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Capture The Christmas Spirit – Be A 'Townie Santa'

"Townie Santa" will be visiting 100 of Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins on Sunday morning, Dec. 20 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 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. Please do

not assume that people will be on hand to deliver the gifts. It takes just a short period of time and all are usually delivered by 1 p.m.

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. 20 to share in the spirit of Christmas – be a Townie Santa.

All Are Welcome At The Hayes Square Tree Lighting

A Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held in Hayes Square this Saturday, Dec. 19, after the

4 p.m. Mass at St. Catherine's Church.

Immediately after the Mass, at approximately

4:30 p.m., 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 illuminated. Sister Ernestine is planning to be in Charlestown on Saturday

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Volunteers Join Together To Make Thanksgiving Day Special



THANKSGIVING DAY was once again a special day in Charlestown as volunteer organizers and crew with funds provided by the Killilea Fund of Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion, prepared, served and delivered almost 150 meals on Thanksgiving Day. Preparations were handled in short order the night before the holiday as volunteers, ranging from young children to senior citizens, peeled, pared and cut and on Thanksgiving Day, delivery teams were organized and shut-ins were brought their holiday meal while those who were able, came to the Legion Hall. Shown in the top photo are Carol (left) and Bob Sweeney (right), who organized the dinner for the 12th year, and Jim Conway (center), chairman of the Killilea Fund, who called each recipient and arranged the delivery teams . . . In the middle photo, youngsters learn the art of peeling and paring from experienced cooks . . . In the bottom photo, members of the Sweeney family and volunteers prepare to serve Thanksgiving Dinner.

Holiday Schedule . . .

The Christmas edition of **The Charlestown Patriot** will be in the stores on Wednesday, Dec. 23. The **absolute** deadline for news and advertising is Monday, Dec. 21 at noon.

The regular schedule of publication resumes with the New Year's edition on Thursday, Jan. 7, with the deadline at 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 4. Please plan ahead.

Happy Holidays To All . . . The Staff Of The Patriot

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The deadline for advertising and copy is **Monday at NOON**.

SERVICES FOR CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS Monday

• **2 to 5 p.m.** - The next office hours with Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services will be at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Monday, Jan. 4.

• **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. Bring your own bags.

Tuesday

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

Friday

• **3:30 to 5:30 p.m.** - Fresh fruit, vegetables and bread are available for \$1.25 a bag at the Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry, 14 Green St. Bring your own bags.

• **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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LEGION HALL
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LOST ... REWARD ...

Looking for an honest person! Lost: man's ring with diamonds near Dunkin' Donuts in the Bunker Hill Mall, Saturday morning 12/12. This ring has sentimental value. Reward offered, please call **364-8152**

LOST ... CHILD'S WRISTWATCH

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Friday, Dec. 18

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

• **8 p.m.** - "The Magical Island," a holiday musical with the CWT young actors - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, Dec. 19

• **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** - Christmas Craft Sale - Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square

• **4:30 p.m.** - Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony followed by a party in St. Catherine's Hall - Hayes Square

• **6 p.m.** - "Townie Snowball," with a portion of the proceeds benefitting Townie Santa - The Warren Tavern, 2

Pleasant St.

• **8 p.m.** - "The Magical Island," a holiday musical with the CWT young actors - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Sunday, Dec. 20

• **11 a.m.** - Delivery of Townie Santa Packages to Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

• **2 p.m.** - "The Magical Island," a holiday musical with the CWT young actors - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Monday, Dec. 21

• **7:30 p.m.** - Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion monthly meeting - Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

• **7:30 p.m.** - Charlestown Pre-

servation Society Design Review Committee Meeting - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

• **7:30 p.m.** - Daughters of Isabella No. 1 Christmas Party for members only - K. of C. Lower Hall, 75 West School St.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

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

• **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** - Boston Water & Sewer Representative Office Hours - Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.

• **6 p.m.** - "The Littlest Angel," presented by the Girls Center, followed by a Bake Sale and Gift Shop - Kent Community Center Cafeteria, 50 Bunker Hill St.

upcoming events

Friday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, Dec. 29

• **10 a.m.** - Rep. Eugene O'Fla-

herty Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** - Children's Films - Charlestown Branch Li-

brary, 179 Main St.

• **3 p.m.** - City Councillor Paul Scapicchio Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

plan ahead

Thursday, Dec. 31

• **2 to 5 p.m.** - New Year's Eve Party for Seniors - Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.

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

Events In 1999

Thursday, Jan. 7

• **6:30 to 9 p.m.** - Charlestown Lacrosse Registration - Kent Community Center Gym, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, Feb. 27

• **7 p.m.** - Dinner & \$5,000 Drawing to benefit Charlestown Catholic

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

Saturday, Nov. 27

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown High School Classes of 1958 and 1959 Reunion - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. (contact: Carol [Lynch] McCarthy, 978-658-9855)



HEALTH UPDATE MGH*Charlestown HealthCare Center

73 High Street, Charlestown
724-8200

THE HOLIDAY BLUES

The holiday season can be a tough time for all of us. Sometimes we find ourselves feeling "blue" or "down" and are puzzled because we don't understand why we should feel that way at such a happy time of the year. These "holiday blues" can have several sources.

During the holidays, we are all bombarded with pictures of how good and perfect life is supposed to be. From radio, television, and magazine advertising, from television programs and movies, we are all presented with scenes of people frolicking and enjoying each other's company. Families are shown together in blissful harmony; young couples cavort romantically without a hint of disagreement; children are shown receiving expensive gifts which their parents afford with no strain on their pocketbooks. In countless ways we are all given the message that the holiday season is a time when everyone is happy, when disagreements don't exist and when we all love each other perfectly and without mixed feelings.

In the privacy of our own thoughts, few of us can avoid comparing these images of the way life is portrayed for us during the holidays with what we actually are experiencing. In very few cases does the reality of our lives measure up to the pictures that the media gives us of what we "ought to have" at this time of year. Our families sometimes fight, our spouses sometimes grumble and bicker, our children often request gifts beyond what we can possibly afford to give them. It is this difference between the perfect images of the holiday season and our own, imperfect experience of it that can cause us to feel "down."

There are other reasons for feeling "blah," too. Often the holidays stir memories of loved ones who have died or who are alive but far away and unavailable. Often the holidays stir memories from childhood, when life seemed simpler and when parents, at least in memory,

were there to take care of everything and to "make things right." Few of us can escape an occasional - or more occasional - wish that we could be children again, that our parents were still there to take care of us, and that our biggest problem was which present to open first.

For most of us, childhood was never as wonderful as it seems in our memories. But even those who are able to recall some of the frustrations of growing up may wish for a kind of childhood they never had feel depressed with the knowledge that the opportunity for such an experience is forever lost.

For most of us, the "blahs" remain just that - the "blahs." We are struck by a momentary blue moment or mood, but it passes relatively quickly as we appreciate the real rewards and pleasures which the holiday season does offer us. For some, however, the "blahs" don't go away so quickly. They take hold and don't let go.

Anyone who finds himself seriously unhappy for a substantial portion of the holiday period should consider getting some professional help. This is particularly true when a person is bothered by thoughts of doing harm to himself or to someone else. In this situation a person should definitely come in for psychological help.

For most of us the holiday "blahs" will be perhaps a minor annoyance at an otherwise happy time, but for those who are unable to shake free of that "down" feeling, the Health Center and, in particular, the Community Mental Health Unit, is available to offer help and hope. All you have to do is call 724-8200 to make an appointment or come up to the third floor at the Health Center. We will take good care of you.

Joseph Whitehorn, Ph.D.
MGH/Charlestown HealthCare Center
Mental Health/Social Service Department



Garr To Perform Concerts With The Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras

Charlestown resident Jenna Garr has been chosen as a member of the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (GBYSO) for the 1998/1999 season. GBYSO, an independent organization housed at Boston University's School for the Arts, offers a variety of musical opportunities for young performers throughout New England.

Depending on their level of experience and musical interest, students can perform with the Senior Orchestra, the Repertory Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra, the Junior Repertory



JENNA GARR

tory Orchestra, or the Preparatory String Orchestra. GBYSO members travel from throughout New Eng-

land to rehearse weekly from September through June at the university's School for the Arts and perform each year throughout the Boston area and on tour.

