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Presidents Message: Happy New Year everyone, we hope you all had an enjoyable Holiday Season. I wish to thank the leaders of both churches for assisting with distributing gift cards to families not as fortunate as others. The cards were purchased with funds donated to the council for the holiday fund. On January 12, 2017 Houghs Neck Community Center is sponsoring the Third Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day. We are collecting warm weather clothing (Coat Drive), we'll write letters to our Troops, create Valentines Day Cards for our Senior Citizens, and make night time bags for the youth in need. Zoe Antonopoulos is again chairing the event with many other sponsors. Hope to see you there on the 12th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. So far this winter, we have had good weather that included the evening of our annual tree lighting ceremony at the Fire Station on December 4th. Thanks to the Quincy Fire and Police Departments for their assistance and the Parks Department for providing the stage. It is so wonderful how the various groups and organizations work together to make Houghs Neck the special community we live in. The members of the Houghs Neck Congregational Church were gracious hosts after the tree lighting with hot chocolate, tasty cookies and brownies we cannot thank them enough. The Community Council will be hosting a Blood Drive coming up in February. The Red Cross contacted us to host a second drive due to the turnout we have had with the Peter Memorial Drive we sponsor in July, if you are planning to donate blood this or next month please do so but mention the Houghs Neck Community Council. More information will be published next month. Other activities this month include a POLAR PLUNGE on January 7, at the Maritime center, sponsored by the Atherton Hough PTO. This is a great fund-raiser for the PTO and I urge anyone brave enough to take the PLUNGE to help the school out. On Saturday, January 28th the 8th Annual Quincy "Chili Bowl" Cook-off will be held from 2-5 pm at the Fellowship Hall of the Houghs Neck Congregational Church, 310 Manet Avenue. The cold weather is here, keep an eye out for a neighbor that may need assistance, Whether it is to clear a path in the snow, or to just check in on a regular basis to insure everything is OK. We also want to say thanks to the volunteers assisting with the Holiday Pop-Up Shop sponsored by Discover Quincy. During the 12 days the shop was open they had over \$18,000 in sales and just under \$500.00 of it was Houghs Neck Merchandise. What a great way to get our merchandise out for all to purchase. Speaking about HN Merchandise our new Necka baseball hats were a big hit for the holidays. Do you have a friend that wishes they were Necka's our Friend of a Necka bumper sticker would make a great gift for their birthday or anniversary. Not too sure about Valentines Day though. We still have plenty in stock please see the ad at the bottom of the next column and all the other merchandise on the back page

Talk to you soon, *Dave*

HOUGHS NECK COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING



Reverend Felix Carrion, Houghs Neck Congregational Church Pastor offers a closing prayer while Santa waits to pass out candy canes to the children.

Come Join Us! THE POLAR PLUNGE 2017

PUBLIC LANDING **HOUGHS NECK**
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE ATHERTON HOUGH PTO

Saturday, January 7th, 2017

10:00AM

Houghs Neck Public Landing / Maritime Center
137 Bayview Road Quincy, MA 02169

\$20 Adult/ \$10 Student ~ \$40 Family Cap

Don't want to Plunge? Come support those who do!!

**Bake Sale in the Maritime Center for all to enjoy!
opening at 8:30AM!!**

MLK Jr. Service Day
At the Houghs Neck Community Center
1193 Sea Street Quincy, MA
Thursday January 12 from 4pm-7pm



Join us for a fun day of volunteering and snacks. Participate in 4 mini service projects :

- Coat Drive;
- Night Time Bags for Youth in Need;
- Letters to Troops;
- Valentines for Seniors and Inspirational Rocks

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On his January Birthday
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On his January Birthday
From
Dave & Kathy DiBona

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from
Carol Carpenter

**In Memory of
Ted Johnson**
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Always in my heart
Love Mary

**In Honor of
Dave & Kathy DiBona**
from
*Neighbors
Bob, Kathy, Patty*

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

Lawrence "Bucky" Shaw, 82, a lifelong Houghs Necker, passed on December 10th. The youngest of 10 children born to the late Harold C. and Dorothy E. (Horne) Shaw. He worked many years at Harveys Wharf and Hurleys Boat Rental. An expert seaman who took the time to share with others his vast knowledge of the sea and taught many young people how to fish, seamanship, and the importance of having a strong work ethic. He enjoyed building and giving away model lobster boats and prams fashioned from recycled Pepsi boxes. Survived by his brother, Richard D. "Archie" Shaw and extended family and close friends including, Walter and Joyce Hurley.

