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Presidents Message: Hello Houghs Neck, the 4th annual Polar Plunge on behalf of the Atherton Hough PTO was another success, even though it was rescheduled from the original date. Which was a good thing because the plungers would have had to clear the ice to get in. I do understand that those that did plunge helped to raise over \$1500.00. The Quincy Police Marine Unit assisted along with Brewster Ambulance and the Quincy Fire Department. That is one of the good things about living here in Houghs Neck, the support we give each other, and what we get back from the city departments.

With the change of dates for the Polar Plunge the neck was very busy, that afternoon the Houghs Neck Congregational Church sponsored their annual Chili Bowl. Chairwomen Pam Craig did a fabulous job. The event was well attended and the top Restaurant knocked off the previous winner in a close vote, Jamies Catering was voted the best. For the individual winners, 3rd place Bill Luggelle, 2nd place Paul Picarski and the Best Individual Chili was Jen & Jim Liebelt.

The Community Council together with Holy Trinity Parish and The American Red Cross will be hosting the Second Annual Winter Blood Drive, on February 20th from 2pm till 7pm at the St. Thomas Aquinas hall to collect as many pints of blood as possible. This life giving event is open to the entire community and giving blood is refreshing. It is best to make an appointment on the redcross.org site but walk-ins are welcome. Please see the information below. There are other community events sponsored by various groups please check the entire bulletin for their dates.

It may seem early but I think it is necessary to remind our Seniors in High School and those undergraduates to start getting their grade transcripts in order as it is a requirement for the Houghs neck Scholarship (Book Award). We Will be publishing the application in the March and April issues of the Bulletin.

Over the years we have mentioned how important it is to become involved in our community, whether helping out your church, PTO, Scouting, or the community council. We have some available positions on the Executive Board of the community council. In an effort to make it easier for some to attend the one meeting each month, we are offering baby sitting services. The council meets on the first Tuesday starting at 6pm to place the labels on the Bulletin for mailing then a short meeting to discuss the events and activities the council is sponsoring. If you may be interested in joining the Board, Please stop by on Tuesday March 6th anytime after 6PM to about 7:30. You could also e-mail for information (hncbulletin@yahoo.com) call me or any member listed on Page 2.

In the upcoming months the council plans on hosting our New Ward One City Councilor, Dave McCarthy and the Quincy Police to discuss the vandalism around the neck and what we can do to curb it. The Dates for these meetings will be posted on our Web Site www.houghsneck.org and in next months Bulletin.

See ya around *Dave*

WINTER BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by

The Houghs Neck Community Council & Holy Trinity Parish

Tuesday, Feb. 20th, 2018 from 2:00PM ~ 7:00PM

St. Thomas Aquinas Hall, Darrow Street at Manet Ave ~ Houghs Neck

We will have plenty of homemade goodies. Hall is handicap accessible.

Everyone that visits to donate MUST have at least one form of Identification ie; Drivers License or a passport.

If you arrive without an ID you will be turned away.

Appointments are highly recommended but walk-ins are very welcome.

After you make your appointment you can pre-register and answer the health questions with rapid pass at the redcross.org site.

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment.

Additional Information:

Eileen Timcoe event coordinator 617-479-4107, 617-481-9153, etimcoe@yahoo.com

Houghs Neck Community Center

1193 Sea Street

We all know it's good to get out and socialize, especially for seniors. We encourage everyone to discover (or re-discover!) the Houghs Neck Community Center! We are a vital resource in your own backyard.

Stop by Mondays and Wednesdays, beginning at 11 am, enjoy a homemade hot lunch, coffee, pastry and play Scrabble or Bingo. Bring a friend or your favorite family member!

Food Pantry offers a FREE bag of food. On the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays every month, We look forward to seeing you!

617-376-1385 See page 3, for a listing of center activities

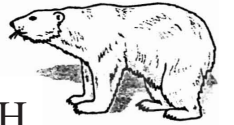


Come join us for the 4th Annual

PL POLAR PLUNGE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH

A fundraiser for the
Atherton Hough PTO



The lineup just before 50+ brave and hardy souls jumped into 41 degree waters of Hingham Bay, at the Houghs Neck Maritime Center Public Landing.



