacInnes and Terry Ring. Standing (l. to r.) are delegates Kelli Gillen, Amy Chardavoyne and Dorothy Conway; and alternates Anne McCarron and Gloria Conway.



SIX MALE DELEGATES and one alternate were elected to represent Ward 2, Charlestown at the Democratic Convention to be held at Worcester in June. Shown front row (l. to r.) are delegates Mel Stillman, Peter Looney and Doug MacDonald. Standing (l. to r.) are delegates Ed Callahan, Jim Mansfield and Charlie Clabaugh; and alternate John Douglas Cummings.

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TIARA To Meet

The Irish Ancestral Research Association, known as TIARA, will hold a brief business meeting followed by a program on Friday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 307, Higgins Hall, at Boston College.

"Computer Hardware Selection for Genealogy" will be presented by Dick Eastman, manager of genealogy services on CompuServe. Eastman's book, "Your Roots: Total Genealogy Planning on Your Computer," was published in 1995. He will be appearing in the upcoming PBS special "Ancestors" scheduled to air this fall.

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R.G.

Remember When . . .

by Charlie McGonagle

You've been around a while if you remember . . .

Knocking horse chestnuts off of a tree. Sunday nights at the Hippie when "Seat open!" was an often heard cry from the audience.

The heart wrenching half time ceremonies at the "Oily" when the late "Chickie" Noyes was being honored.

When the clock on St. Francis de Sales Church steeple worked. (In my memory, it has never worked).

When milk came in quart bottles and was often delivered by the milkman.

When cream formed at the top of the quart milk bottles.

'Fairy Folk of The Emerald Island'

Come to the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Wednesday, March 13 at 3:30 p.m. for an afternoon of Irish storytelling.

Leprechauns, giants, and other mysterious inhabitants of Ireland will come to life in amusing and entertaining stories. This program is recommended for children ages 6 to 10. For more information, call Margaret McAteer at 242-1248.

It's A Girl . . .

Daniel and Andrea Coleman of 16 Holland St., Saugus, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Kathleen, on Feb. 14 at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces.

Her two big brothers, Daniel, age 4, and Liam, age 2, are enjoying the latest addition to their family, as are her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. O'Brien of Melrose, and her paternal grandfather, Francis J. Coleman of 8 Lawrence St., Charlestown.

It's A Boy . . .

William and Cornelia Connell of 69 Lake St., Tewksbury, formerly of Charlestown, are proud to announce the birth of their son, William Millar Connell, on Feb. 18 at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are Gerald and Pamela Collins of New Hartford, N.Y.

The paternal grandparents are Bill and Barbara Connell of Stoneham.

William was welcomed home by his big sister, Catherine Hughes Connell, age 17 months.

When the inside lid on a Hoodsie had the picture of a celebrity.

Pinky Lee, Howdy Doody, Mr. Bluster, Clarabell the Clown, Princess Summerfallwinterspring, Kukla, Fran and Ollie, Beanie, Cecil the Seasick Serpent, Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Snerd, Paul Winchell, Jerry Mahoney, and Snuffy Smiff, Sky King and Penny, Wally Cox, The Colgate Comedy Hour, Lux Video Theater, John Cameron Swayze, Mr. District Attorney, The Range Rider, and the oh so many early television shows.

"I'm Buster Brown, I live in a shoe. "Arf, Arf." That's my dog Tighe (?), he lives in there too."

When everybody met Dick, Jane, Spot and Puff while learning to read.

When the American Flag had forty-eight stars.

When one part of Paul Revere's Ride was re-enacted through the streets of Charlestown (a tradition that has continued).

When people sat on their "stoops" on a warm summer's night.

When boys said, "Watch your language. Here comes a lady!"

When Exxon was Esso.

When smoking in the boys room was just about the most major of all major school offenses.

When you rolled a pack of cigarettes in the sleeve of your "T" shirt.

When the words to "Be Bop A Lula," and "Who Put The Bomp in the Bomp Shu Bomp" actually made sense.

When the Drifters, the Platters, the Coasters, Danny and the Juniors, the Penguins, the Five Satins, the Aqua Tones, and Bill Haley and the Comets were Hootie and the Blowfish of our day.

When we got upset when our parents asked us to turn down the radio. When our kids got upset when we asked them to turn down the radio.

If many of the aforementioned items are a permanent part of your own memory bank, then you, like me, have already quite probably passed more birthdays than you will ever reach.

Birmingham To Hold Office Hours On March 13

A member of Sen. Thomas Birmingham's staff will be available for community office hours in Charlestown on Wednesday, March 13 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Charlestown

Branch Library, 179 Main St. The public is invited

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

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American Legion High School Oratorical Finals On Sunday

The Department of Massachusetts, The American Legion High School Oratorical Finals Contest will be held on Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m. in the Hull Room, Building 5, in the National Historical Park section of the Charlestown Navy Yard.

