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Presidents Message:

The Community Council will be hosting William P. O'Donnell, Registrar of Deeds for Norfolk County on March 15th at the community center. Mr. O'Donnell will discuss the Homestead Act and how to protect your property. He will also talk about the revised computer system that you can go to their web site and check your property information. The meeting will start at 7:00pm. Members of the registry staff will also be on hand to assist with singing up for the Consumer Notification Program, which will notify you of any transactions against your property including potential cases of fraud. The last time we had the registrar here it was well attended so get there early for a good seat.

Houghs Neck T-Ball will hold it's annual registration at the Atherton Hough School Gym on Saturday, March 19 from 1:00 TO 5:00PM. If you have specific questions you can email houghsnecktball@yahoo.com.

Our Community Center will be celebrating Community Development Week with a special event each day of the week. Please check the flyer on page 5 of the Bulletin. Zoe Antonopoulos is the contact person.

The Community Council will host the Annual Easter Bunny Fun Day on Sunday March 20, from 12 noon to 2PM at the MBS Church hall on Darrow Street. This is a free event to the children of the community and always a kid favorite. Games, Crafts bring your camera for photos with the Easter Bunny and a Giant Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn.

The Houghs Neck Community Scholarship Application is on Page 1. You will not receive a scholarship unless you apply. Good Luck

Dave

HOUGHS NECK T-BALL REGISTRATION

Houghs Neck T-Ball League will be holding open registration for youngsters on Saturday March 19, 2016 from 1:00- 5:00 pm at the Atherton Hough Elementary School Gym, located at 1084 Sea Street in Houghs Neck. Boys and girls ages 3-7 are eligible to play.

PLEASE NOTE: Players must be 3 years of age by January 1st, 2016. Birth certificates are required for ALL players (returning and new).

Games will be played at Labrecque Field on Sea Street on Saturday mornings in May and June at 9:00 am. Registration fee is \$25.00 on March 19 and \$35 for any registrations after that date. All players receive a t-shirt, hat, and a personalized trophy on the last day.

We are always looking for volunteer coaches, and no coaching experience is necessary. You will coach your own child's team, and we try to have at least 2 or 3 coaches per team so it's a group effort.

For more information, please visit our web site at www.houghsnecktball.com

Houghs Neck T-Ball

2016 Registration

Saturday, March 19, 2016
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Atherton Hough School Gym
1084 Sea Street
Quincy, MA

Children must be 3
before January 1, 2016
Birth Certificates Required
for ALL Players
(returning and new)
\$25 Registration Fee
\$35 after March 19

For more information visit
us on Facebook!

Houghs Neck T-Ball



Community Development Week

Monday March 28th- Friday April 1st

- Monday, March 28th- Nuts and Bolts 3pm-5pm ages 6 and up
- Tuesday, March 29th-Play group 10am-12pm Ages 2-6
- Wednesday, March 30th-Sewing Project Animal Pillow- 3pm-5pm Ages 6 and up
- Thursday, March 31st- Minecraft key chain and paper crafts 3pm-5pm Ages 5 and up
- Friday, April 1st - Watch Big Hero 6 and make a robot STEM 3pm-5pm age 4 and up

Houghs Neck Community Center 1193 Sea Street

For More Information, Please Contact Zoe Antonopoulos at zantonopoulos@gmail.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 2015 we presented \$8,300.00 to 3 High School Seniors and 8 College students continuing their education.

Since 1964, through the generosity of the residents and friends of Houghs Neck we have been able offer 498 book awards presented, to over 315 kids receiving from \$50.00 to \$1,200.00 for a grand total of \$312,400.00.

Application for 2016

Now is the time to start gathering the important documents you will need to apply for the Book Awards for next years college classes.

Application for Houghs Neck Community Council Book Award

Students must have five or more years of residence. Awards are made to high school graduates and college student continuing undergraduate studies. Students continuing study towards Master's degree or beyond college level are not eligible for these awards. Application must be received by May 6, 2016 and should be sent to David DiBona, Scholarship Chairman, 45 Turner St., Quincy, 02169. Further information may be obtained by calling David DiBona at 617-471-9179.

