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**FROM THE PRESIDENT:** Hello Houghs Neck and beyond. Happy New Year! It was a challenging December for my family, but it was great to have the kids' home for the Holidays. Though I worked Christmas eve and Christmas night I was able to enjoy Christmas dinner with family. I worked New Year's Eve also, but we rang in the New Year fire station style. I did the Polar Plunge to support the Atherton Hough PTO. It was a warm 40-degree day with water temps at about 43 degrees. There are many activities to do in the Neck. Try the HN Congregational Church Chili Cookoff January 25th. or Cynthia's page in the bulletin. She has activities for ages 1-14 y/o. Then you have the HNCC events that are published in the Bulletin. If you ever recycle the Bulletin before the month is over you can find the online version at [www.HoughsNeck.org](http://www.HoughsNeck.org)  
*Happy and Prosperous New Year See You Soon Jim McCarthy*

## 6th Annual 'Polar Plunge' Benefits Atherton Hough School PTO - January 4, 2020

The sixth annual Houghs Neck "Polar Plunge" was held at the public landing as 30 brave souls took a quick dip in 46-degree water for a good cause. Proceeds from the annual event benefit the Atherton Hough Elementary School PTO. The group of participants included children, senior citizens, community and school activists and city councillors Noel DiBona and Brad Croal and the Quincy Police Dive Team keeping watch.



Thanks  
QPD  
Marine  
Unit

In they go

### Winter of 2020 in Houghs- Neck Seaside Cafe inside the Houghs Neck Community Center ~ 1193 Sea Street

(page 3 for community center activities)

#### Mobile Food Pantry

Every other Wednesday at 3:00pm ~ Call the center for exact dates  
Open to All - No paperwork - Free Bag of Food - arrive by 3pm (page 3)

#### Troop 6 - Boy & Cub Scouts

Boy Scouts meet Monday's from 7-8:30PM  
Bottle Drive 2nd Sat each month 1-11

#### Houghs Neck Book Club

2nd Wednesday of the month at Quincy Yacht Club (page 6)

#### Houghs Neck Congregational Church

Chili Cook Off - Jan. 25th 1:00 - 4:00 PM (page 4)

#### Houghs Neck Congregational Church

Frozen Princess Party - Feb. 8th (page 6)

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# Gifts to the Houghs Neck Community Council Scholarship Fund

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## Sympathy and Condolences are extended to the friends & families of

**Robert Clayton Preble** passed on December 1st. Son of the late Charles Edward Preble and Jeanette Elsie (Arneson). At the outset of the Korean conflict, Bob joined the United States Air Force and served in the Azores Islands with the Air Police. Proud of his military service he often wore his veteran's hat. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Andrew's Society of Massachusetts and, along with his wife Bobby, was involved in Cub Scouts Pack 36. In the 1960s, feeling that no incumbent should ever run unopposed Bob ran for Mayor of Quincy. Although he was not successful, which he often said he was happy about, he did raise awareness of the need for people to get involved in their communities. Predeceased by his wife, Barbara Ann (Johnston), and his brothers, Charles E. and Ronald O. He was the father of Robert C. "Rusty", Scott D., Mark A. and Rev. Peter M. Grandfather of five, and a granddaughter on the way. Brother of Barbara Sullivan. Donations may be made to Puppies Behind Bars, 263 West 38th Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10018 or at [www.puppiesbehindbars.com](http://www.puppiesbehindbars.com).

**Leo J. Kelly**, passed December 15th. at age 87. A lifelong Houghs Neck resident, he was Korean War Veteran U.S. Navy. He started his lifelong community service in Leo's barber shop. Before retiring in 2014, He was a city councilor and served nine terms (1973-1983 and 2003-2009) Among his accomplishments, he helped to start the Manet Community Health Center in Houghs Neck, now having five sites. He preserved open space, by stopping the topping and filling in of Quincy Bay and ending plans to build the Nut Island sewage treatment plant, the Granite Rail, Little Granite Quarry and General Palmer Park, plus acres of other marshland, including Broad Meadows and Brill Field. He was the project manager for the Quincy Housing Authority for 10 years and continued to serve on the Commission Board, helping residents with their problems. He helped with the new Quincy High