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

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

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

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

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

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Wanted: Cure For Muscular Dystrophy Law Enforcement Officials Issue All Points Bulletin

Local law enforcement representatives have once again joined forces to stop the debilitating effects of Muscular Dystrophy. Boston Police Captain Ed McNelley, MBTA Police Chief John O'Donovan, State Police Colonel Charlie Henderson and Deputy Chief Homicide Division Mary Ames, today issued an all-points bulletin, stating: *Muscular Dystrophy should be considered armed and dangerous. Every effort must be made to eliminate this villainous disease from our society. All citizens are encouraged to assemble at the Towne Lyne Cafe, 108 Cambridge St., Charlestown, this weekend, March 9 and 10 to assist in this pursuit. At that time, you will be instructed on how to purchase a shamrock, T-shirt, raffle ticket or dinner in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's research efforts. A Good Time, For a Good Cause Policy will be strictly enforced.*

The Towne Lyne Cafe's seventh

annual Corned Beef and Cabbage MDA Fund Raiser will begin at noon on Saturday, March 9 and continue through 7 p.m., Sunday, March 10. Some of the city's best corned beef, cabbage and light-hearted blarney will be dished out by notable local political, media, community and public servant personalities. All proceeds of the \$5, all-you-can-eat event will be donated to MDA to help "Jerry's Kids."

Everett Police Officers and local heroes, Robert Hall and Paul Durant, will once again unselfishly put themselves on the line at an area restaurant for the benefit of others. But as in the past, the success of their appearance will be the element of surprise.

The schedule of all volunteers' personal appearances at the event is a well-kept secret. When pressed for information regarding some of the more prominent wait staff work schedules, Towne Lyne Cafe proprietor Peter O'Malley, would only par-

aphrase the infamous James Michael Curley saying, "Every volunteer is an important draw and asset to this event. If there is someone that you'd particularly like to meet or visit, my best advice is to 'come early and come often.'"

According to O'Malley, supporters will be on hand throughout the weekend to help make the cafe and the community's contribution to MDA the largest ever. Event participants include: Lt. Governor Paul Cellucci; House Majority Leader Rep. Richard Voke; columnists Mike Barnicle and Beverly Ford; WBZ's Charlie Austin and Mary Ellen Burns; Boston City Councillors Diane Modica, Peggy Davis-Mullen and Mickey Roache; The Charlestown Patriot's Gloria Conway; Charlestown Neighborhood Council members Peter Looney and Bill McCabe; as well as (former) Governor's Council Members Bob Cordy and Massport's Dorothy Connolly Steele.

Low Voter Turnout In Tuesday's Election

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alphabetical order, were: Sheila Brown, Dennis Callahan, Edward P. Callahan, Albert "Butch" Char-davoyne, Amy Chardavoyne, Ruthellen Chardavoyne, Dorothy Conway, Thomas S. Cunha, David P. Dow, Kathleen A. Giordano, Edna M. Kelly, Nancy M. Keyes, Peter P. Looney, Douglas MacDonald, James Mansfield, Donna Henderson-O'Brien, Martin O'Brien Sr., G. Kevin Roche, Melvin J. Stillman, John L. Tobin and James F. Walsh.

The Republican party in Charlestown, that a few years ago just recorded a handful of voters, is show-

ing some strength in the town and in the district by fielding candidates for State Committee Man and State Committee Woman and electing an 18-member Ward 2 Republican Committee.

On the presidential nomination ballot, Bob Dole took 141 votes, followed by Pat Buchanan with 133 votes. Steve Forbes garnered 42 votes, Lamar Alexander had 20 and the remainder of the candidates, along with "no preference," were in single numbers.

State Committee Man for the Middlesex/Suffolk/Essex district was a two-man race between Leslie

Pendleton of Charlestown and Robert J. Prezioso of Everett. There had not been a winner declared at press time.

Charlestown's Jennifer Borden and Chelsea's Barbara Burke sought the office of State Committee Woman. Borden, in her first run for public office, came out of Charlestown with a solid vote, but faced the difficult challenge of another candidate coming from a large district, and Burke took the race. No doubt the Borden name will appear on a ballot in a future election.

Eighteen were elected to the Republican Ward Committee. Elected, in al-

phabetical order, were: Christopher V. Adams, Jennifer C. Borden, Suzanne M. Coughlin, Kellie Cullen, Patricia H. Harrington, Denise Jennings, Robert F. Kalin, William Kuttner, Greta M. Maguire, John J. McDonnell, Julie McDonnell, Rory L. Neubert, Robert S. O'Connell, Samantha Overton, Leslie Pendleton Jr., George Riethof, Michael Ward and Kevin A. Wrege.

Look For Us At The Flower Show . . .

Local exhibitors will be taking part in the 125th anniversary New England Spring Flower Show at the Bayside Expo Center from March 9 through March 17.

Bunker Hill Florist at One Thompson Square will have an exotic creation on display from March 9 through March 11.

A creation by The Wild Flower, 85 Main St., will be on view from March 12 through March 14.

Gardens For Charlestown will have a display throughout the days of the show.

Charlestown Little League News

Registration for Little League will be held at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St., on Friday, March 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, March 9 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The registration fee will be \$30 per family. We ask that, if at all possible, a parent or guardian accompany the player who is to be registered.

Everyone must register.

Major league players and players registering for the first time must get to the club on these dates. We especially ask that major league players who are returning to register, do so early so that the managers can

firm up their rosters before the tryouts and draft.

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CHARLESTOWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS

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A PIANO RECITAL was held recently at the club and congratulations go out to all of the club's piano students for a great job. Performers included front row (l. to r.) Ashley Foley, Samairy Bonilla, Zuleika Velazquez, Chelsea Simpson, Lashalaz Bonilla and Maureen Flaherty. Back row (l. to r.) Meghan Buckley and piano teachers Jenny Atkinson and Nancy Stebbins.

♦ GAMESROOM

Gamesroom Obstacle Course

Congratulations to the first place finishers in the Gamesroom Obstacle Course. They are Lauren Geezil (girls 6-9) with a time of 55 seconds; Jon Libby (boys 6-9) with a time of 40 seconds; and Tony Tu, who was the top finisher for boys 10-13, with a time of 39 seconds.

