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Salvation Army project on track for proposals

By Adam Swift

A pre-permitting process could help set the stage for the development of the abandoned Salvation Army building at 440 Broadway.

The building was taken by the City after it went vacant, but the wheels are now in motion to develop a mixed-use building on the site comprised of 16 residential units and retail space.

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino presented the vision for the property to the City Council last summer. The plan calls for new construction of 16 two-bedroom units on top of the existing one-story store with an affordable housing or mixed-income approach.

To speed up the potential sale of the property, Assistant Planning Director Alex Train said the project will be coming before the City's zoning and planning boards in the coming month to pre-permit the project and seek zoning relief. Once that is secured, the City will put a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of the property.

"We think this will short-

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Council President Roy Avellaneda announces Charter Review Committee

By Seth Daniel

Few things have been more anticipated within City government this year than the upcoming Charter review – a process that could completely change how Chelsea is governed.

Reviews take place every 10 years, and already a good deal of wrangling has taken place on the City Council to try to get control over the Charter Review process. That battle for control was a good part of why the Council President race was so contested. Now, with that settled, Council President Roy Avellaneda said it is time to begin the work of the review, and he's calling for volunteers.

"Once in every 10 years, the City Council will establish a special committee to review this charter and to make a report, with recommendations, to the City Council concerning any proposed amendments which the committee may deem necessary," said Council President Avella-

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HONORING DR. KING



PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

Charles Street AME Church Choir Director Rolanda Dudley Cowans calls her group higher during a performance at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in the Clark Avenue Middle School on Monday morning. The celebration included several presentations and awards, including a moving essay by Hooks School fourth-grader Dayra Mauricio Guzman about her dream to continue the work of Dr. King. See Page 5 for more photos. See Page 8 for MLK Breakfast photos.

Hailing A Hero

Ippolito comes to Chelsea to thank Capt. Thompson for saving his life

By Cary Shuman

There was a reunion at the Central Fire Station Tuesday that never would have happened if not for the heroic action of Chelsea Fire Capt. Michael Thompson on Dec. 31.

With tears flowing, Tony Ippolito and his wife of 60 years, Jean Ippolito, both thanked Thompson for saving Mr. Ippolito's life on New Year's Eve at the Doubletree By Hilton Hotel in Danvers. It was the first time Mr. Ippolito and Thomson had seen each other since the incredible events that unfolded that fateful night.

"There's not enough words to say thank you," said an emotional Ippolito. "I could go through the entire dictionary – the biggest word is thank you, you saved my life, Mike, it's that simple, there's no other way to say it."

Mrs. Ippolito said to



Chelsea Fire Capt. Michael Thompson is pictured with Tony Ippolito Tuesday at Central Fire Station. Thompson's quick and decisive actions saved Mr. Ippolito's life following an emergency medical situation at a New Year's Eve celebration in Danvers.

Thompson seated across the table as Fire Chief Len Albanese took in the scene, "You gave me back my husband. After all these years, what would I do without him after 60 years [of marriage]."

Thompson and his wife,

Claire, were celebrating New Year's at a party with hundreds of guests in the hotel ballroom when Mr. Ippolito collapsed to the floor, hitting his head. The 80-year-old Tewksbury resident's heart had stopped

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Their gift to Chelsea

Zabot, Chacon seek residents for oral history project

By Cary Shuman

If you have a story you want to tell about Chelsea, Devra Zabot and Edward Chacon want to hear it.

Chacon, a creative film producer who oversees Chelsea City Studio, and Chacon, who is affiliated with Jukebox Event, are reaching out to the community for their oral history project focusing on the city. They are co-producers of the project, having worked together on different entertainment events such as comedy shows in the past.