School and the Community Centers in Houghs Neck and Germantown. He was also a Board Member of Quincy Community Action and District Chair of the Blue Granite Rail Council and Quincy Boy Scouts. The Houghs Neck Garden Club honored him with the Leo J. Kelly Park. Husband of Margaret Milne-Kelly, and step-father of Lynne McKeever and Jill M. Gichuhi. Brother of John Kelly, Bernadette Kelly, and the late Robert , Edward and Joseph Kelly; Donations may be made to the Germantown Neighborhood Center, 366 Palmer St., Quincy, MA 02169 or the Quincy Garden Club, Attn: Patty Williams, 1193 Sea St., Quincy MA 02169.

**William P. "Pete" Brennan**, of South Weymouth, and formerly of Mashpee and Houghs Neck, died on December 24th, at age 87. Son of the late William J. and Isabell (Harding) Brennan. Husband of Danielle M. (Hart) Brennan. Father of William P. Brennan, Jr., Thomas M. Brennan, Linda M. Brennan her and Stephen A. Brennan Grandfather of three and brother of Elaine Martin. Preceded in death by his siblings Barbara Killelea, Patricia Killelea and Joan Keefe. Donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

**Richard G. "Dick" Goodwin** 82, Mass., passed away, on Dec. 6th.. He studied Electrical Engineering at Northeastern University graduating in 1959. Husband of 60 years to Louisa. Dick worked for over 30 years at Hyperion Industries of Watertown where became the VP of Engineering and later at Elgin in NH. He enjoyed boating, fishing, reading. Father to Diane, Rick, Keith and brother to John. He has four grandchildren. Donations may be made to First Baptist Church 85 Main St., Hingham, MA 02043.



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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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### JANUARY EVENTS!

**CAR SEAT EVENT!** —On Friday, 1/17/20 attend a 1-hour presentation on car seat safety, receive a free car/booster seat, and installation in your car. \*\*Presentation by Boston Children's Hospital\*\*. Registration required to attend one of three sessions offered: 11:00am, 12:00pm, & 1:00pm. To register contact: Caitlin Albert at 617-481-7227 ext. 149 or calbert@baystatecs.org. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020.

**LAUNDRY LOVE**— This is a complimentary laundry service for families in need. Volunteers are onsite with detergent and pay for loads of laundry. This service takes place on Tuesday, 1/14 at 4:00-6:30pm on (the 2nd Tuesday of each month) at Superwash 1620 S. Main Street, South Weymouth, and Monday, 1/27 (4th Monday of each month) at 4:00-6:30pm at Superwash 259 Nantasket Ave Hull, MA. The last load must go in by 5:45 PM. This is provided by St. John's Episcopal Church in Hingham, with support from the Quincy Family Resource Center. For more information at laundrylovesj@outlook.com.

**FOSTER CARE INFORMATION**  
Have you ever considered becoming a foster parent? Join us on Thursday, January 16th from 5:30-7:30pm for an information session about becoming a foster parent and make a difference in a child's life. Foster Parent Recruitment Ambassador, Christine Barry, will be available to answer your questions at our drop-in information session. Please contact Samantha Kempton at 617-481-7227 ext. 166 or calbert@baystatecs.org.

**PARENT INFORMATION NETWORK (PIN)** — Looking for one-on-one support on navigating systems and finding supports for your child with mental health needs? For this free assistance, please contact Kat at 774-539-8901 or email kathryncaruso@bamsi.org.com to schedule a visit with her.

HOUGHS NECK COMMUNITY CENTER  
1193 Sea Street, Quincy, Ma  
Tel. 617-376-1385  
Cynthia Lewis, Director

# January 2020

## Adult Programs

**SEASIDE CAFÉ** serves a really good **Homemade Hot Lunch. This month: Hot Soup Stews, Fresh sandwiches & grand salads, always great Desserts. Lunch is served with coffee & Dessert Monday & Wednesday at 11am. \$3.00 Coffee with pastry served. just \$1.00**

### Birthday Party - January 29th

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 9:30-11am. except holidays  
**Book Group** 7pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month All welcome. Meet at the Quincy Yacht Club

