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FROM THE PRESIDENT: Hello Houghs Neck and beyond. I have had a great winter thus far. Yes, we have had some really cold days, but knock on wood we haven't lost power yet. I'm sure the mother nature will come up with something fun before February gives way to March winds.

The Congregational Church Chili Bowl was a great event with hundreds attending. Its always a great time for those chili lovers. The council is introducing a new event. Not sure if its Block-a-Palooza or Block Fest. The idea is for the council to have a neighbor host a block party for their neighbors to get to meet and know each other but it would be open to any Houghs Neck resident to attend. The committee is seeking volunteers to host. If your interested in learning more please contact me or Meredith Earnest at Houghsneckquincy@gmail.com The Mayor of Houghs Neck committee is seeking candidates to enter the race for 2020-2021 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 txt 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

See You Soon Jim McCarthy

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

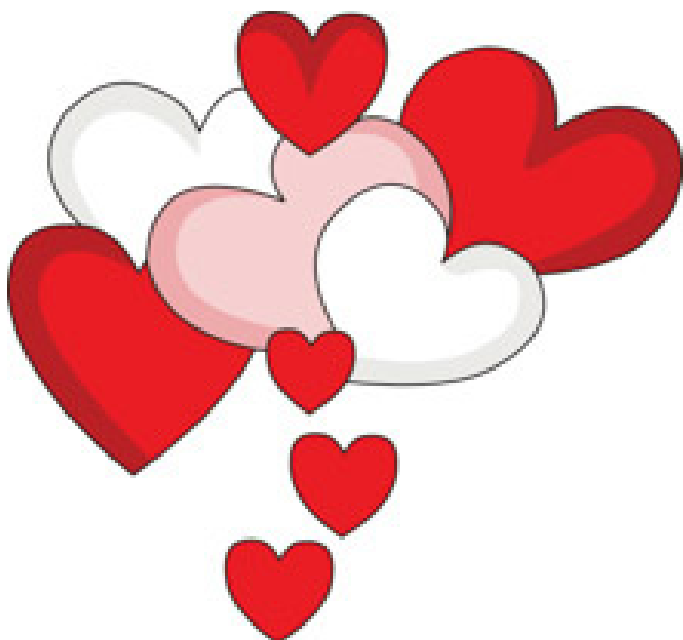
2nd Wednesday of the month at Quincy Yacht Club *(page 6)*

Houghs Neck Congregational Church

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

Free Boating Safety Courses

Mar & May Dates Sponsored by the
Quincy Police Marine Unit *(page 7)*



Health Alert: Novel Coronavirus and Influenza Everyday preventive actions can help stop spread of germs

As concerns mount about the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) that began in Wuhan, China, the CDC is monitoring this serious and rapidly evolving situation closely and currently deems the risk to the U.S. general public to be low at this time.

Flu activity, however, remains high in Massachusetts. Flu vaccination is always the best way to prevent flu and its potentially serious complications. It's not too late to get vaccinated! Contact your health care provider to schedule an appointment or if you have questions or concerns.

As always, recommendations for prevention of virus transmission include:

- 1, Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
2. Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.
- 3, Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
4. Wash your hands often. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
6. Practice other good health habits. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

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 2019 we presented \$10,150 to 4 High School Seniors and 7 College students continuing their education.

Since 1964 through the generosity of the residents and friends of Houghs Neck we have been able to offer 511 book awards presented to over 342 kids receiving from \$50.00 to \$1500.00 for a grand total of \$269,175.

Application for 2020 will be published in the March & April issues of the 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 is required.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Gifts to the Houghs Neck Community Council Scholarship Fund

**In Memory of
Kaye & Sherm Jordan**
*Always remembered and
never forgotten*
Pat, Mike & their families

**In Memory of
Thomas Timcoe**
from
Elizabeth Bythrow
Joe & Alda Lyons
Houghs Neck Garden Club

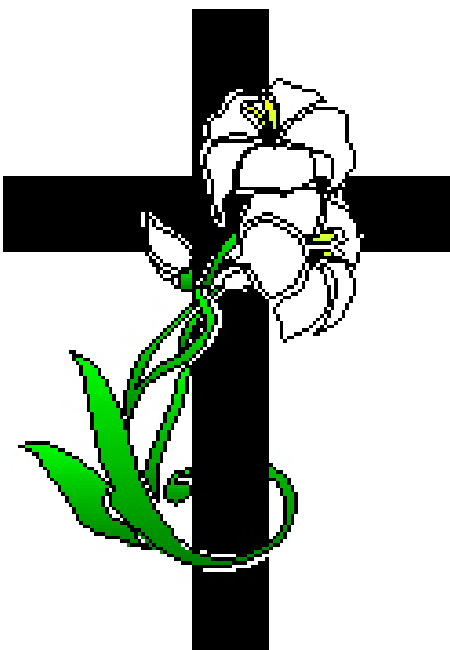
**In Honor of
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Mark Jones**
*On his January Birthday
from*
Dave & Kathy DiBona