To: Houghs Neck Community Council Scholarship Committee

From: (Student's Name) _____

Address _____

Home Tel. No. _____

Parent's Names _____

Graduating from (School) _____

Accepted at or attending (College - year of study) _____

A Houghs Neck Resident since: _____

Enclose a sealed official transcript of scholastic record

Student's Signature _____ 3-16



Norfolk County Registry of Deeds
William P. O'Donnell
Register of Deeds & Assistant Recorder of the Land Court

It is Register O'Donnell's goal to provide a convenient way for residents to learn more about how the Registry serves them as it conducts business closer to their homes, saving them time and money.

Although, Registry staff cannot provide legal advice, they will be on hand along with the Register, to answer basic questions, transport documents for recording and assist in the filling out of a Declaration of Homestead form that provides for limited protection against the forced sale of an individual's primary residence to satisfy unsecured debt up to \$500,000. They will also assist a person in signing-up for the new Consumer Notification Program that alerts a homeowner when a transaction has been made against their property to alert them against potential cases of fraud.

Additionally, there will be on-site work stations that can provide real-time status of your mortgage discharge, print out a copy of your deed and provide a demonstration on how the Registry's On-Line Land Records Database works.

March 15, 2016 ~ 7:00PM ~ Houghs Neck Community Center

HOUGHS NECK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Easter Bunny Fun Day

Spring and Easter Related Crafts



Join us for the Giant
Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt



Photos with the Easter Bunny
bring your camera

Where: St. Thomas Aquinas Hall ~ Darrow Street

When: Sunday, March 20, 2016

Time: 12:00AM ~ 2:00PM

FREE: Admission
(Includes Crafts and Egg Hunt)



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**Gifts to the Houghs Neck
Community Council
Scholarship Fund**

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Family

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love your
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**In Memory of
Mary Sullivan**
miss you everyday
Love Helen

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

Joseph C. (Sonny) Sousa, of Port St. Lucie, FL, passed at 74, on December 22nd. Joe was born in the Houghs Neck and lived here until he retired to FL. Son of Joseph and Mary (Gulizia) Sousa. He was a self employed general contractor. Joe was great humanitarian with a remarkable sense of humor and would entertain all with his amusing stories. Father of Joseph Matthew, grandfather of Joseph Kenneth, and stepson Jeffrey Knickerson. Brother of Roberta Lewis, Virginia and Maria Shapiro.

There will be a 'Celebration of Life' planned for this summer in Quincy.



Boston Currach Rowing Club



I am a member of the Boston Currach Rowing Club. We are lucky enough to practice out of the Hough's Neck Maritime Center and have for the past several years. We practice on Tuesday and Thursday night after work and on Sunday at noontime during the rowing season from May until late September. We are a fun adult co-ed group of rowers and our purpose is to promote Irish Culture and the sport of Currach racing and Celtic Marine and nautical heritage. The club is a non political, non profit organization. We are members of NACA the North American Currach Association. We are the current and repeat North American champs. We are always accepting new members. There is no fee of any kind to join and practice. This is our website www.bostoncurrachrowingclub.org.

Currachs are traditional Irish work boats. They have long been popular in the west of Ireland especially in areas like Connemara. Ancient

currachs were built with a wooden frame covered by animal skins, but these days the boats are covered by a resin-waterproofed canvas. They have been used for transportation, fishing, and racing. We often have them on trailers in the maritime center parking lot or stored near the shower head by the floating docks. So you might have seen them when you were over there.

Last summer I went down for practice and it happened to be at the end of chowdapest for HNCC. I learned of what a great group you have and how building community for you is more than just a slogan. Our team was impressed. We were thinking that it would be a great idea to give the people from your community an opportunity to give currach rowing a try. I can be reached through email jkeegan@bostoncurrachrowingclub.org or at 781-812-8961.

Thanks, Joe Keegan
bostoncurrachrowingclub.org

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There are open seats if you are interested. email hncbulletin@yahoo.com for additional information

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

The Houghs Neck Garden Club's Wednesday, March 2nd meeting will now take place at the Houghs Neck Maritime Center. There will be a presentation on Rock Gardens by Jean Anderson. The meeting starts at 7pm with refreshments and a brief business meeting followed by the program at 7:30pm.

