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# Noise study ready to get underway in Chelsea

By Adam Swift

Don't expect the jumbo jets to stop roaring over Chelsea anytime soon, but a new noise study could lead to a better understanding of sound levels and their health effects in the city.

The Community Noise Lab at Boston University's School of Public Health is conducting the study and collecting data free of charge to the city over the coming year. Last week, Erica Walker, the founder of the Community Noise Lab, met with residents at Green-Roots to discuss the scope and goals of the study.

"This is a study that is being done not just in Chelsea, but in several communities across Greater Boston," said

While there is an obvious interest from residents and city officials about noise levels from Logan Airport, Walker noted that the Noise Lab studies are about more than the straightforward measuring of decibels.

The Community Noise Lab's approach is centered community-identified noise issues, which it investigates using real-time sound monitoring as well as a downloadable phone app, NoiseScore, Walker said.

With the support of the community, the data is used to understand noise issues and their impacts.

"A lot of studies look at only how loud the noise is, not the frequencies and other issues," Walker said. "We are also interested in noise that you can feel and how it impacts your health."

Walker pointed to a sound map that she helped create for Boston, with one side showing sound levels, and the other factoring in the perception of noise by residents in different neighborhoods.

"East Boston is not one of the loudest areas in the city, but the perception of noise in the neighborhood is through the roof," Walker said.

In Chelsea, the Noise Lab's study will include the use of eight noise monitors

**BICYCLE GIVEAWAY** 



Kory Leong, six-years-old, admiring his new bicycle during the Knights of Pythias bicycle giveaway at the Chelsea Public Library on Thursday, Sept. 12. Six children who excelled in the summer reading program were awarded the bikes, and annual celebration to conclude summer reading. See Page 5 for more photos.

# **Chelsea Commuter Rail Station** has groundbreaking moment

By Seth Daniel

For more than 20 years, the Silver Line coming to Chelsea was a dream on paper. Now, the Silver Line

(SL3) service is up and running for more than a year and the final piece of that puzzle – the commuter rail station behind Market Basket – is now starting construction and will be in place soon.

Last Friday, City and State officials – and even special guest former City Manager Jay Ash - gathered on the site adjacent to the Basket to perform a ceremonial groundbreaking and cheer the final leg of the project that so many dreamed about for so long.

With a Notice to Proceed awarded to A.A. Will in June 2019 and early work beginning last month, the brand new ChelseaCommuter Rail Station will be

relocated approximately 1,800 feet west of the existing station for easier, more convenient transfers to the adjacent SL3 stop in Chelsea. The new station will also be a completely accessible facility and feature high-level platforms, new sidewalks, ramps, stairways, lighting, signage, canopies, benches, and windscreens. The

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City and State officials held an official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Commuter Rail Station behind Market Basket on Friday, Sept. 13. The new station will replace the old one and will provide much better interface with the new Silver Line. (L-R) Councilor Judith Garcia, former City Manager Jay Ash, Council President Damali Vidot, City Manager Tom Ambrosino, MBTA Director Steve Poktak, Gov. Charlie Baker, Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico and State Rep. Dan Ryan.

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# Chelsea High muralist hit his stride suddenly last summer

By Seth Daniel

It was as if sudden talent just fell from above on Chelsea High sophomore Sinai Galicia – who has distinguished himself over the last several months as a talented painter and muralist, with his most recent work

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being the beloved rubber ducky mural on Division Street.

repurpose the street.

Galicia, 16, said he has been inspired by art his whole life, and has partici-



Just Ducky: Chelsea High sophomore Sinai Galicia has suddenly found a talent for painting murals, and he's on a tear through the community. His latest work, a yellow rubber duck on Division Street, has drawn a lot of attention in the community and on social media as the City tries to

pated in school shows, but he said within the last six months, he has suddenly found a passion for painting murals - and he has gotten quite good at it very fast.

"My friends didn't believe it at first," he said. "It was a surprise to me too. For me, it was just a wakeup call. I was always interested in art my whole life, but I just wasn't very good at it. Then I just got very interested in painting and murals and started doing it. I wanted to be a doctor and since I got so interested in art, I've changed my career path totally. I want to look into interior design or archi-

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# Potential approval

Eastern Avenue marijuana facility close to permits for growing, selling

By Adam Swift

A proposed marijuana facility at 80 Eastern Ave. will be a soup to nuts operation. Or maybe more accurately, seed to smoke.

The applicants for the proposal, Jolo Can LLC, doing business as Harbor House Collective, appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) last week for a special permit hearing. Harbor House Collective still needs to go before the Planning Board in October before coming back to the ZBA in November for potential approval of the project.

While proposals for several retail marijuana shops have come before city officials, the 80 Eastern Ave. project differs in that it will include a cultivation and packaging facility in addition to a retail sales compo-

Harbor House Collective representatives stated

the facility located in the Designers Choice flower market will use the existing 24,700 sq. ft. building to grow and sell marijuana and marijuana products.

"We are aiming to produce 5,000 pounds per year at this facility," said Mike Farnum of Harbor House. The marijuana that is grown and cultivated will be for sale at the Eastern Avenue retail facility and will not be shipped to other locations.

"Everything will take place right here, we will be creating and cultivating all the products," Farnum

Once city and state approvals are granted, Farnum said there will be a three- to four-month seeding and growing process before any products are ready for sale.

Initial plans call for

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# **DoubleTree Hotel to sell** to new ownership group

By Seth Daniel

The City's Economic Development Board has apthe Wyndham Hotel the Pyramid Group out of Boston.

The hotel has been owned by WEDGE of Texas for many years, and was given a TIF agreement by the City a three years ago to help with renovations. The company fully renovated the property and updated most of the inside and outside - also switching the flag from Wyndham to DoubleTree.

Now, they are looking to sell it to the Pyramid Group, which is a 20-yearproved the sale of the Dou- old company based in BosbleTree Hotel - formerly ton. The company owns scores of hotels nationwide but locally they manage the Boston Harbor Hotel and the Revere Hotel Boston Common – both considered

> luxury properties. City Manager Tom Ambrosino said it was good news, and the sale came before the Board as it lies in the Urban Renewal Area of Everett Avenue.

"WEDGE is about to sell

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Kirenya Sanchez, Ms. Ambassador Honduras of Supreme Massachusetts looking regal indeed during the Latin American Independence Parade on Sunday, Sept. 15, on Broadway in Chelsea. The flags of Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Panama paraded down Broadway behind the American flag as hundreds followed. See page 11 for more photos.

# Rep. Vincent tours Chelsea Floor Covering Co. to discuss support of film industry tax credit

Slug: Rep. Vincent Tours Chelsea Floor Covering Co. to discuss Support of Film Industry Tax Credit

Art: One photo

State Rep. RoseLee Vincent recently met with Richie and Bradley Rosen, proprietors of the family-owned "Chelsea Floor Covering Co." located at 25 Everett Avenue in Chelsea to tour their business and discuss the importance of the film industry tax credit. For three generationsand ninety years-Chelsea Flooring has been known to provide quality floors and rugs to many homes and businesses in the Greater Boston area.

Over the last fifteen years or so, Chelsea Flooring has seen a decline in the retail aspect of its business because many consumers now tend to shop at big-box stores or online. This has created a gap and harmed this local, family owned business. However, when television shows and movies are filmed in the Greater Boston area, more often than not, production companies call on the Rosen family to supply them with floors and rugs for their sets. They work on many major productions a year; in just the past year they have worked on: "Morning Bell," "Castle Rock," "Slender Land" and "Wonderland." Additionally, Chelsea Flooring's building itself has been transformed into a movie set in the past, serving as "The Bridge Coffee Shop" in 2013's "The Equalizer." The business of the production companies in part subsidizes what has been lost through the average consumer shopping at the big-box retailers or on-

"Retaining the film industry tax credit is about helping small businesses across the Commonwealth, and with the Film Tax Credit sunset approaching, and production companies planning years out, Massachusetts may be left out if we do not act now to remove the Film Tax Credit sunset, said Representative RoseL- of local residents who live, spend their careers here.



Pictured from left to right: Mr. Bradley Rosen, Rep. RoseLee Vincent, and Mr. Richie.

ee Vincent. "I am proud to support the film industry tax credit because as is shown at Chelsea Flooring, it trickles down and greatly benefits our local, family owned businesses, oftentimes providing the lifeline that keeps them success-

The state's film and television production incentive program continues to create thousands of jobs and support local businesses here in the Commonwealth. It has made Massachusetts a leading filmmaking destination, supporting local families and creating an industry that helps countless small businesses in cities and towns all across this state.

Since the Film and Television Incentive became law in 2006, over 230 productions have filmed in over 220 Massachusetts cities and towns, together spending more than \$2.4 billion in the Commonwealth. The film and television productions brought here by the incentive program have a deep and widespread impact on the state's economy, growing a vibrant industry and employing thousands work, and pay taxes in Massachusetts communities.

Larger productions keep coming back, as they have established a significant footprint here and solid working relationships with hundreds of local film and television professionals and thousands of local businesses. Now, the state is finally attracting multi-year episodic television series, which employ more local workers, use more local businesses, and are the engine of growth for the in-

dustry in Massachusetts. The Film & Television Production Incentive has made Massachusetts leading filmmaking destination that supports thousands of local families with good-paying jobs and is creating a local industry that helps countless small businesses in cities and towns all across this state. The Commonwealth has created a vibrant ecosystem that has spun off small businesses and supports vendors and suppliers across the state. Workers have put their roots in our communities and built families here because they can now

# Gang member sentenced to prison for drug trafficking

A Chelsea man was sentenced on September 10, 2019, in federal court in Boston to six years in pris-

on for drug trafficking. Andres Perez, 26, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns to six years in prison and three years of supervised release during which time Perez is prohibited from associating with members of the East Side Money Gang.

In December 2017, Perez was indicted along with Cesar Alicea, also of Chelsea, who was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm. The government alleged that both men were members of the East Side Money Gang.

On Oct. 31, 2017, police officers observed a suspected drug deal from a car and then stopped the car, which was driven by Perez, with Alicea in the passenger

seat. Police removed Perez from the car and pat-frisked him. At the same time, Alicea fled from the car and threw an item, which was recovered and determined to be a .25 caliber Raven Arms pistol. Police later recovered crack cocaine from the car and found Perez in

Alicea pleaded guilty and was sentenced in January 2019 to 48 months in prison.

possession of heroin.

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# POLICE Briefs By SETH DANIEL AND PAUL KOOLLOIAN

### HATE CRIME: ATTACKED FOR BEING WHITE

On Sept. 6, at 11:25 p.m., officers responded to 925 Broadway for a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival, a victim stated he was attacked with a box cutter by an unknown male. The victim sustained minor injuries from being punched. The victim pointed out his attacker, and the male was placed under arrest. The victim was told by the male suspect that he was attacked because he was white. During the booking process illegal drugs were seized from the subject.

Olsen Cejour, 28, of 74 Shurtleff St., was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, civil rights violation with injury, resisting arrest, possession to distribute a Class A drug (subsequent), and two counts of possession of a Class E drug.

### BANK ROBBER ARRESTED

Chelsea Police have made an arrest in the Sept. 10 robbery of the TD Bank at 457 Broadway. Chelsea officers responded to an alarm activation at the bank at 4:42 p.m. Officers were given a description and direction of flight of the suspect. That information led officers to the suspect who was removed off of

an MBTA bus on Meridian Street in East Boston. Robert Rezendez, 66, of Boston, was placed under arrest without incident at that location. Chelsea officers recovered money and other evidence from Rezendez at the time of his arrest. No weapon was reportedly used in the robbery.

Chelsea Police are working with the FBI Bank Robbery Task Force in the continuing investigation.

### ASSAULTED **OFFICERS**

On Sept. 7, at 5:43 p.m., A CPD officer walking on Broadway observed male yelling profanities at pedestrians. When the officer's inquired what was going on, the male turned his aggression on the officers, including spitting on both officers. He was placed under arrest

William Cryer, 36, of Boston, was charged disorderly conduct, threatening to commit a crime, disturbing the peace, and two counts of assault and battery on a police officer.

### POSSESSION OF **KNIVES**

On Sept. 8, at 2 p.m., officers inside the police station were alerted of an altercation on Broadway. Officers left the station and stopped two juveniles who witnesses stated were involved. Both juveniles were

found to be in possession of knives and placed under ar-

Santos Canizalez, 19, of 155 Pearl St., was charged with carrying a dangerous

A 17 year old juvenile was charged with dangerous weapons ordinance.

# **NAKED MAN IN** THE SPRINKLER

On Sept. 10, at 12:56 p.m., A CPD officer was dispatched to Highland Park for the report of three males drinking in public. A witness reported that one of the men was taking his clothes off. Officers arrived and arrested one male for being naked and dancing around under the on-field sprinkler system.