**In Memory of
Thelma Timcoe Powers
William Powers
Harold "Buddy" Darrow**
*3rd Anniversary
Love*
Eileen Timcoe
Veva Darrow



Sympathy and Condolences are extended to the friends & families of

Noreen Iacovino, died January 21st. Noreen grew up in Dorchester and moved to Houghs Neck after marriage. She was the wife of Domenic and was married for 60 years. Mother of Frank, Stephen, Teresa Boughner and Kenneth Gibson. Grandmother to Kyle, Jeremy, Justin, Lauren, Jessica, Zachary, Emma, Donovan, Nathan, Amanda, Jenna, and Kirsten; and her great grandchildren, Desmond, Dominic, and Harper. "Nana Nora" will be dearly missed and remembered as the fun Nana who would take them to the park, long walks to the beach, read them special stories, and serve delicious meals. Sister of the late Mary Butler Gibson, the late Eileen Butler Vanderveen, and the late Peggy Butler. Donations can be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at www.cff.org/give or Perkins School for the Blind at website www.support.perkins.org/give.



Neighbor News

Leo Kelly will always be remembered by us, and everyone privileged to know him, as that rare and remarkable individual who served his neighborhood and city with amazing dedication and effectiveness in so many ways. He was a true public servant. He literally turned the term "open space" into an action verb. He led the way to "open space" so many threatened, special areas in Ward 1 and throughout the city. Every time we and our family walk around "The Crusher" in Houghs Neck we are so grateful to Leo for preserving this special area. When we swim in and boat on Quincy Bay and enjoy the islands we remember it was Leo who led the Harbor clean up, and helped change Nut Island from a health hazard to a wonderful recreational park. Innumerable folks of all ages benefited from his commitment to healthcare, bringing compassionate comprehensive primary care to Houghs Neck and Germantown via Manet Community Health Center. He was likewise committed to assuring quality housing through his work with the Quincy Housing Authority. His good works have made a lasting improvement in the quality of life all over Quincy. What an amazing legacy of caring and commitment that will endure! Leo, you have our respect and gratitude always. Mike Cotter, Writer of "The Nut Island Blues" 1976 Cyndy Roche-Cotter, First Nurse and Nurse Practitioner Manet Community Health Center, Houghs Neck 1979- 2008

Uncle Sam Rounseville has also honored Leo with his Bill Board at Beale St. And Newport Ave. A photo of Leo under the caption A man with a heart of Gold.

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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

Recently the Houghs Neck Garden Club held a (Pot Luck) Holiday Party at the home of Mary Lou Crispo, with 30 members in attendance.

On January 8th, Dr. Zen-Jay Chuang entertained and educated us on the benefits of gardening on the body, mind and spirit. In the gloom of January, it was a refreshing reminder of why we welcome spring.

Patti Williams, President of the HNGC, will speak about the "Littlefield Farm" on February 5th. All Houghs Neckers should be interested in this program.

On March 4th we will "Celebrate Houghs Neck Treasures" with Cynthia Lewis, gardener and floral designer, who will construct floral designs using driftwood. This meeting will be held at the Community Center.

Once a year Wollaston, Squantum, and Houghs Neck Garden Clubs hold a Tri-club meeting. This year The Houghs Neck Garden Club will be hosting this event on April 1st at The Houghs Neck Congregational Church. The guest speaker will be Sarah Boynton.

She is a prize winning floral designer who will provide inspiration for the botanical arts creations and traditional floral designs she exhibits at national and international flower shows, as well as her botanical arts jewelry.

Reminder- look for our Annual Plant Auction in June. We will have some really interesting new plants for auction!!

Also in the Spring, our Rededication of the WWII Memorial in front of Atherton Hough School.

The Houghs Neck Garden Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.

Calling all Veterans

not just war-time Vets.



The American Legion
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**Invites you to join
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The American Legion is the largest Service Connected Veterans Organization in the world. The eligibility requirements have recently changed.