### DID YOU KNOW ?

**Monday & Wednesday = Senior Lunch**  
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**

### SEASHELL MIRROR

#### Teens invited

#### FREE

**Lots of shells, lots of fun**  
**All materials provided**  
**All ages welcome**  
**January 15th , 3-5pm**

## Youth Program

### Monday & Wednesday programs

#### Drop offs age 5+

**Movie legos & friends** Monday January 6th 3-5pm Popcorn, movie & social.

**Paper Airplanes** Wednesday 8th, 3-5pm  
Paint, glue, paper, glitter & fun

**Messy Craft** Monday January 13th 3-5pm  
Paint, create ,glue fun with seaside friends.

**Seashell Mirror** Wed January 15th 3-5pm  
Seashells, gems, seaglass & mirrors, beads & more.  
Create a seaside treasure

**New Games** Wednesday, January 22nd 3-5  
Learn a new games with team players. This will be an intro to Win Win games

**Bingo Party** Monday January 27th 3-5pm .  
Exciting fun learning numbers & everyone wins & Everyone gets to call BINGO

**Kettle popcorn** Wed. January 29th 3-5pm  
We will make real kettle popcorn, then eat !

**Celebrate ground HOG Day**  
February 3rd Monday 3-5 Learn about hibernation & winter animal life. A social program. age 5+



**Celebrate**  
**Groundhog Day**  
**Monday February 3rd**

Every month the Houghs Neck Community Center offers a variety of Drop-Off programs designed for youth to encourage social skill building in a safe, supervised space. These skill building programs are free or low cost through the support from CDBG, funding, the Adult Art programs, collaborations & wonderful dedicated volunteers.  
THANK YOU

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Office Hours; Monday-Thursday 10:00 am ~ 5:00 pm.  
 Friday office is CLOSED, Saturday and Sunday by appointment  
 Confessions; Saturdays 3:15- 4:15 pm at Most Blessed Sacrament,

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**

Visiting the Sick and Home bound Do you know anyone who is home bound 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 home bound ministry, please contact Fr. Martin at the office. 617-479-9200

**NEW CHOIR MEMBERS**

Are still needed for all our choirs at both churches. See John Falvin, Eileen Timcoe or any member of the choirs after masses. John's email is jackpf@aol.com and Eileen's is etimcoe@yahoo.com.

**LADY'S SODALITY**

Lady's Sodality will meet tagain in September in the Our Lady of Good Counsel church hall. Andrea Sault is the Prefect, for more information contact her at sault46@aol.com

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, Jan.19th after the 8:30am Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Hall.

**FAMILY SERVICE - First Sunday of the Month**  
**MONTHLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

First Sunday of the Month after the 8:30 Mass - All Weclome Free Pancakes

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC**

First Sunday of the Month after the 8:30 Mass - Registrtrted Nurse - total privacy. Then have you're free pancakes

**Holy Trinity Parish Swag**

We now have small oval bumper stickers or window decal. Green Imprint They have a sticky back for sale \$2.00 Available at the church office or Eileen Timcoe 617-479-4107



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**CITY OF QUINCY**  
**HOLIDAY RECYCLING GUIDE**

Follow the icons for TRASH YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING this holiday.



**WRAPPING PAPER & GIFT BAGS**

- Only PAPER wrapping can be recycled.
- Gift bags cannot be recycled.
- Tissue paper cannot be recycled.
- Mylar, cellophane & metallic paper cannot be recycled.
- Paper with metallic ink should not be recycled.
- Ribbons and Bows can be disposed of in trash.



**CHRISTMAS TREES**

- Christmas trees are collected curbside on your trash day during the weeks of December 30 and January 6. You can also bring them to the DPW rear yard Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 3 pm. A Driver's License with a Quincy address is required.
- Remove all ornaments, lights and decorations.
- Do not wrap trees in plastic.



**WREATHS & GARLAND**  
**POINTSETTIAS AND HOLIDAY PLANTS**

- Wreaths and garlands should be disposed of with your regular household trash.
- Pointsettias and Holiday Plants should be put in the leaf collection bag and brought to the DPW rear yard Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 3 pm. A Driver's License with a Quincy address is required.
- Remove all decorations and throw pots in trash.