The two Chelsea residents have received an Artists Recovery Grant through the Apollinaire Theater for the project. The search for storytellers is in high gear. "Even before we received the grant, Devra and I had heard so many great stories about Chelsea from people spanning all generations," said Chacon. "When



Edward Chacon (far left) and Devra Zabot (far right), pictured with friends, are co-producers of an oral history project about the City of Chelsea. The project is generating considerable interest among current and past residents.

the opportunity to do this production at the theater came about, we thought this would be a great way to put those stories together."

Zabot, who is the sister of City Councillor Naomi Zabot, said she and Chacon are excited to bring the project to the stage.

"Edward and I are really excited to produce this oral history of Chelsea with current and former Chelsea residents," said Zabot. "As Chelsea residents our-

selves, we have this sense that this project is a gift to our city."

Chacon believes there are many Chelseans who have interesting stories to tell about the city.

"We're putting together a list of people that we would love to be a part of this project," said Chacon.

That list includes Grammy-winning jazz pianist Chick Corea, who attended the Williams School

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Ticketing to begin

City to clamp down on resident parking stickers, no more automatic renewals

By Seth Daniel

City officials are looking to put the brakes on illegal use of resident parking stickers, and it will mean a major change for residents as they will now have to renew their parking stickers.

All stickers will lapse at the end of February, but the City has extended the deadline until the end of March as a courtesy. Residents must renew their stickers to keep them, as they will no longer be automatically renewed. The City will begin ticketing for out of date stickers on April 1.

"This is a big change for a lot of residents," said Bernabe Rodriguez, of the City Manager's office. "For the past two or three years, we've been automatically renewing stickers so people wouldn't have to come to City Hall and wait in long lines. This year, we're changing that for multiple reasons."

One of the major reasons for the change is to keep stickers out of the hands of non-residents who often take up valuable parking from actual residents. The new method could help increase resident parking, and

also help the City get an accurate count of the numbers of cars registered in Chelsea.

"One very large issue we found was that when residents would move out of the city they would fail to cancel their sticker with the city or properly change their address with the registry," he said. "This would increase the number of stickers issued out and skew our number of people who are actually still residents in Chelsea. With this year's renewal we will be able to accurately verify which cars are correctly registered to the City of Chelsea and are resident owned."

The change will mean that residents have to renew by either going to City Hall, dropping their renewal application in the mail, or going online. The stickers will remain free, but residents will need to show a valid driver's license, ID or utility bill issued within the last 60 days. Those proofs of residency will have to display a Chelsea residential address. Those requesting the renewal will also need a valid vehicle registration

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Chelsea artist Paul McMahan to exhibit in Signature Show

Special to the Record

Chelsea resident Paul McMahan will be among 89 artists participating in the 2020 New England Watercolor Society (NEWS) Signature Members Show, to be held from February 4 through March 1.

Bringing together the work of some of New England's finest watercolor artists, the show will be held at the Guild of Boston Artists, 162 Newbury Street, Boston. Internationally acclaimed artist Stephen Quiller will be this year's exhibition judge. Mr. Quiller will give a demonstration on Saturday, February 1, 5 - 7 p.m.

Included in the exhibit schedule will also be three Saturday gallery talks (1 p.m.) and three Sunday (1 p.m.) painting demonstrations by member artists. For further information please visit newengland-watercolorssociety.org/galleries/2020SMS.html. The show and events are free and open to the public.

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10:30 am - 5:30 pm, Sunday noon - 4 p.m., closed Mondays.

Artists Reception and Awards: Saturday February 8, 2 - 4 p.m.

This exhibition is evidence of the enduring value of NEWS to promote

excellence and diversity in watercolor and to bring exceptional paintings, both traditional and innovative, to a wider public audience.

The New England Watercolor Society, founded as the Boston Watercolor Society in 1885, is one of the oldest, most respected watercolor societies in America. Early members included F. Childe Hassam, Frank W. Benson, John Singer Sargent and Andrew Wyeth. The Society has grown to nearly 200 signature members and 200 associates. New members are always welcome; requirements for membership will be available at the show.

