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Presidents Message: Hello Houghs Neck and beyond. We have had a mild winter thus far. Yes, we have had some really cold days, but knock on wood the power outages were brief. I started the New Year with a vacation Cruise to the Caribbean. We spent two days in Puerto Rico enjoying friends, warm weather and fruity beverages on El Alambique beach. We spent six nights at Sea and visited some beautiful islands. Our trip came to an end Sunday Jan. 20th. We flew from Puerto Rico to Orlando to catch our flight to Boston. So we thought. Our flight and all flights going to Boston were canceled. We were told they could book us a flight to Boston Thursday... We immediately searched for a rental car to continue out adventure on a road trip home. Twenty-two hours later we arrived in Houghs Neck, MA to a beautiful shell of ice on our house, lawn car and driveway. As beautiful as the four New England seasons can be this was the one day we would have taken a pass.

The Congregational Church Chili Bowl was a great event with hundreds attending. Bunny Fun Day is scheduled for April 14 @ St. Thomas Aquinas Hall on Darrow St. See next months HN Bulletin for details. I would like to reintroduce the Mayor of Houghs Neck Contest. Our Winter Blood Drive is Mar. 19th. The Mayor of Houghs Neck committee is seeking candidates to enter the race for 2019-2020 Anyone from the community can be a "candidate", just start by hosting a fund raiser in their name and donate the proceeds to the council. The candidate that raises the most will be presented with a special Flounder trophy and be introduced at various functions. It is only a "Name" and those elected will not hold an official office, just the honor of being the "Mayor of Houghs Neck". To enter your name as a candidate or for more information about HNCC email text or call me. Read the bulletin from front to back for more details of what's going on in Houghs Neck also visit www. HoughsNeck.org for events and updates. HoughsNeckQuincy@gmail.com 617-285-8405

# What's Happening in the Neck

## Seaside Cafe ~ 1193 Sea Street **Houghs Neck Community Center**

Monday's & Wednesday's at 11:00am ~ enjoy a homemade hot lunch, coffee, pastry and play Scrabble or Bingo (page 3 for community center events)

#### **Mobile Food Pantry**

2nd & 4th Wednesday's of the month at 3:00PM Open to All - No paperwork - Free Bag of Food - arrive by 3pm

#### **Troop 6 - Boy Scouts**

Monday nights from 7-8:30PM (Page 6)

#### **Houghs Neck Book Club**

2nd Wednesday of the month at Quincy Yacht Club (Page 5)

## **Houghs Neck Congregational Church**

Princess Tea - two times 10:00am to noon  $\sim 1:30 - 3:00$ pm registration required ~ hncc@comcast.net (Page 4)

### **"NCC Open Meeting - Quincy Recycling Program**

February 26, 2019 Community Center 7pm

Guest Speaker John Sullivan from Quincy Public Works Department

# **Houghs Neck Garden Club Meeting**

March 6, 2019, MWRA Community Room 7pm (Page 3)

## **Annual Winter Community Blood Drive**

March 19, 2019 St. Thomas Aquinas Hall 2PM till 7pm

# Holy Trinity Parish - Ham & Bean Supper

March 23, 2019 St. Thomas Aquinas Hall 5:30pm ~ 7pm (Page 4)

#### **Free Basic Boating Safety Courses**

**New Location** - Houghs Neck Community Center (*Page 7*) 3 courses available - reservation required



To see a full color version of the Houghs Neck Bulletin go to houghsneck.org - follow the links to this month Bulletin

## HOUGHS NECK COMMUNITY COUNCIL **OPEN MEETING**

## **UPDATE ON QUINCY RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Tuesday, February 26, at 7PM. 1193 Sea Street **Houghs Neck Community Center.** 

URGENT — Recent changes in the global market for recycled raw material are costing brokers and processors millions of dollars in lost revenue. Consequently, this loss in profits has found its way back to its source in the form of back charges to municipalities/taxpayers. This new age of recycling has forced municipalities to tighten up quality guidelines and requiring residents to change their recycling practices. Recycling practices once acceptable are no longer. Now called contamination, here's what you can do to reduce the thousands of dollars being assessed to the City of Quincy for unrecyclable material.