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Veva and the Family

Sympathy and Condolences are extended to the friends & families of

Stephen Michael Dabrowski Sr. 84, passed on January 22nd. Steve was a member of the Bricklayers Union Local 3 for over 60 years. Son of the late Walter and Anne (Plunkett) Dabrowski, and husband of the late Alexina (Lussier) Dabrowski and companion of over 30 years to Nancy Fountain. Father of Wanda DeSchamp-Savard, Michael J. Dabrowski, Sandra E. Crispo, Linda A. Dabrowski-Berry, and the late Stephen M. Dabrowski Jr. Brother of Mary Johnson, and the late Irene Bennett, Daniel and Robert Dabrowski. Step father of Shari, Billy, and Amy. and grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of 4. Donations may be made to Holy Trinity Parish, 227 Sea St. Quincy, 02169.

Frederick W. Caramanica passed January 28th at 87. Raised and educated in Everett, he lived most of his life in Quincy and worked as a contract work inspector for New England Telephone. A Korean War veteran with the U.S. Marine Corps, Fred fought in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir. He was a member of the Chosin Few New England Chapter and a life member of the Pioneers of America. Husband of Mary E. "Polly" (Hickey) Caramanica, Father of Ellen L. Gilbody and Carol J. O'Shea grandfather 4. Brother of Catherine Knowlton and the late Robert, Edward and William Caramanica and is also survived by the Hickey family Donations in may be made to New England Center and Home for Veterans, Advancement Office, P.O. Box 845257, Boston, MA 02284-5257, nechv.org/give.



**Memorial Mass for
Waymon Giggey will be held on
Saturday Feb 17th at 10:00 am
Houghs Neck Congregational
Church 310 Manet Ave. Quincy**

Margaret "Peg" (McDermott) Berberan passed January 6th at 86 years old. She was employed as an office clerk at Procter & Gamble in Quincy. and later returned to the Personnel Department. Wife of the late William R. Berberan. Mother of Peter R. Berberan, William F. Berberan, Jo-Anne Berberan and the late Nancy A. Callahan. Sister of Patricia M. Lee and the late John E. McDermott. She had 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren. Donations may be made to Joslin Diabetes Center, 1 Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215.



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There are open seats if you are interested.

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Memorial or Honorary Donations

The In Honor Of or Memorials printed in the Bulletin each month are from your neighbors who give a donation. They may recognize a loved ones birthday, anniversary, wedding, birth, passing, letting a friend know you are thinking of them or any occasion. All donations are given to the Houghs Neck Scholarship Fund. On June 16th the Scholarship committee will present \$8300.00 to 3 High School Seniors and 8 College Students continuing there education. Since June, 1964 they have presented \$231,795 to brightest students from Houghs Neck. You may honor a loved one or friend by placing a memorial or in honor of, with a donation. Please send a request to David DiBona 45 Turner Street, Quincy MA 02169.

The scholarship committee also has for sale the "Houghs Neck History" book for \$10.00. Available at E & T Ceramics or by calling 617-479-4107.

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HOUGHS NECK GARDEN CLUB

“SEED: The Untold Story” will be shown at the Houghs Neck Garden Club on Wednesday, February 7th, 2018. Heirloom seeds are nearing extinction and this film emphasizes the importance of the biodiversity of seeds to the agriculture of the world, focusing on seed keepers and activists from around the world and their battle with the chemical-seed companies.

“Functional Landscaping” is the subject of a presentation to be given by Sam Monkern, Grounds Manager and Director of the Babcock Arboretum at Eastern Nazarene College, on Wednesday, March 7th. Monkern will highlight the importance of using plants that work together, are functional, and can grow in their specific environment as well as the need for bees, insects and birds. We will also learn about the Babcock Arboretum, an arboretum with redwood trees here in Quincy.

Both meetings will be held in the MWRA Community Room at Nut Island, 2nd floor, 149 Sea Street, starting at 7pm with refreshments and a brief business meeting followed by the program at 7:30pm.

The Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Find out more about the Houghs Neck Garden Club at our website: <http://hngc123.wix.com/houghsneckgardenclub/>.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Each year on February 14th, many people exchange cards, candy, gifts or flowers with their special “valentine.” The day of romance we call Valentine’s Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th century, but has origins in the Roman holiday Lupercalia.