Arturo Cuellar, 48, of 50 Heard St., was charged with open and gross lewdness and furnishing a false name.

### **BOMB THREAT ON INSTAGRAM**

On Sept. 10, at 6 p.m., officers responded to a Spencer Avenue address for a report of threats. The victim's told officers that the identified male had sent them disturbing threats via Instagram posts. The male was arrested after being identified.

Sylvester Dosreis, 34, of 144 Bellingham St., was charged with making a bomb threat.

# Two Mexican drug traffickers arrested after two-kilogram cocaine seizure

Two Mexican nationals were arrested and charged in federal court in Boston in connection with selling two kilograms of cocaine.

Carlos Acosta Estrella, 31, and his mother, Ana Guadalupe Acosta Grajeda, 56, were arrested on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019 and charged in a criminal complaint with one count of possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine.

According to a criminal complaint, Estrella and Grajeda were arrested by law enforcement agents in East Boston after they were videotaped selling two kilograms of cocaine to a cooperating witness.

Federal agents executed a search warrant of the East Boston apartment were the defendants were located and seized one kilogram of suspected fentanyl, one kilogram of suspected heroin, numerous cellphones, a high-powered tactical shotgun with a laser sight, and a box of ammunition for the shotgun.

The charging statute provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of five years and up to 40 years in prison, at least four years of supervised release, and a fine of \$5 million. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Brian D. Boyle, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England Field Division; and Boston Police Commissioner William Gross made the announcement today. Assistant U.S Attorney Christopher Pohl of Lelling's Narcotics and Money Laundering Unit is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the criminal complaint are allegations. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.





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about 35 employees at the facility with retail hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days per week.

City Councillor Joe Perlatonda asked if the employees hired by Harbor House Collective will all be Chelsea residents. Harbor House representatives stated that while they are not required to hire all Chelsea residents, they will make a good-faith effort to make sure 50 percent of the employees are city residents.

ZBA Chair Janice Tatarka asked about security at the facility.

Security will include

approximately 80 cameras covering all areas of the facility, and there will also be several silent security alarms and at least two security officers on duty at all

City Planning Director John DePriest said Police Chief Brian Kyes is satisfied with the security plan.

•In other business, the ZBA held a public hearing on a special permit for a proposed nine-unit, three-story condominium complex at 75-79 Spencer

DePriest said the Planning Department supports the proposal.

"The petitioner has been working with the department for the better part of a year, and they developed a revised plan that fits in with the neighborhood better," said DePriest.

Perlatonda said he was glad to see a proposal for owner-occupied units in the city to help balance the number of rental develop-

ments in the city. The project will go before the Planning Board on Sept. 24, and come back to the ZBA for a vote on the special permit Oct. 10.

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that will be rotated at different locations throughout the next several months. Those monitors will be placed both at the residences of volunteers, and at var-

ious municipal locations. Walker said there are currently about 50 locations slated for monitoring.

In addition, Walker encouraged residents to download and use the NoiseScore app, which can provide real-time recording of noise levels for use in the

There is also a community noise survey she urged residents to take part in on the Community Noise Lab website at noiseandthecity.

City Councillor Roy Avellaneda asked if the collected data will be able

tecture. I want to work with

big companies and design

innovative spaces. I want to

put my style into buildings

same time."

modern and fun at the

For the moment, though,

That came through re-

cently when he painted

a featured mural in the

City's effort to revive and

repurpose Division Street.

During an artist work day

on Aug. 24, Galicia created

a mural of his own choice

– and it was a fun take on a

It immediately got a lot

bright yellow rubber ducky.

of attention because it was

recognizable, fun and col-

Chelsea Downtown Co-

ordinator Mimi Graney

said many passers-by and those working were excited

to take selfies with the new

mural, and it was certainly

the most popular work of

"I was surprised that so

orful.

the day.

he is focused on painting

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to correlate noise with airplane traffic.

"It won't be as specific as that, but we can correlate (the data) with general air flight data over the area," Walker said. She also noted that the study is about more than tracking noise from Logan airport.

"The data will be freely available to use," she said. While the study probably won't be enough to change flight patterns over Chelsea by itself, Walker said it will arm the city with informa-

During the presentation, City Manager Tom Ambrosino asked when the noise study would get un-

"We are just waiting for the greenlight," Walker

many people liked it," said

Galicia. "I was just doing it,

doing something quick and

people went for it. I was just

trying to that I could do in a

realistic time. I wanted to

do something people would

recognize in a yellow color.

They wanted it to be Insta-

grammable, so I though – a

on a mural in the Cherry

Street Parking Lot for the

Chelsea Night Market, and

he also did a mural at the

Community Garden near

ralist Demetrius Fuller has

been a great help and inspi-

ration, he said, and has been

helpful in Galicia's sudden

He said he is trying to get more and more work, and

has had meetings recently

in Medford to try to paint

a mural there. However,

he does enjoy sprucing up

Chelsea whenever he can

Chelsea teacher and mu-

Galicia has also worked

rubber ducky."

Chelsea High.

art awakening.

get a chance.

"You have the greenlight," Ambrosino "Go for it."

At a City Council meeting earlier this month, Ambrosino also stated that there have been discussions with a Georgia firm to conduct additional noise testing at a cost of \$25,000. The City Manager recommended the Council approve using money from the City's stabilization fund to pay for the additional testing.

District 1 Councillor Robert Bishop said he supports noise testing, but was against funding it from the city's stabilization fund, which he said should be the last option for funding city programs and requests.

"I feel like Chelsea has

been under a very dark

cloud," he said. "I feel it's

a privilege to be able to do

something to draw positive

attention to it. I want people

to feel like it's a safe com-

munity and not a dangerous

community. I like to do that

classes at Chelsea High,

and enjoys painting with

new media. He said he has

heard that one can do amaz-

ing things with gunpowder,

but of course, he doesn't

have access to that so he's

sticking with traditional

In his free time, he said

He said he wanted to

he draws about five hours

a day – which explains his

thank his parents Sarai

and Giovanni, as well as

his friend, Naason Joaquin Garcia - who has been in-

sudden talent for murals.

Galicia is taking art

with colors."

paint for now.

spirational

# U.S. Citizen extradited from Brazil pleads guilty to wire fraud charges

A former accountant pleaded guilty this month in federal court in Boston in connection with a \$2 million wire fraud scheme.

Christopher Morris, 48, formerly of Lowell and Chelsea, pleaded guilty to four counts of wire fraud and 12 counts of unlawful monetary transactions. U.S. District Court Senior Judge Douglas P. Woodlock scheduled sentencing for Dec. 10, 2019. In November 2014, Morris was charged in an indictment in the District of Massachusetts. In May 2019, he was extradited from Brazil, where he had been living since 2013.

Morris admitted that he participated in a wire fraud scheme targeting his employer PBS Distribution (PBSd), a media distribution business with operations in Allston and elsewhere. Morris' position gave him access to U.S. mail addressed to PBSd's accounting department, including checks payable to PBSd. Beginning as early as January 2008 and continuing through September 2012, Morris took more than \$2 million in checks under the guise of depositing them into PBSd's bank accounts, but he instead endorsed them to himself and deposited them into a personal bank account. Morris used his access to PBSd's accounting system to conceal the theft by, among other steps, fraudulently causing credits to be issued to the accounts of customers whose checks he stole, and by causing PBSd's general ledger to be altered to show that the same customers had made payments. Morris spent the proceeds of the scheme on a lavish lifestyle that included, among other expenses,

year-long apartment rentals in New York City's Greenwich Village and Tribeca neighborhoods, the down payment, purchase and upkeep of a waterfront condominium in Chelsea, and luxury clothing, dining and travel, including a \$16,000 two-week South American

The charges of wire fraud provide for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000 on each count. The charge of unlawful monetary transactions provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of the greater of either \$250,000 or twice the value of the criminally derived property. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based on the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

the property to a local group that runs a lot of hotels," he said. "It was a good sale. We were a little worried because when someone is selling a hotel, you worried about who may buy it. But this is a good sale to a very good operator."

The sale is said to be ready for passing papers in mid-October.

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**Charity Golf Tournament** 

The Winnisimmet Club's 42nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 at noon at the Cedar Glen Golf Course in Saugus.

A reception will follow at the Merritt Club at 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Peter Steriti at 617-884-1734.

# CHS 67-68 Reunion

The committee for the Chelsea High School classes of 1967 and 1968 have planned a Reunion on October 5, 2019, 6PM at Anthony's (105 Canal Street, Malden, MA 02149).

For further information and to purchase tickets directly online go to: www. chelseahs6768.com/class\_ index.cfm.

The DoubleTree, then the Wyndham, was perhaps the defining moment in the turnaround of Chelsea – opening its doors in 2000-2001. It was the first hotel in Chelsea at the time and was considered a major

risk. However, its presence gave birth to major growth in the hotel market in the city, with it now boasting some five hotel properties and another under construction.

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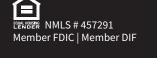


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## ENJOY THE FALL SEASON

Despite the exceptionally wonderful and warm early-fall weather we have been enjoying recently, the calendar does not lie -- and the fall season squarely is upon us.

For many New Englanders, autumn is our favorite time of year.

Even the warmest of days are tempered by cool nights, bringing a crispness to the air that is devoid of the stickiness of summer's languid humidity. All of us (especially those of us who are getting on in years) breathe more easily when the dew point is not in the oppressive range.

Unlike summer, when the heat and humidity confine us to our air-conditioned homes, cars, and offices, fall beckons us to get outside and be active, whether we're hardcore athletes or those who just like to take a nice walk.

Fall also is foliage season, arguably the most-glorious time of year in our region, when splashes of color are everywhere, bringing us nature's palate that is a feast for the eyes. The French philosopher Albert Camus put it this way, "Autumn is a second spring, when every leaf is a flower."

An autumn hike in the mountains of New Hampshire, Vermont, and the Berkshires truly is a Zen-like experience.

However, as with everything in life, fall is fleeting. By this weekend, the leaves already will be turning color in far northern New England and the profusion of reds, oranges, and yellows will drift southward over the ensuing few weeks. We recall being in Portland, Maine (when our children were younger and they were at a Columbus Day weekend soccer tournament) and the leaves turned color seemingly overnight during our stay.

So enjoy the fall while it is here and take advantage of the all-too-brief window of opportunity to create memories that will last a lifetime for ourselves and our families.

**Your opinions, please** The Chelsea Record welcomes letters to the editor.

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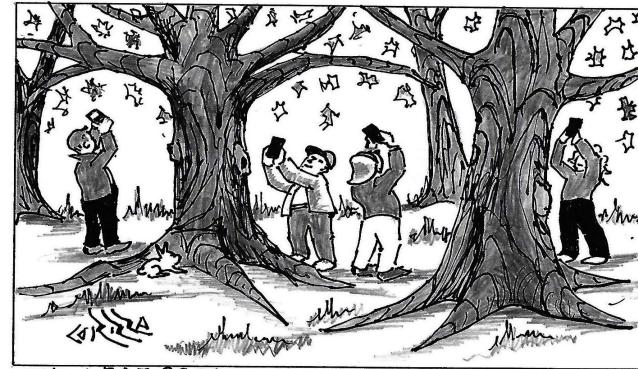
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# Forum



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# GUEST OP-ED

# Why we all need improved Medicare for All now

By Maria Termini

Plain and simple we need Improved Medicare for All now to make sure everyone has the healthcare they need. Currently many people cannot get the healthcare they need. They can't afford healthcare and they suffer and die and this is wrong. Healthcare is a matter of life and death, a human need, a human right. Every day people are denied that right because they can't afford it, even with insurance. Our profit-based healthcare system is the most expensive and complicated in the world. In order to keep their profits high for their stockholders, insurance companies are raising their premiums, and increasing deductibles, copayments and out of pocket expenses.

Many people can't afford the co-payments. My friend Melinda is a single parent with a job that pays barely above minimum wage. She has health insurance. Each time she takes her son to a doctor, she has a co-payment of \$70 which is a financial hardship. Melinda herself hasn't been to a doctor in many years because she can't afford the co-payment even though she has some medical problems. So, she suffers.

We have about 1,600 different insurance companies in the U.S. and this results in high administrative costs, endless paper work, and a very high overhead to pay for all their advertising and ways to deny care. This drives up the costs. The insurance companies pay their

executives salaries of millions of dollars. When the former CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield, Clive Killingsworth left his job a few years ago, he walked away with a golden parachute of 11.3 million dollars in compensation and he had only worked there six years. Because these executives are overpaid, the premiums and costs keep increasing. And more and more people can't afford to get the care they need.