Mary Ellen (Hassett) Wade, age 81, on December 18th. Daughter of the late Edward J. and Elfrieda (Rasetzki) Hassett. She graduated from the Atherton Hough School, Central Junior High and Quincy High School, Class of 1953. She later attended the Hitchcock Secretarial School and Quincy Junior College. Mary Ellen worked as a medical secretary in the admitting office at the former Quincy City Hospital. Wife of Robert J. Wade who died on Dec. 26, 2015. Mother of twins, Geraldine M. Piturro and Kathleen E. Gullins and the late Richard J. Wade. Grandmother of five, and the late Richard J. Wade, Jr. and great grandmother of eleven. Sister of the late Edward J. Hassett, Jr.

Walter J. Wisniewski passed on Dec. 16th. Husband of Danuta Wisniewski and father of Elizabeth Klocek. Brother of the late John and Stanley Wisniewski, grandfather of two. Longtime employee of Boston Gear Works in Quincy. He enjoyed fishing on his boat in Quincy Bay and riding his motorcycle around Houghs Neck. Proud of his Polish heritage, he was also active in the Polish community. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

In Loving Memory



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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.

Houghs Neck Community Council

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Troop 6 News

December was a fairly quiet month for Troop 6, with a nice low key camping trip and our slightly insane Holiday Party. One December 3-4, the Troop headed to Woodstock, NH and spent the weekend in the woods building shelters and learning about wilderness survival and search and rescue. The boys did all the cooking and most of them even slept in the shelters they built. Keep in mind, this was all during a mild snow storm and temperatures in the 20's! The scouts did great, and we had a lot of fun as well.

We ended the year with a quick Court of Honor, a huge pile of pizza, and a 50+ person Yankee Swap! It was a lot of fun and a great way to wrap up an amazing year. 2017 will bring its own adventures, starting with our annual ski trip and who knows what else the scouts will come up with!

Our bottle drives will continue through the winter, on the second Saturday of every month. The next drive is January 14th 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 GARDEN CLUB

As described in the December Bulletin, at the first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday, January 4th, HNGC members will learn more about the actual piece of land where the majority of the Club's meetings are held, in "Nut Island from 1600 to 1900", the latest of Patti Williams' presentations based on her research on Houghs Neck history.

We also look forward to the second meeting of the year, on February 1st, on "Succulent Planting" when another HNGC member, Deb Nigro, will lead a workshop in which members will make a small Valentine succulent plant arrangement.

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

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

To find out more about the Club visit our website at: <http://hngc123.wix.com/houghsneckgardenclub/>.

HOUGHS NECK COMMUNITY CENTER

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

January 2017

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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Scrabble Monday & Wednesdays @ noon

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

Blood Pressure Clinic Free Every 2nd & 4th Thursday 9:30-11am.

Book Group Thurs. December 8th @ 7pm
All welcome Book: Quality of Silence Rosamund Lupton

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

Men's AA Sunday 6pm

Adult Art Painting

Wednesday January 25th 6:30-8:30 \$ 10.
This program supports our Free Youth programs.