Now **all** honorable discharged veterans that served during WWI and since December, 7 1941.

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.

HOUGHS NECK COMMUNITY CENTER

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

FEBRUARY 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 – February 26th
Cake & Ice Cream

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

Scrabble Monday & Wednesdays @ noon

Blood Pressure Clinic Free Every 2nd & 4th
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

Free beading night
Adults & Teens invited
FREE

Lots of beads, lots of fun
All materials provided
All ages welcome
Any interest?
Call me 617 833. 8575

Youth Program

Monday & Wednesday programs

Drop offs age 5+

Celebrate ground HOG Day

February 3rd Monday 3-5 Learn about hibernation & winter animal life. A social program. age 5+

New Games Wednesday, February 5th 3-5
Learn a new games with team players.

Movie legos & friends Monday
Feb.10th 3-5pm Popcorn, movie & social.

Paper Airplanes, Ninja Stars and Valentines Wednesday 12th, 3-5pm.

Learn to make fun stuff with Paper, Glue, Glitter & your imagination.

COOKING Wednesday. Feb.19th 3-5pm

Let's make real a yummy treat, then eat! Learn to read a recipe, measure & work as a team.

Bingo Party Monday February 24th 3-5pm

Exciting fun learning numbers, Everyone wins & Everyone gets to call BINGO

Leap year party Wed Feb. 26th 3-5pm

Why is there an extra day this month?

Make a wish box then fill with your secrets.



**Looking for a volunteer
BINGO CALLER**

No experience needed
Monday & Wednesday 12:25-2:30
One day or both desperate !

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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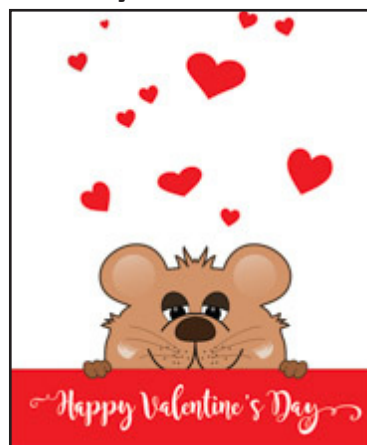
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Sat. 4:30pm MBS & 6:00pm OLGC ~ Sun. 8:30am MBS & 10:30am OLGC
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Office Hours; Monday-Thursday 10:00 am ~ 5:00 pm.
 Friday office is CLOSED, Saturday and Sunday by appointment
 Confessions; Saturdays 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, Feb. 16th 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

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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



Also taking orders for v-neck and crew Blue t-shirts with the logo above in white: sizes S~3XL \$12.00. Please contact Eileen 617-479-4107 or email etimcoe@yahoo.com



HOUGHS NECK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Pastor. Steve Vandergrift
 Sunday Service 10:00am

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Service
 310 Manet Avenue ~ 617-479-8778 www.hncong.org

Greetings Houghs Neck Neighbors and Friends Beyond,

Recently we hosted our annual Chili Cookoff. It's hard to believe we started it eleven years ago. It is a great community event and this year brought together 250+ of us, our friends and neighbors, for a time of food, fun and fellowship. The Chili Cookoff is just one of the many gifts our congregation gives to the community that provide opportunities for neighbors to gather and be with one another. Fairs, concerts, scouts and scouting events, events such as Lobster Fest, Breakfast With Santa where families come together at Christmas for a time to celebrate and to have a picture taken with St. Nick himself, to the upcoming Princess Tea (February 8th) that allows little ones to enter a wonderful world of fantasy and imagination, these events, to name a few.

All this we consider ministry, ministry in the name of the God of love who smiles when we love one another. Ministry, ours...and yours. You see, in some of these events you help us raise money to allow the Houghs Neck Congregational Church to continue to be a "beacon of light" to our community. And beyond our own community, these monies also go to help people in need in Greater Quincy with our support of Interfaith Social Services (ISS), the McKinney-Vento Program for Homeless Teens, and, where we can help, emergency gifts to people who have an immediate need, in our community across the nation, and around the world.

So, on behalf of the Houghs Neck Congregational Church, thank you for supporting us and our ministries...ours, and yours.

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Steve

COYOTE MATING SEASON IS HERE!!
 *MATING LATE JANUARY - MARCH
 *LITTERS BORN MARCH - MAY

WATCH FOR INCREASED LEVELS OF APPETITE, AGGRESSION AND BOLDNESS TOWARDS HUMANS & LARGER PET DOGS DURING THIS TIME. KEEP PETS INDOORS & SUPERVISED OUTSIDE (EVEN IN FENCED YARDS). WALK DOGS ON SHORT LEASHES & AWAY FROM KNOWN DEN AREAS.