The top 5 contaminants found in a recent audit of our recycling are:

Plastic bags — Not recyclable.

Food waste — Rinse all containers.

Ropes, hoses, chains and cable — Not recyclable.

Household hazardous materials — Hold for Haz Mat days June 9 and September 29.

Needles — Call Clean Harbors Sharps Management program (855) 633-

Are you confused about the revised Recycling Program introduced earlier thie year? Members of the Houghs Neck Community Council were and have invited John Sullivan of the City fo Quincy DPW, Recycling progran to discuss the new regulations. John will have a presentaton then answer questions you may have about what can and cannot go in those Blue Recycle bins we place on the curb every week. The Houghs Neck Community has supported the citys recycling program from the beginning. All residents that are concerned about placing the correct items in the recycle bins are urged to attend the Tuesday, February 26, at 7PM. 1193 Sea Street - Houghs Neck Community Center.

# WINTER BLOOD DRIVE 🚜



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Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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 accessable. 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.

Only 40% of the population is able to donate so 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 Council** Scholarship Fund

Book Award Scholarships, presented to students living in Houghs Neck for the past five years. The Scholarships are presented to those graduating from high school and those continuing their undergraduate education. In 2018 we presented \$9,700 to 4 High School Seniors and 5 College students continuing their education.

Since 1964, through the generosity of the residents and friends of Houghs Neck we have been able offer 500 book awards presented, to over 331 kids receiving from \$50.00 to \$1,250.00 for a grand total of \$259,025

## Application for 2019 will be published in the March & April issues HN Bulletin

Now is the time to start gathering the important documents you will need to apply for the Book Awards for next years college classes. Sealed Official transcript of your Scholastic Record.

#### Tax Deductible donations to the HN Scholarship Fund

Can be sent to David DiBona, Scholarship Chairman, 45 Turner St., Quincy,

# Gifts to the Houghs Neck Community Council Scholarship Fund

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& William Powers

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from
Eileen & Tom Timcoe
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In Memory of
Bill "Okie" O'Connor
31 year Anniversary
from
Peg O'Connor & Family

In Memory of Betty McLean from Mary Curtin

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

Walter J. Hurley, Jr. passed away on January 13th at age 87. A lifelong Quincy resident, he was the Owner and Founder of Hurley's Boat Rental in Houghs Neck. He started out clamming in Quincy Bay and began his venture in 1955 with 10 boats to rent. The fleet grew to over 100 boats with people coming from around the country to fish in the "Flounder Capital of the World." Walter was also an avid skier and he enjoyed trips to his New Hampshire home. He was a lifetime member of

both Quincy Yacht Club and Town River Yacht Club. Husband of Joyce M. (Marcel) and father of Janeen M. Hurley-Kardoos and Kris-Anne Hardiman. Grandfather of 4 and brother of Jack Hurley, Janice Wood and Stephen Hurley. Donations in Walter's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association 309 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham, MA 02452 az.org or the American Cancer Society 125 S Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130 cancer.org.

# 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.

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 runny or stuffy nose cough body aches sore throat 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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# 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.

The future of Houghs Neck thank's you in Advance for your Generosity.

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# Houghs Neck GARDEN CLUB

The Houghs Neck Garden Club will hold its first 2019 meeting on Wednesday, March 6th with Susan Guest's presentation on "Our Body in the Garden." Guest is a movement educator, fitness coach and avid gardener. The focus of her program is to help us become "longlasting" gardeners and to increase our relaxation and pleasure from gardening. The meeting 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.

Other programs over the next few months include the following:

April 16 (Tues 6:45pm) – Annual meeting of the three Quincy garden clubs, hosted by Wollaston Garden Club at the Wollaston Congregational Church. Speaker is C.L. Fornari on "Myths, Lies, and the Latest Dirt."

May 1 - ""Practical Gardening" with Todd Breitenstein.