The Signature Members Show is an opportunity to

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A watercolor painting entitled 'Skiffs' by Chelsea artist Paul McMahan will appear in the New England Watercolor Society's Signature Show this month.

DONATION



Cambridge Health Alliance Everett Hospital staff recently made a donation of \$1,900 to the American Cancer Society for research to help uncover factors that may cause cancer, and improve cancer patients’ quality of life. Lindsay Nicholson, left, health systems manager for hospitals at the American Cancer Society, accepted the donation from Christian Lanphere, administrator of Cambridge Health Alliance Everett Hospital.

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with a Chelsea residential address on it as well.

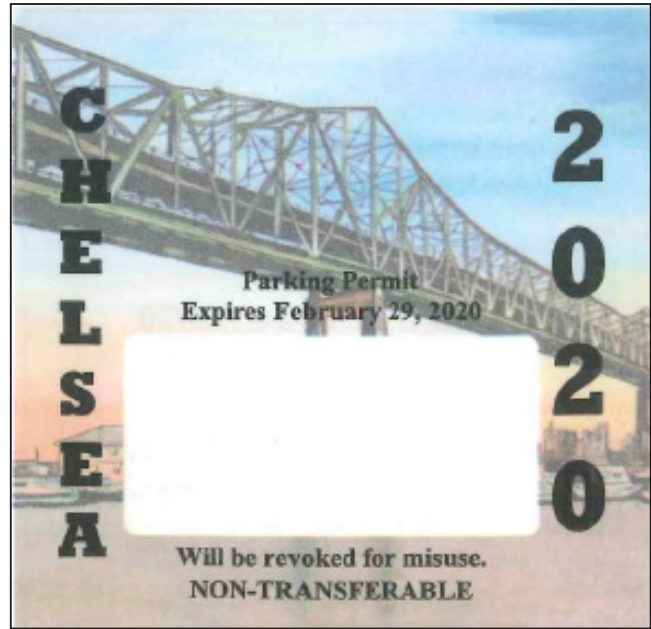
Stickers will be mailed out to residents at the address, and residents are encouraged to put them on as soon as possible. The new stickers are available now, and Rodriguez suggested that residents take action early to avoid lines or backlogs. He added that online applications can take between seven and 10 days to complete.

“It’s a new year and we are hoping for a fresh start with a new, correct number

of vehicles,” said Rodriguez. “It’s always good to know how many cars are on the streets so we can plan. The better we track of them, the better it is for everyone.”

To apply for renewal online, go to www.chelseama.gov/parking-permit-online.

The City is also maintaining a detailed Frequently Asked Questions page that can be accessed online at this address: <https://www.chelseama.gov/city-clerk/faq/faqs-2020-residential-parking-sticker>.



An example of the new Chelsea residential sticker. Residents will have to renew stickers this year before the end of March. The City will not be automatically renewing residential parking stickers this year, as it has over the last few years.

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view the artistry and technical mastery of accomplished watercolor artists from all six New England states. The variety of painting styles extends from classically representational to abstract. This year’s ex-

hibition judge, who selects the paintings for the Society’s prestigious awards, is Stephen Quiller, an award-winning member of the American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society.

Chelsea Jordan Boys & Girls Club kids to get free Charlie Cards

By John Lynds

The Chelsea Jordan Boys & Girls Club on Byron has been an oasis for working parents that need after school care for their children. Knowing their children are in a safe place for the afternoon when school lets out and involved in enriching activities has made the Boys & Girls Club a go to place for hundreds of families.

However, getting there by public transportation has been tricky for some club kids who rely on MBTA buses or trains to get to and from the Boys & Girls Club program. For others the cost of public transportation can sometimes be a barrier for kids who want to participate at the Boys & Girls Club on a more frequent basis.

However, a new program by the MBTA may increase participation at the Boys & Girls Club, as well as Boys & Girls Club program’s across Greater Boston.

Last week the MBTA announced that the Chelsea

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston have joined the ongoing program to increase the availability of CharlieCards to Chelsea kids who rely on public transportation.