Torch Club - Attention Torch Club Members - there will be NO meeting today, Thursday, March 7.

St. Patrick's Day Party - There will be a St. Patrick's Day Party on Friday, March 15 for young people 6 to 13 in the gamesroom. The party will be held from 6 to 8

p.m. and admission is \$1, with all the proceeds going to the Torch Club. Stop by for tunes, snacks, contests, games and prizes.

♦ LIBRARY

Invention Convention

The library held its annual Invention Convention on March 1. Eighteen club members participated and the top winners and their inventions were: first place - David Grace, The Human Lung (Most Creative); second place - Lauren Geezil, Time Machine (Best for Kids and Parents); and Jason Bernard and John Burns, The Hooker Hat (Most Original); and third place - Brendan Grace, The TV (Best Presentation).

The club members also chose their favorite and the

winner was Lauren Geezil for her Time Machine.

Writing Contest - The library will be conducting a writing contest this month. The topic is "If You Could Be An Animal, What Would You Be? Why?"

♦ EDUCATION

Young Scholars Summer Program - Jenny has applications for the Young Scholars Summer Program at Northeastern University. The program has a science focus and is for high school sophomores and juniors.

The deadline for applications is March 15.

Talent Show - If you would like to take part in the Talent Show on April 26, sign up with Jenny.

Honor Roll Party - The Honor Roll Party will be held tomorrow, Friday, March 8 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the library. If you would like to be invited, talk to Christine or Jenny.

Yoga Class - It's not too late to join the Yoga Class. It's held every Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Music Room.

Irish Festival - If there are any adults who are interested in participating in the Irish Festival on March 15, please talk to Jenny soon.

Red Cross Babysitting Course - Congratulations to the people who completed the Red Cross Babysitting Course. They are: Jolene Rushing, Lauren O'Hearn, Jaclyn Gans, Meghan Seward and Christina Dalrymple. For a complete list of babysitters, call Jenny at the club.

♦ GENERAL NEWS

Little Patriots Day Care Center - During the month of March, the Little Patriots Day Care Center will be hosting a "Pot of Gold." Chances are \$1 each and can be purchased at the center. Please help support this fund raiser and maybe you will be the lucky winner of 50% of the money raised. The children thank you in advance. The drawing will be held on Thursday, March 28 at noon.



CLUB MEMBERS competed recently in a Chess Tournament held at the Somerville Library. TOP ROW: At the left is Chris Connors (left) vs. Melvin Zang and Andrew Southern vs. Amanda Filipek . . . On the right, Tommy Dyer stops to pose during his game vs. Stephanie Filipek from the Somerville Library team. BOT-

TOM ROW: On the left, Jack Doherty plays Gabriel Young, first in Mass. and second in the nation, in a game of chess, and Joe Ferris in the Oakland hat says "I'm playing a chess genius!" . . . At the right, Art Paige competes against Gabrielle Vacheresse and Nick Earner plays Breno Giacomini.

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All new umpires will receive a free ASA 1996 Rule Book. All clinics are free and open to coaches and managers.

For more information, call Ray Macone at 665-5925.



BOB D'S BEAT BY BOB DeCRISTOFORO

◆ **Summer Job Jump** ... If you're a teen and you are looking for a summer job, this Saturday's Mayor's Youth Conference might be a good place to start. This second annual summit takes place at Boston Latin, and includes a Resource Center. Teens can still register for this free event by calling Carolyn Shannon at the Boston Community Centers, 635-4920.

◆ **Pro Line** ... The Winnipeg Jets are still battling for a playoff spot and this weekend proved a definite plus as the Jets downed Hartford 5-2 and the New York Islanders 7-5. Keith Tkachuk scored his 38th and 39th goal in this two-game set, and has moved his point total to 70-plus. The Jets have won five in a row.

◆ **Hot Stove League** ... More Charlestown baseball news. Skippy Imbergamo of Boston's North End will join Robbie McIntosh as a coach of the Charlestown Pride-Yawkey League team. The franchise begins its second season this summer. Skippy not only brings a great deal of knowledge to the team, he also brings a great deal of enthusiasm, and this will also open the door wider for some great North End talent to join the squad.

◆ **High School Notebook** ... Tournament time is here, and the only downer in this great time is the abrupt end to great seasons. I've already been to three state hockey games

decided in overtime, and one hoop game decided in the very last minute. Remember, only one team can win a championship, but every high school athlete is the true champion!

In the hoop game of the week, Beverly overcame Latin in the final three minutes of play sending Nick Smith on an early spring vacation. It was a great game to watch, but even more impressive was the Charlestown contingent who found their way over to Latin on a cold night in support of one of Charlestown's finest young people.

Charlestown High advanced to the Division 2 North semi-finals, defeating Chelsea. A win versus Melrose will advance the team to Saturday's North championship game.

Andrew Ray and the Cape Codders defeated Nantucket and a win versus Millis will move them into a Saturday final.

On the hockey scene, Keith Wallace and his Winchendon Prep team defeated Vermont Academy 5-2 to capture the Division 2 NEPAC Championship.

Don Bosco's Division 1 hopes ended rather abruptly as Archbishop Williams toppled our Bears 4-3 in overtime. Bosco got the tying goal with just 2:02 remaining in regulation time. Boston Latin upset Bishop Fenwick 6-4, and Latin Academy advanced by defeating Abington.