Although there is no regular Club meeting in April, on April 21st the Tri-Club Meeting takes place. This is the members-only Combined Meeting of the three Quincy garden clubs hosted this year by the Wollaston Garden Club at which the presenter will be floral designer Tony Todesco.

The HNGC will grant Awards this year to graduating high school seniors from Houghs Neck. For those who may have missed the application guidelines in last month's Bulletin, here they are again:

GUIDELINES FOR HOUGHS NECK GARDEN CLUB STUDENT AWARD

The Houghs Neck Garden Club (HNGC) is granting Awards to graduating high school seniors from Houghs Neck who have been accepted to a school of higher learning and are concentrating in the field of horticulture, botany, oceanography, environmental studies or an allied field. Applicants must currently be Houghs Neck residents and have been for at least two years.

Applications are available from local high school counselors or by contacting a member of the HNGC. Completed, signed applications must be delivered to Carol Johnston, 46 Bay View Avenue, Quincy, MA, 02169. The deadline for submitting applications is May 1, 2016.

Upon timely receipt of completed applications, accompanied by a written statement of each student's educational goals (students should not write their names on the essay page), the HNGC Student Awards Committee will review and consider materials. Student(s) granted an award will be notified by phone or mail by May 15, 2016.

HOUGHS NECK COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Spring Forward!

MARCH 2016

MARCH 13TH 2016

Adult Programs

SEASIDE CAFÉ serves a really good homemade Hot Lunch to older citizens.

Monday & Wednesday at 11:30. \$3.00
Coffee and pastry served at 11-11:30

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Bingo every Wednesday 12:30-3pm. 25 cents a card. We serve great refreshment & coffee

Scrabble Monday & Wednesdays @ noon

Blood Pressure Clinic Free Every 2nd & 4th Thursday 9:30-11am. Plan to stay for lunch.

Gentle Yoga with Christine Way Cotter Mondays
Yoga Stress Relief. Mondays 7-8pm call 617 472-7550

Paint Night March 30th 7-9 pm. All ages \$10pp. See HNCC FB for our painting

Book Group March 10th Thursday @ 7pm
State of England, Martin Amis call for details 617 833 8575

AA Program Every Saturday 3-5pm.
This meeting is for women only

Kid's Programs

Kid's Cooking*	Wednesday March 2nd 3-5
Jewelry making	Wednesday March 7th 3-5
Movie night	Friday March 11th 3-5
Bingo ice cream	Monday March 14th 3-4
Nuts & Bolts*	Monday March 28th 3-5
Free Playgroup	Tuesday March 29th 10am
Homework Help	Tuesday March 29th 12:30
Sewing Class *	Wednesday March 30th 3-5
MineCraft	Thursday March 31st 3-5
Movie night	Friday April 1st 3-5

****Please sign up in advance****



Free Springtime Craft Playgroup

Tuesday March 29th 10-11:30 Social Playgroup for children 0-6yo.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WISH LIST

Volunteers : Youth Art Program
Homework Help partners
Volunteer support keeps our center open

Wanted : working sewing machines
Legos, kids movies & large soup pot



Youth Program

Kids in the Kitchen Wednesday March 2nd 3-5
A social cooking group encouraging children to eat healthy & try new foods. Age 4+ Fee \$3. Drop off.

Free Jewelry Class Wednesday March 7th 3-5
A new selection of beads. Make a some holiday gifts
Necklace, Earrings, & Bracelets. Age 6 & up

MoviePizza Friday March 11th & April 1st. 3-5 \$3
This is a Drop off for Ages 5+. Movies are rated G / PG

Free Bingo Monday March 14th 3-4 Ice Cream Social

Nut & Bolts Monday Mar. 28th 3-5. A creative STEM program includes reading ,math, science & creativity.

Free Child's Playgroup Drop in with an adult.
Tuesday March 29th 10am Age 0 – 6. This playgroup includes Social, snack and a Springtime craft.

Homework Help Tuesday March 29th 12:30
A healthy Snack will be provided. This Free tutoring session after school helps build confidence to do well in school. High School volunteers needed

Kids Sewing Wednesday March 30th 3-5. An intro to the sewing machine. Make owl, cat, raccoon \$4

Minecraft keychain Thursday March 31st 3-5
Ages 5+ \$3. All materials provided.