Under the program, free no-balance CharlieCards are now available at the Chelsea Boys & Girls Club, as well as all Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston during their open hours.

“Expanding this program ensures that more customers have access to lower fares through the use of our re-loadable CharlieCard,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “I want to extend my appreciation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston for partnering with the T in expanding this access that ultimately allows the MBTA to be even more accessible for our customers.”

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston join a growing list of organizations, cities, and towns partnering with the MBTA to increase access to CharlieCards.

“Thanks to the MBTA’s initiative to increase accessibility to CharlieCards, our

children and teens will have the opportunity to travel outside their neighborhoods to discover opportunities in Boston and beyond related to education, the arts, jobs, and more,” said Josh Kraft, Nicholas President and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston. “Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston is grateful for the chance to partner with the MBTA.”

Bailey Snyder of the Chelsea Boys & Girls Club said, “The Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston served more than 14,000 youth in 2019 alone, and is thankful for community partners such as the MBTA that help members reach their full potential.”

Unlike CharlieTickets, CharlieCards are reusable plastic cards that can be routinely loaded with stored cash value or one-day, seven-day, or monthly passes. As a way to encourage use of CharlieCards, cardholders pay lower single-ride fares on bus and subway services than customers who pay cash or hold a CharlieTicket. CharlieCards also offer en-

hanced options for transfers over tickets and cash.

CharlieCard availability has historically been concentrated around major rapid-transit hubs. Similarly, fare vending machines are clustered around rapid-transit stations. Under this program, the MBTA continues to acknowledge that access to cards needs to increase, especially in communities with a higher reliance on buses.

The MBTA hopes to partner with nonprofit organizations or cities and towns to provide residents with CharlieCards, either blank or pre-loaded with a dollar amount for purchase. By providing easier access to CharlieCards, the T hopes to incentivize riders to use CharlieCards and fare vending machines throughout their travels, resulting in a savings of both time and money. Organizations and communities seeking to partner in this effort should contact MBTA Chief Customer Officer Danny Levy at DLevy@MBTA.com.

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and keeps in contact with Chelsea resident Minna Karas-Marino, who attended his recent concert at Symphony Hall.

“We’d love to record Mr. Corea’s story and have it as part of our live production,” said Chacon.

Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, dean of the City Council, Council President Roy Avellaneda, whose family has owned Tito’s Bakery for decades, GreenRoots Executive Director and former councillor-at-large Roseann Bon-

giovanni, Collaborative Executive Director Gladys Vega, former Chelsea City Manager Jay Ash, CBC President Joan Cromwell, and long-time Chelsea residents David Rudolph and Isaac Irraola will be other likely “storytellers” in the project.

Former Chelsea Emergency Management Director Allan Alpert, Police Chief Brian Kyes, Walnut Street Synagogue caretaker Herbie Kupersmith, Walnut Street Synagogue President Ed Medros, Temple Em-

manuel President Sara Lee Callahan, and community activist Judie Dyer are also being contacted about their potential participation in the production.

Chacon said he moved from Malden to Chelsea in 1992.

“I remember growing up here and going to the old Williams School,” recalled Chacon, a 2003 graduate of Chelsea High School. “There was a playground and all of sudden there wasn’t because they were building a new Williams

School. Those are the type of stories we’re looking for.”

Chacon and Zabot said they are thankful for the support their project has received to-date.

“We are so grateful for the support of the Artists Residency Project through the Appolinaire Theater and the Chelsea Cultural Council without which this project would not be possible.”

Chacon and Zabot said residents can contact them about the project at info@chelseacitystudio.com.

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neda. “The goal of forming this committee is to review how well our current charter is serving the present and future needs of the City of Chelsea. We are seeking five Chelsea residents who are registered voters to participate on this committee.”

In addition to the five Chelsea residents, the committee will include five city councilors and three School Committee members. It is expected that the Charter Committee will first meet

sometime in March to organize.