**June 5** – Annual Plant Auction at the Thomas Aquinas Hall.

**July 10** – A showing of the movie "SEED."

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

# Neighbor



Hi everyone,

On Saturday, March 2nd, I will plunge into the icy waters of Nantasket Beach to raise money for Special Olympics. Sean is an active member of the Milton Special Olympics basketball, track & field, and soccer teams. It is a great program and I would love to be able to support Sean and his teammates. If you would like to donate, please visit my fundraising page:

https://specialolympicsma. donordrive.com/index. cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive. participant&participantID=4019

Carolyn Bleiler

## Seaside Cafe 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!

#### 617-376-1385h

#### HOUGHS NECK COMMUNITY CENTER

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



# Adult Programs

**SEASIDE CAFÉ** serves a really good Homemade Hot Lunch. This month: roast pork chicken & rice, Quiche, fresh soups & sandwich. Lunch is served with coffee & Dessert

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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 9:30-11am. except holidays

**Book Group** 7pm Wednesday February 13th All welcome Discuss. Meet at the Quincy Yacht

**Adult workshops** March 27th 7pm Garden Craft

## 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**

### Free Play Groups

Tuesday February 5th10am Pizza Party Thurs February 7th 10am Popcorn play date Tues. Feb 12 10am Valentines & free books

# Youth Program

Please Support our community center. Thank you

**Winter Craft** Monday Feb. 4th 3-5pm

**Playgroup** Tuesday Feb.5th 10am, Pizza play time.

**Cooking** Wednesday Feb. 6th 3-5 pm. pizza, Age5+

**Playgroup** Thursday Feb. 7th 10am, play time.

Valentine Sewing Monday Feb.11th 3-5 pm **Playgroup** Tuesday February 12th 10am.free Celebrate with Valentines

Lunar New Year Wednesday Feb. 13th 3-5. Make it a party. Prize Ball, challenge games.

**Cooking** Wednesday Feb. 20th 3-5 pm. what to make? pizza, tacos, pies, cookies? Tell me! All welcome. \$3

**Feed the Birds** Monday Feb.25th 3-5pm Age 5+ Feed The Birds Project. Our feathered friends are hungry

**Movie & Legos** Wed. Feb 27th 3-5pm Legos movie & social. age 5+ drop off

**Spring Painting** March 4th 3-5pm Come celebrate spring. Explore and Create.

**All Mardi Gras**. Wednesday March 6th 3-5 Party

**Tye Dye Afternoon** Monday March 11th 3-5 pm. Age 5 +Adults Welcome. Bring your own White Tees and we provide the rest. Refreshments served

**Garden Craft** Monday March 13th 3-5pm get ready for spring with a fun painting project.

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

Like us on Houghs Neck Community Center FB. See all the details of our Adult & children's programs.



### **Adult Paint Night**

Monday February 11th @ 6:00pm

Grab a friend and unleash your inner Zen. Enjoy a relaxing evening creating a masterpiece guided by a talented artist. We provide all materials & supplies

BYOB fee \$20. Like us on HNCC FB



# News & Advertising Deadline for the March 2019 Issue is February 27 - 2019

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#### 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 3:15-4:15 pm at Most Blessed Sacrament, Wed, 7:00 - 8:00 pm Our Lady of Good Counsel (Eucharistic Adoration as well.)

We are a welcoming parish seeking to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all who enter our doors.

#### **PARISH NURSES**

The monthly blood pressure clinic has returned to be held on various Sunday's each month after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas Aguinas Hall. Watch the Weekly Bulletin for exact dates

#### **HOME BOUND 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

#### LADY'S SODALITY

Lady's Sodality Meets the first Monday of the Month at 7:00 pm in 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, February 17th and again Sunday, March 17th after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas Aguinas Hall. Thanks to the volunteers that helped put the Creches at both churches away.

#### **HAM AND BEAN SUPPER**

The 15th annual HAM & BEAN Supper will be held Saturday, March23, 2019 in the St. Thomas Aquinas Hall on Darrow Street. It is open to all and for only \$5.00pp you can afford to bring the entire family.