See our painting on HNCC Facebook
Refreshments Served

Kid's Programs

- New Years Party Wednesday Jan. 4th 3-5pm
- Cooking Monday Jan. 9th 3-5pm
- Make it Take it Wednesday Jan. 11th 3-5
- MLK Jr. Service Day** Thursday Jan. 12th 4-7pm
- Jewelry & ice cream Monday Jan. 16th 3-5pm
- Wacky Wednesday Wednesday January 18th 3-5
- Movie & pizza Friday Jan. 20th 3-5
- Day of Beauty Monday Jan. 23rd 3-5pm
- Yoga and More Wednesday January 25th 3-5
- Cooking Monday Jan. 30th 3-5pm
- Valentine Sewing Wed. February 1st 3-5pm
- Free Playgroup **Thursdays 12:30-1:45

Youth Program

New Years Party Wednesday January 4th 3-5. Free 2017 will be great! What are your New Years resolutions. More fun - dance - sing -Random acts of Kindness- Come Make A Resolution Plan

Kids Cooking Monday Jan. 9th 3-5pm. A social cooking class encouraging trying new foods. \$4

Make and Take it Monday Jan 11th 3-5pm \$3
Exciting, fun approach to creating & socials. Craft projects

MLK Jr. Service Day Thursday Jan. 12th 4-7pm

Jewelry and ice cream Social Always a good time. Monday Jan. 16th 3-5pm

Wacky Wednesday January 18th 3-5 You Name IT

Movie & Pizza Friday Jan. 20th 3-5 pm

Day of Beauty Monday Jan. 23rd 3-5pm. Always a party. Good Friends, Hair Nails, Sugar Scrub, healthy snacks & music \$4.

Yoga and More Wednesday Dec. 21st 3-5pm Free

Kids Cooking Monday Jan. 30th 3-5pm. A social cooking class encouraging trying new foods. \$4

Free Tuesdays 12-2pm A free fun "Y" youth program.

Valentine Sewing Wednesday February 1st 3-5
Make all things Heart shaped. Cutting, stitching, gluing.

Save this date **MLK Day Event** Thursday Jan 12th 4-7

Free

Mobile Food Pantry

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

Free playgroup

Science Spectacular:

Have you ever wondered how or why something happens? For instance, how do ice mounds form outside? What happens when you mix certain ingredients together and why do those things happen? Will changing things slightly have a different outcome? Mountains of fun will erupt in this group! Warning: This might get messy! Ages 2.6-4 years. NO registration required. For more information contact Dawn at dcorley@qcap.org
****Every Thursday beginning January 19th through February 16th from 12:30-1:45 p.m.**

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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HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Fr. Bob Carr: Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE

frbobcarr02169@gmail.com

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

www.holytrinityquincy.com ~ facebook: holytrinity quincy

Office Hours Mon-Tues: 9:30 am-7:00 pm, Wed-Thurs: 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Friday office is CLOSED, Saturday and Sunday by appointment

PARISH NEWS

Parish Calendars Drawings have begun, check face-book to see if you won, Checks will be issued at the end of the month. Thanks to all our supporters.

Trip to LaSalette was a great time, keep an eye out for upcoming events.

LADY'S SODALITY

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Next meeting will be held after the 8:30 Mass on Feb. 5th at the St. Thomas Aquinas Hall. All confirmed male members of the parish are invited to join this group. Our meeting day has changed to the first Sunday every Month. For more information contact the secretary at timcoe@comcast.net

Rosary @ OLGc 7PM every Wed. All members of the HNS are invited.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION www.holytrinityquincy.org

Religious Education is progressing very well for all of our students! We continue to work through the Christ Our Life curriculum with the younger children. In the Edge Middle School program we will enter our 2nd semester on January 17th, which is titled Transformation: An Edge Resource on Liturgy. Great engagement from the middle schoolers so far! Our 10th Grade will receive Confirmation on Friday, January 13th at 7:00 pm, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Stay tuned for upcoming Youth Ministry events, including the start of signups for the Summer Mission Trip! As always, find us on Instagram @holytrinityparishyouth and the parish website. May God bless you! - Brian Kirby, Coordinator of Faith Formation, Holy Trinity Parish, Quincy MA

THE PARISH NURSES

Sponsors the monthly Blood Pressure Clinic, the next clinic will be held after the 8:30 Mass on Feb. 5th at the St. Thomas Aquinas Hall. Stop by and have your Blood Pressure check. Certified Nurses will check your pressure and let you know how you are doing. This is a free service of the Parish Nurses and is open to all.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Holy Name Society of Holy Trinity Parish will host a *Pancake Breakfast* Sunday February 5th 9:30AM - 11:00AM St. Thomas Aquinas Hall \$5.00 per person Open to all Bring the Family