Jenna plays cello for the Junior Repertory Orchestra and has studied the instrument for five years. A student at Boston Latin School, she is the daughter of Bruce and Andrea Garr of Cordis Street.

Boston University is the third-largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of nearly 30,000 students in its 15 schools and colleges. The University's School for the Arts offers degrees in music, theatre arts, and visual arts.

New Year's Eve Party For Seniors

The Kennedy Center is putting on a New Year's Eve Party for seniors on Thursday, Dec. 31 from 2 to 5 p.m. at 55 Bunker Hill St. There will be a catered meal and live entertainment.

To attend this gala event, please call Bobbi at the Kennedy Center, 241-8866, by Dec. 16 to make a reservation. Tickets are \$10.

Come join the gathering and help ring in the last year of this century.

McLaughlin House Children 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 age 12. The house is located in the Armed Services YMCA in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

The McLaughlin House is planning a Christmas Party for its residential clients and their teenage children, who are not allowed to be in the program with their mothers, on Monday, Dec. 21. Thus, people in the community are being sought who would like to be "Secret Santa Friends" by donating Christmas toys and gift certificates for the children.

If you would like to donate, please drop off gifts at the Patriot office, One Thompson Square, before noon on Monday, Dec. 21. 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 nine boys and their ages are: Mikey 4, Dominic 12, Kingsley 4, Tyler 9, Chris 5, Robert 4, Steven 6, Melson 17, Dion 17, and Philipa 19.

The 11 girls and their ages are: Haley 3, Kylie 2, Melissa 7, Jeannette 5 months, Jamiella 14, Janette 14, Shaleah 2, Bianca 7, Daisja 9 months, Stephanie 15, and Margie 16.

The board, staff and clients thank you for your kind generosity and wish all a wonderful holiday season. For more information, call Elizabeth Tobin or Donna Galipeau at 242-0251.

Sunday Is Delivery Day For Christmas Wish List Program

The Charlestown Christmas Wish List committee has announced that Sunday, Dec. 20 is the delivery date for this year's recipients.

Any Charlestown resident who sent in a letter will receive either toys or a winter coat for their children. No one was denied and all names will remain anonymous.

Approximately 350 children will receive a gift this year, thanks to the generosity of the local businesses and residents.

Anyone who is expecting a delivery should try to be at home on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20 or Monday evening, Dec. 21.

If you have any questions, please call Lesley Smith at 635-3200.



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2 1/2 lbs. x-lge. cooked shrimp w/cocktail sauce

VEGETABLE PLATTER with dip **\$25**

FRESH FRUIT PLATTER **\$25**

FINGER ROLL SANDWICH PLATTER
36 Sandwiches - 12 crabmeat, 12 tuna,
12 any meat sandwich **\$39.95**

FAMILY-SIZE PIES **\$7.99 and up**

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THE REAL ESTATE WEEKLY



Carolyn Sideman, Monument Properties

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This is the time to sit down with your Realtor for a serious conversation about what to do. Remember that while price is a major factor, it's not the only consideration. Are you making your house easy for agents to show? Have you completed the necessary fix-ups and clean-ups so your property is as appealing as possible? If you have, a price reduction may be in order. Review with your agent the current market conditions and the prices of other homes in your neighborhood. Is yours competitive, or is the marketplace telling you that buyers just don't want to pay what you're asking? If all indications point to a price reduction, it's better to do it sooner than later.

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Reception For Father James DiPerri

All are welcome to attend a reception to express their thanks and well-wishes to Father James DiPerri for all he has done for St. Catherine's Parish as he prepares to move on to

another phase of his religious life.

The reception will be held following the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Jan. 3 in St. Catherine's Parish Hall on Tufts Street.

All Are Welcome At The Hayes Square Tree Lighting

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to take part in the ceremony. Also expected to be on hand for the ceremony are Mayor Thomas Menino and Father James DiPerri.

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 of 1996 by the donated services of Mario Susi & Sons.

It is now being used each year as a living tree. Following the tree-lighting ceremony, all are welcome to join the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force and St. Catherine's Parish for refreshments and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the parish hall.

For further information, contact Judy Evers at 635-3485 or Phyllis Senna at 242-3200.

Michael P. Quinn Scholarship Is Increased To \$5,250

Commencing with the 1999 Lt. Michael P. Quinn, USMC Scholarship, the annual grant will be for \$5,250. This 16.67 percent increase will immensely assist the outstanding youth of the community.

All associated with Michael's fund look forward to the new annual award of \$3,500 and the Francis J. McClusky supplemental award of \$1,750 next year.

This positive progress has been achievable with

the benevolent following, for which the committee is most grateful.

Please circle your calendars for the 30th annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 10 at the Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus Hall. A fine evening is planned to perpetuate Michael's character, and salute the 1998 recipient Janelle Marie DiFrummolo.

A most enjoyable holiday season to all.

- Ronan J. FitzPatrick,
Treasurer

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



♣ **Trash Flash!** ... Christmas Day and New Year's Day are fast approaching ... both of which are legal holidays ... Now, the residents who had Wednesday trash collection, failed miserably on Nov. 11th, decorating the streets with trash for Veterans Day ... Residents with Thursday trash collection displayed piles of trash, not turkey, on Thanksgiving Day ... Now, don't you think that residents would realize that a federal holiday means **no** trash collection ... Well, as you know, the next such holidays are Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 and it's up to the residents who have Friday trash collection to save the honor of the town ... Trash collection on these two days will be one day late, so don't put out your trash until after 5 p.m. on these two Fridays ... The trash police will be watching!

♣ **Christmas Decorating** ... members of the Charlestown Business Association outdid themselves this past Saturday, decorating the lightpoles on Main and Bunker Hill streets ... the streets of the town are beautifully decorated ... and the tree-lighting festivities conclude on **Saturday, Dec. 19th** at about 4:30 p.m. when the Christmas Tree is illuminated at Hayes Square.

♣ **Christmas Happenings** ... continue tomorrow, **Friday, Dec. 18th**, and all are invited to the Clarence R. Edwards Middle School at 28 Walker St. where the annual holiday bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to noon with homemade Christmas items, baked goods, crafts, raffles and a white elephant table ... The final performances by the young people of the Charlestown Working Theater of their holiday show, *The Magical Island*, takes place at 8 p.m. on **Friday, Dec. 18th** and **Saturday, Dec. 19th**; as well as at 2 p.m. on **Sunday, Dec. 20th**. This is a wonderful way to take a pause from the hustle and bustle of the holidays ... The lighting of the Christmas Tree at Hayes Square will be held at 4:30 p.m. on **Saturday, Dec. 19th**, followed by a party, complete with Santa, in St. Catherine's Parish Hall following the ceremony ... Townie Santa Elves make their annual trek through the town delivering holiday wishes and good cheer to Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins beginning at 11 a.m. on **Sunday, Dec. 20th** from the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. ... The Girls' Center will present the Christmas play, *The Littlest Angel*, at 6 p.m. on **Tuesday, Dec. 22nd** at the Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St. ... All are encouraged to enjoy these events as Christmas nears!

♣ **Hey Charlestown** ... Come and shop for your last-minute Christmas gifts, decorations and stocking stuffers at the Christmas Craft Sale between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on **Saturday, Dec. 19th** at the Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square ... Look for holiday colored balloons at the door, and come on by to help support the Olde Charlestown Gift Shoppe.

♣ **Still Looking For Gift Ideas?** ... How about a print of the Bunker Hill Monument or the old "El" at Thompson Square in color or in pen & ink by Charlestown artist John J. Walsh ... or a great gift of the historic sites of Charlestown in a 1999 calendar for just \$5 ... the prints and calendars are on sale at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., and proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

♣ **Also A Great Gift Idea** ... is a brick at \$250 or a granite paver at \$1,000 that will mark the entrance to the newly renovated Charlestown Boys & Girls Club's High Street facility ... this is your last opportunity to purchase such a gift, as the absolute deadline is Dec. 31st ... Any questions? Call Clubhouse Director Jerry Steimel at 242-1775.