Pat Leahy had an impressive showing, but Hanover proved just too much for our Charlestown boys.

In Division 1A at the FleetCenter, Matignon and BC High took opening night victories, but Arlington Catholic and Catholic Memorial fell short in this double elimination tournament.

◆ **ADSL Basketball** ... The Andy Puopolo 17 & under team was defeated on Sunday afternoon by St. Gregory's 67-57. This week the team must defeat the South Boston Boys Club team in order to stay alive for the playoffs. Game time is 1 p.m. and players should be there by 12:30 p.m.

◆ **College Board** ... Corey Gallagher's Bentley College Women's Basketball Team defeated Bryant 78-57 in the semi-finals of the NE-10 Tournament, and then topped AIC for the championship.

◆ **Tidbits** ... Jamsie Greatorex is practicing a new dance step ... Is Greg Poole taking Spanish lessons? ... Billy Schofield has broken his old record ... Joe Gilmore, you owe someone dinner ... Jill Doherty, be sure to be home by supper time ... Is Joe Tallent on the FleetCenter screen, or is that a look-a-like - check it out! ... Has Frankie Stillman challenged Chris Rizzo to a Mayor's debate?

Smile!

Charlestown CYO T-Ball Registration

The Charlestown CYO T-Ball and Wack-A-Ball League will be holding registrations on Saturdays, March 9 and 16, from 8 a.m. to noon at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 48 Winthrop St.

The registration fee is \$10 per child.

The T-Ball Division is for 6, 7 and 8-year-olds, and the Wack-A-Ball Division is for 4 and 5-year-olds.

For further information, call Paul Buckley at 242-3944 or Joan Smith at 242-0700.

Comedy Night To Benefit Gym Hockey Program

Charlestown Gym Hockey invites everyone to join them at their St. Patrick's Weekend Comedy Night Benefit on Friday, March 15 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The event is being supported by Nick's Comedy Stop and will feature some of the top comedians in the Boston area. Doors will open at 7 p.m. with the

show starting at 8 p.m. Scheduled to perform are two nationally renowned comedians, Kevin Knox, and Chuck Roy, along with three of Boston's young up-and-coming comedians, Mike Fahey, Mike Prior and Mark Coyle, all regular performers at Nick's.

The comedians are scheduled to appear from

8 to 10 p.m. and a DJ will entertain from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door, or you can reserve a table of 10 for \$120. They can be purchased by calling Jimbo Tucker at 242-3470, Timmy Dacey at 242-1937, Paul Buckley at 242-3944 or Debbie Lent at 241-8656.

Charlestown Gym Hockey Update

The Charlestown Gym Hockey League standings as of March 2 are:

	W	L	T
Dunny's Pals	15	1	1
B. H. Florist	14	2	1
Bryan's Pals	12	4	1
The Horseshoe	10	5	1
B. H. Insurance	8	6	3
Jimmy's On Top	7	10	0
Kerrigan's	6	7	3
T. J.'s Kids	4	11	1
Main St. Furniture	3	8	5
L'il Al's	2	11	3
Grant Photo	1	13	2

Players of the Week - Feb. 10

Bryan's Pals	Sean Breen
	Kyle Cain
B. H. Florist	Molly Tobin

Bunker Hill Insurance	Jeremy Adams
Dunny's Pals	Sarah Sherman
	Tommy Hickey
Grant Photo	Kerryn Loan
	Aileen Kane
Jimmy's On Top	Erin Flynn
	Courtney Ferreira
Kerrigan's	Kevin Woods
	Marc Considine
Li'l Al's	Zachary Burke
	Mary Kate Collins
Main St. Furniture, Medford	Michael Ochoa
	Danny O'Donnell
	Elizabeth Hitchcock
	Schae Simpson
The Horseshoe	Had a bye.
T. J.'s Kids	Alyssa Settipani
	Michael Settipani

CHAD Junior Bowling League News

by John Dillon

With the threat of snow ruining our day, we went ahead and bowled anyway in the CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Junior Bowling League. We were missing a few bowlers, but we managed to get the day in.

The American Legion had its shutout string broken by Jenny's, but still managed to take six points in a 6-2 win. Top bowler for the American Legion was Richie Burns with 237 and runner-up was Sean Reilly with 236. Top bowler for Jenny's was Mike Shackford with 225 and runner-up was Jessica Grace with 156. McCarthy Bros. kept up

the pace by defeating Bunker Hill Real Estate 6-2. Marianne Kissane was the top bowler for McCarthy Bros. with 244 and Jon Paul Awbrey was runner-up with 210. Top bowler for BHRE was Chris Chiampa with 188.

The Shamrocks defeated Diane Modica's team 6-2. Top bowler for the Shamrocks was Jim Kissane with 277. Runner-up was Danny Kissane with 194. Top bowler for Modica's team was Stephen Wall with 259 and runner-up was Ryan Stillman with 198.

Cricket's team had a 4-4 split with the Kennedy Center. Top bowler for the Kennedy Center was Sean Cronk

with 238 and runner-up was Shawn Burke with 220. Matt Paley had a great day for Cricket's team, bowling a great 278.

In the final match of the day, the Red Store defeated the Charlestown Patriot 6-2. Top bowler for the Red Store was Jean Wall with 232 and runner-up was Brendan Grace with 208. Top bowler for the Patriot was John Harrington with 228.