**GREETING CARDS**

- MOST Greeting Cards and Envelopes can be recycled.
- Cards and Envelopes that have gold or silver metallic ink or foil lining should not be recycled.

**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

Here at the beginning of the New Year, I have been reflecting on Jesus' prayer in the seventeenth chapter of John's gospel, "that they may all be one." The "all" in his prayer means just what it says - everyone - all of us. And the "one?" All humanity: you, me, the neighbor next door and down the street, and all those sisters and brothers across the planet who are nameless to us from Arkansas to Afghanistan.

"That we all may be one." In a severely broken world, in what seems to be an irreparably divisive times, I invite you to consider becoming an answer to that prayer. Would you be willing in this new year of 2020 to pray fervently for the unity of all people, the unity of all of humanity...all creation?

The God Christians see in the face of Jesus is a God of compassion. Imagine a circle of compassion, then imagine nobody standing outside that circle! That is the reality we believe God has created, a reality we are called to embrace.

Creating circles of inclusion is not easy for most of us because too often when we speak of unity we really mean uniformity - "that they may all [look like, think like] us." Creating those kinds of circles is easy, we know how to start relationships with those who look and think like us. But relationships among an increasingly diverse population like ours? We're not so good at starting those relationships! That's something in seminary I was not trained to do. So I ask you, what do we do? Not an easy answer. Let me suggest taht for now we may have to take the advice of poet Ranier Maria Rilke and just embrace the question, live the question, as he says, until one day we live into

**CHILI COOK-OFF!**

Who will win the title of "Quincy's Champion Chili"?



SATURDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2020  
 1 - 4 P.M.

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an answer. For many of us if we don't immediately have the answer to a question before us we tend to despair. So perhaps part of the answer to the question of unity in 2020 is to simply keep the question before us, to look inside ourselves and into the eyes of "the other" and do all we can to become answers to Jesus' prayer that "they may all be one."

Blessings and Peace for a Happy New Year!  
 Pastor Steve



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## TROOP 6 NEWS

Sorry for the lack of articles, it hasn't been because the Troop hasn't been busy, it has been because we have been so busy, I haven't had a chance to write anything!

Way back in October, the Troop went to Mt. Gunstock and went ziplining down the mountain! Over 20 scouts and leaders spent the day riding the zip lines and the mountain coaster and enjoying the beautiful fall foliage. One of the zip lines was over three quarters of a mile long and we hit speeds of 70mph!!! It was a ton of fun and we were able to hike down the mountain as well. On that Sunday, the troop participated in an orienteering course on the mountain that was set up by the US Orienteering Association, who was hosting a major competition that weekend. Everyone had an amazing time, and a few scouts were able to conquer their fear of heights in the process!

We are also happy to report that we chunked over 300 pumpkins at the 2019 Punkin Chunkin event! Thank you to all of our sponsors and to everyone who came up to Pageant Field to support us! We also collected several huge boxes of left-over candy that was given to IBEW 103 who sent it along to our Troops serving overseas.

In November, we went down to J.N. Webster Scout Reservation in Connecticut to check out our new summer camp. Unfortunately, our long-time summer camp, Adams



### Calling all Veterans

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The American Legion is the largest Service Connected Veterans Organization in the world. The eligibility requirements have recently changed.

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Houghs Neck Post has been active for 63 years serving our community. The post's activities include maintaining the various veterans memorial squares in Merrymount, Germantown, Adams Shore and Houghs Neck. Participating in parades, dedications, memorial services, assisting veterans and their families.

If you are a veteran and would be interested in assisting the post contact Jim Fratolillo c/o Post 380 PO Box 690126 Quincy MA, 02269-0126. Members can pay your dues to the same address.

Please use the same address for information on Auxiliary Unit 380.