Insurance companies have many complicated regulations and the fine print is often unintelligible and with horrible consequences. A woman received an emergency heart transplant at a hospital in her health plan's network. However, no one bothered to tell her that the transplant surgeons didn't take her particular insurance. They billed her \$70,000 and sent collection agencies and lawyers after her while she was still home recuperating. She may have recovered but chances are good she has lost

her home.

The cost of prescription drugs is soaring. Insulin is now so expensive some diabetics can't afford it. Some ration this most necessary drug, taking a dose every other day. Some die because the drug companies insist on making a huge profit. I was in Bolivia a few years ago and got bit by a dog and needed rabies shots. They were \$35 each there. I got my final shot in the US and it was \$1,300.

Our healthcare costs have actually increased despite the complex legislation known as the Affordable

Care Act (also known as Obamacare.) This legislation was written by the insurance companies and for the insurance companies. The reality is that the Affordable Care Act is not going to make healthcare affordable, only more expensive as premiums, deductibles and out of pocket expenses get higher and higher each year, escalating beyond the current rates of inflation. The costs go higher because of our profit driven system.

We cannot let this system continue. Our health is very important. We cannot be complacent and accept the healthcare system we have as the way things are. We must do something now about changing our healthcare system for the better. We need to get corporate profits out of the healthcare equation.

The solution to our healthcare crisis is Improved Medicare for All, a system of non-profit single payer healthcare, publicly funded, privately administered. Improved Medicare for All will provide affordable healthcare for everyone, increased access to prevention and early intervention, providing dental and vision care. Preventive care is critical. I know too many women who have died because of delayed cancer diagnoses. Improved Medicare for All is a simple system. It will reduce administrative waste and can bargain for the best prices for drugs and medical services. Hospitals and physicians will no longer need huge billing departments to process complicated insurance forms. There would be

no need for private health insurance. Improved Medicare for All would be funded by a small tax and premiums, deductibles, copayments would be eliminated. We would pay a lot less for Improved Medicare for All than the current bloated system.

Canada has single-payer healthcare. In Canada no one dies because they are uninsured or can't afford health care. Canadians live longer and are healthier than us and spend about half per capita on healthcare costs than we do in the U.S. No one loses their home because they can't pay medical bills. Diabetics get the insulin they

We can get Improved Medicare for All by passing legislation. There are bills in the Massachusetts Statehouse (House 1194, Senate 683) and also the U.S. Congress (HR 1384, Senate 1129) for Improved Medicare for All. I urge you to study these bills and insist your legislators pass them. Having the healthcare we need and having it be affordable is a critical issue that touches all of us. It's not a partisan issue. It's just simple justice. Let's work together for Improved Medicare for All and make healthcare a valued human right. We need to make our voices heard. It will not be easy. but together we can do it.

Maria Termini is an artist and public speaker. She works with Mass Care and Healthcare Now and lives in Boston. She can be contacted at: mariatermini2013@gmail.com.

# Melinda Vega Maldonado running for Council in District 2

My name is Melinda Vega Maldonado and I am a candidate for City Council in District 2. I'm a life-long Chelsea resident, a Department Coordinator at NOAH in East Boston, proud mother of Armani and Akyllis, and wife of Chelsea Police Officer Jonathan Maldonado. I aspire to serve as your city councilor, and want to build unity alongside other City Council members to work collectively to improve our city and to create equitable policies that can have a positive impact in the community of Chelsea.

I was raised in Chelsea and attended the Chelsea Public Schools. I am the daughter of community activist Gladys Vega, and sister of Juan Marrero, a former dispatcher at the Chelsea Police Department. Being raised in a single-parent household, I

had a lot of responsibilities

and I knew at an early age

that I had to work hard to

get far in life and fortunately for me, I had a great role model to follow. I followed my mother's footsteps and became a community organizer, starting with environmental justice issues like campaigning to get access to our Chelsea Creek and advocating for more green space. As well as Youth Empowerment issues ensuring youth have a voice, which is why I served as the Chelsea School Committee for District 3 in 2007-2011. As the youngest School Committee member, I ensured the youth attended monthly meetings, collaborated with teachers, and superintendent to strengthen and expand our Caminos program, advocate for more funding at the state level, and served as the president of the Policies and Procedures subcommittee. I also held office hours with my

constituents so I can build

relationships, educate and

create awareness of issues

pertaining to our schools.

Throughout my career as a Community Organizer, my main priority has always been building strong trusting relationships with the community by getting to know them personally, listening to their needs and concerns and supporting them in solving these issues. My background is focused on Youth Empowerment, Leadership Development, Environmental, and Climate Justice, Housing and Immigration advocacy.

and Immigration advocacy.

Thus far while door-knocking in my neighborhood, some of the community concerns mentioned were the lack of awareness of development happening in Powderhorn Hill, high water rates, tax hikes, our education system, displacement, immigration as well as the need for more safe spaces for young people. All issues that I agree with and look forward to working to-

gether with my neighbors to

resolve these issues.

I'm running for political office because I've dedicated and invested my career ensuring people are empowered by uplifting the voiceless and underrepresented and fighting for our rights regardless of race, income or culture. If elected by you, I commit to listening to your needs and concerns, being transparent and ensuring that you are part of the decision making processes that impact you, our neighborhood, and our quality of life. My vision for change is to work with my community to build unity, positive change, and a stronger Chelsea for the now and the future generations to With your vote on Sep-

tember 24 for the Preliminary Election and November 5 for the City Election, we can make Chelsea the best place to live.

# READ & RIDE



The Knights of Pythias presented six bicycles and helmets to children at the Chelsea Public Library.

Six Lucky Youngsters Receive New Bicycles For Their Participation in the CPL Summer Reading Program

The Knights of Pythias presented bicycles and helmets to six children for their summer reading accomplishments at the Chelsea Public Library during a September 12 ceremony. Recipients were congratulated for their hard work and also received medals and Frisbees for their diligence.

'We help people," said Past Grand Chancellor, Harvey Slobodkin, about the Knights of Pythias. "Reading is excellent, and I want to thank the parents for pushing and guiding your children to read."

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA



Seven-year-old Valentina and her father, Giovanny Zuniga.



Rudolph Mederious, Past Grant Chancellor,

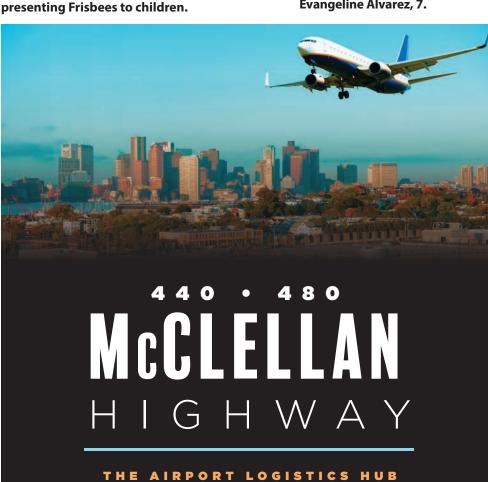


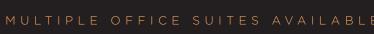
Evangeline Alvarez, 7.



Eliana Hernandez, eight-years-old, receiving a medal.

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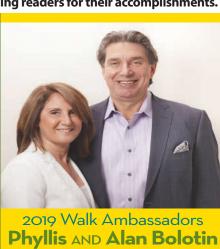


Harvey Slobodkin, Past Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias.



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### FOUNDERS' DAY AT WALNUT STREET SYNAGOGUE

Photos and story By Cary Shuman

More than 225 guests attended the Walnut Street Synagogue Founders' Day celebration held Sunday at the 110-year-old shul.

Edward Medros, president of the synagogue, was emcee for the speaking program.

"It has been the honor of my life to serve as president of Chelsea's oldest surviving immigrant-era shul," wrote Medros in the beautifully composed souvenir booklet. "We are here today because I am trying to preside over a rebirth of this holy shul."

The event paid tribute to the Chelsea families who helped found the shul. Several descendants of those families attended the celebration.

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino and District 5 Councillor Judith Garcia made special presentations to Medros honoring the synagogue and its 110-year existence as a place of worship in the city.

The other speakers were Harold Mindel, long-time member of the Walnut Street Synagogue, Rabbi Moshe Liberow, synagogue spiritual advisor, Rabbi Elyse Winick of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Dr. Samuel Gruber, international Jewish art and architecture historian, and Norman Finklestein, Boston Jewish historian and award-winning author.

Musician and songwriter Sheldon Young delivered a clever song in honor of the synagogue. The song was well received by the many guests in attendance.

Medros presented a special award to honorary chair Herbert Kupersmith, a philanthropist whose volunteer and fundraising efforts have been instrumental in preserving the synagogue through the years.

Congratulations to Edward Medros and the planning committee for a great event "honoring the past and building for the future."



Roberta Mendelsohn, Delphine Frank, Murray Frank, Cookie Kupersmith, and Herbie Kupersmith.



Harvey and Mildred Tobolsky, who were married on Aug. 28, 1960, at the Walnut Street Synagogue.



District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown, Herbie Kupersmith, Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and Cookie Kupersmith.



Roberta Rubin, Sherri Rosenthal, and Jan Rubin.



Selma Blacker, Norman Blacker, Janet Promisel, Elliot Promisel, Ellen Kaidel, and Bill Kaidel.



Michele Fishel, Carol Michael, Dr. Ellen Rovner, and Barry Weisman.



Nick Marino and Minna Karas-Marino.



President Edward Medros and Norman Finklestein, Boston Jewish historian and award-winning author, one of the featured speakers during the program. Dr. Samuel D. Gruber, international Jewish art and architecture historian, was also a featured speaker.



Rabbi Moshe Liberow, spiritual advisor to the Walnut Street Synagogue, and President Edward Medros.



The family of Celia Cohen, who was a lifelong member of the Walnut Street Synagogue.



Walnut Street Synagogue President Edward Medros and family, from left, Adam Medros, Nathan Medros, Ruth Medros, Edward Medros, Jonathan Medros, and Alicia Medros.

# FOUNDERS' DAY AT WALNUT STREET SYNAGOGUE



Isabel Alster, Tom Barth, Rachel Barth, and Rebecca Barth.



The Zabot and Zabot-Hall families.



City Manager Thomas Ambrosino and District 5 Councillor Judith Garcia presented a Chelsea Resolution and Proclamation honoring the synagogue for being an important part of the community for 110 years and proclaiming Sept. 15 as Walnut Street Synagogue Founders Day.



Ralph Spiegel and Ellen Spiegel.



Sheldon Young, who wrote and sang a song honoring the Walnut Street Synagogue, and Sandra Padulsky.



Jacob Resnek, Ruth Resnek, Joshua Resnek, and Uyen Ho. The Resnek family has had a major role in Chelsea's Jewish history dating back more than a century.



Rick Gopen, Burt Freedman, Roberta Rubin, Jan Rubin, and Jay Freedman.



Walnut Street President Edward Medros presented a special award to Herbie Kupersmith honoring his extraordinary commitment to the Walnut Street Synagogue. The award has been named the Herbert Kupersmith Award and will be presented annually.



Steve Selbovitz, Marlene Goodman, and Dr. Leslie Selbovitz.



Ronald Robinson, Councillor-at-Large Roy Avellaneda, and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



Dottie and Murray Novak.



Edythe Shuman and Rabbi Oksana Chapman, spiritual leader of Temple Emmanuel, Chelsea.



Sandra Nataupsky Shaul and Haviv Shaul.

# Rail Station / Continued from Page 1

station is expected to be complete in 2021. With station construction costs of \$32 million, the total project budget, which includes administrative, project, and support services, is \$37.7



Joe Mahoney and Bob

Governor Charlie Baker, MassDOT Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack, and MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak joined municipal leaders, elected officials, and local stakeholder groups on Friday.



Former City Manager Jay Ash (and former State Housing Secretary) and



Carlos Matos of the downtown initiative, Chamber Director Rich Cuthie, and Deise Paraguay of the new downtown



City Manager Tom Ambrosino and Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack.

"Relocating and upgrading the Chelsea Commuter Rail Station is an important part of delivering better service in Chelsea, furthering our administration's work to deliver a more reliable system for customers," said Gov. Baker. "This project will transform Chelsea Station into a multi-modal, fully accessible transit station that increases access to jobs and housing for MBTA rid-

Pollack said the station was part of a major capital plan that the MBTA is carrying out for the next five years.

"The MBTA is executing a five-year, \$8 billion Capital Investment Program that prioritizes core system investments and customer improvements such as this Chelsea Commuter Rail Station," said Pollack. "Thank you to everyone who has supported our capital investments and who have been our partners as we modernize the T, including the Fiscal and Management Control Board, members of the Massachusetts Legislature, local leaders, transportation advocates, and our customers."

While the T has faced sharp criticism in about every corner of Greater Boston lately, Poftak said the commuter rail station and the Silver Line serice are proof positive that the T is making progress.