#### **BIBLE STUDY VIDEO SERIES**

Bible Study Video Series At Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall If your interested in learning how to better understand the Bible and the Big Picture" of Salvation History, please join us for this excellent 13 part series by Biblical scholars Scot Hahn & Jeff Cavins Our Father's Plan. As seen on EWTN Thursday Evenings, 6:30pm Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall

### PARISH CALENDAR RAFFLE

Thank you for supporting Holy Trinity Parish, we raised \$2025.00 for the parish

#### 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

**Good News from Houghs Neck Congregational Church** 



Houghs Neck Congregational Church 310 Manet Avenue, Quincy

Crafts, Music, Activities, Photo opportunities, and Valentine sweets. Some of your favorite princesses will be there. Plus a special raffle, too.

\$10 per child and \$5 per adult

Reservations are <u>required</u> as this is always a sell-out.

To sign up: e-mail hncc@comcast.net Tell us which session: 10:00-noon or Tell us how many adults and how many

princesses will be coming. Include your phone number in case we have questions.

Princess dress is optional This event is intended for princesses from pre-school





Holy Name Society of the Holy Trinity Parish

# **BEAN SUPPER**

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## City of Quincy to Implement Alert Notification System

On January 31, 2019, the City of Quincy will implement and activate a City wide emergency and community notification system. The system entitled "Alert Quincy" will be delivered through OnSolve, a nationwide leader in emergency network communications. The Alert Quincy messaging system will provide City public safety officials with the capability to quickly and effectively disseminate information to citizens during emergencies and other critical situations, by sending alerts via phone calls, text messages, and emails. "We anticipate City Officials utilizing the alert system in emergency situations such as impending storms, flood warnings, missing persons, and crime alerts," said Mayor Thomas P. Koch. "The Alert Quincy system will strengthen communication across the city. It can also be used to inform the public of community advisories such as parking bans and street closures."

Although OnSolve has provided the City with a preliminary initial database of telephone numbers for the Alert Quincy system, all Quincy residents and those who work in the City are strongly encouraged to enroll with contact information including home phone, cell phone, and email addresses. The City will conduct a preliminary test call to all residents with telephone numbers in the initial database on January 31, 2019 at 2:00 PM to ensure messages are delivered and encourage registration of all contact methods.

"No one should automatically assume their contact information is included, and if your phone number is not in the database you will not be called," Quincy Emergency Management Director Ally Sleiman said, urging all Quincy residents and businesses follow the link to the Alert Quincy Enrollment page located on the city website. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, any additional phone numbers, and email addresses should be entered as well. Your information is private and confidential.

The Alert Quincy system will provide individuals with the ability to add and update their own phone numbers and email addresses directly into the system's database, which is a very important feature. Sleiman explained, "Alert Quincy allows geographically based delivery, which means street addresses are required to ensure emergency notification calls are received by the proper individuals in a given situation. The system works for cell phones as well, but an associated street address is required with the cell number so relevant messages can be provided".

Residents that require assistance with registration or have general questions regarding the Alert Quincy notification system should contact the City of Quincy Office of Emergency Management at (617) 376-1105.







# Houghs Neck Post 380 American Legion Family

Did you know, The American Legion is celebrating their 100 anniversary in 2019. It is the largest Service Connected Veterans Organization in the world. Houghs Neck Post has been active for 64 years serving our community. The post's activities include like maintaining the various veterans memorial squares in Merrymount, Germantown, Adams Shore and Houghs Neck. Participaating 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.

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 380 will be celebrating 50 years since they activated in 2020. For information on SAL Membership please contact Tom Timcoe 275 Rock Island Road. Houghs Neck.

Please visit www.legion.org, or www.masslegion.org for the Auxiliary visit www.masslegionaux.org and the SAL visit www. salmass.org

# Houghs Neck Bulletin © FEBRUARY 2019 Houghs Neck Real Estate Market Report 2018

2018 was another record setting year for real estate in Quincy MA. Much like 2017, single family homes, as well as condos throughout the city were selling like hot cakes, and Houghs Neck was no different. The average single family home in Houghs Neck sold for \$416,000, which is slightly higher than the average home sale in Germantown (\$392,000) and Adams Shore (\$400,000).