♣ **Happy Birthday Wishes** ... go out to Dorothy Connolly Steele, Charlestown liaison for Massport, who will party for sure on **Dec. 18th** ... a **Dec. 19th** birthday will be celebrated by Carol Powers Edwards ... Lauren-Kate O'Hearn and Kathleen Evers share a **Dec. 22nd** birthday ... and Tim O'Connell will skate into another year on **Dec. 23rd** ... The best of birthday wishes to you all!

♣ **Happy Anniversary Wishes** ... go out to Mary and Jim Kimball, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Dec. 13th ... Family and friends gathered at the K. of C. Hall last Friday night to party and to wish them both well ... Happiness to you both!

♣ **Congrats** ... to Charlestown's own Corey Gallagher, who was the subject of a feature story this past Sunday on the pages of the Globe's City Section.

♣ **Thought Of The Week** ... Mañana is often the busiest day of the week. - Spanish proverb

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CHRISTMAS 1998

Black & White Christmas Mousse
This year we are offering two distinctly different mousse cakes:

White Chocolate Mousse
Two layers of rich chocolate cake combined with two layers of luscious white chocolate mousse covered in white chocolate buttercream and topped with white chocolate shavings!
8-inch ... \$17.95 10-inch ... \$27.95

Dark Chocolate Mousse
Two layers of rich chocolate cake combined with two layers of dark chocolate mousse and topped with white and dark chocolate shavings!
8-inch ... \$16.95 10-inch ... \$26.95

Raspberry Cheesecake
Creamy smooth cheesecake in a chocolate cookie crust topped with fresh raspberries!
8-inch ... \$16.95 10-inch ... \$28.95

French Apple Almond Tart
Light pastry crust filled with almond filling and fresh sliced apples laced with Calvados brandy
10-inch ... \$18.95

Holiday Fruit Cake
Spiced cake baked bundt-style loaded with fruits and nuts laced with a hint of rum ... \$18.00

All orders must be placed by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 22
All orders must be picked-up by 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24

HOURS:
Monday through Friday, 6:30 am to 5 pm
Saturday, 8 am to 3 pm Sunday, 8 am to 1 pm

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Happy Holidays!

**Have Some FUN During The
Holiday School Vacation At The**

**USS CONSTITUTION
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Charlestown Navy Yard

**Tuesday, Dec. 29 &
Wednesday, Dec. 30**
11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
**Create Your Own Sea
Chantey (for kids of all ages)**

Chantey singer Daisy Nell leads sing-a-long workshops creating music in the form of sea chanteys. Limit 20 children per workshop. Call 617-426-1812 before Dec. 28 to reserve your space.

HEY KIDS!!!
Join the USS CONSTITUTION Museum Kids Club this month and get a special holiday gift. Call 617-426-1812 for information.

**The Girls' Center
presents**

"The Littlest Angel"

**Tuesday, Dec. 22
at 6 p.m.**

**Kent School Cafeterium
50 Bunker Hill St.**

Adults \$2 Children \$1

**Bake Sale & Gift Shop
following the show!**

♣ ♣

Happy Birthday

UNCLE TOMMY

12 • 20

Love ... Kayleigh Marie

Happy 16th Birthday

LAUREN-KATE O'HEARN

on December 22nd!

The best Christmas present in the world!

Love you ... Mom



around the town

★ Holiday Hours At The Post Office ...

In order to facilitate the mailing of holiday cards and packages, the Charlestown Post Office will be open extended hours for the coming weekend.

The local post office will be open Saturday, Dec. 19 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

★ Neighborhood Council Meeting ...

Monthly Meeting

Chairman Peter Looney announces that the monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

All CNC meetings are open to the public.

★ Community Office Hours ...

Judy Evers, regional coordinator from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, will not be holding office hours during the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays. Office hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Evers may be reached at 635-3485.

★ **Board Of Appeal Decisions ...** Petitions were brought before the city of Boston Board of Appeal on Dec. 15.

• Allan Kueny sought permission to erect a one-family dwelling with accessory garage at 2 Putnam St. (BZC-19995)

• J. Kevin Leary sought permission to erect a three-family dwelling at 82 School St. (BZC-19944)

According to Judy Evers from the Mayor's Office, both petitions were approved, subject to design review.

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

★ CPS Design Review Committee Meeting ...

The Charlestown Preservation Society Design Review Committee will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Homeowners, abutters and interested residents with design issues may contact Ron Swenson at 242-9213

★ Bunker Hill Post Meeting ...

Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21 at the post quarters, 23 Adams St.

★ Boston Water Office Hours ...

A representative of the Boston Water & Sewer Commission will be holding office hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at the Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.

★ Free Training For Persons 55 And Over ...

Operation A.B.L.E. announces that free computer and office skills training will begin on Jan. 25. This 22-week program is for mature workers who are age 55 and over, Boston residents, income eligible and seek full- or part-time work.

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For more information, call Operation A.B.L.E. at 617-542-4180.

★ Rep. O'Flaherty Office Hours ...

Rep. Gene O'Flaherty will hold office hours at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 29. Constituents who are unable to attend the office hours may call 722-2370.

★ Councillor Scapicchio Office Hours ...

District One Boston City Councillor Paul Scapicchio will hold office hours at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 29. Constituents who are unable to attend the office hours may call Lesley Smith at 635-3200.

★ BILY - Because I Love You ...

BILY is a support group that helps parents assess problems, develop healthy behaviors, improve communication and develop a support network with other parents. Among concerns addressed by the group include such prob-

lems as attitude, substance abuse, irregular school attendance, physical or verbal abuse, runaways and other forms of defiance.

The metro-Boston BILY meetings are held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday nights at the Winchester Unitarian Church. For more information, call 781-322-4868.

★ St. Francis House Seeks Warm Clothing ...

St. Francis House shelter for the homeless has received fewer donations this year than in previous years, creating a need for coats and pants. St. Francis House is in dire need of men's coats in all sizes, and men's jeans and casual pants in sizes 30-40. The facility needs 100-150 pairs of pants each week to clothe their guests, and at least 750 coats to get through the winter.

To donate pants and coats, please bring them to the shelter at 39 Boylston St., Boston, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., and on weekends from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pick-up is available for more than 12 bags of men's clothing.

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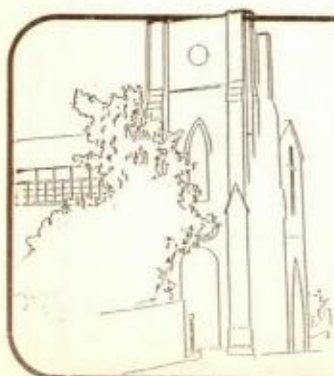
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Amy is a graduate of Revere High School and is employed by John Hancock Funds.



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CANA Parcels Request For Proposals Released

The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority has released the Request for Proposals (RFP) for development of the CANA Parcels around City Square. The RFP seeks proposals for five parcels created by the CANA (Central Artery North Area) Project highway construction.

The RFP process is the culmination of more than a decade of planning in which the Charlestown community worked with state and city agencies to determine the configuration of the parcels and to create zoning and design guidelines for the parcels.

"The Turnpike Authority wants this developer selection process to continue the close cooperation that was the hallmark of the planning process," said Authority Chairman James J. Kerasiotes. "We will be asking the Neighborhood Council to work with us as we review the proposals because we want all parties

to benefit from the development of this area."

Development of the CANA parcels will be subject to all city of Boston regulations, including zoning. The Turnpike Authority will use the zoning for the parcels and the Design Guidelines drafted and endorsed by the Neighborhood Council as the basis for evaluating the proposals. The RFP was reviewed and endorsed in draft forms by the Charlestown Neighborhood Council and its Zoning and Development Committee.

Responses to the RFP are due at the Turnpike Authority by Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1999. Copies of the RFP are available for public review at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., and at the Charlestown Patriot office, One Thomp-

son Square. Anyone who wishes to receive a copy of the RFP, or to be on a mailing list to receive announcements and updates for the disposition process, should call the Turnpike Authority at 248-2813.