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History of Four Chaplains Sunday

It was the evening of Feb. 2, 1943, and the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was crowded to capacity, carrying 902 service men, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

Once a luxury coastal liner, the 5,649-ton vessel had been converted into an Army transport ship. The Dorchester, one of three ships in the SG-19 convoy, was moving steadily across the icy waters from Newfoundland toward an American base in Greenland. SG-19 was escorted by Coast Guard Cutters Tampa, Escanaba and Comanche.

Hans J. Danielsen, the ship's captain, was concerned and cautious. Earlier the Tampa had detected a submarine with its sonar. Danielsen knew he was in dangerous waters even before he got the alarming information. German U-boats were constantly prowling these vital sea lanes, and several ships had already been blasted and sunk.

The Dorchester was now only 150 miles from its destination, but the captain ordered the men to sleep in their clothing and keep life jackets on. Many soldiers sleeping deep in the ship's hold disregarded the order because of the engine's heat. Others ignored it because the life jackets were uncomfortable.

On Feb. 3, at 12:55 a.m., a periscope broke the chilly Atlantic waters. Through the cross hairs, an officer aboard the German submarine U-223 spotted the Dorchester.

The U-223 approached the convoy on the surface, and after identifying and targeting the ship, he gave orders to fire the torpedoes, a fan of three were fired. The one that hit was decisive—and deadly—striking the starboard side, amid ship, far below the water line.

Captain Danielsen, alerted that the Dorchester was taking water rapidly and sinking, gave the order to abandon ship. In less than 20 minutes, the Dorchester would slip beneath the Atlantic's icy waters.

Tragically, the hit had knocked out powerdorchestertelegram and radio contact with the three escort ships. The CGC Comanche, however, saw the flash of the explosion. It responded and then rescued 97 survivors. The CGC Escanaba circled the Dorchester, rescuing an additional 132 survivors. The third cutter, CGC Tampa, continued on, escorting the remaining two ships.

Aboard the Dorchester, panic and chaos had set in. The blast had killed scores of men, and many more were seriously wounded. Others, stunned by the explosion were groping in the darkness. Those sleeping without clothing rushed topside where they were confronted first by a blast of icy Arctic air and then by the knowledge that death awaited.

Men jumped from the ship into lifeboats, over-crowding them to the point of capsizing, according to eyewitnesses. Other rafts, tossed

into the Atlantic, drifted away before soldiers could get in them.

Through the pandemonium, according to those present, four Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness. Those chaplains were Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, Jewish; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed.

Quickly and quietly, the four chaplains spread out among the soldiers. There they tried to calm the frightened, tend the wounded and guide the disoriented toward safety.

"Witnesses of that terrible night remember hearing the four men offer prayers for the dying and encouragement for those who would live," says Wyatt R. Fox, son of Reverend Fox. fourchaplainsonsinkingship

One witness, Private William B. Bednar, found himself floating in oil-smearred water surrounded by dead bodies and debris. "I could hear men crying, pleading, praying," Bednar recalls. "I could also hear the chaplains preaching courage. Their voices were the only thing that kept me going."

Another sailor, Petty Officer John J. Mahoney, tried to reenter his cabin but Rabbi Goode stopped him. Mahoney, concerned about the cold Arctic air, explained he had forgotten his gloves.

"Never mind," Goode responded. "I have two pairs." The rabbi then gave the petty officer his own gloves. In retrospect, Mahoney realized that Rabbi Goode was not conveniently carrying two pairs of gloves, and that the rabbi had decided not to leave the Dorchester.

By this time, most of the men were topside, and the chaplains opened a storage locker and began distributing life jackets. It was then that Engineer Grady Clark witnessed an astonishing sight.

When there were no more lifejackets in the storage room, the chaplains removed theirs and gave them to four frightened young men.

"It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven," said John Ladd, another survivor

who saw the chaplains' selfless act.

Ladd's response is understandable. The altruistic action of the four chaplains constitutes one of the purest spiritual and ethical acts a person can make. When giving their life jackets, Rabbi Goode did not call out for a Jew; Father Washington did not call out for a Catholic; nor did the Reverends Fox and Poling call out for a Protestant. They simply gave their life jackets to the next man in line.