Movie April 1st Watch **Big Hero 6** and make a robot
STEM 3pm-5pm age 4 and up free

Call Cynthia for details & sign up

Community Development Week

March 28th - April 1st

STEM learning generates interest in math and science

New Programs everyday look for us on FB

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

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FREE "Introduction to Meditation" Seminar

Thursday, March 31st 2016 at HNCC 7:30-8:30 pm

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Interim Pastor. FELIX CARRION

Sunday Service 10:00am

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Service

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Beatles Night with Seaside Sisters March 15

Join us at 7:30 on Tuesday, March 15, for a special Beatles Night in Fellowship Hall at Houghs Neck Congregational Church, 310 Manet Avenue. Guitarist Paul Bamber will play and sing Beatles tunes. There will be Beatles trivia and more. Come sing along and enjoy the music and win prizes. "Don't let me down" and "help" us travel to "Abbey Road" as we "come together" and "twist and shout" our way "across the universe." There will be a business meeting for members at 7:00. **The Beatles program at 7:30 is open to everyone.**



HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Fr. Bob Carr; Pastor
fibobcarr02169@gmail.com

Sat. 4:30pm MBS & 6:00pm OLGC
Sun. 8:30am MBS & 10:30am OLGC

www.holytrinityquincy.com ~ facebook: holytrinity quincy



Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:30am to Noon ~ Friday office is CLOSED
Saturday and Sunday by appointment

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. Julie Berberan is the Prefect for more information contact her at julieberberan@aol.com

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held after the 8:30 Mass on March 20th. In the St. Thomas Aquinas Hall. We will be discussing the maintenance and other projects around the parish.

Eucharist Adoration MBS 4:00 - 7:00 PM, First Friday MASS @ 7:00PM

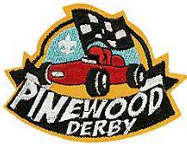
Rosary @ OLGC 7PM every Wed. All confirmed male members of the parish are invited.

PARISH NEWS

The Parish Nurses program will sponsor the Monthly Blood Pressure clinic after the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, April 3, 2016. Stop by and have your Blood Pressure checked. Certified Nurses will check you pressure and let you know how you are doing. This is a free service of the Parish Nurses and is open to all.

Religious Education Has started up at both locations. Contact the parish office if you want your child to grow with Christ through religious education classes.

Friends of Troop 6



6th Annual



Adult Pinewood Derby

Remember working with your son on his Pinewood Derby car and just wishing that you could do it yourself? Now is your chance!!!

The 'Friends of Troop 6' are having their 6th ADULT Pinewood Derby! The past five years have been a blast, and we hope to have 50+ cars competing again this year!

Please pass the word, and we hope to see you there!

- Where:** Houghs Neck Congregational Church
- When:** Saturday, May 7th, 2016 7-11PM
- What:** Pinewood Derby Race with Cash Prizes!!!
Finger Food, Cash Bar, Raffles and Music
- Tickets:** \$20 – for food, music and fun
\$5 – to enter the race
\$5 – for a new car kit

All proceeds to benefit the Friends of Troop 6 to help the Troop with camperships, special trips, and equipment needs.

Tickets and Cars available any Monday night at the Hough's Neck Congregational Church from 7-9PM, or call Rob at 617-479-7412



Holy Name Society of the Holy Trinity Parish



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HAM & BEAN SUPPER**

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ALL ARE INVITED ~ BRING THE FAMILY

SATURDAY, MARCH 19th 2016 5:30PM – 7:00PM
St. Thomas Aquinas Hall

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Troop 6 News

It might feel like spring is around the corner, but Troop 6 didn't want to let the winter fly by without our annual ski trip! On February 5-7th, the troop spent the weekend in Guilford, NH at our good friend's house, and we changed it up a little this year, skiing at King Pine. While the mountain wasn't huge, the weather and conditions were perfect, and the kids had one of the best ski trips on record. By the end of the day, the entire Troop was doing top to bottom runs and quite a few were thoroughly enjoying the terrain park as well. Lots of laughs and some great memories – something we try for on every trip.