"Chelsea Station is proof tomers."

opening of this station in

of the progress we're making to build a better MBTA," said Poftak. "Once complete, Chelsea Station will be a multi-modal transit hub that will improve our services by providing more travel options for our cus-

Serving the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Line, the current Chelsea Commuter Rail Station is inconvenient for transfers to other modes of service, including the SL3. The current Chelsea Station is also not accessible for persons with disabilities either and sits in a very precarious place for pedestri-

"This is a great day for the residents of Chelsea," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "This new Commuter Rail station will be a huge benefit for Chelsea and provide a modern and accessible station for all commuters. I look forward to the

ans and vehicles.

State Rep. Dan Ryan said it's one of many investments now being unveiled in his district of Chelsea and Charlestown.

"This is part of a major investment in my district so that we are no longer pass communities," through he said. "We will have the same access to the Commuter Rail and Silver Line and then we will no longer have to wave to them as they passed through our community taking other people into Boston.'

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he was grateful to state and federal leaders to continue working to get funding for the Phase 2 part of the Silver Line, which included the Commuter Rail

"It wasn't certain at one point, but I want to thank everyone for pushing to make sure we got that critical funding," he said.

Council President Damali Vidot said having access to the Commuter Rail will help to lift low-income people out of poverty by giving them better access to jobs in the Seaport and South Sta-

"I am grateful for the investments on behalf of the MBTA into modernizing our transit infrastructure,' said Chelsea City Council President Damali Vidot. "Having a robust transit system that serves more of our hard-working families is vital to our quality of life and an important tool in lifting folks out of poverty."

Jay Ash was also in attendance, having been a key leader to help bring the Silver Line to Chelsea many years ago. "It's great to see how everything here has come together," he said. "You will have one-seat access to ei-

ther North Station or South

Station. Think about that in

Former City Manager

terms of the importance of accessing the economy." During construction. MBTA crews and contractors will also completely demolish the current Chelsea Station, upgrade rail signaling systems and traffic crossings, make improvements to traffic signals at three intersections that cross the Silver Line busway (Everett Avenue, Spruce Street, and Arlington Street), and improve transit signal priority for the SL3 in Chelsea, enhancing safety and reliability of the

Silver Line service through

the immediate area. Construction will include utility work and the drilling of new foundations for the station's new platforms and canopies. As a result, there may be area road closures and/or traffic detours, though all pedestrian and bicycle access at SL3 stations will remain the same. Traffic crossing work will also require six weekend shutdowns in commuter rail service between 2019 and 2021, which are currently being scheduled.

To learn more about this project to reconstruct Chelsea Commuter Rail Station and its related impacts, customers, area residents, and the public are encouraged to attend a Public Information Meeting being held at Chelsea City Hall on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m.



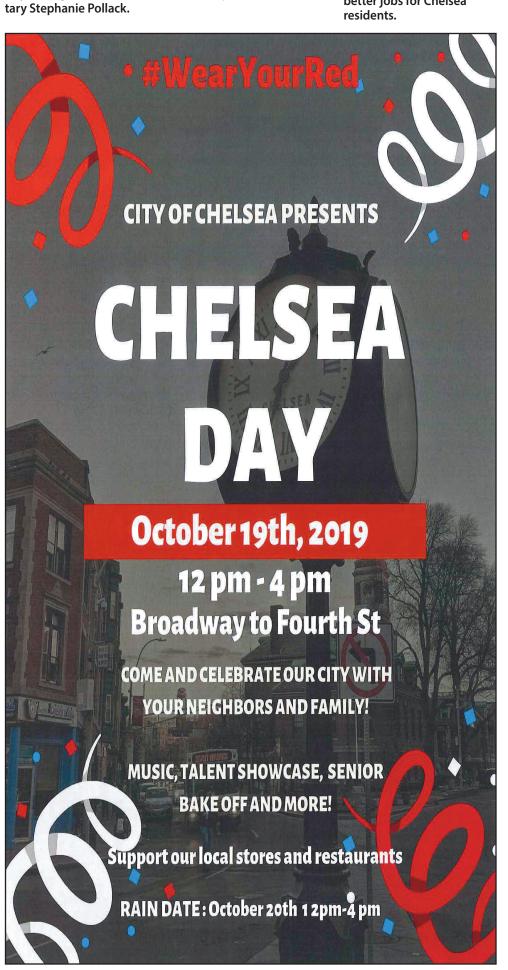
transit that once only passed through the city without stopping.



**Council President Damali** Vidot said access to the commuter rail could unlock better jobs for Chelsea residents.



**Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack and former City** Manager Jay Ash.





# **Sports**

# CHS SPORTS Roundup

### CHS FOOTBALL TO HOST KIPP ACADEMY FRIDAY

The Chelsea High football team will host KIPP Academy this Friday evening under the lights at Chelsea Stadium. The opening kickoff for the CHS edition of Friday Night Lights is set for 7:00.

The Red Devils dropped their season-opener this past weekend at Shawsheen Academy in Billerica by a score of 49-6.

"Mistakes and penalties killed us," said CHS head coach Rasi Chau. "Every time we drove down to their side of the field, we kept shooting ourselves in the foot. We can't make mistakes and have penalties against a good team like Shawsheen, because they will capitalize on your mistakes."

Quarterback Joshua Sosa turned in an overall productive day for the Red Devil offense. Joshua went 3-for-10 for 99 yards in the passing department. His longest was a 28 yarder to Carlos Pesante-Ortega. Sosa also rushed for 31 yards, including a nine-yard burst for the Chelsea touchdown.

Pesante-Ortega ran for 69 yards and Erick Flores rushed for 31 yards.

"We play KIPP Academy this Friday and we will need a good week of practice in all three phases of the game," said Chau. "We can't beat ourselves if we want to win."

# CHS BOYS SOCCER IMPROVES TO 2-0-2

The Chelsea High boys soccer team enjoyed a successful week, winning two of its three contests and ty-

ing the third.

The Red Devils easily handled Greater Lowell last Tuesday by a score of 7-0.

Delmer Romero and Jordon Pena led the Chelsea offense with two goals apiece. Brayan Ramonez, Gabriel Garcia, and Alex Uceda also reached the back of the GL net.

This past Tuesday, the Red Devils hosted Shawsheen Tech and came away with a 3-1 triumph.

Eric Barahona, assisted by Andy Martinez, gave Chelsea an early lead and Jordon Sosa, assisted by Romero, made it 2-0 in Chelsea's favor at the intermission.

Romero gave Chelsea an extra cushion with his fifth goal of the season, assisted by Gabriel Garcia, to make it 3-0. Shawsheen averted a shutout with a goal with 50 seconds left on the clock.

In between the victories,

the Red Devils battled to a 2-2 deadlock with Lynn Tech last Friday. Romero put the Red Devils on the scoreboard with an unassisted goal at 23:17, Tech, with great pressure on the counterattack, brought the game back to level on a direct kick at 31:32.

The Red Devils wasted little time in regaining the advantage, with Henry Vasquez heading home a corner kick by Andy Martinez at 36:00 to take a 2-1 edge into the half.

However, the Red Devils were unable to reach the back of the Tech net after the intermission, allowing the Tigers to stay in the game. Tech took advantage of the opportunity, netting the equalizer at 68:11 for the 2-2 finale.

Coach Mick Milutinovic

and his crew are set to make the long trek to Essex Aggie today (Thursday) and will host Minuteman Tech on Monday afternoon. They will travel to Greater Lawrence on Tuesday.

# CHS BOYS DEFEAT TWO FOES IN TRI-MEET

The Chelsea High boys and girls cross country teams kicked off their 2019 season with a trimeet against Whittier Tech and Presentation of Mary at Admiral's Hill on a stiflingly-hot afternoon last Wednesday.

The Red Devil boys' squad, the defending Commonwealth Athletic Conference champions, escaped against Whittier with a 26-29 victory and easily handled the third team in the meet, Presentation of Mary Academy, by the score of 16-43.

Junior Oscar Amaya, who pushed the pace the entire race, finished in second place overall in the meet. Senior Jazmany Reyes crossed the line in fourth place overall, followed by newcomers Alex Estrada in fifth and Johnny Maldonado in sixth, who passed two Whittier runners in the last 1000 meters to secure the win for Chelsea.

Joseph Tervel was the fifth finisher for the Red Devils, clinching the double victories.

"It was a great start to the season," said veteran CHS head coach Don Fay. "It was hot out there, but the boys were aggressive and tough when they needed to be."

On the girls' side, the Lady Red Devils were unable to field the minimum



Helping out at the concession stand during the Chelsea Pop Warner game were these local residents.

number of five runners to have a team because of low numbers and injuries. However, the three CHS girls who competed turned in impressive performances.

Captain Percy Melgar was the winner against Whittier and took second against PMA with a time that was 1:40 faster than her previous personal record.

Senior Ana Chang, running in her first cross-country meet, finished just 13 seconds behind Melgar to finish in third place overall. Sophomore Gabby Rivas, who also was competing in her first cross-country meet, came across the line in fifth place overall.

"It was unfortunate for the girls that they did not have an opportunity to win this meet as a team, but they did well individually," said Fay. "Hopefully next week we will have five runners competing."

Fay and his teams were set to host Mystic Valley at Admiral's Hill yesterday (Wednesday). They will entertain Minuteman Tech next Wednesday, September 25.

# CHS GIRLS SOCCER WINS TWO CONTESTS

The Chelsea High girls soccer team enjoyed a successful week, winning two of its three matches, culminating with a 3-2 win over Notre Dame Academy in which Chelsea overcame a 2-0 deficit in the second half.

Last Monday the Lady Red Devils earned a 2-0 shutout victory at Lynn Tech. Elena Ruiz and Stefany Castillo scored the goals for Chelsea.

Three days later coach Randy Grajal's squad made the long trek to Tyngsboro to take on NDA and came home with their most exciting victory of the season.

The Lady Red Dev-

ils trailed 2-0 at the half, but refused to give up and scored three goals after the intermission to earn the big win. Nancy Galdamez scored two goals and Damaris Erazo reached the back of the NDA net once to lead the CHS scoring attack.

"We have a good group of girls who worked together to be able to overcome the deficit," said Grajal.

In between the twin wins,

Chelsea dropped a 5-1 decision to Greater Lowell in which Ruiz scored the CHS

The Lady Red Devils played at Shawsheen this past Tuesday and will host Essex Tech today (Thursday). They will entertain Minuteman Regional at Highland Park on Monday and make the short trek to Medford on Tuesday.

# CHS VOLLEYBALL TEAM FALLS TO LYNN TECH

The Chelsea High volleyball team dropped a 3-0 decision to Lynn Tech this past Monday.

Hailey Nolan led the Lady Red Devils at the net with nine kills and four blocks. Steph Turcios delivered nine service aces at the Lady Tigers and dished out nine assists to her teammates.

Gloria Rodriguez was a standout on defense, recording 13 digs.

Coach Gabriel Morales and his squad took on Northeast Regional yesterday (Wednesday) and will play at Mystic Valley tomorrow (Friday). They will host PMA on Tuesday.



State and local officials join Governor Baker to break ground at the site of the new multi-modal Chelsea Commuter Rail groundbreaking event. Pictured above: (left to right) City Councilor **Judith Garcia**, Former Chelsea City Manager and now President & CEO of Massachusetts Competitive Partnership **Jay Ash**, City Council President **Damali Vidot**, City Manager **Tom Ambrosino**, MBTA General Manager **Steve Poftak**, Governor **Charlie Baker**, Secretary of Transportation **Stephanie Pollack**, Senator **Sal DiDomenico** and Representative **Daniel Ryan**.

Building a better T.

# **OBITUARIES**

# Margaret Elaine "Midge" Godin

March 13, 1942 - Sept. 14, 2019

Margaret Elaine 'Midge" Godin, 77, passed away unexpectedly in the emergency department of the Whidden Memorial Hospital after being stricken in her home.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was the beloved daughter of the late George and Margaret (Farrell) Chamberlain. She attended local schools, graduated from St. Rose High School, married Joseph A. Godin, Jr and together they raised their family of six children. She had worked briefly outside of her home but remained extremely dedicated to home and family.

For many years Margaret resided with her family in the Bellingham/Shawmut St. neighborhood. Many neighborhood children would affectionately call her "Ma" as she loved and cared for all children.

During her lifetime, she most enjoyed shopping and providing for her grandchildren and keeping her home exceptionally clean and healthy for her tender loving family.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 58 years, Joseph A. Godin, Jr. of Everett and she was the devoted mother of Jay Go-



din, Theresa Mallet and her husband Daniel, all of Everett, Cheryl Hanson and her husband, Arne of South Carolina, Gerry Godin and his wife, Brigid of Billerica, Margaret Godin of Woburn, and Laura Godin of Berwick, ME; dear sister of George Chamberlain of Saugus. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren and seven great grandchil-

Visiting Hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, Sept. 19 from 4 to 7:15 p.m. immediately followed by a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. Committal will be private. The funeral home is fully handicap accessible, ample parking opposite funeral home.