HAM & BEAN SUPPER

Holy Name Society of Holy Trinity Parish will host the 13th Annual Ham & Bean Supper on March 18th 5:30 to 7:00pm *Still only \$5.00 per person.*

SAVE THE DATE

The Most Blessed Sacrament Church will be 100 years old this year. The Holy Name Society is planning an Anniversary Mass and Dinner for September 24th 2017. We are just in the beginning stages of planning, picking the date was the first on the agenda. If you have any ideas or interesting items of the history of the church we will be looking to incorporate them into the celebration. Please watch the Church bulletin and the HN Bulletin for additional information.

www.holytrinityquincy.com
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HOUGHS NECK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Interim Pastor. FELIX CARRION

Sunday Service 10:00am

Fellowship Coffee Hour following Service

310 Manet Avenue ~ 617-479-8778 www.hncong.org



SEASIDE SOCIAL CLUB



TRAVELOGUE -DENMARK & SWITZERLAND

Please join the Seaside Social Club on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 pm as club member Christine Keating shares a travelogue of her recent visits to Denmark and Switzerland. There will be slides and trivia. Come and enjoy some food from the regions. Houghs Neck Congregational Church 310 Manet Avenue, Quincy Business meeting at 6:30. Program at 7:00. All are welcome to attend.

8TH ANNUAL "CHILI BOWL" COOK-OFF

On Saturday, January 28th the 8th Annual Quincy "Chili Bowl" Cook-off will be held from 2-5 pm at the Fellowship Hall of the Houghs Neck Congregational Church, 310 Manet Avenue. The Chili Bowl -Quincy's own version of the Super Bowl for chili-has become a much-anticipated annual event, attracting several hundred attendees. Individuals and restaurants are invited to enter with a chance to win a trophy and title of "Quincy's Champion Chili".

**8TH ANNUAL
CHILI BOWL
CHILI COOK-OFF!**

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



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017
2 - 5 P.M.
HOUGH'S NECK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
310 MANET AVE., QUINCY**

Prizes for the Best Individual/Restaurant Chili Entries

Sample up to 20 different chili recipes and vote for your favorite!
Soda, beer, hot dogs, chips, bake sale and more!

Admission: \$5 per person

There is no fee to enter chili!
To enter or for more information, call
617-471-8968 or email pcraig1962@comcast.net by January 21st.

Sponsored by Hough s Neck Congregational Church

With categories for both homecooks and restaurants, the event will offer attendees the chance to sample and savor up to 20 different varieties of chili.

Trophies and medals awarded to the champions chili winners are voted on by attendees. Admission to the cook-off is \$5 and includes all the chili you can eat. Hotdogs, beer, soda and snacks will also be available for an additional charge.

There is no fee to enter. The only requirements are to bring 3 gallons of chili in your own crock-pot or chafing dish, your own apron and serving utensil. We provide electricity and tables. We also can provide servers for restaurants if needed. Restaurants may also display signage or a banner with their name at their station in the Hall and pass out flyers, coupons or other promotional materials.

To register to enter please contact Pam Craig, Chili Bowl Coordinator at 617-471-8968 or chilicookoffhnccc@gmail.com




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Karen Walker
PHOTOGRAPHY

A small falcon, called a Merlin, was recently spotted at Nut Island. The Merlin is a speedy flier, and a ferocious hunter.

This one was chasing a flock of starlings. *Karen Walker Photo*



The Willows in the 40's. This is the site where the Welcome to Houghs Neck is now. Sea and Babcock streets. Thanks to Debbie Campbell for posting it on Facebook.



From all of us at Manet Community Health Center, best wishes for a happy, healthy new year!

It's Open Enrollment Time and Manet is Here to Help!

We'll Get You Covered!

Open Enrollment is now under way and runs through Jan. 31, 2017. During this period, those without insurance can apply for coverage and current Health Connector members can make changes to their coverage.