Please visit [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org), or [www.masslegion.org](http://www.masslegion.org) for the Auxiliary visit [www.masslegion-aux.org](http://www.masslegion-aux.org) and the SAL visit [www.salmass.org](http://www.salmass.org)

Pond and T.L. Storer is being shut down this year, so we had the scouts look around at all the options and Webster looks like it is going to be amazing. We joined up with some friends of ours from Saugus and received a full tour of the camp from three terrific staff members. We then spent the afternoon building a monster fire to keep warm, exploring the camp, and cooking a HUGE Thanksgiving Feast for dinner. We roasted 2 turkeys in our pig roast box, and between the two troops, we had every side imaginable and over 30 scouts and scouters enjoying one of the best dinners we have ever cooked on an open fire. It was really a fantastic meal and great fellowship. The next day, we packed up in the pouring rain and spent the day at the New England Air Museum. If you have never been, we highly recommend it! There are several buildings full of planes, helicopters, and historic displays tracing the history of flight and how many of the planes on display were used during different battles through out the last century. The scouts and adults all thoroughly enjoyed it all!

In December, we took it easy and didn't go camping, but 28 of us spent an evening at Boda Borg in Malden. This place is a ton of fun and really makes you focus on teamwork and problem solving as you go on Quests and try to conquer multi room puzzles. Once again, everyone had a blast.

In the middle of all of this, we have had lots of scouts working on advancement, First Aid Merit Badge, a visit from Noel DiBona for Citizenship, and 3 scouts turn in their paperwork for Eagle Scout! Kevin Toler completed his project of laying out and replacing over 400 flag bases at Fort Square in support of the American Legion. I am sure many of you saw the flags over the summer looking sharp in their nice straight rows! Brody Gillespie finished his project down at the Black Feather Horse Rescue where he led a team to put up several hundred feet of new fencing and built a gable to keep the horse feed clean and dry. It was a challenging project fighting

the weather and the mud, but Black Feather is such a special place that it was all well worth it. Last but not least, Roman DeBono completed a huge trash clean up at the South Weymouth Naval Airbase trail system and built and installed two benches along the trails. The scouts hauled out car parts, refrigerators, and all kinds of wonderful debris. Each of these three projects required well over 100 man hours of work and put the troop total at over 500 hours of service to the community for the second half of the year!!

We closed the year with our annual Holiday Pizza Party and Giant Yankee Swap! We had over 50 participants in the swap and ate way too much pizza. Next up, we are going Ice Fishing at Camp Bell in January and then skiing at Gunstock in February. Never a dull month! We continue to meet every Monday night at 7PM at the Houghs Neck Congregational Church. If you have a son or daughter (YES, we now have 5 girls in the Troop!) in middle school or high school that is interested in joining us, please stop by and check out the program. We are over 35 scouts and continuing to grow!!!

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 January 11th 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 pick up!

Yours in Scouting,  
Rob Gordon, Troop 6 Scoutmaster,  
617-543-179

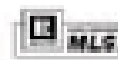
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During the month of December, my staff and I have been working with our Senate Chair counterpart, Senator Paul Feeney, on setting up public hearings for the months of January and February. In addition, the reporting deadline for joint committees to report out legislation is February 5th. Conversations between our offices will be ongoing to work out the differences between both branches. Meanwhile, the Governor signed into law several pieces of legislation when the Legislature's formal session went into recess on November 20th.

The House passed "Breakfast After the Bell" before recessing for the holidays. It is currently before the Senate awaiting action. The legislation requires that all public schools with at least 60% of their students eligible for free or reduced meals would be required to offer all students a school breakfast. Each school would be required to design a program that best suits the needs of their students, whether through breakfast in the classroom, grab and go breakfast, or a second chance breakfast in the school cafeteria. The Department of Early and Secondary Education would be responsible for establishing regulations to implement the program and collecting data in order to publish information on its progress.

All of us have had at least one negative encounter with a distracted driver, whether they are using a cell phone, talking, texting or watching a video. The Governor signed into law requiring that drivers use cell phones in hands-free mode while operating a vehicle. Law enforcement officials will issue warnings to drivers for first offenses until March 31, 2020. Drivers will then be faced with a \$100 fine for the first offence, \$250 and a safety course for the second offence and \$500 plus a surcharge for third and subsequent offences. There is an exemption for

emergency and first responders using electronic devices through the course of their duties. Drivers will also be able to use a single tap or swipe for their GPS devices and to activate hands-free mode. A public awareness campaign will be implemented to educate drivers about this new law. The law also updates existing data gathered at traffic stops to include a driver's identifying characteristics including age, race, gender and location when police issue a citation. This information will be analyzed by the Executive Office of Public Safety and any group that is contracted to do analysis. The report will be published and there will be at least 3 public hearings for public feedback.