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# **Helen Mary Martin**

Selfless, kind hearted, wonderful caretaker with a heart of gold

Helen Mary Martin, 82, passed away surrounded by family members on Friday, Sept. 13.

Born on Jan. 8, 1937 in South Boston, she lived her early childhood years with her parents and siblings before relocating to East Boston. She raised three kids on her own after the passing of her late husband on Sept. 19, 1970. She was loved very dearly by many people including her grandchildren, great grandchildren and one who crossed her path. She was the most selfless, kind hearted woman and a wonderful caretaker with a heart of gold. She spent a lot of her time rocking in her favorite recliner chair, drinking her hot cup of tea and being with family. She loved going out shopping at different stores with her daughter and granddaughter and making the best of her days. She was always referred to as Nana by many family and friends. In her toughest times, even up until she passed away, she would always say Positive Pam, Be Strong

and Fight Through It." She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph E. Martin of Chelsea, mother of Kathleen Martin, Joseph Martin and Sheila Roldan, daugh-



ter of the late Peter McCormack and Helen (Milligan) McCormack and sister of the late Francis and Thomas McCormack of South Boston and Anna McCormack Stravinksy of Louisanna. She is also survived by her sister Patricia Burdick of East Boston and by many grandchildren: Charles and Joseph Burdick, Johnny Roldan, Mickey, Reka and Jeneka Vilarson. Andrew, Matthew, and Jessica Roldan, Alecia and Joseph, Timothy, Madison and Cameron Martin and predeceased by her granddaughter, Jennifer Roldan. She was also very adored and loved by 19 great grand children and by many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Sept. 19 at 5 to 6 p.m. for immediate family and close friends. Open to the public from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Goodrich Funeral Home, Lynn Massachusetts.

# Phyllis M. Halas

Devoted mother and homemaker

Mrs. Phyllis M. (Giles) Halas, of Chelsea, died on Sunday, Sept. 15, at West Revere Health Center. She was 92.

Mrs. Halas was the daughter of the late Margaret and George Giles of Boston. She was the wife of the late Anthony Halas Sr. of Chelsea.

She was the mother of Richard Halas and his wife, Linda Halas of Revere, and the late Anthony Halas Jr. and his wife, Kathy Halas, of New Jersey.

Mrs. Halas was born in Boston and grew up in East Boston. She attended East Boston schools and lived in Chelsea for many years. Mrs. Halas and her husband attended St. Stanislaus Church, Chelsea, for many years.

Mrs. Halas worked at Gorin's, Chelsea, for 34 years, and at the Soldiers' Home, Chelsea, before her

retirement. Mrs. Halas enjoyed being with the family and hosting family gatherings on the holidays where she often treated the guests to delicious turkey and ham dinners.

Mrs. Halas had great memories of watching her son, Hall of Fame candlepin bowler, "Hawk" Halas, appear on the TV bowling shows at Wollaston Bowl in Quincy, Sammy White's Brighton Bowl, and Fairway Lanes in Natick.

She was a loving grandmother and great-grandmother and shared many happy occasions with them.



Mrs. Halas also leaves four sisters, Anne Smith of Peabody, Alice Ricciardelli of Melrose, Brenda Kelly of Quincy, Janet Giles of Peabody, and two brothers, Thomas Giles of Nashua, N.H., and Bill Giles of Stoneham. She was also the sister of the late Marge Muller of Kingman, Arizona, and the late George Giles of Revere. She also leaves several grandchildren, including Colby O'Connor of Melrose, and Courtney Halas of Revere, and two great-grandchildren, Evan Brady O'Connor and Hannah Ruth O'Connor.

Mrs. Halas was a resident at the West Revere Health Center for three years. Richard Halas would like to thank the staff at the center for its outstanding care and support of his mother.

Mrs. Halas will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Visiting hours for Mrs. Halas will be Wednesday, from 4-8 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at Smith Funeral Home, 125 Washington Ave., Chelsea. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

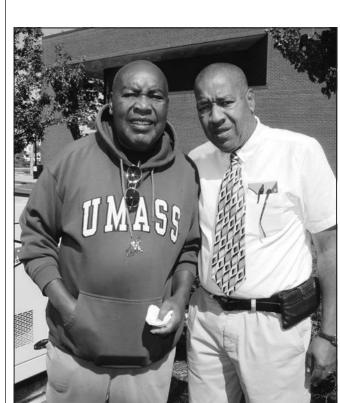
To place a memoriam in the Chelsea Record, please call 781-485-0588

# **Mystic Valley Elder Services** receives grant for program

Mystic Valley Elder Services was recently awarded \$3,000 by the Magellan Cares Foundation toward its Mobile Mental Health program, a much needed resource that plays an important role supporting people with mental health conditions to successfully remain in a community setting.

"We are very grateful to Magellan Cares Foundation and Magellan Health for their support of the Mobile Mental Health Program. Magellan, and its subsidiary Senior Whole Health, recognize the importance of community care and in home mental health supports," said Daniel O'Leary, Chief Executive Officer of Mystic Valley Elder Services. "We work closely with Magellan and Senior Whole Health to provide a full range of health care and community based services to keep older adults living in their homes."

With a growing need community-based adult mental health services, Mystic Valley Elder Services' Mobile Mental Health Program goal is to improve the overall mental health and emotional well-being of older adults and increase access to mental healthcare by providing home based mental health counseling and direct care services including diagnosis, prescription medication and therapy.



Ronald Robinson and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, co-directors of the Lewis Latimer Society, will host the Chelsea Science Festival, an interactive, educational event, Saturday from 1-4 p.m., at Port Park on Marginal Street, Chelsea.

# **Latimer Society to host** Science Festival Saturday

Special To The Record

Ronald Robinson and ciety, will host their fourth annual Chelsea Science Festival Saturday (1-4 p.m.) at Port Park on Marginal Street.

"Through this interactive and educational event, we want to show that science is all around us in every-day life," said Ronald Robin-

The festival will have 15 interactive stations featuring exhibits in chemistry, biology, computer technology, and other sciences.

Wendy Chaves, former Latimer Society student who is in her third year at the Wentworth Institute of Technology, is participating as a co-ordinator of the festival.

The Chelsea Police will conduct a CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) demonstration. The Chelsea Fire Department will have its rescue vehicle at the festival.

Other exhibits include the Massachusetts Wa-Leo Robinson, co-directors ter Resources Authority's of the Lewis Latimer So- demonstration combining microbiology and chemistry and Latino STEM Alliance's demonstration focusing on robotics and water. The Chelsea Garden will have a composting

> demonstration. Sarah Burnes, author of a children's book on renewable energy, will speak at the festival. The Chelsea Public Library will also

> have a station. The first 100 children entering the festival will receive T-shirts and science

> Ronald and Leo Robinson said they would like to thank Joe McNamee, Shelagh McNamee, and Kevin Durant of Eastern Minerals for their generous support of the event. They also thanked the City Manager's Office for donating

> the T-shirts and science kits. The event is free of charge.

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Miss Independence Honduras 2019 Liana Sanchez stands with a portrait of Francisco Morizan, Honduran Head Of State as well as President of the Republic Of Central America, a short-lived republic that sought to unify the Central American states in the 19th Century.

# LATIN AMERICAN

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE



The parade makes its way from Welsh Funeral Home down Broadway to its destination in Chelsea Square.



Miss Honduras 2018 Deysi Kelly helps her brother, Jorge Diaz Kelly, prepare for his march in the parade.



**Esperanza Merino and Jose Pleitez are** dressed in the traditional clothing of El Salvador.





Olman Bonilla gives his daughter, Racquel, a good perch to view the stage in Chelsea Square.



Vice President of the **Honduran Committee of** Massachusetts, Martha Valentin, directs marchers to their positions for the parade to begin.



Allison Soriano and Daniela Moreno are two El Salvadoran beauty queens ready to help bring some happiness to the world.

The annual Latin American Independence Day Parade and celebration took place in Chelsea on Sunday, Sept. 15, with hundreds of residents coming out to march from upper Broadway to Chelsea Square. The flags of Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Panama lined up behind the American flag as celebrants of many cultures came together on a beautiful afternoon.

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN



Vice Consul of Honduras Juan Mendez, Consul General of Honduras Alejandra Zelaya, Councilors for Judith Garcia (District 5) and Leo Robinson (At-Large), and Elsa Gobin of the parade's organizational committee.



Vice Consul of Honduras Juan Mendez, Consul General of Honduras Alejandra Zelaya, Miss Costa Rica Heidy Prado, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Rayna Palacyos, and Dinanyili Paulino of Chelsea Collaborative.



Kebelin Gamez (center), Britney and Yairy Santos, with Ruby, Jakelin, and Selina Quiroa after their stirring and inspirational rendering of the Star Spangled Banner.



The parade makes its way down Broadway to Chelsea Square, led by the American flag and followed by the flags of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala.

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THE TRIAL COURT

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Suffolk Probate

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CITATION ON

PETITION FOR

**ADJUDICATION** 

SU19P1175EA

John B. Hoar, III

Date of Death

03/09/2019

A Petition for

Formal Adjudication

of Intestacy and Ap-

Representative has

been filed by Cheryl

Byrne of Marblehead

MA requesting that the

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The Petitioner requests

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Court before: 10:00

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and objection if

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To all interested

**FORMAL** 

Docket No.

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**Armuelles** 

Page 12 in said Suffolk County **LEGAL NOTICE** COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, s 5-304 Docket No. SU19P2080GD In the matter of: Andrew McCloskey RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person Of: Chelsea, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Andrew McCloskey is in need of a Guardian and requesting that DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Winthrop, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/10/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the abovenamed person's right to make decisions

Registry of Deeds at Book 49706, Page 99 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on October 11, 2019 at 45 Eden Street, Chelsea, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: The land with the buildings thereon Deeds. and costs

situated in Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts numbered 45 Eden Street in the present numbering, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Southeasterly side of Eden Street, one hundred sixteen (116) feet distant Southwesterly from Bloomingdale Street; thence running Southeasterly at right angles to Eden Street, sixty-eight (68) feet; thence running Southwesterly thirty-four (34) feet; thence running Northwesterly by a line drawn parallel to the line first described and thirty-three (33) feet distant therefrom, seventy-eight (78) feet to Eden Street; thence running Northeasterly by Eden Street, thirty-three (33) feet to the point og beginning. Containing 2409 square feet of land. For title see Book 29443, Page 123 recorded at Suffolk County Registry of The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made cannot afford a lawyer, before or during the one may be appointed foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. for any reason, the

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about personal affairs

or financial affairs or

both. The above-

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make this request on

behalf of the above-

named person. If the

above-named person

at State expense.

this Court.

2019

Dunn, First Justice of

Date: September 11,

Felix D. Arroyo,

Register of Probate

Purchaser at the

sale shall be entitled

the deposit paid. The

purchaser shall have

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no further recourse 9/19/19 against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the <u>LEGAL NOTICE</u> premises contained in MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE said mortgage shall control in the event **ESTATE** of an error in this By virtue and in publication. TIME WILL execution of the Power BE OF THE ESSENCE. of Sale contained in a Other terms, if any, certain Mortgage given to be announced at by Eduardo A. Cruz the sale. and Ana E. Campos to Chase Bank USA, N.A., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. dated April 25, 2005 Present Holder of said and recorded with Mortgage, the Suffolk County By Its Attorneys, Registry of Deeds at ORLANS PC Book 36953, Page PO Box 540540 83, subsequently Waltham, MA 02454 assigned to JPMorgan Phone: (781) 790-Chase Bank, National 7800 Association by Chase 16-006238 Bank USA, N.A. by 9/19/19, 9/26/19, assignment recorded

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

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Dispensary at the

premises known as:

80 Eastern Avenue

All interested parties

should attend the

hearing or provide

written comment to

the application and

review at the Office

of the City Clerk, 500

Broadway, Room 209,

9/19/19, 9/26/19

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2019-26

Notice is hereby given

in accordance with the

Massachusetts Zoning

Act, Chapter 40A that

a Regular Meeting of

Board of Appeals will

Tuesday, October 10,

Center - 10 Riley Way -

With reference to the

the Chelsea Zoning

be held on

2019

6:00 p.m.