VALENTINE'S QUOTES

Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.— *Aristotle*

My bounty is as boundless as the sea,
My love as deep; the more I give to thee,
The more I have, for both are infinite.— *William Shakespeare*

HOUGHS NECK COMMUNITY CENTER

1193 Sea Street, Quincy, Ma
Tel. 617-376-1385

Cynthia Lewis, Director

February 2018

Adult Programs

SEASIDE CAFÉ serves a really good **Homemade Hot Lunch.** Roast pork, turkey, Baked chicken, pasta, meatloaf, and more Monday & Wednesday at 11am. \$3.00 Coffee with pastry served. just \$1.00

Bingo every Monday & Wednesday 12:30-3pm. 50 cents a card. Serving great refreshment & coffee \$1.00

Scrabble Monday & Wednesdays @ noon
Blood Pressure Clinic Free Every 2nd & 4th Thursday 9:30-11am.

Book Group @ 7pm Wednesday on Feb. 15th All welcome Discuss ...My Family & Other Animals ,Durrell Meet at the Quincy Yacht Club,
Resin & Seaglass wksp Saturday Feb. 10th @ 10am Details on HNCC FB, refreshments, Rsvp a must. All materials provided Full size Vintage Windows

Senior Lunch Monday & Wednesday
Do you know a lonely senior? Maybe they lost their partner or just need some social contact.

Please invite them to the
Houghs Neck Community Center

KIDS NIGHT OUT

February 2nd 3-7pm.

Kids Night Out is really Parents Night Out! Drop the kiddos off for a fun evening with friends. During Kids Night Out, Your children will enjoy 4 Hours of Activities, board games, Movies, Wii & Arts & Crafts. A Dinner Party served about 5pm. \$10

Free Food Pantry

Wednesday @ 3pm

A free food program, please arrive by 3pm for free bag of food. Pass the word ~ **All Welcome**

The Houghs Neck Community Center operates under the direction of the Houghs Neck Community Council, Inc. Funded with a Community Development Block Grant through the City of Quincy Planning Department

Piano Lessons

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Youth Program

This Month the Community Center offers a variety of drop off programs designed for youth in safe, supervised space. These programs are and free or low cost through support from CDBG funding and Volunteers Please Support our community center. thank you

Kids Night Out Friday February 2nd 3-7pm
4 Hours of Activities & a Dinner Party. Drop off \$10.

Valentine Mirrors Monday Feb.5th 3-5.
Jewels gems shells & more. All welcome. \$3

Playgroup Free Thursday February 6th @ 3-4pm
Paint Craft keepsakes All welcome. All ages

Dream pillow sewing Wednesday February 7th
3-5pm Make a sweet smelling dream pillow.. Age 5+. \$3

Sea Glass Creations Monday, February 12th 3-5.
Messy Stuff, bring your ideas & Friends age 5+ \$3

FREE Movie, Valentine Craft & Legos
Wednesday February 14th 3-5. Valentines, Legos, watch the movie, Snacks & its a social. age 5+ drop off Free

Robot Sculptures Monday February 19th 3-5
Create made a fun sculpture using a variety of materials, its fun and social. age 5+ free

Paint Party Wednesday February 21st 3-5pm
Lots of crafty projects, collages, paint glue & messy stuff. A free art class for Ages 5+

Kids Beads & Ice Cream Monday February 26th
3-5pm. Make some cool beaded stuff with friends. for Age 5+. Free

Free Play Board Games Learn Chess
Wednesday February 28th 3-5pm all ages.

Playgroup Free Tuesday March 6th @ 3-4pm
Springtime Paint Craft keepsakes All welcome. Age 0-4

Adult Art Classes

Resin & Sea Glass workshop Sat. Feb.10th @ 10am
All materials provided, vintage window, sea glass, shells, ect Bring your finds to personalize your creation.

Paint night Wednesday February 21st @ 6 -9pm
We will paint the winter visitor the Cardinal.

Fairy Gardens Saturday March 24th @ 10 am
A table top Fairy garden perfectly sized for your summer centerpiece.