Manet's certified Navigators are available to assist individuals and families find plans that are right for them. In addition to helping patient's at Manet, our Navigators will be at open enrollment events in partnership with community organizations throughout our service area. To make an appointment with a Manet Navigator or to find out more about our open enrollment events, call 857-403-1557.

Open Enrollment Assistance Events:
January 11, 2017 - 2:30-4 p.m.

Quincy Housing Authority
26 Figurehead Lane, Quincy

For more information, call 857-403-1557.

Give yourself and your family the gift of good vision this holiday season!

Whether you check it off your year-end "to do" list or make it a resolution for the new year, make getting an eye exam a priority this holiday season.

"Periodic eye and vision examinations are an important part of preventive health care," says Dr. Jeanne Hopkins, OD, Director of Manet's Vision Center, located at 110 West Squantum Street in North Quincy. "During a comprehensive eye exam, your eye doctor does much more than just determine your prescription for eyeglasses or contact

lenses. He or she will also check your eyes for common eye diseases, assess how your eyes work together as a team and evaluate your eyes as an indicator of your overall health. Regular eye exams are important for people of all ages, from children to seniors, and especially for those with chronic health conditions like diabetes."

And getting your eyes checked at Manet's Vision Center is easier than ever. The Vision Center is open to everyone (not only Manet patients) and now accepts most major vision plans, including EyeMed, Davis Vision, Opticare, Spectra and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

Call 857-403-1550 or 617-376-3000 to make your appointment today!

Manet Welcomes New Practice Manager

Manet is pleased to welcome Kevin Silva, who has (re)joined the team to serve as Practice Manager for Manet's five sites in Quincy, Hull and Taunton. Kevin will work closely with all members of the practice team to help ensure an outstanding patient experience for all Manet patients.

Some of you may recognize Kevin from his days as part of the Manet Development team. Most recently, he was Manager of Operations for five Health Express locations. He also serves as a firefighter/paramedic for the Town of Cohasset.

Contact Kevin at ksilva@manetchc.org.

Jennifer Sabir, MD Now Seeing Patients at Houghs Neck and Snug Harbor

Jennifer Sabir, MD, has relocated from Manet, Hull and is now seeing patients at Manet's Houghs Neck and Snug Harbor practice sites in Quincy, where she began her career at Manet in 2005. Dr. Sabir specializes in Family Medicine and sees patients of all ages. To make an appointment, call 617-471-8683 or 617-471-4715

From <http://www.manetchc.org/>

City of Quincy 2016-2017 Winter Parking Rules

During A Snow Emergency;

During a Snow Emergency residents on side streets, (not Emergency Arteries) are allowed to park on the EVEN side of the street during this snow season. The snow season begins October 15.

To find out if a snow emergency has been declared call 617-770-7669 for a recording. If you have cable TV, tune in to channels 8 or 11. On your computer, go to the City's web page at www.quincyma.gov.

You can also receive ALERTS directly to your personal e-mail or your cell phone by signing up at <http://www.quincyma.gov/CityLink/>.

Once a snow emergency has been declared, you can get further help by calling the Snow Hotline at 617-376-1927.

The following Winter Parking Rules apply during every Snow Emergency.

No parking allowed on either side of Emergency Arteries during a Snow Emergency.

Overnight parking on the street is prohibited all year without a resident parking permit. Permits are available at the Quincy Police Department, One Sea Street. Vehicles in violation of Winter Parking Rules will be towed at the owner's expense.

Also, if your vehicle is impeding snow removal operations (i.e. parked too close to an intersection, etc.) it will be towed.

The average tow fee is \$125, plus the cost of storage. No exceptions can be made for short term parking.

Be a good neighbor. Do not place snow into streets. Please keep storm drains in front of your property clear for proper drainage. If you are able, help your elderly or disabled neighbors with their walkways and sidewalks.

If you have any questions or problems with snow removal, please call (617) 376-1927

For more information please reference our Winter Snow and Ice Management Policies and Procedures found at www.quincyma.gov.