Chelsea Senior

Chelsea, MA

application of:

Harold Kalick

For Variance to

construct a two story

structure with a pro-

posed use of a marine

office with an existing

accessory parking

structure which does

not meet minimum

or easement of 15

feet from the mean

high-water line for

any structure in the

Waterfront District at

201 Marginal Street

All interested parties

should attend the

hearing or provide

written comment to

the application and

the Board. A copy of

petition is available for

review at the Office

of the City Clerk, 500

Broadway, Room 209,

9/19/19, 9/26/19

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

Chelsea, MA.

the premises known as:

zoning requirements

for land setbacks and/

Chelsea, MA.

the Board. A copy of

petition is available for

Recreational Marijuana

setbacks and number of off-street parking spaces at the premises NOTICE OF HEARING known as: Case No. 2019-24 24 Tudor Street Notice is hereby given All interested parties should attend the in accordance with Section 34-215 of Chapter hearing or provide 34 (Zoning) of the written comment to Code of Ordinances, the Board. A copy of City of Chelsea, Massathe application and chusetts, that a Public petition is available for Hearing of the Chelsea review at the Office Planning Board will be of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, held on Tuesday, October 22, Chelsea, MA. 2019 9/19/19, 9/26/19 6:00 p.m. Chelsea Senior Center -10 Riley Way **LEGAL NOTICE** With reference to the application of: Jolo Can LLC d/b/a Harbor House Collective For Major Site Plan NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2019-28 Approval and Special Notice is hereby given Permit recommendation to establish a in accordance with the

Massachusetts Zonina

roof and construct a

flat roof and walls to

establish additional/

improved living space

which does not meet

minimum side vard

Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 6:00 p.m. Chelsea Senior Center - 10 Riley Way -Chelsea, MA With reference to the application of: Efrain Molina For Special Permit and Variance for the construction of a new three-family dwelling (Lot 1) within 46-48 Library Street with an existing three-family dwelling (Lot 2) to remain within proposed sub-divided lot which does not meet minimum zoning requirements for: Lot 1 - side and front yard setbacks, lot size, usable open space, exceeds maximum height and proposed parking spaces are deficient in number and required setback dimensions

Lot 2 - minimum lot size, side yard setbacks and proposed parking spaces are deficient in number and required setback dimensions at the premises known as: 46 and 48 Library Street All interested parties should attend the hearing or provide written comment to the Board. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209,

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

Chelsea, MA.



9/19/19, 9/26/19

NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2019-29 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 6:00 p.m. Chelsea Senior Center - 10 Riley Way -Chelsea, MA With reference to the application of: The Neighborhood Developers, Inc.

# For Special Permit and

NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2019-27 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Variance to demolish Act, Chapter 40A that an existing commercial a Regular Meeting of structure and construct the Chelsea Zoning a sixty-two dwelling Board of Appeals will unit structure that be held on does not meet current Thursday, October 10, minimum zoning 2019 requirements for rear 6:00 p.m. yard setbacks, open Chelsea Senior space and number of Center - 10 Riley Way off-street parking spac-Chelsea, MA es and residential units With reference to the on the ground floor application of: in the Retail Business Antonio & Kizzie Reyes District at the premises For Special Permit and known as: Variance to demolish 25 Sixth Street third floor sloped All interested parties

hearing or provide written comment to the Board. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA. 9/19/19, 9/26/19

should attend the

# **LEGAL NOTICE**



Case No. 2019-30

Notice is hereby given

in accordance with the

Massachusetts Zoning

Act, Chapter 40A that

a Regular Meeting of

the Chelsea Zoning

Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 6:00 p.m. Chelsea Senior Center - 10 Riley Way -Chelsea, MA With reference to the application of: Joseph J. Corcoran Company, LLC For 40R Plan Approval of Central Avenue Smart Growth Overlay District for the construction of a three-hundred-thirty (330) residential unit mixed-use development at the premises known as: 170, 230 & 234 Central Avenue All interested parties should attend the hearing or provide written comment to the Board. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209,

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

9/19/19, 9/26/19

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the Chelsea Zoning

Board of Appeals will

be held on

Thursday, October 10, 2019 6:00 p.m. Chelsea Senior Center - 10 Riley Way -Chelsea, MA With reference to the application of: Roback Real Estate, LLC c/o Jason Roback For Special Permit and Variance for the construction of an eight (8) dwelling unit structure which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for number of stories, height, lot size, density, side yard setbacks and number of off-street parking spaces at the premises known as: **52 Spencer Avenue** All interested parties should attend the hearing or provide written comment to the Board. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 9/19/19, 9/26/19

**LEGAL NOTICE** COMMONEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Probate **And Family Court** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 **NOTICE OF** PETITION FOR **CHANGE OF NAME** Docket No. SU19C0425CA In the matter of:

Catherine Marie

A Petition to Change inviting all qualified Name of Adult has women and minority been filed by Catherine business firms to Marie Armuelles of respond. Chelsea, MA requesting The City of Chelsea is that the court enter a Decree changing their Employer. This invitation for bid name to: Nepantla Canizzo is in accordance with Any person may M.G.L. Chapter 149. appear for purposes Dylan Cook Chief Procurement of objecting to the Officer petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return **LEGAL NOTICE** day of 10/03/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

if you object to this

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.

Dunn, First Justice of

Date: September 11,

Felix D. Arroyo,

Register of Probate

9/19/19

proceeding.

this Court.

2019



Pasta LLC d/b/a Ciao! Market pole 2/14, thence 212 Broadway Chelsea, MA turning and running Chelsea Licensing up Blossom Street, for Commission, March 18, a total distance of 98 2019 feet of conduit. WO# Notice is hereby given 2343561 that a public hearing The public is invited to will be held by the attend. Chelsea Licensing FIDEL MALTEZ Commission on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room Chelsea City H all, 500 **LEGAL NOTICE** Broadway, Chelsea, MA to consider an **Application for Change** THE TRIAL COURT of D/B/A name.

Change of Manager of Ciao! Market located at 212 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Cheryl Watson Fisher City Solicitor 9/19/19, 9/26/19

Change of Hours and

# <u>LEGAL NOTICE</u>



CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATIONS FOR BIDS DPW OFFICE RENOVATIONS The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking bids for "DPW Office Renovations". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after September 18, 2019 by contacting Dylan Cook, Chief **Procurement Officer at** dcook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at http:// www.chelseama.gov/ proceeding. purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Bids must be sealed this Court. and clearly marked "DPW Office Renova-2019 tions" and submitted to Felix D. Arroyo, the Office of the Chief Register of Probate Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 2:00PM, **LEGAL NOTICE** Thursday, October 3, 2019. Each bid must be accompanied by a

certified check, issued

by a responsible bank

or trust company. Or

a bid bond duly exe-

cuted by the bidder as

principal and having as

surety thereon a surety

company approved

by the City, all in the

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interest of the City.

In accordance with

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deems to be in the best

# COMMONWEALTH

THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Middlesex Division INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION** NOTICE

Docket No. SU19P1918EA Estate of: Frederick R. Kelley, Jr. Date of Death: June 22, 2019 To all persons of Melrose, MA A Will has been admitted to informal

probate.

Frederick R. Kelley,

an Equal Opportunity 9/19/19

Enterprise Plan, we are



DEPARTMENT OF

**PUBLIC WORKS** 

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

HEARING of administration. The Department of Interested parties are Public Works will conentitled to petition duct a Public Hearing the Court to institute on Tuesday, October formal proceedings 1, 2019 in Chelsea and to obtain orders City Hall, in the City terminating or re-Council Chambers third stricting the powers of floor, 500 Broadway, Personal Representa-Chelsea, at 6:00 pm on tives appointed under informal procedure. the following Petition of Eversource: A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can Proposed Work and be obtained from the Purpose: Washington Avenue-Petitioner. 9/19/19 northwesterly from

COMMISSIONER 9/19/19 9/26/19

### COMMONEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PROBATE AND

FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate **And Family Court** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR **CHANGE OF NAME** Docket No. SU19C0377CA In the matter of: Female Cheek A Petition to Change

Name of Adult has been filed by Female Cheek of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name Celeste Yvette Williams Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an

appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/23/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of Date: September 10,

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# OF MASSACHUSETTS

interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Frederick R. Kelley, III

Representative of the Representative and estate to serve without may petition the Court surety on the bond. in any matter relating The estate is being to the estate, including administered under the distribution of informal procedure assets and expenses of by the Personal administration. Representative under WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of the Massachusetts **Uniform Probate Code** this Court. without supervision by Date: September 10, the Court. Inventory 2019 and accounts are not Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate required to be filed with the Court, but 9/19/19 interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the ad-<u>LEGAL NOTICE</u> ministration from the

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from the Personal

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Thursday, September 19, 2019

24 New Chardon

Boston, MA 02114

(617)788-8300

CITATION ON

PETITION FOR

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SU19P2023EA

Margaret Bertha

Date of Death:

05/04/2019

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To all interested

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Petition.

that: Robert E.

Personal Repre-

Court enter a formal

**FORMAL** 

Docket No.

Estate of:

MacDonald



92 Washington

Avenue

Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA for an application to extend the amusement/ entertainment license hours from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays for Las Pupusas Del Chino, Inc. - 92 Washington Avenue, Chelsea.

## <u>LEGAL NOTICE</u>

9/9/19, 9/26/19

CHELSEA LICENSING

Cheryl Watson Fisher

COMMISSION

City Solicitor



CITY OF CHELSEA **REQUEST FOR QUOTES** CDBG Lead Paint **Testing Services** The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Quotes for "CDBG Lead Paint Testing Services". Request for Quotes will be available on or after September 18, 2019 by contacting Dylan Cook, Chief Procurement Officer at dcook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at http:// www.chelseama.gov/ purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Quotes must be sealed and clearly marked "CDBG Lead Paint Testing Services" and submitted to the Office of the Chief **Procurement Officer** no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, October 10, 2019. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal. to reject any or all

proposals and to waive

minor irregularities

interest of the City.

In accordance with

our Minority Business

inviting all qualified

women and minority

The City of Chelsea is

an Equal Opportunity

This Request for Pro-

with M.G.L. Chapter

**Chief Procurement** 

posals is in accordance

business firms to

respond.

Employer.

30B.

Officer

Dylan Cook

and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best Enterprise Plan, we are

9/19/19

### <u>LEGAL NOTICE</u> COMMONWEALTH

OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Division

# 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REVERE BEACH MEMORIAL

Photos by Keiko Hiromi

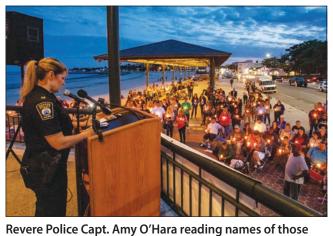
The 13th Annual Revere Beach Memorial took place in the Reinstein Bandstand at Revere Beach on Sunday, Sept. 15. Families, friends and community members gathered at the Bandstand for the annual candlelight vigil to remember those lost to drugs and alcohol. More than 300 names of the victim were read this year, and Revere Fire sounded a bell for each person announced.



Melanie Falagan and Patty Walz comfort one another during the 13th Annual Revere Beach Memorial.



Nunzio Celona (center) salutes the flag during "National Anthem."

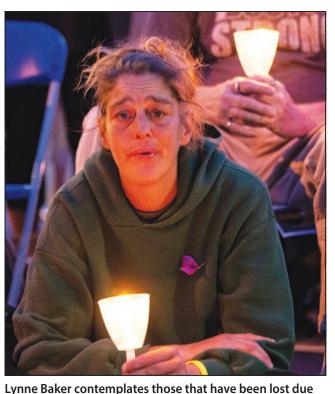


who lost their lives to addiction during the 13th Annual Revere Beach Memorial.



en ring the fire bell as each name was read.





to the addiction crisis.



Families, friends and community members gather at 13th Annual Revere Beach Memorial.

feet of Everett Avenue

in the City of Chelsea,

Massachusetts. Work

# **TO PLACE YOUR AD 781-485-0588**

the contract price as

stipulated in Section

00700 GENERAL

### **LEGAL NOTICE** COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY **COURT DEPARTMENT** SUFFOLK Division **DIVORCE SUMMONS** BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 Docket No. SU19D0659DR Roxanna R. Pinales Also Known as: Roxanna R. Mejia William B. Pinales

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are required to serve upon: Jenny Harleen Guirado, Esq. Law Offices of Jenny H. Guirado 82 Cummins Hwy.,

Roslindale, MA 02131, MA 02108 your

answer, if any on or

before 10/21/2019.

court will proceed to

the hearing and adju-

dication of his action.

You are also required

to file a copy of your

answer, if any, in the

office of the Register

Witness, Hon. Brian J.

Dunn, First Justice of

of this Court.

this Court.