Details Houghs Neck Community Center FB. All Welcome

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Holy Name Society of the
Holy Trinity Parish



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SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH 2018 5:30PM - 7:30PM

St. Thomas Aquinas Hall

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**Please bring non-perishable food item's
for our parish food pantry.**

Thank You for helping our Parish.

Saturday, February 10, 2018

A Valentine Princess Tea

At the Houghs Neck Congregational Church
310 Manet Avenue, Quincy

Two sessions - choose either 10:00 a.m. - noon
Or 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

There will be
Crafts, Music, Activities, and Goodies
and a visit by special princesses. There will be a special raffle, too.

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Princess dress is optional
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and can be made by
e-mail to hnccl@comcast.net



Be sure to indicate how many adults and how many princesses will be attending and which session you prefer. Please include your phone number.

This event is intended for princesses from pre-school through elementary age. All princesses must be accompanied by an adult.



HOLY TRINITY PARISH
Fr. Martin Dzengeleski - Pastor
Fr.MartinHolyTrinityParish@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. 4:30pm MBS & 6:00pm OLGC ~ Sun. 8:30am MBS & 10:30am OLGC
www.holytrinityquincy.com ~ facebook: holytrinity quincy
Office Hours; Monday-Thursday 10:00 am ~ 5:00 pm.
Friday office is CLOSED, Saturday and Sunday by appointment
Confessions; Saturdays 3:00- 4:00 pm at Our Lady's and by Appointment

PARISH FELLOWSHIP ~ PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our Lady's Sodality, the Holy Name Society and Parish Youth will host a **Free Fellowship Pancake Breakfast** on the first Sunday of every month. It is open to all, and will be held after the 8:30 Children's/Family Mass. We look forward meeting members of our community.

Parish Nurses

Will hold the monthly blood pressure clinic on Sunday, March 4th and again Sunday, April 1st after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Hall.

Homebound Ministry

Visiting the Sick and Homebound Do you know anyone who is homebound and can't get to mass? Please let us know! We would be happy to bring them monthly Holy Communion and pray with them. If you would like to be part of the visiting the sick and homebound ministry, please contact Fr. Martin at the office. 617-479-9200

Holy Name Society

Will hold the monthly meeting on Sunday, January 7th and again Sunday February 4th after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Hall.

Mens Rosary @ OLGC 7PM every Wed. All male members of the parish are invited.

Lady's Sodality

Lady's Sodality Meets the first Sat. of the Month after the 9:00am Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel church hall. Andrea Sault is the Prefect, for more information contact her at sault46@aol.com



HOUGHS NECK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Pastor. Steve Vandergrift
Sunday Service 10:00am
Fellowship Coffee Hour following Service
310 Manet Avenue ~ 617-479-8778 www.hncong.org

From the Pastor

It's hard to believe that it's already February! Hopefully the worst of the cold weather is behind us. The days are growing longer, slowly but surely. The Sun is setting later, getting higher in the sky each day. Here in Houghs Neck the Sun reached its lowest point in the sky back at the Winter Solstice on December 21st - close to 24.5 degrees above the southern horizon at noon on that day. By now it's just over 30 degrees above the horizon at noon (you can measure it with a stick, a ruler and a calculator with trig functions). On the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice - June 21st, the Sun will reach 73.5 degrees above the southern horizon at noon (where we live it never gets straight overhead. Really!)

With new light comes new life! And abundant life! February for the general population kicks off with Groundhog Day, followed by the Superbowl, Valentines Day, President's Day (Winter vacation for the kids!). The month also is a time to Remember Black History - the story of our sisters and brothers of color

and their contribution to our nation's larger history.

But on the church calendar the season of Lent comes in the middle of February beginning with Ash Wednesday on the fourteenth (yes, on Valentines Day). In Catholic tradition Lent begins the day after Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday is the French translation). In popular culture it's a time to party hardy before the more reflective period of Lent begins.