The RFP includes five parcels: Parcel 1 at Constitution Road and Warren and Chelsea streets (117,900 s.f.); Parcel 2 at North Washington, Chelsea, Water, and Warren streets (55,600 s.f.); Parcel 3 between Route 1 and Warren, Park, and Putnam streets (42,900 s.f.); Parcel 4 at City Square and Park, Warren, and Chelsea streets (20,400 s.f.); and Parcel 6 at City Square, Harvard Street, and Rutherford Avenue (5,000 s.f.). CANA Parcel 5 was developed as the new City Square Park and is not included in the RFP.

Saitta Receives Athletic Honor

Erik Saitta of Charlestown, son of Richard Saitta and Ann Saitta, received a varsity letter in recognition of his contribution to the varsity football team during the fall season at Belmont Hill School. The entire student body, faculty and staff gathered in the school chapel the day before Thanksgiving to hear Athletic Director Kenneth Martin and the team captains honor the athletes for their achievements.

The football team took first place with a four way tie in the Independent School League with a record of 6-1-0. By virtue of this record they went on to play in the New England finals, but suffered a loss against the stronger Brunswick School by the score of 26-12.

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• GIFTS •

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No Solutions Found At Public Safety Meeting

by Lynn Peters

One mother and an Eden Street Park neighbor were the only residents in attendance at a Dec. 8 follow-up Public Safety Committee meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council to discuss whether issues were being addressed around low police response to groups of teens vandalizing, assaulting and harassing passersby, and drinking and drugging along Main Street.

Between 25 and 30 residents and businesspeople turned out for an initial Nov. 10 committee meeting to report their fears and frustration about hordes of young people presenting a variety of safety concerns, particularly at Eden Street Park, Main and Dunstable streets, and at Store 24 in Thompson Square. Attendees were critical of the Boston Police Department, especially because its Main Street community police substation is located almost directly across the street from the park and a block from Dunstable Street.

BPD officers and detectives responded to the first meeting with a declaration of Zero Tolerance for ille-

gal activities on Main Street.

A mother of two teenagers reported at the follow-up meeting that her son had recently been handcuffed and threatened with arrest by police with no apparent reason.

"I know there are problems," she said, "but now they can't cross the street."

Council chairman Peter Looney said: "At the last meeting, we said we'd look for alternatives, especially for 15-year-olds. I don't know what the answer is right now. The police promised Zero Tolerance. That's what people wanted."

Committee chairman John Dillon, Looney and Officer Bill Smith discussed reasons why young people were not finding alternative activities. The temporary closing of the Boys & Girls Club High Street Teen Center was noted. Judy Evers of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services and City Councillor Paul Scapicchio were also on hand to discuss contributing issues to recent problems with Charlestown teens.

"I know it's my responsibility," the

mother said. "But I thought there would be more parents here tonight looking for solutions."

The Eden Street Park neighbor expressed her concern that young people were leaving trash around her area, showing a lack of respect for their neighborhood.

"It's our own kids throwing coffee cups, bags and trash," she said, adding that she did not feel safe confronting them herself. While the committee discussed adding more trash barrels, the resident said that they are available and that it is really up to parents to talk to their children about taking better care of the park. She said that the teens are not using the barrels that are already in the park.

Looney noted, "If there were other parents in the community here, we could put our heads together for a solution."

However, the meeting lasted for just more than a half hour and was effectively unattended by the residents and business people who encouraged the police to impose Zero Tolerance on Main Street last month.

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The health center will also be closed from **Thursday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 3.** The health center will open at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4.

If you have a medical emergency during the time that the health center is closed, please call 724-8160 to speak to the on-call physician or go to the MGH Emergency Room.

Have a safe and healthy holiday season!

Peggy Carolan, administrative director
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Receive Honors At Matignon

Two Charlestown residents have received honors for the quarter at Matignon High School.

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Sharing And Caring Mark Thanksgiving Day In Charlestown

Thanksgiving was certainly a day of sharing and caring as volunteer cooks, helpers and drivers worked to make this a special day for those guests who joined together at the American Legion Hall on Adams Street and for shut-ins whose doors opened to the delivery of a hot turkey dinner.

The planning and cooking by Bob Sweeney, his family and friends, combined with the financial support of Bunker Hill Post No. 26, The American Legion and its members, filled the hall with aromas of the holiday meal and the warmth of old and new friendships.

Sweeney began this Thanksgiving tradition 12 years ago, opening the doors of his restaurant on Bunker Hill Street to those

alone on Thanksgiving Day and delivering meals to area shut-ins. In 1991, he served a limited number of meals out of the kitchen of St. Catherine's Church Hall. Seven years ago, a joint venture was born as the new Legion Hall has the kitchen facilities, dining space and the generous purse strings of its Killilea Fund to co-sponsor and assist Sweeney with his dinner.

The preparation for the dinner began with Sweeney doing the shopping and a crew gathering the night before to peel, pare and stuff. Some 100 pounds of potatoes and two bushels of squash were prepared for cooking. Along with the vegetables, 12 turkeys - about 225 pounds - were readied for roasting. Tables were set with dishes of

candy added for a special treat.

Early Thanksgiving Day, a crew returned to the Legion Hall and the kitchen crew began cooking the vegetables, slicing the turkey, making the gravy and cutting the pies.

As noon approached, drivers began the pleasant task of delivering some 100 meals to Charlestown shut-ins, bringing along a carnation as a special gift for the ladies and a loaf of Blessed Bread from St. Francis de Sales. In addition, guests began to arrive at the hall and approximately 350 people were served a full-course turkey dinner.


This year, the crew expressed their thanks for a generous donation by the telephone workers of the Thomas Sherwin Pioneers - Store Committee and several dona-

tions of turkeys.

According to Jim Conway, chairman of the Killilea Fund, "Bunker Hill Post and its Killilea Fund will support Sweeney and this Thanksgiving Dinner project as long as he is willing to do it. He did a tremendous job in planning and carrying out the dinner and deliveries, and the holiday feast brought great joy as well as a delicious meal to many who would have otherwise been alone on Thanksgiving."


As one volunteer stated, "I have been involved in numerous volunteer efforts in the community over the years. The tireless work of this crew and their tremendous spirit make Thanksgiving something special . . . I'll be back next year!"

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♣ **Terry Rings In Christmas** . . . Newtown is a little brighter, thanks to the efforts of Terry Ring and her hard-working committee. The 1998 Christmas stroll took place on Sunday, and it was a huge success. You heard the phrases "Angels among us," Terry is ours! On behalf of the Andy Puopolo Christmas Elves, represented by Dave "Frosty the Snowman" Hurley and Melinda "Mickey Mouse" Morrissey, I want to thank Terry for the beautiful plaques she presented to us. Coming from you they mean a great deal. We all love you!

♣ **Townies To Tampa** . . . Charlestown will be well represented in the NHL Breakout Championships to be held in Tampa, Florida in January. The boys are out trying to raise some funds. If you want to assist, Ellie Tal- lent is the person to see. Bring home a title, guys!

♣ **High School Prep Notebook** . . . The winter season is here, but we first must offer congratulations to Russell Groggett and Steve Flynn who will represent St. Clement on the All Star League Football team.

Way up north, co-captain of the Hebron Academy Girls Hockey team is Erin Brennan and, just a bit closer to home, Jack Kelly will be the Matignon Hockey Warrior Captain. Andrew Brennan, and John Wrenn will also be seeing ice time for the Warriors. Word is that Michele Hart and Julie Gryzelck will be playing on the Matignon girls team.

Charlestown High has a new hockey coach. Tom Bussey takes over the reigns from Jack Morris, who will be coaching the Boston Latin girls team.

Over at BC High, a player to watch will be defenseman Jimmy Byrne, who has a lot



THE GETHERALL FAMILY, Tina, Chieko, Joe and Joey at the Newton Marriott as Joey prepared to face Boston College in a Nov. 7 game where he scored his first touch-down for Notre Dame.

of Townie roots. BC should definitely put some pressure on Catholic Memorial.

Dan Feeney will do some damage over at Medford High.

♣ **College Board** . . . The Globe's here! On Sunday, Dec. 13, Marvin Pave did an outstanding feature story with photos on our own Corey Gallagher. Senior co-captain Gallagher had 10 points to help lead Bentley pass St. Michael's 86-82.

Believe it or not, when "Getherall" scored for Notre Dame in the football game at BC in November, the name "rang a bell." This week I received a letter:

Dear Bob,

We found your item under College Board (Nov. 26) intriguing, regarding the glisten-

ing gold of the Notre Dame helmets.