If you fail to do so, the

Date: September 9, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 9/19/19

**LEGAL NOTICE** 



NOTICE In accordance with Section 2-7(d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on September 9, 2019 the City Council voted after a second reading to approve the following ordinance change: Now, therefore be it Ordained, that Chapter 34, Article VII of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea as amended, be further amended by deleting Section 34-156 and replacing it as follows: Sec. 34-156. - Inclusionary housing. (a) \_Purpose and intent. (b) Definitions. (c) \_Applicability. (d) Exemptions. (e) \_Mandatory provision of affordable (f) \_Fees-in-lieu-of affordable housing units. (g) \_Restrictions. (h) \_Monitoring and enforcement.

(i) Right of first re-

fusal and foreclosure.

(j) \_Needs assessment

A full copy of the or-

dinance is available at

the Office of the City

Clerk, City Hall, 500

Broadway, Room 209,

Chelsea, MA 02150.

9/19/19, 9/26/19

Jeannette Cintron

White

City Clerk

review

In accordance with

Section 2-7(d) of the

Chelsea City Charter

given that at a regular

meeting of the Chelsea

June 17, 2019 the City

City Council held on

Council voted after

a second reading to

ordinance change:

Now, therefore be

it Ordained, that

the Revised Code of

Ordinances of the

City of Chelsea as

That Chapter 34,

Article V - Off Street

Parking requirements

- Section 34-106 (j) be

amended as follows by

1. Any relief from

off-street parking

requirements in this

zoning ordinance shall

disqualify that location

the Residential Parking

from participating in

Sticker Program.

2. That the Zoning

Board be required to

notify the Traffic and

Parking office of the

relief so that location

can be added to the list

of those not eligible to

leases for tenants shall

specifically state that a

tenant may not obtain

or apply for a City of

Chelsea residential

4. This amendment

January 1, 2020.

A full copy of the or-

dinance is available at

the Office of the City

Clerk, City Hall, 500

Broadway, Room 209,

shall become effective

sticker.

participate.

3. As a condition

of this relief, all

as follows:

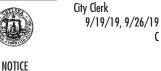
adding:

amended, be further

amended and adopted

approve the following

notice is hereby



**LEGAL NOTICE** 

Chelsea, MA 02150.

Jeannette Cintron

White

**LEGAL NOTICE** City of Chelsea Board of Health Tobacco Sales Violations Public Hearings Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Board of Health on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 5:15 p.m., at the Chelsea Public Library, 569 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider revoking, suspending or modifying the Tobacco **Product Sales Permit** of F & A LLC d/b/aPark St. Convenience aka Park St. Mini Mart at 104 Park St. relative to violations of Chelsea Board of Health Tobacco Control **Regulations Sections** G, sale of flavored tobacco products; H, sale of blunt wraps, and K, self-service dis-

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

play. These allegations

constitute a second

**Board of Health** 

Hearings are open to

9/19/19, 9/26/19

the General Public

offense.

Re: Tu Casa Restaurant Inc., 403-405 Broadway Chelsea, MA Chelsea Licensing Commission Notice is hereby given

that a public hearing

Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA to consider an Application for an Amendment to current Amusement/ Entertainment License to include Comedy, Live Shows and Magic Show. Hearings are conducted in English; if needed, please bring a translator to the hearing. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION **Cheryl Watson Fisher** City Solicitor

will be held by the

9/19/19, 9/26/19

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

SECTION 00100 **ADVERTISEMENT** FOR BIDS City of Chelsea, Massachusetts (Owner) Sealed bids for construction of Timber Rail Support Disposal Services for the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, will be received at Room 206, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 until 11:00 a.m. prevailing time, on October 4th, 2019 at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of work includes the removal and

disposal or recycling

of approximately 110

tons of creosote-im-

pacted rail timbers

stored on Vale Street,

generated as a result

of road and utility

construction in 800

shall also include all CONDITIONS of these loading, handling, specifications. transportation, mobili-All bids for this zation and equipment project are subject complete necessary to to applicable bidding property remove and laws of Massachusetts, dispose of all rail timincluding General Laws Chapter 30 Section bers on site, including degraded materials 39M as amended. as shown in SECTION Prevailing Wage Rates 01014 - ATTACHMENT as determined by A and coordination of the Director of the work with public and Executive Office of private stakeholders in Labor and Workforce Development under the work area. The required contract the provisions of the Massachusetts General completion date is November 26, 2019. Laws Chapter 149, Bid Security in the Section 26 to 27H, as form of a bid bond, amended, apply to cash, certified check, this project. It is the responsibility of the treasurer's or cashier's check payable to the Bidder, before bid Owner, is required opening, to request if in the amount of necessary, any addifive percent of the tional information on bid, in accordance Prevailing Wage Rates with Section 00200, for those trades people INSTRUCTIONS TO who may be employed BIDDERS. for the proposed work Copies of the under this contract. contract documents By submission of a are available through bid, the Bidder agrees the City of Chelsea that this bid shall be good and may not be Purchasina Department online at http:// withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, www.chelseama.gov/ Sundays and legal purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. holidays excluded after The Purchasing Departthe opening of bids. ment website requires The Owner reserves prospective bidders the right to waive any enter their name, informalities in bids organization, address, and to reject any or telephone number, fax all bids. CITY OF CHELSEA, number, and email in order to secure MASSACHUSETTS

contract document.

Addendum will be

published to furnished

email addresses. The

**Contract Documents** 

will be available to

prospective bidders

6, 2019.

shall furnish a

performance bond

in amount at least

percent (100%) of

and a payment bond

equal to one hundred

starting on September

The selected contractor

9/19/19 (

BY ITS CHIEF PRO-

**CUREMENT OFFICER** 

Weston & Sampson

Reading, Massachu-

Engineers, Inc.

**LEGAL NOTICE** NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2019-26 Notice is hereby given

in accordance with the

Massachusetts Zoning

Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 6:00 p.m. Chelsea Senior Center – 10 Riley Way – Chelsea. MA With reference to the application of: Harold Kalick For Variance to construct a two story structure with a proposed use of a marine office with an existing accessory parking structure which does not meet minimum zoning requirements for land setbacks and/ or easement of 15 feet from the mean high-water line for any structure in the Waterfront District at the premises known as: 201 Marginal Street All interested parties should attend the hearing or provide written comment to the Board. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA. Publication in the Chelsea Record Thursday, September 19, 2019 and Thursday, September 26, 2019 9/19/19

18, 2019 by contacting Dylan Cook, Chief Procurement Officer at dcook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at http:// www.chelseama.gov/ purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Mobile Command Unit - Upgrades" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, October 10, 2019. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dylan Cook Chief Procurement Officer 9/19/19

Bids will be available

on or after September

# **LEGAL NOTICE**



CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS MOBILE COMMAND UNIT - UPGRADES The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking bids

for "Mobile Command

Unit - Upgrades".

# **LEGAL NOTICE**



NOTICE In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on September 3, 2019,

and Parking Rules and Regulations to the following sections: 1. To amend Section 13-5-5 (B) of the Non-Residential Parking Program to read as: "Trade/Craft Contractor Parking Passes - the fee for acquiring a trade/craft contractor pass is five dollars (\$5.00) a day for daily pass, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) a week for weekly pass or thirty dollars (\$30.00) a month for a monthly pass." 2. To amend Section 13-5-4.2 (B) of the Non-Residential Parking Program to read as: "Landlord Visitor Parking Passes - Landlord visitor passes are ten dollars (\$10.00) for a six (6) month period or any part thereof. A lost, stolen or damaged landlord visitor parking pass may be replaced one time at the discretion of the Parking Clerk." To install a removable rubber speed bump at 125 Marlborough Street and 70 Shawmut Street as a pilot program for two months. To post a "No Parking This Side" sign in front of 92 Chester Avenue. To post a handicap sign at 65 Fourth Street.

the Commission voted

to approve the follow-

To amend the Citywide

Article 13 of the Traffic

ing Regulations:

Parking Program

Parking Clerk 9/19/19

Jeannette Cintron

White

# **NEWS FROM AROUND** THE REGION

# COUNCIL CALLS FOR CRACKDOWN ON AIRBNBS, SHORT-TERM

RENTALS EVERETT - At their first meeting of the fall,

City Councilors called for immediate action on the issue of short-term rentals in the city limits after reports of nightmare scenarios in which "absentee landlords" are flagrantly skirting the law while allowing their properties to become dens of debauchery.

Earlier this year, a shortterm rental ordinance went into effect in Everett. The ordinance requires that all short-term rental properties managed through booking sites like Airbnb and Vrbo be licensed just like any other business. Rental operators must apply for a license with the City, pay for said license, and have the license approved by the City Clerk in order to operate legally.

However, according to City Clerk Sergio Cornelio, he has yet to receive a single application, despite his office mailing out dozens of notices to known rental operators. The result is an unregulated market of mini-hotels cropping up all over the city, and it's causing real problems for some residents.

Victoria Sinnickson and her husband, Paul Spring, of 193 Nichols St. recited a letter before Council in which they describe what it has been like to live in the same building as the (now illegally operated) Airbnb at 191 Nichols St.

"Living next to an Airbnb since March of 2019 has caused much stress and disruption to our lives," the letter began.

It went on to describe how the Airbnb is regularly the site of loud house parties consisting of 20 to 30 people, mostly men, playing loud music and congregating in shared hallways at all hours of the day and night. These partygoers use drugs and alcohol and their vehicles constantly come and go, sometimes parking on the couple's property, their letter stated.

Sinnickson takes care of her 96-year-old mother, who one time spotted a houseguest relieving himself on the lawn just outside her glass entranceway. Sinnickson has also seen guests urinating off of the top-floor porch onto her driveway.

The couple has found cigarette butts and beer cans strewn around the property, and woke up one morning to find that smoke detectors in the common areas had been deactivated, creating a safety issue.

Sinnickson reported that the homeowners that purchased the unit in December of 2019, and who don't live on the premises, refuse to speak to her after she exposed that they were also operating an illegal basement apartment in the

"They previously said it was their property and they could do whatever they wanted to," she told Coun-

The distraught couple

called on Council to support stricter ordinances on short-term rentals. They suggested that this could include limiting them to business districts where they will not disturb residents or requiring that the operators live on the property.

Councilors sided with the pair, promising to crack down not just on the owners of the Nichols Street rental, but on short-term rentals

citywide. Councilors Michael McLaughlin and Wayne Matewsky proposed that the short-term rental ordinance be reviewed at the

next Legislative Affairs

Committee meeting in order to make the necessary changes.

"The homeowners need to live at the property," said Councilor McLaughlin. "If they're going back to Winchester or Somerville, they don't care about 191 Nichols St. They're not being disturbed." "This is what absentee

landlords are going to do," said Councilor Matewsky, who compared the Nichols Street Airbnb to the fraternity in the film 'Animal House." "It's unacceptable." "The ordinance needs to be tweaked," said Coun-

'You absolutely have to live on the property. We will get it done." Councilor John McKinnon suggested adding a measure that every time emergency services

called to the site of an Airb-

cilwoman Rosa DiFlorio.

nb, that the homeowner be billed for the visit. The City Clerk admitted that he has received complaints about short-term rentals at other locations, but none as egregious as the

"Even one is enough," said Councilman Stephen Simonelli.

aforementioned case.

Councilor Peter Napolitano suggested learning from neighboring towns that have had success in gaining control over their short-term rental markets, such as Malden. "Malden has shut a lot

ordinances and created zoning," he said. "Most of the [Airbnbs] listed back in June are now closed." Councilor McLaughlin isn't opposed to Airbnbs

of these down, created new

operating legally and safely in Everett, but said guidelines must be more rigid. "It's a great business to

have, but they need to have restrictions," he said. Airbnb did not return a request for comment prior to

the deadline for this article.

### TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL FINANCE **PRESENTS FINDINGS**

EVERETT - The mayoral-appointed Blue Ribbon Task Force on school finances presented its finaings and recommendations to a joint meeting of the City Council and School Committee on Weds., Sept. 4, at City Hall, and it was a moment whereby many bad practices of the past were brought into the light – and given a path out of the woods.

The Task Force was made up of four members who had no connection to Everett, led by Sam Tyler, the former director of the Boston Municipal Finance Bureau. Following the school budget crisis of 2018, Tyler and his colleagues were charged by Mayor Carlo DeMaria in February 2018 with taking a deep dive into what had happened, and how the City and School Department could do a better job with school finance. Tyler said they met first

on Feb. 15, 2018, and had nine meetings, with the last coming on June 13 of this year – all organized by former City Hall worker Omar Easy. While the report and recommendations were expected one year ago, Tyler said they quickly decided to expand their report to take an all-encompassing look at Everett's finances and its characteristics. "A good part of the time

was spent dealing and working with former Supt. Foresteire and his team, and later with Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier and her team," he said. "We had interviews with some School Committee members and we decided to take a harder and longer look, and a more comprehensive look, at the entirety of the City's financ-

es for five years."

