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GARDEN TOUR OF HISTORIC CHARLESTOWN

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Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Michelle and Brian Baker kick back in their garden at Lexington Street, ready to welcome guests during the semi-annual Gardens for Charlestown Garden Tour of Historic Charlestown on Saturday, June 22. Guests were treated to wonderful colors this year courtesy of the ample rain this spring, and that included Asian Lilies grown in Chris Schiavone's garden on Lexington Avenue.



Front Door to luxury: Encore Boston Harbor to continue transformation of Lower Mystic region

By Seth Daniel

The opening ceremonies on Sunday morning, June 23, quickly became a spotlight for the transformation of the Lower Mystic area of Charlestown, Everett and Somerville from a forgotten, polluted, industrial center to a thriving and environmentally sound area of booming economic activity.

Wynn Resorts CEO Matt Maddox led off his comments by saying that the goals of the state

expanded gaming laws had been met in Greater Boston by Encore.

"What an amazing day it is today," he said. "Eight years ago the people of Massachusetts and the lawmakers had the foresight to understand that with the passage of gaming regulation there could be the possibility of urban renewal, economic development and for the finest integrated resorts in the world. Those were the goals and I'm here to tell you that Encore Boston Harbor has achieved those goals."

Like others, he also emphasized the environmental transformation of the site from desolate to decadent – with a big 'thank you' to the trades for transforming it during construction, having many workers from Charlestown on the job.

"Seven years ago I was standing here on this site with the mayor (of Everett), just us two, and there

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Thousands of anxious guests packed onto the HarborWalk Sunday to get inside and see the new casino. By noon, Encore estimated that 5,000 were in line, and they were moved safely into the property by 2:30 p.m.



The South Lawn featured an outdoor BBQ party to celebrate the opening on Sunday.

Tall Ship restaurant proposes move, gets quick hearing at City Hall

By Seth Daniel

The owners of the Caledonia 245-foot tall ship, and Pier 6 Restaurant, quickly proposed an idea to move the ship from its planned docking point in Dry Dock 2 to an area on Pier 6 next to their restaurant – hoisting the idea to the Navy Yard neighborhood and getting a hearing at the Licensing Board in one week's time.

The hustle was certainly on as the original plan to put the boat on Dry Dock 2 as part of the Boston Planning and Development

Agency's (BPDA) summer activation plan didn't materialize, and the heart of the summer (July 4th weekend) is but a few days away.

The License Board heard the petition on June 26, but an official decision wasn't expected until later today, June 27. However, the Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard reported that the petition had been postponed by the Board, and the petitioner will come back with a new plan.

All of that was the setting for a

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Councilor Edwards to vote 'no' on Boston Public Schools budget

By Seth Daniel

With the City Budget now before the City Council, Councilor Lydia Edwards said she intended to vote against the Boston Public Schools budget on Wednesday afternoon due to the inequitable cuts to her district.

"It's not fair and there is no reason we should be cutting the school budgets in my district so drastically," she said. "This sends a terrible message to the kids that they are not important... Our

(BUDGET Pg. 11)

Encore opening triggers agreement, \$2 million annually to mitigation

By Seth Daniel

The opening of the Encore Boston Harbor casino this week not only brings about the culmination of years of planning and construction, but also it triggers the payments to Boston as part of the community mitigation agreement – known as a Surrounding Community Agreement (SCA).

Most important, the Boston SCA requires that \$2 million be paid to the City upon opening.

The Mayor's Office indicated they expect that payment to come within 90 days, so some time before Sept. 23.

Mayor Martin Walsh has said that the payments would be used only for Charlestown and for

communities are facing a displacement crisis. Many students and their families are leaving because they cannot afford to stay. Other families who can afford to stay are choosing to leave because they see a lack of response from BPS to today's educational challenges...

Given the impact on District 1, and the lack of response to constituent concerns, I cannot support the budget."

impacts to those affected by the casino. This week, he again made that pledge to likely keep all the mitigation money in the Town rather than spreading it out to the rest of the city.

"I am proud that through these mitigation funds, we will serve the residents in Charlestown, and all those impacted by the opening of the casino, preserving the places that make our city so special," he said. "I want to thank all residents for their work, and for their continued commitment to all of Boston's neighborhoods."

Those payments will be slightly different than the current \$1 million pot of money the Town has

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GARDEN TOUR OF HISTORIC CHARLESTOWN

With the start of summer, Gardens For Charlestown hosted its Garden Tour of Historic Charlestown. For the past 20 years the Garden Tour is held about every other year, although the last one occurred three years ago. It provided a chance for participants to see the beauty and tranquility that resides in the backyards of historic homes in Charlestown.



Gardens For Charlestown longtime member Roger Chesebrough, volunteer John Besley, treasurer Deb McCarthy, president and organizer Ann Hardgraves, volunteer Cindy Colpack, and clerk Chris Schiavone pose by the new sign for the community garden. The new sign, installed that very day of the garden tour, replaces the previous one that has served for the past 40 years and was funded by the Community Preservation Act (CPA).



Stephen Monk in his garden on Auburn Street.



Shannon and Matt Shipman take in Chris Schiavone's garden Lexington Avenue.



The hummingbird and flower flags served as indicators of participating addresses for the Garden Tour of Historic Charlestown. This one was drawing in visitors to a home on Chestnut Street.



Young Luna Rouse is captivated by the garden on Auburn Street.



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The tour began in the Community Garden on the outskirts of Sullivan Square. Here are some Heliopsis flowers in the plot of Deb McCarthy.

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Visitors relax in the garden at Wallace Court.



Young entrepreneurs Connor and Claire Anjomi capitalized on their location along the Garden Tour path and set up a lemonade stand which proved to be a welcome sight on such a hot, summer day. They set aside 50 percent of their profits to be donated to Harvest on Vine.

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