Bowlers of the week are: Matt Paley 278, Jim Kissane 277, Stephen Wall 259, Marianne Kissane 244, Sean Cronk 238, Richie Burns 237, Sean Reilly 236, Jean Wall 228, Mike Shackford 225, John

Harrington 228 and Shawn Burke 220.

Bowlers trying the hardest are: Jean Wall 232, John Harrington 228, Sheilann Williams 207, Michelle Williams 198, Ryan Hickey 191, Chris Chiampa 188, Jessica Grace 156 and David Grace 155.

Standings	W	L
American Legion	46	2
McCarthy Bros.	36	12
Red Store	34	14
Kennedy Center	30	18
Shamrocks	26	22
B.H. Real Estate	25	23
Diane Modica	22	26
Jenny's	11	37
Chas'n. Patriot	8	40
Cricket's	6	42

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BY FATHER RON COYNE

Adult Family Feud Results - We are grateful to the 13 teams who participated in our annual Adult Family Feud Game and to their families and friends who were in the audience. This year, with the expertise of Charlie McGonagle, we were able to include many questions that pertained to Charlestown (past and present). This brought back many memories and lots of laughs. We thank the following team captains for putting teams together: Elaine Scadding, Ann Joyce, Mary Roche, Sharon Sodergren, Sheila Walsh, Pat Duncan, Jerry Barrett, Julie Doris and George Collier. We congratulate the prize winners: fourth place - Captain Joe Hurley, Lynne Woods, Lisa Collins, Peggy Gallagher and Karen Connolly; third place - Captain Bill McCabe, Bo Batchelder, Edna Kelly, Steve Batchelder and Maureen McCabe; second place - Captain Tim Dineen, Ginger Sweeney, Joann Dineen, Dawn Tomasini and Maura Burton; champions - Captain Michele Cannizzaro, Julie Quinn, Helen Garofano, Nicole DeRoeve and Natalie Rizzo.

Special thanks to our Family Feud crew who helped Father Coyne: Mary Rizzo, Susan Essex, Jim McIsaac, Sheila Jackson, Beverly Wilson, Renie McGrath and Paul Rizzo.

St. Patrick's Celebration Sponsored By MH₂O - The fourth annual St. Patrick's Celebration to benefit St. Catherine's CYO Youth Programs will be held from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 14 at St. Catherine's Parish Hall. Entertainment will be provided by Charlestown's D.J. Dennis Moore. There will be a buffet, dan-

cing, cash bar and raffles. Admission is \$10 person. For ticket information, call 242-1750.

St. Patrick's Day Mass And Breakfast At St. Catherine's - Traditionally, Ann Regan, our secretary, sponsors our St. Patrick's Day Mass and invites all those who attend to join us at the rectory for Irish bread, pastries and coffee. This year, the celebration will take place on Saturday, March 16 at the 9 a.m. Mass which will feature some beautiful Irish music. All are invited to join us at church and at the rectory. If you would like to bring your famous Irish bread or pastries to share with others, please do.

Spring In-House Girls Softball League - The past couple of years we sponsored a softball league during April and May for girls between 8 and 12, and played all of our games at Charlestown High. There will be a meeting for all adults interested in coaching a team on Wednesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. at St. Catherine's Rectory. Last year we had four teams with about 60 girls participating. Stay tuned for sign ups.

Charlestown Catholic Students To Film "Link 4" - There will be 12 students from the 5th grade at Charlestown Catholic who will travel to the Boston Cable T.V. in Dorchester on Thursday, March 21 to film three sessions of the kid's TV game show, *Link 4*. These shows will be aired in the spring continually over the two local cable channels.

St. Catherine's Color Guard Show In Charlestown - We invite all of our families, friends, neighbors and fans to join us at Charlestown High School on Saturday,

March 23 as St. Catherine's "Townies," "Little Townies," and "Teeny Townies" host the Eastern Mass. Color Guard Contest, beginning at 5 p.m. This event, which we host annually, is an opportunity to welcome hundreds of people to our town for a wonderful evening of entertainment.

The 50 girls who make up our three guards want to show off before our hometown crowd. This is the highlight of our color guard season. We are presently putting together our program book. We are grateful to Charlestown High and the Charlestown Community Center for the use of their facility. The cafeteria will be open throughout the evening.

Because there is a regional contest in Penn. that weekend, many of the older color guards will not be present. With this in mind, the show should be over around 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 or \$6 for adults. All proceeds will benefit St. Catherine's Color Guard. If you are looking for an activity for your daughter that will channel her energy in a healthy direction, bring her to the show. We begin with girls at 7 years of age.

Atlantic City Trip - A trip to Atlantic City is set for Wednesday through Friday, April 24-26 for two nights at the Trump Plaza on the Boardwalk. Call Sandra Aldrich at 242-9612 for reservations and more information.

Summer Trip To Washington, D.C. - St. Catherine's altar servers and any other children, teenagers or families are welcome to join us on a 5-day trip to Washington, D.C., Sunday through Thursday, July 7 to 11. Call the rectory at 242-1750 for further information.

Scholarship Applications Available

OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOYS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the \$1,000 Old Charlestown Schoolboys' Association scholarship. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, the boy or girl must be a senior in high school, be a resident of Charlestown for 10 or more years, complete a scholarship application, enclose a copy of his or her high school transcript and at least three letters of recommendation, preferably from references listed on the scholarship application. Completed applications should be mailed to Kenneth Awbrey, P.O. Box 375, Charlestown, Mass. 02129.