But it wasn't all good, 2018 was in some ways a very trying year for our beloved neighborhood. With the massive Nor'ester in March 2018, property values were affected slightly and home buyer confidence in coastal areas did decrease as well. However, low housing inventory throughout the city helped boost homebuyer confidence in Houghs Neck before year end. Many homebuyers continue

to be attracted to this area due to the lower price of ocean front homes (as compared to other parts of Quincy and surrounding cities).

"While there has been some talk of a slight downturn in the real estate market in 2019, with everything that Houghs Neck has to offer we can only remain confident that things will continue to look up," states Madelene Cheney Broker/Owner of Red Door Real Estate located at 222 Sea Street. For more information on the current market value of your Houghs Neck home or to learn more about the Red Door Real Estate check out their website at www.RedDoor-RE.com or call (617) 553-1880.

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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

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.

The Houghs Neck

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Dear Houghs Neck Residents,

As I write this bulletin, the House is debating the House and Joint Rules for the 2019-2020 Legislative Session. The House Rules govern the operations of the House and all Standing Committees. The Joint Rules govern the operations of the Joint Committees, which include both House and Senate members. The House and Senate will need to agree on one version of the Joint Rules; without Joint Rules, legislators cannot be assigned to a Joint Committee.

Beyond preparing to debate the rules, a majority of the legislation to be considered this session was filed by January 18th. Legislation filed by the 18th will automatically be referred to a Joint Committee as soon as it is processed by the House and Senate Clerks. Legislators can still file legislation after this date, which is referred to as a "late-file bill." Late-file bills must go through the House or Senate Committee on Rules before being sent to a Joint Committee.

There are a total of 3,892 House Bills and a total of 2,248 Senate Bills that have been filed. deadline to cosponsor legislation was February 1st. Even if a legislator does not cosponsor the legislation, he or she can support it during the Joint Committee process and vote on it if the legislation reaches the House floor for a vote. I have been receiving hundreds of phone calls, emails, letters, social media contacts and visitors dropping in to ask that I cosponsor various pieces of legislation. Given the sheer volume of requests in this two-week period, I cannot cosponsor every request. I believe it is very important to be fully informed about what I am

As the legislative cosponsoring. session continues, there is more time for me to learn about the myriad of issues before us in order to formulate a decision.

On New Year's Eve, I was at the State House working to have the consumer data breach bill enacted in the House during informal session. An informal session requires unanimous consent to move legislation and any one legislator stop the passage of bills with a singular objection. During an informal session, the Legislature cannot override any Governor's veto. Working with the Senate and the Governor's office, I was able to reach an agreement to resolve the Governor's concerns over the data security legislation and he ultimately signed the bill into law once it reached his desk. Through dialogue and patience, we were able to understand each other's concerns and found a resolution that all stakeholders were happy with.

February 5th is the Chinese New Year. This will be the 4716th year under the Chinese calendar. Many Asian countries celebrate the New Year using the lunar calendar, including Vietnam who call it the Têt Nguyên Đán. The calendar rotates in 12-year cycles using 12 different zodiac animals to symbolize each year. This year is the year of the Pig, the last animal of the 12-year cycle. In Chinese culture, Pigs are symbols of wealth and good fortune. The expectation is people born in the year of the Pig are careful with their money, motivated to work hard and find ways to excel professionally, and enjoy whatever life brings them.

I hope the year of the Pig brings good fortune to you.



*Tackey* 



My Dear Houghs Neck Neighbors,

Please contact me and allow me to assist you if you would like to buy or sell a Houghs Neck home. Thank you, Juile Berberan



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# TROOP 6 NEWS

The Troop had yet another first last month and spent an entire day ice fishing on Lake Eileen in New Hampshire! New Hampshire State Wildlife volunteers taught the scouts about the different ways to ice fish, all about the types of fish, and a bit about how to stay safe out on the ice. The scouts caught dozens of fish and even filleted some that went right





into our fish stew that we had for lunch! The scouts spent the night in a cozy little cabin at Camp Bell and definitely want to do it again next year.