As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains—arms linked and braced against the slanting deck. Their voices could also be heard offering prayers.

Of the 902 men aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester, 672 died, leaving 230 survivors. When the news reached American shores, the nation was stunned by the magnitude of the tragedy and heroic conduct of the four chaplains.

"Valor is a gift," Carl Sandburg once said. "Those having it never know for sure whether they have it until the test comes."

That night Reverend Fox, Rabbi Goode, Reverend Poling and Father Washington passed life's ultimate test. In doing so, they became an enduring example of extraordinary faith, courage and selflessness.

The Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously December 19, 1944, to the next of kin by Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, Commanding General

of the Army Service Forces, in a ceremony at the post chapel at Fort Myer, VA.

A one-time only posthumous Special Medal for Heroism was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President Eisenhower on January 18, 1961. Congress attempted to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements that required heroism performed under fire. The special medal was intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor. (copied from the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation)



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On January 2nd, the Legislature formally opened the 2020 session and I was assigned to the special committee to notify the State Senate about the House of Representatives' readiness to conduct business. During the December break, we scheduled public hearings and executive sessions for the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. I have been in regular contact with my Co-Chair, Senator Paul Feeny (D-Foxborough) discussing possible actions to take on over 200 bills before the committee. We have until February 5th to submit reports on the legislation before our committee. On January 13th, we held a hearing on "Auto Right to Repair" legislation, including the proposed 2020 ballot question that may be before the voters in November. The legislation essentially allows third party access to your car's entire computer system, both software and data. Some examples of the data in your car is the global position system (GPS), car diagnostics and driver behavior. On January 27th, we held a hearing on legislation pertaining to consumer issues associated with competitive energy suppliers, and peer to peer car sharing.

In response to the December Boston Globe article regarding the Division of Professional Licensure's (DPL) failure to cross-reference their licensees with the Sex Offender Registry Board, we have been investigating what failures and what corrective measures the DPL will be employing to review existing licensees and applicants. We have been working on this throughout the holidays by receiving public testimony and establishing how a committee oversight hearing would be conducted. Testimony at oversight hearings is by formal invitation only and gives the committee members the opportunity to publically question the executive staff

from DPL. The information we receive from the oversight hearing will determine the action we may take on this matter going forward. The oversight hearing will have already happened by the time you are reading this, as it is scheduled to be on January 28th.

House Bill 4296, An Act to Protect Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities from Abuse, was engrossed by the House on a 154 to 0 vote. This piece of legislation creates a registry of care providers who have "substantiated findings" against them for acts resulting in serious physical or emotional injury on a person with an intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The registry will be overseen and operated by the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DCCP). It will require care provider employers to check the registry prior to hiring or retaining any person as a care provider and prevents employers from hiring or retaining any provider who appears on the registry. Care employers include those with DDS licenses for day services, those that have contracts with DDS, and those receiving funding from DDS. Under this legislation, DCCP imposes monetary fines or other penalties on any employer that fails to comply. The legislation also includes due process protections for care providers. The Senate engrossed similar legislation in October, on a 40 to 0 vote, and we hope to have a final version before the Governor in the near future.

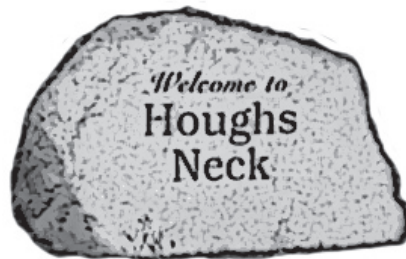
The Massachusetts presidential primary is on March 3rd. The last day to register to vote in the presidential primary is February 12th. To register to vote, visit the Secretary of States website at www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/. Massachusetts is an open primary state, which means voters who are not enrolled in a specific political party can choose which political party ballot to vote in. This will not result in an automatic enrollment into a political party. Early voting starts on February 24th and ends on February 28th.

Throughout the month of January, my e-mail is averaging well over 300 emails per day. My e-mail receives committee testimony from all over the country, in addition to e-mails from my constituents. If you have an issue that requires urgent attention, I ask that you call my office at 617-722-2014.

January 25th was the Chinese New Year on the lunar calendar. It is the year of the rat, which is the first animal on the 12-year lunar calendar cycle. It is said that people born in the year of the rat, are personable, adaptable and will organize life in their own unique way. 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.



Notes to the Houghs Neck Scholarship Committee

Dear Community Council
Thank you for allowing me to receive the HNCC Book Award. This award will certainly aid me in the coming months of school and I am very thankful to the council for accepting me.