Applications are at the Patriot office, One Thompson Square, and at the Charlestown High School office, 240 Medford St. The deadline for filing completed applications is April 19.

MICHAEL P. QUINN SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are being accepted for the 1996 Michael Patrick Quinn Scholarship which will be for \$2,500, an increase of \$500 above the 1995 grant. To be eligible, you must be a Charlestown resident for the past four years and graduate with your high school class of 1996. The application deadline is May 1.

To obtain an application, please call 242-5493, 242-5454 or write to Charlestown Post Office Box 216.

Charlestown Community Centers

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Membership Drive - The Community Center's membership drive proved to be a great success with over 125 residents becoming members of the center. We would like to thank these people for their support and involvement in center activities. We would like to remind people that the membership drive is ongoing and that you must be a member to use the facility.

Boston Youth Summit - The second annual Boston Youth Summit, under the direction of Carolyn Shannon, will take place on Saturday, March 9 at Boston Latin School. The all-day event will include an appearance by Mayor Thomas M. Menino, as well as various skill-building workshops covering topics such as resumé writing and job and college applications. For additional information or to register for the event, con-

tact Mimi at 635-5169.

Family Fun Night - The next Family Fun Night will be held on Friday, March 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. This month the featured movie will be "Pocahontas" and, as usual, refreshments will be served along with arts and crafts and gym activities. Information on Family Memberships will also be made available.

Boys Ball Hockey - Boys ball hockey will soon be underway. Rosters are now available at the Community Center office. For further information, see Paul Martell.

Girls Center - Just a reminder that the Girls Center is operating out of the Kent School Tuesday through Friday afternoons. There will be a bumper pool tournament on Wednesday, March 13 at 3 p.m. Also, Friday is movie day at the Girls Center. For ad-

ditional information on Girls Center activities, call Andrea Gorman at 635-5177.

Scheduling Note - The Community Center will be closed on Saturday, March 16 for the Evacuation Day holiday. Also, on Saturday, March 23, St. Catherine's Color Guard will be hosting a competition at the center. There will be NO open gym times on this day.

Last, But Not Least - As Bob DeCristoforo's duties as BHA Youth Worker come to an end, the Community Center staff would like to take a moment to acknowledge his efforts. Bob has always been committed to the community and the kids and we'd like to thank him for that. Continued success at Charlestown High School and any future endeavors. Good luck, Bobby D!

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H.P. Hood Inc. Will Close Charlestown Plant As A Manufacturing Facility

Following a comprehensive assessment of Hood's Charlestown plant, the company has determined that due to the very unfavorable economics of operating the plant, originally constructed in 1927 as a processing facility, it will cease manufacturing but continue distribution functions at the Charlestown plant.

Of a Charlestown-based workforce of 325 employees, approximately

120 employees will be affected. Hood will continue to receive, warehouse and distribute fresh dairy and juice products from this location for the indefinite future. A full line of Hood dairy and juice products will continue to be available to consumers throughout the region as before.

Hood maintains seven other dairy, juice and food related manufacturing locations throughout New

England and upstate New York. Hood will be relocating its corporate headquarters to Chelsea.

"We regret that these necessary actions result in the loss of jobs of valued employees, however, we are providing those affected employees with a comprehensive separation package and outplacement resources, and are working closely with Mass. Industrial Services Program to ensure ongoing support for

these employees," stated Robert L. Keller, president of H.P. Hood.

According to Keller, Hood's former owners, Agway Inc., were planning to close the company's Charlestown plant due to unacceptable operating and cost factors.

Last May, the company successfully relocated its Charlestown milk production to other plants to achieve competitive costs.

Voke Recognized For Efforts On Minimum Wage Increase

Citing his commitment to improving the plight of working class families across the state, Mass. AFL-CIO President Joseph Faherty recognized Rep. Richard Voke at a recent State House celebration for the enactment of the new minimum wage law. Voke was able to utilize his position as Majority Leader of the House to shepherd his bill through the legislature and, ultimately, to override a gubernatorial veto.

"Helping workers at the lower end of the wage spectrum to keep pace with inflation will improve their quality of life and reduce the need for taxpayer-supported government programs. It also sends the message that we, as a society, value our workers and their efforts," commented Voke.

Voke's action raised the minimum wage on Jan. 1



HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER Rep. Richard Voke (left) is shown receiving congratulations from the Speaker of the House Rep. Charles Flaherty (center) and Rep. Christopher Hodgkins (right), chairman of the Committee on State Administration for his efforts on behalf of the enactment of the new minimum wage law.

from \$4.25 an hour to \$4.75 an hour. The wage will also increase on Jan. 7, 1997 to \$5.25 an hour. Given that an estimated 296,000 workers currently

are earning the minimum wage, which translates into \$8,500 of annual income for an individual, and some 40 percent of these people are their fam-

ily's sole breadwinner, Voke and many others felt the time for an increase had arrived.

Another in a line of initiatives that he has championed to provide working families with support and encouragement, Voke's efforts are continuing to make a difference in the lives of thousands across the commonwealth. His "Healthy Kids" program is providing health insurance to the children of the working poor and unemployed and his support of public education from kindergarten through college is making quality and affordable education possible for children everywhere. By leading the movement to defeat the Weld Administration's attempts to restrict access to nursing home care, he is helping seniors who otherwise could not afford essential health care services.

Office Of Elderly Affairs Offers Free Health Program

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

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Blood Pressure Screening will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, March 14, at the Constitution Co-op Apartments, 42 Park St., Charlestown.