We have also been very busy with advancement working concurrently on Camping Merit Badge and Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge, both are Eagle required.

Not too much else to report, but we are under way planning the rest of the year with a cabin trip to NH in March, an overnight hike to the White Mountains in April, and a trip to West Point in NY in June.

Our next bottle drive is March 12th from 9-12 in Labrecque Field parking lot. Please consider donating your soda and beer bottles 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,
617-479-7412

Houghs Neck Book Discussion Group

HN Readers! Our next selection is Lionel Asbo: State of England, by Martin Amis. We'll gather to discuss at our next meeting on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the HNCC. All are welcome.

Jenny Liebelt

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

HOUGHS NECK COMMUNITY CENTER ~ 1193 Sea Street

Community Development Week
Monday March 28th - Friday April 1st



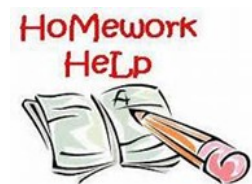
Monday, March 28th - Nuts and Bolts 3pm-5pm ages 6 and up:

STEM learning generates interest in math and science. High school volunteers will be needed for this session and encouraged to attend!



Tuesday, March 29th - Play group 10am-12pm Ages 2-6 :

This activity is for youth under five. The themed craft project will be to make a spring craft. All craft supplies, a small snack, and extra toys will be available. This is a great opportunity for socialization and story time will promote reading and soft skills.



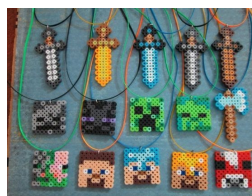
Tuesday, March 29th Homework Help 12:30-2pm Grades K - 5:

A healthy snack will be provided. This free tutoring session after school helps builds confidence to do well in school. High school volunteers will be needed for this session and encouraged to attend!



Wednesday, March 30th - Sewing Project Animal Pillow- 3pm-5pm Ages 6 and up:

Sewing helps with Self-confidence, independence, It brings out creativity, Mechanical skills. The ability to follow instructions and help children develop discipline and patience .



Thursday, March 31st - Minecraft key chain and paper crafts 3pm-5pm Ages 5 and up:

Minecraft = is a game about placing blocks to build anything you can imagine. This project is inspired by the game and will help youth convey ideas, express emotion, use senses, explore colors, and raise self-esteem.



Friday, April 1st - Watch Big Hero 6 and make a robot STEM 3pm-5pm age 4 and up:

STEM learning generates interest in math and science in a fun creative way. High school volunteers will be needed for this session and encouraged to attend!

For More Information, Please Contact Zoe Antonopoulos at zantonopoulo@gmail.com

Partnerships for this event include: City of Quincy Planning Department, Opportunity Nation, US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant

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I hope you are enjoying this unseasonably warm February. The State House has been very active. Under the Joint Rules, all Joint Committees must report out their legislation by March 16th. As a result, the legislative schedule is filled with public hearings and executive sessions to report out legislation. This is in addition to the many different briefings for legislators and individual meetings with chairpersons.

The House of Representatives passed House Bill 3848, An Act to comply with the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act. The vote was 153 to 0. The legislation creates universal and uniform standards for child support cases where the parents do not live in the same state or country. The federal Sex and Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 requires all states to update its laws on sex trafficking and child support laws. This update will allow the United States to be able to ratify the 2007 Hague Convention Treaty on International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance. It is important that this law is signed into law by April 1st or the state will lose \$70 million from the federal government to the state's child support program. Massachusetts and New Jersey are the only states that have not enacted laws to comply with the federal law.

The House and Senate meet in a Constitutional Convention to debate legislation or ballot initiative petitions that would amend the Massachusetts Constitution. A

Constitutional Convention has 200 members, 160 from the House and 40 from the Senate. The Massachusetts Constitution can be amended by legislation filed by a legislator or through a citizen's ballot initiative. In the case of a legislator's amendment proposal, only 50% of the Constitutional Convention is needed to move it to the next step. In the case of a citizen's ballot initiative, 25% of the Constitutional Convention is needed to move it to the next step. Should the proposal be approved, then it must be approved again in a Constitutional Convention in the next legislative session. Should the two consecutive legislative session's Constitutional Conventions approve the proposal, it is put on a ballot to have the Commonwealth's voters decide whether to accept or reject the proposed amendment. All proposals are reviewed by a Joint Committee, which makes a recommendation for the Constitutional Convention to consider.