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I'm happy to have 2017 arrive and am starting the New Year plunging into Quincy Bay in support of the Atherton Hough PTO Polar Plunge. They say these plunges are like a cleanse for a fresh start and I'm excited for the new year.

After years of vacancy, and chronic blighted conditions, the demolition of 54 Spring is imminent. The excavator is in place and the building is slated for demolition the first week in January. A realtor advised me that having these conditions reduces neighboring home values by \$30k. We have had three blighted properties demolished recently; Freca Road and 45 Shennen Street. Add to that our first million dollar sale, and things are looking up in the Neck.

As noted in last month's Bulletin, the Houghs Neck Maritime Center project has filed for Conservation

Commission approval for the removal and replacement of the existing boat launching ramp and associated rip-rap, as well as replacement of the pier of the existing floating dock and alignment of the floating dock through the installation of steel guide piles. The Maritime Center Complex is in the preliminary phase of design. The complex consists of the Public Landing, the Boat Ramp, the Maritime Center Floats, Maritime Center Building, the existing trailer parking lot and three homes within the footprint of the municipal/state property. The City of Quincy in partnership with MA DCR has filed an Environmental Notification Form for this project per Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The ENF is a filing to forecast what environmental impacts the project will have. I've included a link to the document on my website MargaretLaforest.com.

We currently have a building, a ramp, floats, a public landing and a parking lot. We are just assembling the team to design what the outcome will look like and we will have public involvement through each phase. The existing building is in the Velocity Zone of the FEMA flood maps. At this point, we are showing it in its existing location, but are aware it may get moved within the property footprint. The public landing has been band aided with spot repairs to the pilings and decking and needs to be replaced. It has been moved multiple times in the 100 years of its existence. It may remain where it is or it could get moved to behind the building, so it can be more accessible. There has been initial discussion with homeowners about acquiring their properties to incorporate them to improve traffic flow and widen the adjacent section of Bay View Ave. These decisions have not been made. MEPA review is not a permitting process. "MEPA requires public study, disclosure, and development of feasible mitigation for a proposed project. It does not pass judgement on whether a project is environmentally beneficial, or whether a project can or should receive a particular permit. Those decisions are left to the permitting agencies. MEPA review occurs before permitting agencies act, to ensure that they are fully cognizant of environmental consequences of their actions. I understand that many are confused by the permitting process and where things stand, I welcome you to contact me directly at 617-376-1351 to talk about this.

I have hosted two meetings with a group of neighbors relative to improvements to Macy Park/Grenham Playground. The

playground equipment at this location is geared for ages 2-5. With Labreque, Brill and Atherton Hough School having equipment for the older ages, it was agreed that this location should continue to have equipment focused on the younger ages. Requests were made for shade trees and amenities to include benches, picnic tables and more trash barrels. Neighbors expressed sanitation concerns and discussed disappointment with dogs use of this area. All agreed that the chain link fence is an eyesore and while wanting to keep kids contained, wondered if there's an alternative option that would keep kids in but deter people from using as a dog park. Neighbor Scott Bishop, owner of Bishop Land Design, offered a concept of a natural berm and to be designed so that landscaping serves as a perimeter barrier and eliminate the fence altogether. We will be incorporating nautical elements to suit our coastal community. I am finalizing a Community Preservation Grant for a \$200k for these proposed renovations.

FEMA recently issued their latest, and what I hope will be the last, version of flood maps. I encourage you to visit the City's website quincyma.gov, scroll down to find the "GIS Property Viewer" on the lower right side, and then enter your property's address. Back in the day, when many bought their houses they were told if you lived within a mile of the coast, you needed flood insurance. FEMA only requires flood insurance on homes when the structure, not their property, is in the flood plain. Many people have been unnecessarily paying flood insurance for years. I encourage you to view your home on the GIS viewer and welcome you to contact me with any questions. Quincy has more flood insurance policies than any other community in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I have been working to get the flood maps corrected over the last three years and this remains one of my top priorities and a top issue for Ward One. It is frustrating to deal with the impacts of a federal policy at the local level and I hope to visit Washington DC in the Spring with a group of elected officials from the South Shore to further elevate our concerns to our federal delegation. Happy New Year! Margaret