The commission offers free eye examinations and hearing screenings by appointment through its Bright

Eyes and Sound Screen program at Boston City Hospital. Free transportation is provided. Please call 635-4050 to schedule an appointment for one of the following dates:

BRIGHT EYES

Wednesdays
March 13 & 20

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Thursdays, March 14 & 28
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Home improvement costs. If you modified your home to accommodate a medical condition, your home improvement costs are deductible to the extent they exceed the increase in your home's value. Say, for example, you installed central air conditioning to ease your dependent son's asthma. If you installed the system for \$5,000 and it increased your home's market value by \$2,500, you can deduct the \$2,500 difference. Improvements made to accommodate a physically handicapped person - such as the installation of elevators, handrails, or support bars - are also deductible.

Travel costs. You can deduct transportation and lodging costs that are primarily for, and essential to, medical care for you, your spouse, and your dependents. For example, if a doctor asks you to stay at a hotel near the hospital of a sick child, you can deduct up to \$50 a day of the lodging cost.

Other medical expenses. Several often-overlooked costs have also been allowed as a medical deduction. For example:

- Additional costs incurred to prepare foods for those with restricted diets.
- The cost of treating drug or alcohol abuse.
- Premium payments for medical insurance.
- Costs to remove hazardous lead-based paint.
- Additional expenses incurred to get publications in braille.

- The cost of orthopedic shoes, contact lenses, crutches, wheelchairs, hearing aids, elastic stockings, and false teeth.

If you think you might qualify for a medical expense deduction, give us a call. We'd like to help.

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Children's Film Program At The Charlestown Branch Library

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "The Little

House," a tale in which a small country house longs to see the city . . . a boy imagines what dinosaurs would be like if they were alive today in "Lizzi the Terrible" . . . and share a day with 11-

year old schoolboy, Dermot Ryan, in "Ireland."

Two orphans are chased by their wicked guardian in "Granny Lives in Galway." It will be shown only at 3:30

p.m.
Suggested good books to read are **Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato** by Tomie DePaola and **Clancy's Coat** by Eve Bunting.

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From the desk of Capt. Ronald X. Conway,
Commander, District A-1,
Boston Police Department

Monday, Feb. 26

A woman reported that person(s) unknown broke the windows of her car that was parked in the parking lot on Spice Street.

At 6:45 p.m., Boston Housing Police arrested a white female resident on an arrest warrant from the Charlestown District Court.

At 8:40 p.m., two white males, one armed with a handgun, robbed Peg & Al's Store on Main Street of an undetermined amount of cash and fled in an unknown direction.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

At 11:12 p.m., a woman reported that three unknown white males broke the window of her apartment and fled.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

At 9:30 a.m., school police reported that two black female students were involved in a fight on Polk Street.

At 7:20 p.m., a man reported that unknown person(s) threw a rock through his apartment window on Tufts Street.

At approximately 9 p.m., a woman reported that a person who formerly lived in her building, broke a window of her apartment on Monument Square.

Thursday, Feb. 29

At 8:15 a.m., officers arrested a white male resident on Old Ironsides Way on an outstanding warrant from the Charlestown District Court.

At 8:50 a.m., officers arrested a white male resident on Bunker Hill Street on an outstanding warrant from the Charlestown District Court.

At 11:45 a.m., officers arrested a white male resident on Walker Street on an outstanding warrant from the Charlestown District Court.

Friday, March 1

A woman reported that around 12:20 a.m., an unknown Hispanic male robbed her of \$8 at knife point on Austin Street. Area A detectives will investigate further.

A woman reported that person(s) unknown flattened the four tires of her car that was parked on Main Street.

A resident of O'Reilly Way reported that person(s) unknown broke into his apartment during the day and stole a TV, wall clock and clothes.

At 9:10 p.m., a man reported that a car struck his car and fled the area without the driver identifying himself. Detectives from the Auto Room will investigate further.

A resident of Rutherford Avenue reported that person(s) unknown broke into her apartment and stole a TV, VCR and a CD player. Area A detectives will investigate further.

'Effective Skin Care' At The Charlestown Branch Library

Esthetician Ann Dwyer will be the guest speaker at the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 8.

Dwyer will discuss "Effective Skin Care" and the importance of a good diet,

moisturizing, skin typing, analyzing skin conditions and the use of different soaps and cleansing agents.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation, which is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the library at 242-1248.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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



Thank You

The Mite A's would like to thank Frankie Stillman, the Towne Lyne and all the people who donated to the can drive for our trip to Montreal, Canada. We appreciate it.

Thanks again,
Mite A Parents

Thank You

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Boston Fire Department, EMTs and neighbors who came to my assistance on Feb. 14 when I had a little accident.

Sincerely,
Joseph Lewis

Thank You

To All My Friends And Supporters:

As my year of serving as Mayor of Charlestown draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends and supporters who made this exciting adventure possible.

It has been a year that I will never forget. Having had the chance to visit Ireland, the country of my ancestors, was a wonderful and exciting experience, but of all the memories, the one I will cherish most, the one that stands head and shoulders above the rest, is marching in the Bunker Hill Day Parade and receiving such a warm reception from all my fellow Townies.

I am grateful to each and every one of you, and proud to have had this opportunity.

God Bless . . . All the best,
Tom Donahue, 1995 Mayor Of Charlestown

Just A Thought . . .

Although I am not critical of the intentions to elect a mayor of Charlestown, I respectfully ask the Charlestown-to-Charlestown committee to re-evaluate and redefine the process in which thousands of dollars are generated for votes purchased in the mayoral election.