The campaign donations and expenditure reporting law has been updated to provide more consistency and ease for the public to review this information. All candidates for public office, except for school committees, selectmen, and city councilors in a community with less than 65,000 people, will use the state depository system. This system will require banks that hold a candidate or existing officeholder's campaign account to report the aggregate deposits and expenditures to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance on a monthly basis. This information will be published on its website. Campaign finance reports will be reported on a quarterly basis, which provides specific details about campaign donors and expenses. During an election year, candidates will file five reports, two during the

first half of the year, one before the primary election, one before the general election and one year-end report. Massachusetts will be the first state to have a third party verify the disclosure of information of campaign accounts. There will be greater clarification on how campaign donations are solicited on websites and through social media. This new law goes into effect in 2021.

I wish you all a happy and healthy start to 2020.  
Tackey

**The Houghs Neck Book Club**

The HN book discussion group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the Quincy Yacht Club. Please ring the bell on the white door for entrance. If you have questions on the book selection, please contact Jen Liebelt @ jsliebelt@mac.com.



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Hope all had a wonderful Christmas and wishing all a Happy New Year.

Houghs Neck started off the month of December with the annual Christmas tree lighting. The tree looked especially festive this year, hats off to all involved. The Houghs Neck Community Council does a great job with many events but the caroling at the Houghs Neck Fire Station is always a treat. Also a big thanks to our friends at Natural Resources for their support.

The Houghs Neck Community Council also held a Winthrop Street Fire Victims Fundraiser at Cagney's on the 17th of December. Raffles donations were auctioned off and many attended to support the families that have been displaced from their homes. Thank you again to all the Houghs Neck neighbors that always step up during a crisis and thank you Quincy Fire Department for your bravery, professionalism and dedication on that very dangerous night.

Both the Quincy Police Safety Complex Presentation and the Mass Department of Transportation Presentation on Phase 2 Sea Street Corridor are up on the City of Quincy's website: [www.quincyma.gov](http://www.quincyma.gov). Later this winter I will be scheduling another Police/Safety

Complex Meeting for all interested. This will take place at a central location to be determined.

Not wishing it but just a Snow Reminder: [snowhotline@quincyma.gov](mailto:snowhotline@quincyma.gov). To send a message to the Quincy Snow Operations Center, please use the email above. Please identify your specific issue or concern in the email and we'll respond as soon as possible. Some of the common concerns are identified below;

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Lastly, I would like to end this month's article and reflect on the passing of former Ward 1 councilor Leo J. Kelly. A special guy and a great friend to all.

Leo was the guy everyone could talk too. You didn't even have to know

Leo at all and when you were done speaking with him it was like you've known him for years.

He was warm and genuine. A man for others in a world sometime that forgets wrong from right. Leo never did. He was community, he was your friend.

Leo was first elected to the Ward 1 seat in 1973 and served until 1984, when he left to become a project manager for the Quincy Housing Authority. He successfully ran for the Ward 1 seat again in 2003 and was re-elected two times after that. He later served as a Quincy Housing Authority commissioner.

It was so true when you said Leo Kelly folks immediately knew he was associated to Ward 1. He was Ward 1. Leo was involved in everything and would help anyone. He was involved in all constituent services no matter what it was.

Leo J. helped establish the Manet Community Health Center; he was instrumental in stopping the state's plan to build a sewage treatment on Nut Island, where a park is now located; and preserving open space and parks in the area, including the Crusher, Broad Meadows and Brill Field. Mr. Kelly was also well-known for helping constituents. His first love was helping residents in Ward 1.

He was also instrumental outside the Ward in the remodeling of North Quincy High School in 1978 and the construction of the new Quincy High School that opened in 2010.

As I said in a recent article: "He was a great, great asset to the city and a great friend who will be sorely missed".

Thank you and God Bless  
Dave McCarthy Ward 1 City  
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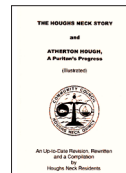
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