During Lent, an opportunity that we will provide at Houghs Neck Congregational Church is:

Bible 101 - a six-week course for those of you who want to know more about the Bible. We will begin on Tuesday, February 6th and continue meeting each Tuesday through March 20th. Though you are encouraged to attend each of the six sessions, it's not a requirement. We will be using a wonderful resource produced by the Massachusetts Bible Society (the oldest Bible society in the country) called Exploring the Bible. Our first six-week session is titled What is the Bible? The course will be of particular interest for those who want to know more about our Holy scriptures and become more confident in understanding them. The six sessions cover 1) A General Orientation to the Bible, 2) How to choose a Bible, 3) An Overview of the Old Testament, 4) An Overview of the New Testament, 5) The Bible and Its Authority, and 6) Archaeology and the Bible. Later in the year we will offer two more-detailed six-week courses, one exploring the Old and another exploring the New Testament. All of these sessions are low-key. There are no tests! Just good fellowship and good fun - and a chance to learn about the Bible. These courses are open to the public. If you are interested, call the church office and leave your name and a way to contact you.

Join us for worship at 10am Sunday mornings. Nursery provided and Sunday School for children.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Steve

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TROOP 6 NEWS

Sorry I have missed a few Bulletins lately, it hasn't been for lack of things going on! Back in November, we had an awesome turn out for Punkin Chunkin and smashed a ton of pumpkins with our trebuchet, our sling shot, and on our new monster "Sledge o' Matic". We were also thrilled to collect a truck load of candy for our soldiers overseas that Local 103 IBEW was gracious enough to pack and send for us.

Also in the late fall, the Troop helped Joe Desmond complete his Eagle Scout Project by completely re-landscaping the prayer garden next to St. Joseph's Church on Washington St. This involved removing all of the overgrown vegetation, digging out and installing a new Rosary prayer path, planting new flowers and bushes, and making the area really beautiful. Joe did a great job leading a large group of volunteers to complete this beautiful project.

In December, after our bottle drive, we spent the afternoon working on an orienteering hike through the Crusher. Mr. Laroche set up a course that required us to use compasses and take bearings while crisscrossing the landscape to race to the finish line. The dusting of snow made it a little more challenging and incredibly beautiful at the same time. We capped it off with some much deserved pizza afterwards.

Throughout the fall and winter, we have been very busy with advancement, and working specifically on Communications Merit Badge. This involved a visit to a Quincy City Council meeting and the scouts all making speeches and learning about the field of communications. I think the City Council was a little surprised when we showed up with nearly 30 scouts!!! We have had a lot of fun along the way, and several of the scouts have completed the badge. Congratulations!

On December 18th, we had our annual Holiday Party and a monster Yankee Swap with over 50 participants! Lots of fun and lots and lots of pizza consumed.

On Martin Luther King weekend, the scouts helped Ryan Laroche complete his Eagle Scout Project which was to provide backpacks to the homeless of Boston. Ryan and his team collected items like blankets, toiletries, first aid supplies, socks, and other critical items and

packed over 150 backpacks with them!!! All of the items were then delivered to an outreach program in Boston where they were handed out at the end of their MLK breakfast. It was amazing to be part of a project that will help so many of the most needy.

The scouts also participated in the Chili Cook Off at the Houghs Neck Congregational Church, competing not only with each other, but also with all of the other participants. The scouts also helped in the kitchen and with the set up and clean up as well. We are proud to say that the Spartan Patrol had the best chili in the Troop!

Next month we are heading up skiing at Gunstock and the following month, we are looking at ice fishing! Never a dull moment...

Troop 6 does a fantastic job of keeping our program affordable for all scouts, and our bottle and can drives are one of our biggest fundraisers. Our next bottle drive is February 10th from 9-12 in Labrecque Field parking lot. Our bottle drives will continue to be on the second Saturday of every month, weather permitting. Please consider donating your soda and beer bottles and cans to us rather than tossing them in your recycling. As our Troop grows, the money we earn is being spread thinner and thinner and we really want to continue to run

a program where all the activities can be paid for through the boys fundraising efforts. Please feel free to call if you need a p

Rob Gordon, Troop 6 Scoutmaster, 617-543-1797



Manet Community Health Center Administrative Office
Phone: (617) 690-6400

Manet Community Health Center at Houghs Neck
Phone: (617) 471-8683

Don't Let the Flu Get You!

Flu season is in full swing in Massachusetts but there are steps you can take to stay healthy and prevent the spread of illness.

Preventive steps:

Get your flu shot. It's not too late – there's still time to protect yourself and your family from the serious illnesses that flu can cause.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people. Sleep in separate beds, etc.