Avellaneda said he expected the Committee to have final recommendations by end of year. The recommended amendments, if any, will then be passed along to the City Council to be approved for a home rule petition. The Home Rule Petition will then be passed along to the State Legislature for final approval.

The application for interested residents deadline is

February 28, 2020.

If anyone is interested in participating in this Committee, please e-mail a letter of interest and your resume to both Ledia Koco at lko-co@chelseama.gov and City Council President Roy Avellaneda at RoyAvellaneda@chelseama.gov.

Residents may also submit your letter of interest and resume by mail to the City of Chelsea, City Council Office, Room 306,500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA

02150.

The City Charter calls for the Review Committee, stating:

“In every year ending in zero the city council shall establish a Charter review committee consisting of members of the city council, the school committee and residents of the city to examine and review the Charter and report to the city council findings, conclusions and recommendations.”

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beating.

With a large crowd congregating and the music from the band having stopped, Thompson rushed to the scene and began administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to Ippolito.

Thompson repeatedly and firmly applied pressure to the middle of Ippolito’s chest. The former football star at Chelsea High used considerable force in the life-or-death situation.

“I just kept pounding on his chest,” said Thompson.

“He [Thompson] didn’t break any ribs,” said Mrs.

Ippolito with a smile.

Ultimately, with the use of an AED defibrillator and assistance from other emergency personnel, Mr. Ippolito was revived. He was transported to Beverly Hospital for further treatment.

Jean Ippolito said if not for Thompson’s swift and expert actions, her husband would have succumbed.

“Any other place in that hotel, walking in the hallway, the lobby, in your hotel room – my husband would have been in big trouble,” said Mrs. Ippolito. “But you [Mike] were



From left, Chelsea Fire Chief Len Albanese, Claire Capistran Thompson, Chelsea Fire Capt. Michael Thompson, Tony Ippolito, his wife, Jean Ippolito, and their daughter Michelle Melaragni.

in the right place to save him. My husband is a lucky man. He takes up a lot of space and God’s not ready for him.”

During a ceremony held in front of his professional colleagues in the Fire Department, Chief Albanese presented an official letter of commendation to Thompson.

“He is the salt of the earth,” said Albanese. “I have a letter of commendation here for Mike Thompson. If not for his actions [on Dec. 31] this victim would have most not likely have survived. For acting without hesitation while off duty in the proud tradition of the Chelsea Fire Department which led to the saving of a life, Captain Michael Thompson is hereby awarded this letter of commendation in recognition of his efforts, with the gratitude of the department

and the City of Chelsea.”

Said Mr. Ippolito to the Chelsea firefighters, “I’m lucky I’m alive. If it wasn’t for this guy, I wouldn’t be here today. I have to tell everyone of you – you’re a tribute to the United States and the world for everything that you guys do above and beyond the call of duty. You guys work so hard and many times you don’t get credit for what you do. All I can say is thank every one of you and thank you, Mike, for saving my life.”

Mr. Ippolito embraced Thompson, no doubt understanding that fate and destiny and the heroic presence and expertise of the Chelsea fire captain in the ultimate emergency situation had given him the gift of more years to enjoy life with his wife, Jean, their family and friends.

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NEWS Briefs

BY SETH DANIEL

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CALENDAR

The Chelsea Black Community (CBC) will host a series of events for Black History Month throughout February, with the big event culminating on Feb. 20. There will be performances, educational artifacts, vendors, children’s activities and more.

The events are as follows:

- Feb. 4, 5-7 p.m. – City Hall art reception, 500 Broadway. Chelsea art, poetry, African and African-American artifacts.
- Feb. 17, 5 p.m. Community Cook Off Dinner. La Luz de Cristo Iglesia, 738 Broadway.
- Feb. 20, 5-8 p.m. Black History Month Celebration, Williams Middle School, 180 Walnut St. Special recognition honoring ‘Chelsea Trailblazers.’ There will also be a dynamic keynote speaker with activities, food and more.
- Feb. 28, 6-8 p.m. Evening of Performing Arts. There will be dance groups, a fashion show, comedy acts and much more. Clark Avenue Middle School, 8 Clark Ave. Refreshments will be served.