Our nephew has a son, Joey Getherall, who is also a sophomore at Notre Dame and plays wide receiver on their football team. The day that Notre Dame defeated BC 31-26 here on Nov. 7, was Joey's birthday. In that game, he scored his first touch-down for Notre Dame since joining the team as a freshman.

Joey's father, Joe, grew up in Charlestown and now lives with his family in California. The night before the game, we were privileged to spend some time with Joey, his sister Tina, and their parents at the Newton Marriott. We, too, are proud.

I want to thank Freda and Tom Getherall for the note. That Notre Dame gold is get-

ting brighter! More Townie pride. You should be proud.

Bridgewater State had a good weekend. Nick Smith had 18 points, and 14 points as the Bucs stopped Salve Regina 84-75 and Wentworth 73-66. Christmas break takes the team to Daytona for a few games.

Jamal Francis is helping to lead Endicott College to some great things. Endicott defeated Eastern Nazarene 69-55 and Framingham State 69-56. Jamal starred at Charlestown High last season.

In Hockey East, Jeff Frakas and Bobby Allen scored both goals in the first period and BC goaltender Scott Clemmensen came up strong as the Eagles edged Merrimack 2-1.

Boston University is back on track. The Terriers took both games of the home and home series with UMass-Lowell.

N.H. remained atop Hockey East defeating UMass-Amherst twice, and Maine had a three for four weekend defeating and tying Northeastern. The tie was a 7-7 shootout.

Going into the Christmas break, Hockey East standings read New Hampshire 7-2-1, Boston College 6-3-0, Maine 5-1-2, Boston University 5-4-1, Merrimack 4-4-0, Providence 4-4-0, ULowell 4-7-0, UAmherst 2-6-1 and Northeastern 1-7-1.

♣ **Tidbits** . . . Watch out for Kenny G and Grezy! MDC Employee of the Month, Frank Stillman, is making some mean ice . . . Ray Flynn, Jr. says "hello" to all his Townie friends and, as always, the holiday season sees "RJ" helping out at shelters around the city . . . Debbie Brennan, don't forget the hockey schedule! . . . Tim, Gordo wants to know who is the "hot dog" girl at the Fleet? . . . Marge, who was that companion?? *Smile!*

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Area A-1 Police Officers Donate \$1,000 To 'Townies To Tampa'



BOSTON POLICE Captain Ronald X. Conway and Community Service Officers Ted Boyle and Cecil Jones present a \$1,000 check to the Townies To Tampa Ball Hockey Team. The officers of Area A-1 raised the money from within their station so that they could support the team's opportunity to play in the NHL National Tournament. The partnership between the officers and youth of the Charlestown community is just one of the many positive events taking place within Charlestown. Shown (l. to r.) are Jones, Mike Carroll, Boyle, Mike Sweeney and Conway.

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CHAD Junior Bowling League News

by John Dillon

The Councillor Paul Scapicchio team remains in first place in the CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Junior Bowling League by tearing the front page off the Charlestown Patriot team in a 6-2 contest. This was a great high-scoring match by both teams.

Every member of the Scapicchio team bowled over 200 and, as is the league's custom when all members of a team bowl over 200, all their scores are listed. Top bowler for the Scapicchio team was Matt Manganelli with 276, followed by Brent Awbrey with 240, Quinn Evers with 212 and Shannon Lynch with 204. Matt also had a 101 string. Top bowler for the Patriot was Mike Shackford with 304. Mike, who broke the high triple which he had held at 292, also bowled a 100 string and a 107 string. Runner-up was Tim Hickey with 239.

In the next match, The Celata Construction team nailed The Red Store into a corner with an 8-0 hammering. Top bowler for the Celata team was Courtney Schievink with 224, and runner-up was Shawn Burke with 212. Top bowler for The Red Store was Brian Morrison with 242, and runner up was Michelle Williams with 195.

The Crickets team chewed its way to a 7-1 victory over The Kennedy Center. Top bowler for Crickets was Eric Lynch with 260, and runner-up was Jon Paul Awbrey with 219. Jon Paul is not only a good bowler, but he also has great

marks in school. Top bowler for The Kennedy Center was Steven Awbrey with 209, and runner-up was Jared Silva with 184.

In the next match, there was a 4-4 split between Bunker Hill Real Estate and the McCarthy Bros. team. Top bowler for Bunker Hill was Emily Perito with 178. Top bowler for the McCarthy Bros was Jessica Grace with 222, and runner-up was Jeff Lynch with 206.

There was also a 4-4 split between the Shamrocks and the Constitution team. Top bowler for the Shamrocks was Matt Hickey with 233, and runner-up was Nick Celata with 214. Top bowler for the Constitution was Sheilann Williams, who had a wonderful day by breaking the boys' and girls' high three with a terrific 123 string. She also broke her own high three, which was 270, with a great triple of 284. Sheilann is one of the better bowlers, year after year. Runner-up was Brendan Grace with 212.

In the final match of the day, there was another 4-4 split between the American Legion team and Jenny's Pizza. Top bowler for the American Legion was Chris Boutwell with 273, Chris also had a single string of 112. Top bowler for Jenny's Pizza was Chris Schievink with 238. Chris also had a single string of 100. Runner-up was Brendan Brassil with 227.

Bowlers of the week are: Mike Shackford 304, Sheilann Williams

284, Matt Manganelli 276, Chris Boutwell 273, Eric Lynch 260, Brian Morrison 242, Brent Awbrey 240, Tim Hickey 239, Chris Schievink 238 and Matt Hickey 233.

Bowlers trying the hardest are: Lauren Lynch 193, David Grace 189, Colleen Lynch 189, Joe Awbrey 187, Jennie Perito 180, Casey Schievink 168, Kevin Lavalley 159, Kevin Celata 152, Fred Perito 151 and James Clough 147.

The league's Christmas party is on Saturday. Everybody is expected to bring something, and cake and soda will be provided.

Also, Townie Santa is looking for some little elves to help deliver the packages with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. from the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. Let's help everybody have a nice Christmas.

See you all on Saturday, bowling is at 11:30 a.m. sharp.

Standings - Dec. 12

	W	L
Paul Scapicchio	51	21
Celata Construction	44	28
Shamrocks	43	29
Charlestown Patriot	42	30
Red Store	37	35
Constitution	36	36
American Legion	35	37
Jenny's Pizza	34	38
Crickets	31	41
B.H. Real Estate	30	42
Kennedy Center	29	43
McCarthy Bros.	20	52



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Tickets for *The Magical Island* holiday musical production, featuring our young actors, ages 8 to 12, are now on sale at \$10 per person. Performances are Friday, Dec. 18 and Saturday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. Group sales are available for parties of 15 or more. Come be a part of this spirited holiday tradition while supporting our community's youngsters.

Please call the theater at 242-3285 for more information.

• Workshop

A workshop for the 13 and up crowd looking for something to do during school vacation is being held at the CWT. Laurie Marchese and Cindy McKeen will lead a one-day workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 29, beginning at 10 a.m.. Laurie and Cindy will focus on musical theater, singing and dancing, and show excerpts.

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Standings -Dec. 12

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

Players of the Week - Dec. 12

Bryan's Pals	Mason Hayes
Bunker Hill Florist	Stephen Poliskey
	Shane Smith

Eagle Elevator	Cameron Harrington
Grancey & Co.	Colin Murphy
Grant Photo	Shaun Walsh
Jimmy's On Top	Brianna Callahan
Kerrigan's	Joseph Mocera
Li'l Al's	Kelsey Johnson
Main St. Furniture, Medford	Danny Johnson
Poolie's Pals	Bridget Roy
	Aidan Newhall
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EVENTS

• **Tuesday, Dec. 22** - Boston Water & Sewer Commission representative will hold office hours between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Dec. 30** - New Year's Party at the World Trade Center. It will be free and all are welcome. Please sign up in advance.

TRIP

• **Monday, Jan. 11** - Trip to the Mohegan Sun. The cost is \$19.

Please contact the Golden Age Center if you wish to sign up for an event.