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If you are sick, stay home and limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. Stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone.

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.

Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects often.

Consult your health care provider and take antiviral drugs if you feel sick and also have a high-risk health condition.

Flu Symptoms:

- fever
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- body aches
- headache
- chills
- fatigue

Some people also may have vomiting and diarrhea.

Some people may be infected with the flu and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.

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Dear Houghs Neck Residents,
 Under the Legislature's Joint Rules, the committee I chair, the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, must report all bills out of committee by February 7th. I and my Senate Co-Chair, Senator Barbara L'Italien, are working with members of the committee to reach a consensus decision on over 200 bills in committee. These bills range from data security and credit protections to liquor licensing, gaming regulations and technical licensing.

The Governor recently released his recommendations for the fiscal year 2019 state budget. The Governor, the House and the Senate have agreed that the projected state revenue increase will be 3.5% for FY2019, which is a total of \$27.594 billion in state revenue. This projection is under the assumption that the 2018 economy will be strong enough to trigger a state income tax reduction on January 1, 2019 from 5.1% to 5.05%. The Governor's budget recommendation for FY2019 is \$40.9 billion, which is a 2.6% increase in spending from fiscal year 2018. While the revenue projections are lower than this, the state will also receive reimbursements and grants from the federal government accounting for the majority of the remaining \$13.3 billion. Congress' decisions on the federal budget have a direct impact on Massachusetts' services, such as MassHealth (Medicaid/Medicare), workforce development, homeland security, and social services.

In mid-January, the House of Representatives authorized a \$1.7 billion housing bond bill by a 150 to 1 vote. The bond is a five year

authorization, which means it expires after a five year period. The bond bill targets the production and preservation of affordable housing, smart growth development, and much needed public housing capital improvements. Given the uncertainty of the federal government's housing initiatives, this bond bill will give Massachusetts more options on housing development over the next several years.

Within the bond bill, \$65 million is dedicated to the Facilities Consolidation Fund which allows the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to house individuals receiving services from their respective departments. For people with disabilities, \$55 million is committed to improving integrated community based housing. Home modification loans for homeowners and tenants with disabilities are made available to make residences more accessible. In order to preserve affordable housing, DHCD would be authorized to purchase certain housing units designed for community-based housing at appraised value within 120 days of the authorization of affordable restrictions.

This bill continues the House's 2013 landmark creation of the Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund, furthering its commitment to high quality early education and care programming. This \$45 million reauthorization provides facility improvement grants for early education and out of school time programs serving low income children. \$400 million is

dedicated to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which provides flexible funding to create and preserve affordable housing. This ranges from transitional homes for homeless individuals to homeownership programs. It also authorizes \$600 million for renovations to help modernize and rehabilitate public housing, including updates like the abatement of lead.

The housing bond bill also reauthorizes several tax credits. The Low Income Housing Tax Credit is for investors in qualified, affordable, multifamily rental projects. The Community Investment Tax Credit allows for a 50 percent tax credit for individuals who donate to community development corporations. The Brownfields Tax Credit is for the redevelopment of polluted lands. Finally, the Housing Development Incentive Program provides tax credits to developers in Gateway Cities, of which Quincy is one of these cities.

Since last fall, the City of Quincy has received several grants from the state, including one for \$225,000 for Houghs Neck seawall repair design and permitting. This funding is provided through the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' Dam and Seawall Repair or Removal Program, which awarded Massachusetts cities and towns over \$11 million. Quincy also received \$75,000 from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for the restoration of Quincy Homestead. After Quincy Homestead suffered severe water and ice damage over the past few years, funds from DCR's Matching Partnership Program will be an important step towards restoration of this National Historic Landmark.

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Greetings, January came in like a lion and still is roaring as of January 30TH. The January 4th perfect storm was devastating to some in the Hough's Neck section of Rockland Street and the Creek area. The 100 year storm factors were evident as record high tides, ice and flooding became evident quickly and moved very fast inland on that peninsula of land.