Andrew Artinian

CPR and AED: Infant, Child, Adult American Heart Association CPR - Infant/Child/Adult/AED

Thursday February 27th 6 - 7:30pm

\$45 per person

(plus \$25 in if you want the certification card - optional)

Led by Julie Amaral Diedrichsen, RN

This class is FUN, hands on, and full of knowledge. It covers CPR for infants, children, and adults. It will also teach you how to use the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) as well as how to relieve choking in adults, children, and infants. This is a great course for parents, babysitters, teachers, and anyone who wants to learn how to save a life!

Julie is a Registered Nurse, a 200 hour certified yoga instructor, and a certified American Heart Association Instructor. She founded Heartfelt Safety Programs, she's a heartfelt mom and a gorgeous soul.

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February 8, 2020

Houghs Neck Congregational Church
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Crafts, nail painting, dancing and music, snacks

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Happy February 2020. Hope everyone is doing fine in Houghs Neck. We have really flown through a quiet January weather wise and here's hoping February will be quiet too.

The sixth annual Houghs Neck "Polar Plunge" was held Jan. 4th at the Maritime Center. Proceeds from the annual event benefit the Atherton Hough Elementary School PTO. This year I was unable to plunge with temperatures on the mild side it would have been nice to take a warm winter dip. Thank you Atherton Hough PTO and thank you Quincy Police Marine Unit for overseeing the safety of the annual event

The Houghs Neck Congregational Church held its annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday January 25th. This is the church's 11th annual Chili Cook-Off. The fundraiser which began in 2010, raises money to support the maintenance of the church. Congratulations to all the winners.

On January 6th the Mayor and the City Council were sworn back into office for their respective terms. Mayor Koch for 4 years, city councilors for 2 years. The School Committee members recently elected were also sworn in on January 8th for 4 more years. Congratulations to all.

As most of you are aware, the Houghs Neck Maritime Center project is moving forward. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has authorized the contractor A & S Corporation to begin demolition beginning the week of January 27th/February 3rd. Residents can expect to see fencing go up around the project and other equipment being moved onto the site. Abatement of the site, as well as final disconnection of utilities, will also be taking place over the coming weeks. The City will be working closely with the contractor's project team to monitor impacts to the area and to address any issues during construction. Access to the existing boat ramp will remain operational during construction. This construction is only for phase 1 which is the new boat ramp.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact the Don Martin Project Manager, City of Quincy Public Buildings Department at 617-376-1542 or by email at dmartin@quincyma.gov, or contact me at 617-376-1351 or by email at dmccarthy@quincyma.gov.

Outside of the Neck I will be continuing to look at all Schools

in the Ward for improvements in regards to building issues and operation changes that the council can assist with. I have been speaking with Frank Santoro, Quincy School Committee/ Chair School Facilities working with him to try to update facility needs in Ward 1 Schools. Broad Meadows which is the Middle School that receives an abundance of Atherton Hough students is getting a good review of any issues that need attention.

Thank you and God Bless
 Dave McCarthy
 Ward 1 City Councilor

**Exciting new readers
 FREE PLAYGROUP
 Read & Play Tuesdays**

Read and Play: In this playgroup children will explore books through play! Activities such as circle time, arts & crafts, sensory and open-ended play will promote children's literacy and language skills. Appropriate for children ages 4 and under accompanied by an adult. Registration not required. For more information contact Marthane at mjoseph@qcap.org. Tuesdays from 10:00-11:15 a.m.

**Free Basic Boating Safety Courses
 It's never too early to think summer!**

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 year-old age group will be legally allowed to operate a motorboat without adult supervision. The same is true for 16 and 17 year old youth 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 2020 are:

MARCH, Course ID: 4488 (March 10, 17, 24) Course hours are Tuesday evenings 6 PM till 10 PM

MARCH-April, Course ID: 4489 (March 21, 28, April 4) Course hours are Saturdays from 10 AM to 2 PM

May Course ID: 4490 (May 7, May 12, May 19) Course hours are 1 Thursday and 2 Tuesday evenings 6 PM till 10 PM

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

To register for a course go to the Massachusetts Environmental Police Department website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/boating-safety-course-schedule>. Fill out the MEP Boating Safety Course Online Enrollment Form using the course ID for the course you want to attend. For more information or help registering, please call the Massachusetts Environmental Police Department at 508-564-4961, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

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