I propose to the committee that they redirect the proceeds, or a portion thereof, to the numerous youth programs in this community that struggle to exist because of the lack of funding. On many a winter day or summer afternoon at the Bunker Hill Mall, Youth Hockey, Pop Warner, Little Leaguers, etc., are forced to solicit nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars for the organization in which they participate to help defray costs. This is unfortunate and perhaps avoidable.

Possibly, this proposition could generate a new enthusiasm and a new sense of pride in being elected mayor of Charlestown. The prospect of this becoming a fund raiser for the many community youth programs would benefit all and not the chosen few.

Sincerely,
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5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Jim McNamara,
community service officer

Wednesdays

1 to 3 p.m. - Detective Jack Pierce,
domestic violence

Thursdays

1 to 3 p.m. - Bill Smith,
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5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Jim McNamara,
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Fridays

1 to 3 p.m. - Paul Baker,
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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR
SIXTH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY AWARDS RECIPIENTS

The Charlestown Community Appreciation Awards Committee, sponsored by the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, will hold its sixth annual Community Appreciation Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 27 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. After a very successful event last year, the committee is hoping that the community will once again respond to a call for nominations in the seven award categories.

The purpose of the awards ceremony is to recognize those who have helped enrich the quality of life in Charlestown, but have done so in such an unassuming manner that their deeds have gone unheralded and, in most cases, unknown to the general population. Seven award categories have been established to encompass all aspects of the community. Residents, non-residents, businesspersons and employees are urged to take the time to nominate a person, business or organization deserving of recognition.

Persons, businesses and organizations that have previously received recognition for their deeds and members of the committee and the Neighborhood Council are not eligible to receive an award.

Award recipients will be chosen by the committee from nominations received from the community. Persons who sent nominations in the past are requested to resubmit their choices for these awards. If potential recipients would be eligible for consideration in more than one category, submit an entry for each award. The number of entries received does not make that candidate more eligible for consideration. Rather, the quality and description of the good deeds performed, improve chances of being selected.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- **Youth** – A Charlestown resident who is 18 years of age or younger as of Jan. 1, 1996 whose deeds have gone unheralded.
- **Elderly** – A Charlestown resident who is 55 years of age or older as of Jan. 1, 1996 whose deeds have gone unheralded.
- **Organization** – An incorporated non-profit, Charlestown-based group that primarily serves Charlestown and whose goals are geared toward the betterment of the community.
- **Business** – A Charlestown-based business that supports and enhances the quality of life in the Charlestown community.
- **Public Servant** – A person who performs service within his/her job capacity, but goes beyond that job description in service to the betterment of the Charlestown community. (Example: an employee of the federal, state, county, city or an authority/government agency or community agency who may or may not be a resident of Charlestown.)
- **New Resident** – A person who has taken up residency in Charlestown within the last 10 years and whose deeds have contributed to the quality of Charlestown life.
- **Unsung Hero** – A Charlestown resident whose deed/deeds were performed within the community and have gone publicly unhonored. These deeds cannot be performed as part of his/her job performance. There is no age restriction for this recipient. The deed/deeds would result in the enhancement of the quality of life in Charlestown.

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All nominations should be sent to:
Community Appreciation Awards Committee
P. O. Box 397
Charlestown, Mass. 02129

Deadline for the submission of nominations is **Friday, March 22 at 5 p.m.** All nominations must be signed and include a telephone number for confirmation purposes.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARDS
NOMINATION FORM

Award Category: _____
Nominee Name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Length of Residency (if applicable): _____
Place of Business/Employment (if applicable): _____
Reason for Nomination: _____

Use separate piece of paper if necessary

Name of Nominator: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____

Friends Of The Library
To Hold Membership Meeting

The Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library will hold a membership committee meeting tonight, Thursday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., Charlestown.

The purpose of the meeting is to brainstorm ideas for increasing the Friends' membership rolls and member benefits. Please bring your good ideas. A schedule of times for the membership table in the library to be manned (such as evening programs and Saturday mornings) will be worked out. The meeting will only last an hour. Any interested Friend is welcome.

GED Practice Test
At Charlestown Community Center

Charlestown Community Center will be providing a service for potential GED testers. Some people who may not have attended classes wonder if they are ready to take the full battery of tests. This service will prepare testers and let them know what type of information is needed to successfully complete a GED Test.

The GED Practice Test will be administered on Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m. Testers will be required to be on site at 5:45 p.m. The cost for this service is \$10. This includes the fee for three tests: Writing, Social Studies and Math. A tester may choose to take one test or all three. The cost for each individual test is \$3.50. All three tests will be administered on the same evening.

Pre-registration for these practice tests is required. Registration dates will be March 11 through 15. For more information, call Peggy O'Brien at 635-5169.

PRAYER TO THE
BLESSED VIRGIN
(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 herein 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 succor me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands 3 times. Say this prayer 3 consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted for you. Grateful thanks.

K.D.

It's A Girl . . .

Bob and Patty McLean of 66 Tingley Road, Braintree, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Bridget Lillian, on Feb. 28 at 11:01 p.m. at the South Shore Hospital. She weighed 10 pounds 2 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are Jack and Dotty Duffy of Charlestown.

The paternal grandmother is Helen McLean-Campbell of Braintree.

The maternal great-grandfather is James J. Duffy.


Bridget was welcomed home by her big brother, Marc, age 13, and big sister, Colleen, age 2.

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