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CHARLESTOWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS

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★ BALL HOCKEY

Both the boys 13 and under team and the girls 17 and under teams had very productive regular seasons with the boys finishing at 5-3, good enough for second and the girls who ended up at 5-1 and a first place showing. Both teams look good heading into the playoffs.

★ BASKETBALL

Any young people interested in playing on the clubs traveling teams should contact Derek Gallagher at the club. We are going to have boys 12 and under, 15 and under, and 18 and under teams. For girls, there will be a 16 and under team.

From Jerry's Desk...



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Happy Holidays from everyone at the club to our members, parents and supporters throughout the town!

Please note the following dates and times:

- Thursday, Dec. 24 - club closed
- Friday, Dec. 25 - club closed
- Monday through Thursday, Dec. 28 - 31 - club hours will be noon to 6 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 1 - club closed.

★ EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Please call Jenny Atkinson if you have any of the following items to donate to the club: baby food jars, pipe cleaners, buttons, beads, yarn, canvas, 35mm cameras or photo supplies.

Are you interested in a new charter school for

kindergarten to second grade students? The Conservatory Lab Charter School, a public school for learning through music, will open this fall. For more information, contact Jenny Atkinson.

★ DECEMBER EVENTS

On Friday, Dec. 18 there will be a Christmas

dance for members ages 10-13 in the Gamesroom starting at 6 p.m.

On Monday, Dec. 21 there will be a Brain Buster Party in the library at 4 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 23 there will be a Christmas Party for members ages 6 to 9 in the Gamesroom at 4:30 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HAPPENINGS

Hungry Sunday

We are grateful to those who donated canned goods for the "Hungry Sunday" collection last weekend.

9th Grade

Confirmation One Program

The Confirmation One Class meets Monday night, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Bishop Lawton Hall.

All 9th grade students in the Confirmation One Class must be present at 5:55 p.m.

Christmas Masses

Masses for Christmas here in St. Francis de Sales for the Nativity of Jesus Christ, Savior and Redeemer, will be Thursday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Friday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m. There will be Christmas music at all the Masses for the birthday of Christ.

All the Christmas Masses will be in the upper church.

Cathedral Mass

Every Sunday, Cardinal Law will be the celebrant at the 11 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 1400 Washington St., Boston.

On Sunday, Dec. 27, all the parishes in Vicariate III of the Central Region, of which Saint Francis de Sales Parish is a member, have been invited by the Cardinal to attend the 11 a.m. Mass. A bus will leave Saint Francis de Sales Church at 9:45 a.m. and should return between 12:30 and 1 p.m. Sign up sheets are at the ushers tables for those who can attend.

The Cathedral is the Mother Church of the Archdiocese. By coming together to celebrate the Eucharist

we manifest and reaffirm our solidarity with the Chief Shepherd of the Church of Boston. Please make every effort to join with the parishes of the Third Vicariate and demonstrate the faith that is ours here in Saint Francis de Sales!

"Signadou"

Copies of Sister Paschala's book "Signadou - The History of the Dominican Sisters" are still available at St. Francis de Sales rectory, a great Christmas gift at \$25 each.

Beano Gift Certificates

Are you looking for a gift for the hard to buy for person? Beano gift certificates are available in any denomination. They are available at St. Francis de Sales rectory or at the Saturday night beano.

Young Adult Happenings

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

Open House/

Christmas Party

Our annual young adult Christmas Party and Open House will be held at St. Mary's Rectory on Sunday, Dec. 20 between 1 and 5 p.m. I invite all of you to please stop by, even for a few minutes, for some refreshments and cheer. 'Tis the Season."

Night Out At The Movies

I have about 25 free movie passes which can be used if you are looking for something to do between Christmas and New Year's, especially if you have children and would like to take them to the movies to see some holiday films that are available this year.

- Father Paul McCarthy

Happy Holidays!



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HOME OFFICE DEDUCTION: THE RULES ARE CHANGING

The home office deduction has gone through a number of challenges and changes in the past few years. If you use an office in your home, knowing when home office expenses are deductible can make a big difference in your tax bill.

Generally, to qualify as a home office, the room must be used regularly and exclusively: (1) as the principal place of business, or (2) as a place to meet or deal with clients in the ordinary course of business. Unfortunately, passing these tests is not exactly simple. The hurdles that trip most taxpayers are the terms "exclusively," and "principal place of business."

The first challenge is the term "exclusively." This means the space may not double as a family room or guest bedroom. However, the "exclusive" test does not apply if you use a room to store inventory or if you run a day care facility.

The next test, "principal place of business," will change starting Jan. 1, 1999. Currently, the two tests that determine the "principal place of business" are: (1) relative importance of the activities performed at your home office versus the customer's location, and (2) amount of time spent at each location. Starting in 1999, the definition of principal place of business includes administrative use. The following example illustrates the importance of the new law.

A self-employed painter spends 40 hours a week at customer locations. The painter also spends 10 hours a week in a home office preparing invoices, keeping books, etc. Since the activities performed at the home office take less time and are less important than the time spent at customer locations, a 1998 deduction for business use of the home office is not allowed. For 1999, however, a deduction for home office expenses will be allowed.

For assistance in determining how the new rules could affect you, contact our office.

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News From Charlestown Catholic Elementary School

This year we have a school newspaper, call *What's The Scoop*. There are approximately 25 students from grads 4 to 8 on the newspaper. We try to publish a paper once a month. Students write articles about school, what's going on in the town, what's hot and what's not, local and professional sports, poems and pictures.

We urge the students to be creative and come up with new ideas each month. We take pictures that go with our stories and hang them up in school.

One goal for the paper is to do one interview each month. For the first issue, we interviewed David Burns, who was recently a cast member for the *Real World* on MTV. For our second issue, we interviewed the four new teachers at our school this year. In our most recent issue for December, due out this week, we interview Miss Massachusetts. The boys on our newspaper are very eager to interview a famous sports person. If anyone knows such a person who might grant us an inter-

view, please feel free to contact Sister Mary Ellen at the school and she can put you in touch with the newspaper staff.

The newspaper recently held a Beanie Baby raffle to raise money for a Charlestown Christmas charity. We raised \$240. A \$200 donation will be made to the Community Center Charlestown Children's Wish List, a \$25 donation will be made to Townie Santa, and \$15 was used to purchase chapsticks for the Pine Street Inn collection being taken at school. All

these donations are being made in the name of the students of Charlestown Catholic.

The five winners in the Beanie Babies raffle are: David Wicker, grade 8; Samantha Morrisey, grade 5; Meghan Collins, grade 1; Mylissa Ortiz, grade 1; and Colin Murphy, K-1. We would like to thank all the parents and students at Charlestown Catholic for making our fund-raiser so successful.

- The Staff of *What's The Scoop*



CHARLESTOWN CATHOLIC STUDENTS now have their own newspaper, named "What's The Scoop." Recently the staff interviewed Miss Massachusetts on protecting the environment and held a Beanie Baby raffle to raise funds for Christmas charities. At the left are the



Beanie Baby raffle winners. Shown front row (l. to r.) are Mylissa Ortiz, Colin Murphy and Megan Collins. Back row (l. to r.) are Samantha Morrisey and David Wicker... In the center are members of the newspaper staff with Miss Massachusetts. Shown (l. to r.) are Sara Johnson, Shannon



Devlin, Miss Massachusetts, Bernadine McLaughlin and Kerriann Hayes... On the right are three members of the newspaper staff who sold the Beanie Baby raffle tickets for two days. Shown (l. to r.) are Hillary Rudder, Sherina Purnell and Meaghan Gallarelli.

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C.M.

thank you
Holy Spirit
for favors granted
J.M.

EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

FREE BREAKFAST

Edwards students can now come in every day and receive a free breakfast! As part of a grant and study to see if students' performances improve with daily breakfast, all students can now enter the building starting at 7 a.m. and eat in the cafeteria. Students are encouraged to take advantage

of this program!

DECEMBER EVENTS

Today, Thursday, Dec. 17, there will be a High School Fair for 8th grade students from 9 a.m. to noon. Students will be able to learn about all of the programs offered in each of Boston's high schools so they can choose a school that suits their abilities and

interests.

Pictures will be taken again for students who missed the first day or need to take their picture over. Please make sure students have their slips and money.