Our next trip is going to be skiing at Gunstock, and then in March we are going to be building snow shelters! If you have a middle school or high schooler that is interested in joining us, please don't hesitate to stop by! We are always accepting new scouts and prior experience is not necessary. We meet on Monday nights from 7-8:30PM at the Houghs Neck Congregational Church.

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 617-543-1797

# **Get Ready to Celebrate Manet's 40th Anniversary** Pageant Field in Quincy! June 20th

Pageant Field at Merrymount Park in Quincy will be the scenic backdrop for Manet Community Health Center's Celebrating 40 Years of Caring anniversary event on June 20, 2019 from 6 to 9 p.m. We hope you can join us on the last evening of spring for music, food and fun from 1979 to today!

One of the highlights of the evening will be the presentation of the Manet Medallion to Kate Walsh (right), president and chief executive officer of Boston Medical Center (BMC) health system.

"On behalf of our patients and communities we exist to serve, we are honored and elated to bestow our highest award, the Manet Medallion, on Kate Walsh in this our 40th

anniversary year," says Robert (Bob) Griffin, President of the Manet Board of Directors. "We believe it is a most fitting recognition of her exemplary leadership, outstanding fellowship and compassionate commitment to ensuring a critical safety net system of care, and an acknowledgement of her robust recognition of the role that community health centers, like Manet, serve."

More details and invitations will follow. For early sponsorship opportunities, contact giving@ manetchc.org.



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I hope everyone is warm and safe as we have some very cold weather coming into the area. Please remember to check on your neighbors especially the senior population in your neighborhood. 2019 is upon us and so far so good. We will get our share of cold weather but that's what happens in New England.

Please play it safe in regards to the cold weather.

January started off with the traditional Atherton Hough Polar Plunge fundraiser. Let me just say it was a lot warmer this year than last year. Water temperature was about 45 degrees but not bad compared to last year. The event is a great way to start the year off and a great way to assist the Atherton Hough elementary school's PTO. They have a great group of parents that execute the PTO functions. I'm so glad that was earlier in the month. Thank you

Since we are talking about Atherton Hough, let me just touch on some improvements that our Quincy Public Buildings department have been working on. This department really is an unsung hero organization within the city. I am just going to touch on a few schools that impact your children and I think its good information to know. Below is the lineup of projects completed and ongoing.

#### Atherton Hough –

- Replacement of long troublesome sinks in 2nd floor girls' bathroom
- Began repurposing of basement level dental clinic.
- Schematic design for basement level ventilation.
- Repairs made to perimeter fencing
- Complete boiler room replacement, new boilers, pumps, compressors full replacement
- Addition of a new shed to house snow blowers, shovels, ice melt etc.
- Installation of new diesel fired emergency generator
- Initial planning for emergency shelter building requirements

These are just a few of the projects that they get involved in throughout the city's public buildings.

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Last month I also sat with Kevin Segalla, Custodian Supervisor for the City's schools. We annually go over the snow removal plans with DPW to ensure the sidewalks are clear and safe around our schools. Atherton Hough is always on my mind making sure that we are doing our job. We do have our moments in large storms so please stay on us in those situations if snow piles etc. prohibit a safe path

A designated drop off zone at Atherton Hough is being looked at by Traffic and Parking. The need or area should have been there quite some time ago, so let's see if we can get a safe spot for parents to drop off on Manet Ave.

I also would like to briefly mention Broad Meadows projects ongoing as the bulk of students from the Neck end up at Meadows. Here is quick listing of what is going on

#### **Broad Meadows -**

- Complete replacement of front lobby floor tiles - done in bold school colors
- Painted all support structure and ceiling of exterior entrance canopy
- Upgraded exterior lighting to LED fixtures
- Complete stripe, relined and refinishing of gym wood floor and relocated the main basketball court so as to be in compliance with regulations
- Relocated overhead main basketball backboards/hoops to compliant locations
- Replace gym wall safety padding
- Repainted gym walls top to bottom in bold school colors
- Replacement of auditorium stage curtains
- Removal of unwanted classroom cabinetry including electric and gas services
- Divided Room 102 into 102A &102B - partition includes power and data ports
- Added and reset 100% of granite curbing along the entire front entrance loop, replaced 100% of the concrete walkways across the entire front of the site and added ADA compliant ramps.
- Repayed 100% of the front entrance loop



# • Elevated the exterior grade of the ground around the far left end front of the building to help to avoid future ocean flooding.