He also said they worked independently and were not interfered with at all.

The Task Force worked wholly independent," he said. "We determined the scope and had access to information about revenues and to City and School officials and employees. The mayor was hands-off... These four members were chosen because they had no prior involvement with Everett so they could produce a thorough and objective report."

That report produced recommendations, with two of them not related to the School Department. As previously reported in the Independent, the key issue for the 2018 budget meltdown was that the School Department hired 97 employees after the budget had been set and without a funding source identified to pay for them. Part of the problem was

that historically the schools did not participate in the internal controls set up by the City's finance office. Those controls do not allow for anyone to be hired and added to the payroll without identifying a funding source. The schools did not have those controls, but the first and most critical recommendation by the Task Force was to make sure the schools participated in the City's systems.

Another recommendations dealt with hiring someone to interface between the City and the School Department on Budget issues, also serving as an expert on education funding initiatives at the state level.

"It just makes up too big a portion of the City's finances to not have someone there dealing with this in an expert way all the time," said Tyler. Said Councilor Anthony

DiPierro, "I would say we move ahead quite briskly on this and I think we should call a meeting of the School Finance Review Committee as soon as possible. I have always said the School Department and City Hall shouldn't operate as separate entities. I'm happy to see that is one area this report addresses in trying to bring them together.

Many of the other recommendations had to do with the School Committee.

Member David Ela said he was very upset in reading the repot because it was hard to believe that so many people were hired outside of the knowledge of the School Committee.

"That's probably what upset me the most about this report - being unaware of the 65 and 32 employees hired after we approved the budget," he said. "I will take responsibility, but I didn't have the information or knowledge. It's important we are moving in the right direction. We've had great meetings with the mayor and CFO Eric Demas. We will have ongoing collaboration with them... Things don't happen overnight. We'll review these and see where we are in one year. That's a good goal for He also said the only

information they had was the "burn rate," which is a calculation of how fast the school budget is being spent. He said they were about two weeks away from learning of the new hires from September via the December burn rate. "We need better tools," he added.

School Committeeman

Frank Parker said they will be moving to start working on the recommendations as soon as the Sept. 16 meeting, where one of the recommendations will be implemented. That one deals with making sure the entire School Committee is participating in the budgeting process, rather than

just three members on the

Finance Committee.

"In the past, most members attended one or more meetings, but I will propose at the Sept. 16 meeting to create a new committee the Committee on Budget - that will be made up of the whole School Committee," he said. "That's in the

He said time will be of the essence, and most members of the School Committee had positive reactions to the report. "We're going to move

quickly on this," he said. "There have already been conversations. I think most of the recommendations are seen as reasonable and attainable in a short period of time. The one recommendation about a finance position at City Hall is out of our hands. Personally, I'd rather see a consultant in that position rather than a full-time employee though."

Tyler said he and the Task Force believe that the recommendations should seriously considered and should be implemented within a year.

"We hope these are given a chance," he said. "We think the nine recommendations of the Task Force should be reviewed by the School Finance Review Committee a year from now to determine whether the recommendations have been implemented or not," he said. "If not, why not, and if implemented, have they made a difference." City Councilor Wayne

Matewsky said he felt like the report contained things he'd been hoping to hear for many years. "This is a breath of fresh

air," he said. "I've been here many years and this is so refreshing."

### **COMMUNITY SAYS FAREWELL TO MAX** GRUNER

EAST BOSTON - When Max Gruner took over the reigns of East Boston Main Streets in 2013 he hit the ground running. For the past six years under Gruner's leadership Main Streets partnered with numerous businesses in the neighborhood to increase the quality of life for residents while creating a vibrant and prosperous business district that has benefited all who live, work, and visit Eastie.

While Main Streets signature events like Taste of Eastie and the annual Kindergarten Parade grew under Gruner's tenure, his work helping to transform and improve Eastie's business district will be his lasting mark on the community. Sadly, Gruner announced

over the summer he was leaving Main Streets for a job in New Mexico and departed for a new chapter in his life over the weekend. Last Thursday the Main

Streets board held a special farewell party for Gruner with dozens of Eastie residents, business leaders and friends paying tribute to the man that has had a positive impact on Eastie's future. "It's hard to believe

you were only here for six years," said East Boston Chamber President Jim Kearney. "It feels like a lot longer because of the mark you have left on this community and all you have done for us. Your reach went beyond the Main Streets District and your work had a tremendous impact on the business owners, residents, homeowners and children that live and work in East Boston." Since coming to Eastie Gruner dedicated his work

at Main Streets to providing

an opportunity to showcase

community that is ideally

situated to truly becoming

work are the people who

"The testament to your

the Gateway to Boston.

many units could the developer build. Trichillo's attorney, Richard Lynds, said If you combine the lots you could build eight units as of The corner lot has undergone several design changes since first presented to the rich cultural heritage, the group earlier this year. natural beauty, and vibrant Some of the changes made business opportunities of a

were a reduction in height of the building and the total number of units. While some of these changes swayed a good

amount of HVNA members

to vote in favor of the project, others still felt it was too big with not enough parking.

are here tonight," said Rep.

Adrian Madaro at the fare-

well party last week. "I

remember when we first

met over a cup of coffee

at Angela's Cafe and being

so impressed with your vi-

sion for this community.

You immediately became

a fixture in the East Boston

Community and provided a

breath of fresh air and vital-

ity to Main Streets. While

this has been an organiza-

tion that has had a positive

impact on the community

for years you were able to

expand its reach and im-

pact so many through your

work. We are so grateful

for what you have done for

East Boston and you will be

Before arriving at Main

Streets Gruner's resume

includes over 15 years

of non-profit manage-

ment experience. He has

served as a leader in the

arena of Health and Hu-

man Services, particularly

Developmental Disabili-

ty, Education, Community

Development, and Trans-

portation. Gruner holds a

Master's Degree as well

as numerous certifications

in nonprofit management.

Prior to this appointment he

was a founding partner in a

strategic consulting group,

was executive director of

a statewide trail organiza-

tion, and served as a senior

manager of a human service

organization. He has also

founded several non-prof-

its, has served on numerous

boards, as well as having

founded a language immer-

"It's been an absolute plea-

sure to work in East Boston

and to collaborate with all

of you," said Gruner. "I just

want to thank you all for your

friendship, your wisdom,

your guidance and support

EBMS started as a nov-

el idea-to take a stretch of

Eastie's business district

along Meridian Street dec-

imated in the 1970s by poor

design, steel grates and un-

sightly signage and trans-

form it into an attractive

commercial area with a uni-

Gruner will be replaced

by Gladys Oliveros as the

new executive director. Be-

fore her appointment she

worked as a program super-

AGAINST PROJECT

EAST BOSTON -In a

close vote Harbor View

Neighborhood Association

(HVNA) members voted 31

to 28 against a project on

Horace Street at the group's

September meeting at the

Edward Brooke's Charter

This was the third pre-

sentation given to HVNA

members concerning the

There, owner Joseph

existing

Trichillo is looking to

an

three-family home and

combine it with two vacant

lots and build a nine-unit

structure with nine parking

spaces on this new 8,000

The units would be sold

as condos and consist of

four one-bedroom, two

Variances needed for this

project are Use, Floor Area

Ratio, Height, and Parking.

asked if the project was an

'as of right' project, how

Members at the meeting

two-bedroom and

three-bedroom units.

project at 37 Horace St.

School.

demolish

square-foot lot.

formed look.

visor for BCYF.

**HVNA VOTES** 

over these past six years.'

sion charter school.

missed."

"I'd be happy with six (units), I know you want nine, but I'd like to see six," said one HVNA member at Monday night's meeting. Attorney for Trichillo,

Richard Lynds, said a lot has gone into designing a project that tried to balance the needs of the community with the needs of the developer. Lynds said his client heard loud and clear that the project was too tall and reduced the height, as well as offering the nine units as homeownership opportunities rather than rental units.

### **POLICE** INVESTIGATING VANDALISM AT ST. **GEORGE CHURCH** LYNN - The Lynn Police

Department is conducting an ongoing investigation of an incident of vandalism at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 54 South Common. St. Lt. Mike Kmiec, LPD pub-

lic information officer, said the incident was first reported by the church president to the police on Sunday, Sept. 8. Kmiec said as part of

the investigation Lynn Po-

lice officers viewed three areas of the church building where graffiti had been spray painted. "Three different locations had been spraypainted, one was one of the icons

on the outside, along with two other spots on the exterior of the building," said Kmiec. He added there was no other damage in the area to

other parts of the building or the property. Kmiec said that the removal of the graffiti has taken place. The police lieutenant said the incident at St. George is

believed to be an isolated one. "We are not aware of any other incidents of this nature at other locations in the city," said Kmiec.

# START THEIR **ELECTION BIDS**

CANDIDATES

KEVEKE - It's on to Tuesday, November 5 for the candidates whose names did not appear on the ballot in Tuesday's preliminary election.

Mayor Brian Arrigo and Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo move on to the Nov. 5 mayoral election in a rematch of their hard-fought 2015 contest. The two candidates have been campaigning hard throughout the summer and the enthusiasm and interest in this exciting race will intensify in the next six weeks leading up to Election Day.

There will be three con-

tested races for ward councillor seats. Incumbent Ward 2 Ira Novoselsky is being challenged by Robert E. Bent for the seat. In Ward 5, incumbent John Powers is being challenged by Eric Lampedecchio. (Ricky Serino and Nicholas Moulaison Sr. will square off for the Ward 6 seat). Ward 1 Councillor Jo-

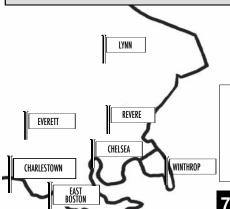
anne McKenna, Ward 3 Councillor and current City Council President Arthur Guinasso, and Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe Jr. will be unopposed in the general election. There was no preliminary election for the School

Committee race Tuesday. Those seeking one of the six seats on the School Committee (the mayor is an ex-officio member and serves as chair) in November are incumbents Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo, Michael Ferrante, Susan Gravellese, Frederick Sannella, and Carol Tye, along with candidates Anthony D'Ambrosio, John Kingston, Albert

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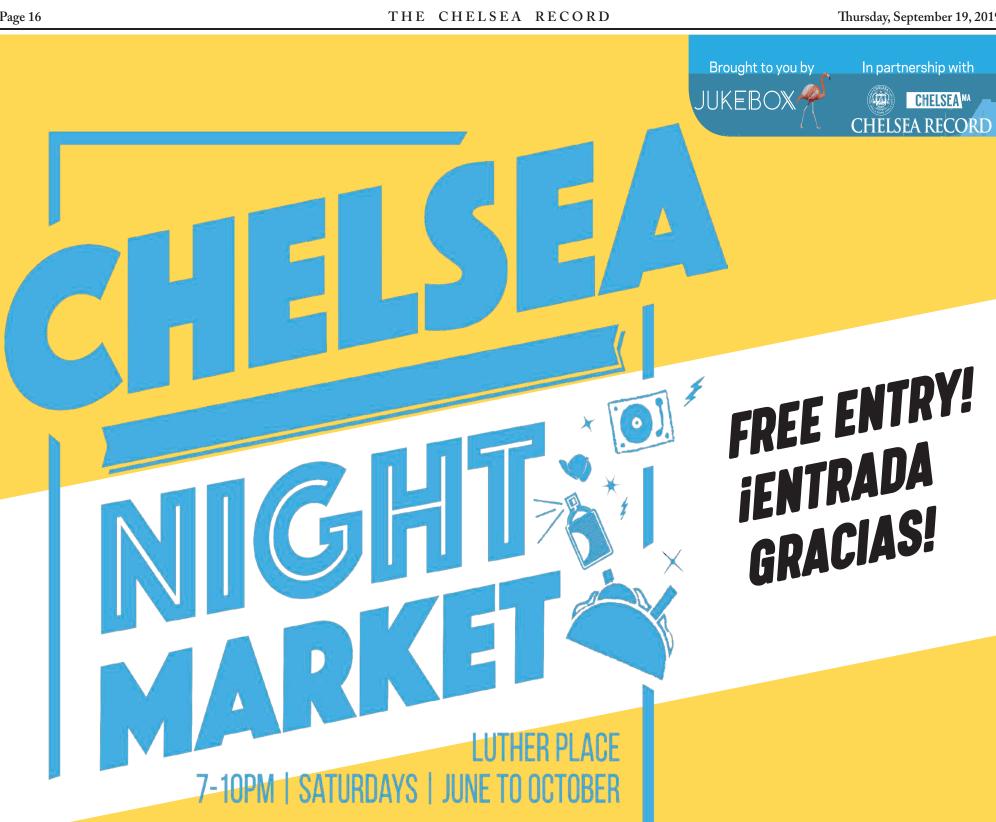
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