The School Site Council will meet from 6 to 8 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 18, the annual Holiday Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Please stop by for crafts, student-made products, baked goods, raffles and a White Elephant sale.

On Dec. 21-22, Mrs. Levine's classes will hold a Parents' Celebration for the Cultural Cookbook compiled by the students.

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Thank You For Your Support

I would like to thank my family, friends, neighbors and everyone else who took the time to vote for me on Nov. 14, electing me to the Charlestown Neighborhood Council. In particular, my thanks to Joe Krol for spreading the word; to Bill McCabe for encouraging me to run; and especially to my parents for all their support.

I look forward to serving the people of this community come January.

Sincerely,
Daniel Marcella

Thanks And Happy Holidays!

Thank you to everyone who supported the holiday bake sale at the Golden Age Center on Dec. 10. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

Happy Holidays from the staff at the Golden Age Center.

02129 Correction

In my story for the Patriot, "Brunch with Paul Parent Benefits Sprouts, Inaugurates 02129," on Dec. 3, I spoke of Billy Boudreau, the wonderful new chef at 02129, as "formerly chef at the Hotel Bostonian." Actually, Billy was the pastry chef at the Bostonian, the chef is Michael Taylor.

At the time Billy was there, the chef was Peter McCarthy who, incidentally, has opened a new restaurant on Beacon Street, Somerville. He calls it EVOO, short for Extra Virgin Olive Oil. My apologies to all.

Oren McCleary

WARREN-PRESCOTT SCHOOL NEWS



STUDENTS from the Warren Prescott School have been involved with various projects. On the left are third graders who help the Marines with school projects. Shown (l. to r.) are Taylor Mahoney, Vanessa DaRosa and Keith Tan.

All the students at the Warren Prescott School continue to strive to do their best every day. Many exciting and educational activities are taking place during the holiday season.

Can/Food Drive

One annual activity is the school-wide can/food drive. Over 200 cans and packages were collected over the last two weeks to donate to the local food pantries.

Not only do the students feel good about helping others but Lenora Diggs' second grade class put their math skills to work by graphing the food collected and writing word problems about their data.

Marines

The marines, Sergeant Stephen Fabiano, a Charlestown native, and Corporal John Dilthey, have been back again this year to the school. They have made their weekly trek up from their base in Cape Cod to give support to the students at the Warren Prescott School.

Already this year they have been an enormous help in so many ways. They initiated the Toys for Tots Drive at the school, spent several days moving office supplies donated to our school, and began reading with third graders at the school. The faculty and students are very grateful to the marines for their continuing support of the Warren Prescott School.



... At the right are members of the Young Shakespeare Group. Shown (l. to r.) are Jenny Porito, Monica Ramos and Maridle Lara.

Early Morning Shakespeare

The "Early Morning Shakespeare" group is gearing up for their Roman Festival in January. This festival will be very interactive with costumes for students to try on and food from ancient Roman times to taste.

The young thespians have had several community supporters visit and share their knowledge and love of Shakespeare and ancient Rome as they prepare for their performance of Julius Caesar. A big thank you to Carl Zellner, Dr. Domenic Amara, Doug MacDonald, Pat Simpson, Tina Porito and Mario Fabiano for their continual support of this project.

- Tina Champagne

Newton Country Day
To Offer Duchesne Scholarship Exam

Students considering entrance to Newton Country Day may register now to take the school's prestigious Duchesne Scholarship exam. The exam will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9 at Newton Country Day, located at 785 Centre St., Newton, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The Duchesne Scholarship, which is renewable each year, is based on merit. Students entering the 7th and 9th grades at Newton Country Day are eligible to take the exam. Additional financial aid resources are available to qualified families.

The scholarships were named to honor St. Philippine Duchesne, RSCJ, the founder of Sacred Heart schools in the U.S. St. Du-

chesne's goal was to make a Sacred Heart education available to any student regardless of family income.

The Duchesne Scholarship exam contains three parts: a standardized aptitude test, a standardized achievement test, and a writing sample. The scholarship awards are made to students who rank highest in scholarship, leadership and character.

Students may register for the exam by calling the Office of Admissions, at 617-244-4246. A \$5 registration fee will be charged.

Founded in 1880, Newton Country Day is an independent, girls' school, grades 5-12, in the Roman Catholic tradition.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

C.A.N.A. PARCELS, CHARLESTOWN

THE MASSACHUSETTS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY invites responses to a Request for Proposals (RFP) for long-term lease and development of five parcels of land in the Charlestown section of Boston Massachusetts. The five parcels are available as a result of the Central Artery North Area (CANA) Project highway construction in Charlestown.

Parcel 1 is located at Warren and Chelsea streets and Constitution Road, and contains approximately 117,900 s.f. (2.71 acres). The parcel is zoned MFR, Multifamily Residential, FAR of 1.5. A highway ventilation building is located in the same block, but is not included in the parcel.

Parcel 2 is located at North Washington, Chelsea, Water, and Warren streets, and contains approximately 55,600 s.f. (1.28 acres). It is zoned NS, Neighborhood Shopping, FAR of 3.0. Parcel 2 shares the block with an existing, unoccupied 19th-century warehouse on Water Street, which is not included in the parcel.

Parcel 3 is located at Route 1 Southbound and Warren, Park, and Putnam streets. The parcel includes approximately 42,900 s.f. (0.98 acres). It is zoned 3F, Three Family Residential, FAR of 0.8.

Parcel 4 is located at City Square and Park, Warren, and Chelsea streets. The parcel includes approximately 20,400 s.f. (0.47 acres), approximately three-quarters of it over the Route 1 Southbound tunnel roof. Parcel 4 is zoned NS, FAR of 2.0.

Parcel 6 is located at Rutherford Avenue, City Square, and Harvard Street. The parcel includes approximately 5,000 square feet (0.12 acres). It is zoned NS, FAR of 3.0.

The Authority is interested in receiving proposals from developers that can (1) demonstrate the experience and capacity necessary to carry out development projects of this scale involving intense community interest and involvement; (2) respond to zoning and design guidelines developed by the Charlestown community, the City of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the Authority. Developers are invited to submit proposals for individual parcels or any combination of the five parcels. The responses must include specific development and financial proposals. Development Agreement(s) will be negotiated with the selected developer(s).

The Authority reserves the right to suspend, withdraw or amend this RFP at any time for any reason. The Authority reserves the right to reject any proposal not submitted in conformance with the RFP or any amendments hereto, or to reject any and all proposals, in its sole discretion, for any reason. The Authority reserves the right to select a single developer, to select multiple developers, to select finalists, to enter into negotiations with one or more respondents, or to reject all proposals. The Authority makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy and/or completeness of any of the information provided in the RFP. Respondents should carefully review the Reservations and Conditions section of the RFP.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the RFP and additional information by contacting Mr. William Tuttle, Deputy Director of Real Estate at 248-2826. Proposals must be received at the office of the Turnpike Authority at 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160, Boston, MA 02116, no later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 16, 1999.

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Monday, Dec. 7

At 3:15 a.m., a Charlestown woman called in to report that she had been awakened by her car alarm and when she went to check the vehicle, the passenger window had been broken and the steering column damaged. The car had been parked on Pearl Street.

A Charlestown woman told police that between 10 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 8 a.m. on this date, person(s) unknown attempted to steal her roommate's motor vehicle while it was parked on Tremont Street. Officers responding to the report observed damage to the passenger and driver's side doors and also to the steering column.

A Charlestown woman reported that between 7 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 8:30 a.m. on this date, person(s) unknown had vandalized her motor vehicle while it was parked on Green Street. The front passenger window had been broken. The woman stated that this is the second time in a week that her motor vehicle has been vandalized.

At about 9:30 a.m., an unknown good samaritan walked

into the Neighborhood Policing Station and turned in a wallet found on Rutherford Avenue. Police officers found a telephone number in the wallet and successfully contacted the owner who later retrieved the wallet which contained a driver's license, personal papers and credit cards.

A Charlestown woman reported that between 4 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 9:30 a.m. on this date, person(s) unknown "popped" the locks on her motor vehicle that was parked, secured and locked, on Elm Street. The victim does not believe the vehicle was entered.