SPRING RECREATION SIGN UPS

Spring Registration for youth & adult recreation programs is now underway! Check our website [HYPERLINK “http://recreation.chelseama.gov/”](http://recreation.chelseama.gov/) \t “_blank” recreation.chelseama.gov where you can review and register for a wide range of programs such as keyboard and guitar classes, tennis, Pilates, computer technology, field trips, English and Spanish language classes. Register online or in-person at the Williams Building, 180 Walnut Street, Monday-Friday, 4-8:30pm and Saturday 9-4:30 p.m. For more info call 617-466-5233.

CHELSEA STREET BRIDGE MEETING

Join GreenRoots on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m. for a discussion with the federal delegation on the Chelsea Street Bridge, the impact it has on residents and possible solutions. The meeting will take place at

GreenRoots, 227 Marginal St.

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS IN SPANISH & ENGLISH

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TECH GOES HOME (Chelsea Residents ONLY who qualify)

Acquire basic computer and internet skills. Sessions focus on how to find a job online, how to secure a professional email and more. After completing 15 hours of training, participants have the option of purchasing a new Chromebook for \$50. Call 617-466-5233 for details. Mondays, 6-8:30pm; Feb 24- April 6. No cost. Register in person by Feb 19.

Chelsea Community Schools, Williams Building, 180 Walnut Street, Monday-Friday, 4-8:30pm and Saturday, 9-4:30pm.

WATER LEAK ALERTS

The City of Chelsea is offering a free service to residents to help efficiently manage water usage and lower monthly bills. The service also notifies residents if usage indicates a possible leak. Register for this service at <http://chelseama.aquahawk.us> or call 617-464-4041 for more information.

ONLINE PAYMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PARKING

Beginning July 1, the City of Chelsea will offer an online payment portal for residential parking stickers and visitor passes. Residents can create an account and then sign in. For any questions, contact [HYPERLINK “mailto:pas-](mailto:pas-)

sistance@chelseama.gov” \t “_blank” passistance@chelseama.gov or call 617-466-4054.

FREE WATER METER REPLACEMENT

The City of Chelsea’s DPW is continuing its water meter replacement program for both residential and commercial customers. As part of this effort, meter service technicians from the DPW may be visiting a property to remove the old meter and replace it with a new meter. All DPW meter service technicians travel in marked City of Chelsea vehicles and have City of Chelsea identification badges. Whenever a water meter technician visits a property, one should ask to see the City issued ID. Installation of a new meter will typically take less than 30 minutes. The new meters will eliminate most estimated bills. Reliable readings will also allow customers to identify leaks that may result in higher than normal bills. There is no charge for the new meter.

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM

Seniors 65 or older having trouble keeping up with real estate tax increases may wish to take advantage of the tax deferral program. This program allows seniors to defer taxes on their real estate, up to 50 percent of the fair market value of the property, provided they agree to repay the City upon death or resale of the property. The City has increased the income eligibility limits to this program and reduced the annual rate of interest on deferred taxes to 4 percent. Seniors who are interested should contact the Assessor’s Office at 617-466-4010.

CHELSEA HILLS WALKS

The Chelsea Hill Community has updated its schedule and has new meeting times.

Chelsea Hills will now be meeting every first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Starbucks at the Mystic Mall.

Massport delivers \$25,000 grant to PPSC

By John Lynds

When Piers Park Sailing Center, East Boston beloved community sailing program, nearly closed a few years ago due to financial hardships, the East Boston community rallied to help save the sailing center.

A donation by Massport then, and another generous donation this week, has helped PPSC continue to run its successful summer youth programs that puts hundreds of arae children on the Boston Harbor to sail throughout the summer months.

PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo and Massport Executive Director Lisa Wieland announced another round of grant funding for the sailing center.

Massport gave a \$25,000 grant to PPSC to continue supporting the sailing center’s Inclusive Youth Development Program. The grant will provide over 600 children and teens with summer programming at Piers

Park. This funding provides youths with pathways for mentorship, leadership, and employment opportunities.

“We are pleased to once again be a corporate sponsor for the Piers Park Sailing Center and all that they do for East Boston and neighboring communities,” said Wieland. “The Sailing Center offers programming for people of all ages and abilities year round on Boston Harbor as well as mentoring and leadership opportunities. We want to thank Alex and his team for the great work they do every day.”

Students from East Boston, Winthrop, South Boston, Chelsea, and Revere will be able to sail, kayak, fish, and explore the harbor for low or no cost.

“The partnership we have with Massport is vital to our programming” said Piers Park Sailing Executive Director Alex DeFronzo. “The grant funding and facilities provided by Massport ensure that hundreds of youth get to have fun, enriching, and educational programs during the

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en the time frame for construction and lessen the risk and cost to potential developers,” said Train.

The zoning relief is needed to build the units on the site, and to provide relief from the City’s parking regulations. Train said eight off-street parking spaces are being proposed for the Salvation Army site.

Train said the 0.5 parking spaces per unit are similar to what is being proposed for other residential

developments in the downtown. He noted that the project will be close to public transportation, including the Silver Line.

The proposal will come before the ZBA at its Feb. 3 meeting before heading to the Planning Board then coming back to the ZBA in March for final approvals.

If that timeline holds, Train said the City should put the RFP out in April. The proposals will then go before a review committee.

summer. I grew up in these programs and I am deeply grateful to Massport for the sustained support they have provided to the sailing center. Every year we are able to introduce hundreds of new young sailors to Boston Harbor because of this grant.”

PPSC was established in 1998 as part of Massport’s development of East Boston Piers Park to enhance open spaces and provide outdoor education and recreation to the community. Since that time, the center has been dedicated to providing 100 percent inclusive and accessible year round recreational, and personal growth opportunities for children and young adults starting at age 6.

“Every year, the center strives to recruit students least likely to otherwise access its programs, including economically disadvantaged students and students with diagnosed cognitive and physical disabilities,” said DeFronzo. “PPSC hopes to retain these students from year to year to build skills.”

“The award is going to be based on the proposed price as well as the content and quality of the proposal,” said Train.

The RFP presented to the City Council last summer called for a robust community process from any developer that wins the right to develop the property. The potential sale price has been pegged at around \$1.34 million, the appraised value of the property in 2017.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

Barnes Named to Hamilton College Dean’s List

Katherine Barnes, of Chelsea (02150), has been named to the Dean’s List at Hamilton College for the 2019 fall semester.

To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must

have carried throughout the semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an average of 3.5 or above.

Barnes, a senior majoring in women’s and gender studies, is a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Originally founded in 1793 as the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, Hamilton Col-

lege offers an open curriculum that gives students the freedom to shape their own liberal arts education within a research- and writing-intensive framework. Hamilton enrolls 1,850 students from 49 states and 49 countries. Additional information about the college can be found at www.hamilton.edu.

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POLICE Log

Monday, 12/16/20

Esteban Builes, 31, 368 Ferry St., Malden, was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and negligent operation of motor vehicle.

Riquelvin Lara Peguero, 28, 74 Essex St., Chelsea, was arrested for trafficking in more than 10 grams of Fentanyl and on a warrant.

Cynthia Velleca, 53, 45 Warren Ave., Chelsea, was arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and threat to commit crime.

Tuesday, 12/17

Jonathan Morales, 23, 32 Furness St., Revere, was arrested for marked lanes violation, speeding and operating motor vehicle with suspended license.