Senate Bill 53, a proposal for a legislative amendment to the constitution relative to corporate rights and political spending, would have restricted corporate entities from making campaign donations to candidates or to political action committees. The Joint Committee on Election Laws reported the proposal as ought not to pass. Senate Bill 53 is in response to the Citizens United Case, where the United States Supreme Court ruled that corporations are legal entities and therefore able to make campaign donations to candidates and political

action committees. Given that the United States Constitution's supremacy clause would overturn any state law or constitutional provision that conflicts with the federal law or United States Supreme Court ruling, it would be moot to continue the proposed amendment further. The Constitutional Convention took no action on the proposal. Instead, the House approved a resolution urging Congress to change the United States Constitution to address corporate campaign donations in campaigns.

House Bill 3933, Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution An Initiative Petition for an Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth to Provide Resources for Education and Transportation through an additional tax on incomes in excess of One Million Dollars, was reported from the Joint Committee on Revenue favorably. This proposal to the Massachusetts Constitution would change the State's flat income tax to a two tiered system, where taxpayers whose income exceeds \$1 million would pay an additional 4% income tax. This additional tax revenue would be dedicated to public education and transportation infrastructure. No further action was taken on House Bill 3933 and it can be considered at a future Constitutional Convention this legislative session.

Senate Bill 61, Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution requiring a supermajority vote for the utilization of rainy day funds, would require the House and Senate to conduct a two-thirds vote before appropriating money from the state's stabilization fund, also known as the "rainy day fund". This will reduce the Legislature's flexibility in appropriating money in case of emergency situations,

where currently only a majority vote is needed. The Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight recommended the Senate Bill 61 ought not to pass. The proposal was rejected by a 49 to 140 vote.

House Bill 567, Proposal for a legislative amendment to the Constitution for an independent redistricting commission, would establish a 7 person commission for the purpose of redistricting House and Senate districts. This would take the process out of the Legislature's control. The Joint Committee on Election Laws recommended that House Bill 567 ought not to pass. The proposal was rejected by a 43 to 145 vote.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!
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Due to demand a fourth class has been added.

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. Completion of the course by persons between 12 to 16 years of age will allow them to operate a motor boat without adult supervision. In addition, some insurance companies offer policy discounts for customers that complete a Basic Boating Safety Course.

This is a 3 day course!
 APRIL-MAY (April 28, May 5, and May 12) 6PM - 10PM Registration is now open.

All of the above courses will be taught at the Hough's Neck Maritime Center, located at 137 Bay View Ave. (next to the Quincy Yacht Club on Sea Street).

To register for a course go to <http://www.mass.gov/eea/grants-and-tech>. For more information please call the Massachusetts Environmental Police Department at 508-564-4961.



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Moments That Changed Ireland's History

Daniel O'Connell and Catholic Emancipation

Daniel O'Connell envisioned an Ireland where Catholicism and national identity went hand in hand, and he understood the importance of enlisting the masses to achieve goals - specifically, repealing the Act of the Union.

He showed the world the possibilities of mass politics and media, and the threat of popular unrest as a means of achieving political goals. He had the whole world, not just Ireland and the UK, asking the Irish Question of independence.

Due to O'Connell's mass Catholic Association movement, the British government in 1829 were frightened for the first time by the possibility of anarchy in Ireland.

The Great Hunger

Probably the most devastating five years in Ireland's history, the Great Hunger began with a potato blight in 1845 that lasted through 1849, killing over a million with disease and starvation.

The population fell into serious decline due to deaths and emigration, and the trauma was felt for years and years after the famine ended.

The inaction of the British government exacerbated the famine's effects; nationalists coined the phrase, 'the Almighty send the potato blight but the English created the famine.' Fifteen leaders of the Easter Rising are executed

Over the course of nine days in May of 1916, fifteen leaders of the Easter Rising were escorted from their cells in Dublin's Kilmainham Gaol to the stonebreaker's yard to be executed by firing squad.