I viewed the damage of some residents and was very thankful in most instances that the Quincy Police, Quincy Fire and of course the folks at the DPW were on the scene attempting their best to assist. I will be sitting in the near future with the DPW again to review catch basin protocol, tide gate schedules and overall flood zone procedures to try to get better at defending ourselves overall in Ward One in these situations. Mother Nature even though you know it's coming can be overwhelming. Please call me with any issues

Officially sworn in on January 8th as Ward One Councilor and enjoyed a great night of speeches and visions for the city. Great enthusiasm in the room to make Quincy better and better. Looking forward to the months ahead.

Attended a wonderful morning ceremony at Quincy High School for Martin Luther King Day. State Senator John Keenan was the keynote speaker and was terrific, hitting on many life points that "we are all one" and should strive to make sure we remember what the meaning of MLK's message was and is. The Senator's video/speech is a great viewing to look up and listen too. Thank you Senator Keenan for that message that day.

Believe it or not I took the Polar

Plunge at the Maritime Center last Saturday January 27th. Balmy 45 degrees out but a chilly 35 degrees in the water, Great cause for the fundraising efforts of the Atherton Hough PTO. I believe they raised \$ 1000.00. Yes the water was cold !

A couple of items in regards to tree work in Hough's Neck. Tree maintenance has begun at a few public locations. You'll notice several dead trees removed from the front of Brill Field, the WWII monument at Atherton Hough Elementary School will also be getting a cleaning up tree wise at that location to assist the Hough's Neck Garden Club this summer with its cleanup/restoration of this historical park in HN and the Chapel Street Park that contains a wonderful remembrance of Greg McKinnon, a young man who left us way before his time will be cleaned up this Spring. Tree work will commence before that happens at the park.

I will also be meeting with Tighe and Bond Engineers/Environmental Specialists to review the Seawall initiative. I will asking them to review the entire Ward 1 plan to include looking at any possible infrastructure options in the Rockland Street/Creek area. All meeting information and decisions will be shared with the community. I am open to comments and suggestions at all times.

On the topic of flooding the Marshfield Citizens Coastal Coalition (MCC) is planning to hold a series of educational outreaches focused on understanding the flood insurance policies and flood claim basics. After the January 4th storm there was again a lot of confusion in regards to flood insurance basics, policy interpretation and resources available after the storm. I will be

contacting the group to connect them to partner with Ward 1 and Quincy for upcoming sessions in Quincy. I will keep all advised.

The month ended with Mayor Koch's Mid Term State of the City address. He hit on all the key points that make Quincy what it is, a great downtown progress report, 2.3 million dollar smart traffic lights for more than a dozen busy intersections (Sea Street/Quincy Shore Drive and Sea/Southern Artery, roadwork package (hopefully to include Sea street), bicycle-sharing pilot program, where it works and the growth in apartment buildings/other economic development which is beginning to pay off in shifting the tax burden from the homeowners.

"We have one of the lowest single-family tax increases in Massachusetts this year because of that growth," he said.

Koch also mentioned the city had allocated \$1 million of its federal Community Development Block Grant money to the Gavin Foundation to help it take over control of the Phoenix House drug treatment center in Wollaston after the previous operators had run into financial problems. The Opioid problem is proactively getting addressed throughout Quincy.

My new cell number is 617-845-7111 and my city e-mail is dmccarthy@quincyma.gov. Both are active..

Thank you and God Bless..

Dave McCarthy
Ward 1 Councillor

Thank You to Christine Kusser for bringing to our attention that the Wheelchair ramp in front of the Community Center was covered with snow from the plowing. She also stated that was an issue last year. One email to the ward councilor and the corner was cleared and after the second storm it was cleared again. Thanks to the DPW and our Ward Councilor.

Editor



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Research shows that many people who become addicted to heroin and other opioids began their drug use by taking drugs from family members or by abusing painkillers they were prescribed. The Quincy Police Department urges residents to dispose of all prescription drugs as soon as the medication is no longer needed. For your convenience, the Department maintains a drug disposal receptacle in the lobby at Police Headquarters. You can bring in your unused medications 24 hours a day, seven days per week. You don't need a prescription drug disposal appointment, and no one will ask you any questions.

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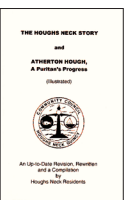
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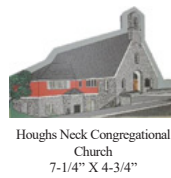


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