- Created a handicapped accessible entrance/exit at the far left hand end of the building
- Significant upgrade and repairs to building passenger elevator
- Replacement of storm damaged heating boilers, domestic hot water boilers and steam plant burners.
- Complete replacement of building electrical service relocating building components to above flood level

The Houghs Neck Fire Station also got a great going over. It has been quite some time since the station got some needed attention. Again thanks to all

#### Engine 6 -

- Substantial exterior re-pointing of brick walls
- Complete rebuild of storm water drainage system and rebuilding and paving of the two rear driveway and parking areas to include curbing.
- Repaying of front truck entrance area and public sidewalk
- Removal of asbestos containing pipe insulation and floor tiles
- Complete kitchen upgrade including new energy efficient appliances
- Installation of replacement air conditioning system

The Chili Cook Off took place on January 26th at the Houghs Neck Congregational Church. It's the winter version of the Chowder-Fest and it's great. Congratulations to Billy Luggelle and Lynda Southerland for placing 2nd and 3rd in the competition. I enjoyed all the chili that I could consume, not much, but I did love the jingle "Chili by Billy". Great job!

Finally.. Just a reminder to HN Ward 1 residents. The new alert notification system is now in motion. Please take a minute to look at this notice taken off the city website for more information. See page 5

God Bless Dave McCarthy, Ward 1 Councillor

# FREE BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSES

It's never too early to think spring! Please note the NEW location. These courses fill quickly!

The Quincy Police Marine Unit, in partnership with the Massachusetts Environmental Police, will be presenting three Basic Boating Safety Courses at no cost to the public. These courses are designed for persons 12 years old and up, regardless of boating skill.

Courses are nationally approved, and course completion will allow persons to legally operate a boat in states requiring Basic Boating Safety Courses. Everyone who completes the course will be issued a Basic Boating Safety Certificate. All graduates in the 12 through 15 yearold age group will be legally allowed to operate a motorboat without adult supervision. The same is true for 16 and 17 year old youths who wish to operate a personal watercraft (jet ski, wave runner, etc.). In addition, some insurance companies offer policy discounts for customers that complete a Basic Boating Safety Course.

**Course Offerings for 2019** 

- •March (March 12, 19, 26) Tuesday evenings 6:00PM - 10:00 PM (Course ID: 4343)
- •March-April (March 23, 30, April 6) Saturdays 10:00AM 2:00 PM (Course ID: 4344)
- •May (May 9, 14, 21) 1 Thursday & 2 Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM 10:00 PM (Course ID: 4345)

All of the above courses will be taught at the **Houghs Neck Community Center,** located at 1193 Sea Street (Same building as the Manet Community Health Center).

\*\*NEW Location

To register for a course go to the Massachusetts Environmental Police Department website. Fill out the MEP Boating Safety Course Online Enrollment Form using the course ID for the course you want to attend.

For more information please call the Massachusetts Environmental Police Department at (508) 564-4961, Mon - Fri, 9am-5pm.

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Houghs Neck Community Council

# 2nd Annual Houghs Neck Community Winter Blood Drive

To all our faithful donors, There is an urgent need, only 40% of the population is able to donate, that creates many shortages, please consider donating. The Houghs Neck Community Council and the Holy Trinity Parish would like to invite you to join us for the Second Annual Winter HNCC Blood Drive,

The Houghs Neck Community Council and the Holy Trinity Parish would like to invite you to join us for the Second Annual Winter HNCC Blood Drive, Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 2:00PM ~ 7:00PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Hall, Houghs Neck. We will have plenty of homemade goodies and child care (with crafts). 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. We don't want to turn anyone away so please have your ID with you. All other eligibility requirements still apply.

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

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

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