Of the fifteen were the Seven Signatories of the Irish proclamation: Eamonn Ceannt, Thomas James Clarke, James Connolly, Sean MacDiarmada, Thomas MacDonagh, Patrick Pearse and Joseph Mary Plunkett.

The other men executed were Roger Casement, Con Colbert, Edward Daly, Sean Heuston, Thomas Kent, John MacBride, Michael Mallin, Michael O'Hanrahan, and Patrick Pearse's younger brother William Pearse.

Initially after the Easter Rising, the public wasn't supportive of the rebels because they left Dublin in pieces and many civilians were killed. After British authorities decided to execute the men they became political heroes; public opinion shifted radically overnight. This set the scene for the next five years, which brought the end of British rule in Ireland and the 1922 establishment of the Irish Free State.

Bloody Sunday

On January 30 1972, a civil rights march for Catholic equal rights in Derry/Londonderry, Northern Ireland took a turn for the horrid when British soldiers opened fire on the crowd of protesters and bystanders. Thirteen men were killed on the spot, seven of whom were teenagers, and a fourteenth died months later due to injuries.

While Bloody Sunday doesn't have the highest amount of casualties in Ireland's history of wars and massacres, it was perhaps the most significant event of the Troubles because the fatalities came from the forces of the state itself, and in full view of the press and public.

Initially, the public accepted the army's claim that IRA operatives in the crowd fired first. It wasn't until 38 years later that a new British government inquiry exonerated the victims, deeming the army's actions "unjustified and unjustifiable."

The Good Friday Agreement

Though a solution to the Troubles in Northern Ireland for years seemed impossible, the signing of the Good Friday Agreement in April 1998 was perhaps the biggest political development in the peace process.

Central to the Agreement were issues related to civil and cultural rights, decommissioning of weapons, justice and policing, which set a strong framework for Northern Ireland's political progress.

It also formed a number of institutions between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, as well as the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom.

What have been the most significant moments in Ireland's recent history? Let us know what you think in the comment section, below.

**List of events formed by Neil Hegarty, author of Story of Ireland and Dublin: A View from the Ground.*

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<http://www.irishcentral.com/>

Manet Community Health Center Board

Elects 2016 Officers

The Manet Community Health Center Board of Directors elected officers at its recent annual meeting, once again tapping Joseph M. Reardon to serve as President.

Reardon, Vice President of Community Development and Advance Planning at Keohane Funeral Home, has been a member of the health center's community-based board since 2007. A resident of Milton, Reardon brings extensive experience in strategic planning, philanthropy, advocacy, and communications to the role of President



Reardon

"I am honored to serve as President of the Manet Board at this moment in our history," Reardon said. "Manet has come a long way since its founding 37 years ago yet we are poised to carry our mission further through the execution of a new strategic plan. My colleagues and I look forward to working together toward ensuring that Manet continues to provide exceptional primary care and services to the communities we serve."

Reardon will work with a newly elected Vice President, Eva Greenwood, also of Milton. She brings more than 20 years as a senior health care executive in hospital and managed care settings to her position on the board, where she has served for two years. Currently, she is Vice Chair of Finance and Administration at Department of Medicine, Boston University.



Greenwood

The other returning officers are Secretary John Galluzzo and Treasurer Robert J. Griffin. Galluzzo, a Manet patient from Hanover, is senior grant writer with the South Shore YMCA and author of several local histories. Griffin, a Quincy resident, is a partner in the law firm of Krokidas & Bluestein. All officers will serve until 2017.



Galluzzo

Remaining members of the board include Christopher Cogdill, Henry L. Rittal, Linda Kelly, Ivan Wong, Barbara Morris, Jedehiah "JD" Brenke, and Zachary Eaton, all of Quincy; John Brothers of Braintree; Carol V. Garner, MD, of WestRoxbury; and Vinicius Trivelli of Weymouth.



Griffin

"It is truly an honor to work with this strong and dedicated table of board members who individually and collectively demonstrate sound and steady leadership during times of transition and accomplishment at Manet," said Manet CEO Cynthia H. Sierra. "It is especially gratifying knowing that, with almost 60% of board membership composed of Manet patients, their work is truly about ensuring the best possible care for our patients."

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