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On January 4, 2017 the 189th session of the General Court will close and the 190th session of the General Court will begin. A legislative session is two calendar years. On January 4th, the House and the Senate will formally announce the opening of the legislative session. The ceremony will include the Secretary of State's formal certification of the votes for each elected Representative and Senator and the Governor will swear in all 160 Representatives and 40 Senators in their respective chambers. This session there will be 12 new House members and 3 new Senators. The House and Senate will vote on temporary Joint Rules, which govern the operations of both branches, and temporary House Rules and Senate Rules, which govern their respective branches. Later in January, there will be a vote on setting the formal rules for the 190th legislative session.

On this day, the House will elect the Speaker of the House and the Senate will elect a Senate President. In addition, the minority party in each branch will elect their own leader. This session there will be 125 Democrats and 35 Republicans in the House. The Senate will have 34 Democrats and 6 Republicans. The leaders of the previous session will likely be reelected: Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop) to be the Speaker of the House, Brad Jones (R-North Reading) to be the House Minority Leader, Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst) to be the Senate President and Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) to be the Senate Minority Leader.

At the beginning of the new session,

the Speaker, the Senate President and the minority leaders hold a caucus with their memberships to present their recommendations for leadership positions and committee assignments. The House majority party has 9 leadership positions, and the House minority party has 5 leadership positions. The Senate majority party has 6 leadership positions and the Senate minority has 5 leadership positions.

The Massachusetts legislature has both Joint Committees and House and Senate Committees. Joint Committees include both a House and Senate chairperson to jointly oversee the committee and the members include legislators from both branches. Standing House and Senate committees are solely operated by their respective branches. This is unlike the United States Congress where all committees are in separate branches. Here at the State House, there are 27 Joint Committees, 11 House Standing Committees, 11 Senate Standing Committees and 2 Senate Special Committees. Once the caucuses approve the committee assignments recommended by leadership, legislative committees will be organized, committee staff will be hired or reassigned, and legislators and their staff will move to the appropriate offices. Bills that were filed can be referred to committee, hearings will be scheduled and committee meetings set. Committees are established under the Joint, House and Senate Rules, so it is possible that the committees names, the number of

committees, and/or the names and number of leadership positions may change. Hopefully, this process will be completed by the end of January or early February.

Legislation filed during 2015 and 2016 will expire at midnight on January 4th. Legislation for the 190th session must be filed by January 20th to be considered "on time". Legislation filed by January 20th is immediately referred to a joint legislative committee. Any legislation filed after January 20th is a late file and must go through the House Committee on Rules and the Senate Committee on Rules before it can be referred to a joint legislative committee.

In January, I will receive many emails, meetings and letters requesting sponsorship or co-sponsorship of legislation. Practically speaking, there is a limit to how many bills I am able to track at once. I do read and listen to every request made. Based on my experience from the past three legislative sessions, I expect well over 500 requests to be made to my office between January 4th and January 20th. I expect that by

January 20th there will be over 4,500 pieces of legislation filed by both the House and Senate combined.

I am honored that the voters of the Second Norfolk District have allowed me to be their representative for 2017 and 2018. I will continue to do my best to serve the people of Quincy and the Commonwealth. I am fortunate to be able to work with Representatives Ronald Mariano, Bruce Ayers, and Daniel Hunt as well as Senator John Keenan. They are great friends and colleagues.

I wish you a Happy New Year!

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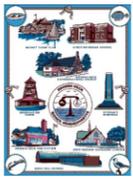
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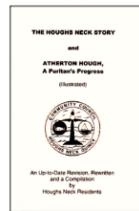
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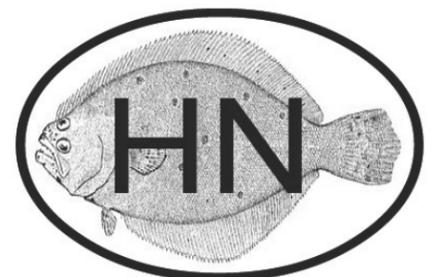
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