At 9:45 a.m., the owner of a business at 283 Main St. reported that person(s) unknown had glued the locks securing his storefront grates and spray painted graffiti on the metal grate. The locks had to be cut off in order to open the business.

A Charlestown woman stated that between 5 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 11 a.m. on this date, person(s) unknown entered her motor vehicle through a partially open window and removed a Motorola cell phone while the vehicle was parked on Green Street.

A Weymouth woman reported that between 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 6 and 6:30 p.m. on this date, person(s) un-

known vandalized her motor vehicle while it was parked on Carney Court. The driver's door lock was partially popped, and there were key scratches and boot prints all over the hood of her car.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

At about noon, a Dorchester man walked into the Neighborhood Policing Center to report that his motor vehicle had been struck and damaged by an unknown vehicle whose driver left the scene without making himself known. The motor vehicle, which was parked in the Bunker Hill Mall, sustained damage to the hood and grill.

At about 12:10 p.m., police responded to a call for a larceny at Blockbuster Video in the Bunker Hill Mall. On arrival, the officer spoke to the assistant manager who stated that an unknown male had stolen two video games, valued at \$50 each, and fled from the building to Main Street. The assistant manager gave chase, the suspect dropped the games and fled into Mishawum. The store was able to capture the suspect's face on video. The incident will be further investigated.

At about 6 p.m., officers responded to the rear of 161 Bunker Hill St. for a breaking & entering to a motor vehicle. On arrival, they found the vehicle, registered to a Lynn man, with a broken right rear fly window and damage to the ignition. The owner arrived and cared for the vehicle. He will contact his insurance company.

A Charlestown man called to report that he had ordered a ham in the mail and when it was delivered to his Bunker Hill Street address, person(s) unknown took the ham, valued at \$50, leaving only the delivery box.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

At about 12:15 a.m., a Somerville man walked into the station to report that on Nov. 29 at about 4 p.m., he woke up in a Bunker Hill Street apartment to see his girlfriend's grandson take \$20 from his wallet. He yelled at the teen who ran from the building.

A Jamaica Plain man reported that between 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 7:45 a.m. on this date, person(s) unknown struck his motor vehicle while it was parked at Polk and Bunker Hill streets causing damage to the right passenger door. The driver left no information. The victim also reports that there is maroon paint on his car and that an officer of the Boston Housing Police had seen a maroon commercial truck in the area, although he had not seen it actually hit the victim's car.

At about 9:30 a.m., a Charlestown woman walked into the Neighborhood Policing Center to report an assault to her by one of her students at the Edwards Middle School. The woman stated that the incident occurred when she asked the student to return to her seat, the student refused and began to shout profanity. The teacher asked the student to leave the classroom, at which time the student became combative and pushed her with both hands into the chalkboard, knocking items over. Another teacher, who responded to the classroom, was interviewed as a witness.

At about 10 a.m., officers responded to a call for a pedestrian struck on the Alford Street Bridge. On arrival, they spoke to the driver who stated that he struck a bicyclist as he crossed into the lane the motorist was driving in. The victim complained of pain in his left leg, which was bruised. He was transported to MGH.

At about 4:45 p.m., officers arrested a

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Charlestown man on a default warrant from the Charlestown District Court for being a disorderly person and the violation of city ordinances.

At 8:30 p.m., a Charlestown woman stated that between 7:30 and 8 p.m. on Dec. 3, person(s) unknown entered her motor vehicle while was parked on High Street and removed a polar fleece jacket, valued at \$100, and damaged the ignition with a screwdriver.

Thursday, Dec. 10

At about 10 p.m., a Charlestown woman reported that while she was in her Soley Street apartment, her landlord began verbally accosting her with insults, threats of eviction and threats of bodily harm. The victim also stated that she only recently moved into the building and has been harassed on other occasions, and that the landlord has also called her parents' home on several occasions. The victim will seek redress in housing court.

Friday, Dec. 11

At about 7:42 p.m., officers responded to Allston Street for found property. A Charlestown woman had found items, including personal papers and a bank book, in the vicinity of the Charlestown High School football field. The property was left with the Area A duty supervisor.

At 8:40 p.m., members of the Area A-1 Drug Control Unit, while conducting a drug investigation, observed a vehicle with a Mass. registration parked on Polk Street. They found that this vehicle had been reported stolen by the MBTA Police on Dec. 8. The officers observed a Charlestown man enter the driver's side door and drive on Polk Street toward Bunker Hill Street. Area A units were notified and responded, but the man eluded capture. The man, who is known to the officers, later returned to a Polk Street address by foot. The auto wasn't found. Complaints will be sought at the Charlestown District Court for receiving a stolen motor vehicle and operating after suspension of his license.

Sunday, Dec. 13

A Charlestown man reported that at 4:30 a.m., his ex-girlfriend entered his home uninvited, by defeating the lock system of his back door by breaking through the door of his Essex Street home. He stated that she struck him in the mouth with her fist, making a visible cut. He also said that she damaged a ceiling light fixture, broke two cordless phones by throwing them, which also caused damage to the walls in two rooms. The victim will seek complaints in Charlestown District Court.

At about 9:40 a.m., a Charlestown woman stated that she was operating her motor vehicle on Main Street when a car pulled out of Phipps Street and collided with her motor vehicle. The suspect drove off and the woman was unable to get the registration. The victim's motor vehicle sustained damage to the front hood and headlights.

A man reported that someone broke the left side window of his vehicle while he was visiting on Walford Way. Taken were an AM/FM/cassette radio and an electric razor.

A Lawrence man reported that between 3 and 8 p.m., someone broke the right side vent window of his motor vehicle, while was parked in the vicinity of 191 Bunker Hill St. Taken were 25 CD's, valued at \$200, street hockey sticks and two jump ropes, with a total value of \$67.63.

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School registration for the 1999-2000 school year begins on Thursday, Jan. 7 for students entering kindergarten and the transition grades 1,6 (first year of middle school) and 9 (first year of high school). The initial application period ends Feb. 4.

Students who apply by Feb. 4 have the best chance of being assigned to a school of their choice. Last year, 87 percent of applicants in the first period received their first or second choice school.

Under the city's school assignment plan, parents may choose from among 20 or more elementary schools and seven or more middle schools in their zone of residence. All high schools are open to residents of all neighborhoods.

The Showcase of Schools will take place from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free parking is available. The MBTA will provide shuttle service to the Bayside Expo Center from the JFK/UMass station (Red Line).

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The Nor'easters are a synchronized skating team, which was formed as a novice team in 1997 with 20 skaters, under the auspices of the Wilmington Figure Skating Club and with the coaching skills of Doreen Chapman Trunfio of Billerica - a nationally recognized coach. They earned distinction in their inaugural competitive season, winning a fourth place medal at the Eastern Sectionals Championships held in San Diego in March last year.

For the 1998-99 season, the team has doubled in size and will field lines for two divisions: Preliminary



COLLEEN CAREY
(7-10 years old) and Intermediate (11-15 years old). The Nor'easters will compete next at the Lake Placid Open and Eastern Sectional Championships in Lake Placid, N.Y. in mid-January.

Synchronized team skating, also known as precision team skating, is a highly skilled, fast and demanding competitive sport in which up to 24 figure skaters

perform complicated synchronized maneuvers and footwork to a music program and theme of their choice. Fast-paced routines are choreographed to highlight the strength and speed of skaters and the intricacy and difficulty of footwork. The artistry and athleticism of the individual skater is combined along with the discipline of teamwork. The result is breathtaking displays of speed, precision and grace in an already beloved sport!

The main objectives of precision skating are fun and participation through teamwork and skill building. The competitions are exciting; however, the close friendships, travel experiences and exciting moments

shared are the real treasures. Skaters enjoy the special feeling of belonging to a team, working towards a common goal, and supporting their teammates, experiences not generally available in individual skating.

According to the US-FSA, synchronized skating is the "hottest form of figure skating today" and the fastest growing of the five disciplines of skating. Teams of 12-24 skaters, from young to adult, perform these complicated programs and compete against similar teams throughout their region and country, and indeed the world!

The Nor'easters train at the Ristuccia Arena in Wilmington, the training center for the Boston Bruins.

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