Wednesday, 12/18

Krysten Kulch, 33, 58 Garfield Ave., Chelsea, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, threat to commit crime, wanton destruction of property, warrant and assault and battery.

Rachel Mugford, 36, 63 Gillooly Rd., Chelsea, was arrested on a warrant.

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Saturday, 12/21

Billy Almonte, 43, 194 Reservoir Ave., Revere, was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, reckless operation of motor vehicle and marked lanes violation.

Sidney Brimais, 22, 50 Clark St., Everett, was arrested for operating motor vehicle with suspended license, and refusing to identify self.

Sunday, 12/22

Jamie Surillo, 55, 9 Lawrence St., Chelsea, was arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Timothy Williams, 51, 135 Cottage St., East Boston, was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor.

Diego Gomez Gomez, 23, 55 Jefferson Ave., Chelsea, was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

Wednesday, 12/25

Juvenile arrested for warrant probation.

Friday, 12/27

Isaac Portillo, 26, 33 Tedford St., Revere, was arrested for speeding and unlicensed operation of motor vehicle.

Saturday, 12/28

Asim Cupo, 61, 207

Shurtleff St., Chelsea, was arrested for operating under the influence of liquor and uninsured motor vehicle.

Tuesday, 12/31

David McGrath, 46, 53 White St., East Boston, was arrested for shoplifting.

Friday, 1/3

Robert McConaghy, 31, 209 West St., Malden, was arrested for possessing Class A drug.

Wellington Aybar-Bernabel, 24, Unknown address, Chelsea, was arrested for distribution of Class A drug, possessing to distribute Class A drug, assault and battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and trespassing.

Jose Maganachavez, 32, 20 Beach Rd., Revere, was arrested for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle and red light violation.

Saturday, 1/4

Evelio Reyes-Carmona, 55, 84 Washington Ave., Chelsea, was arrested for trespassing with motor vehicle and trespassing.

Sunday, 1/5

Jonathan Mathieu, 23, 1465 Hooksett Rd., Hooksett, NH, was arrested for stop sign violation (2 counts) and operating under the influence of liquor.

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WINTER: SO FAR, SO GOOD (AND NOT SO GOOD)

The winter season thus far has been fairly easy to take for those of us who have lived in New England for all of our lives.

The warmer-than-normal temperatures, highlighted by the record-breaking highs in the 70s two weekends ago, have been welcome, especially for our home heating bills, which are much less than usual. And as we write this at the beginning of this week, the forecast through the end of the month is for continued warmer-than-normal temperatures.

The lack of snow also has been a nice respite from the usual onslaught of winter, both for our backs (for those of us who shovel) and for municipal budgets, whose snow removal costs have been under control through the first two-thirds of what is considered to be the meteorological winter months of December, January, and February.

Of course, we all know that February often is associated with huge blizzards and March can roar in like a lion -- so we'd be the last to suggest that we should count our mild winters before the first crocuses push through the ground. Ol' Man Winter no doubt will have a few tricks up his sleeve.

However, what is undeniable is that the record-setting days of warmth that we have experienced this winter, as well as in the past few winters, are part of the trend toward warmer temperatures around the world.

When we were growing up (in the 1960s), the term "January thaw" referred to a few days when temperatures might have climbed to the high 30s after a period of a few weeks with temps in the single digits and teens.

But the January thaws of our childhood were nothing compared to the spring-like days we have experienced in the middle of these past few winters.

Climate change no longer is just a hypothetical. The recently-concluded decade of 2010-19 was the hottest that ever has been recorded on earth. The resultant changes to our climate are fitting the models predicted by scientists since the 1950s, who correctly surmised back then and ever since that the infusion into the atmosphere of man-made greenhouse gases would have a significant impact on our climate.

Our warming planet will have negative effects that only now are becoming evident, as scientific theory meets real-world conditions -- the burning of Australia within the past few weeks being a case in point.

Moreover, it is becoming increasingly clear that the previous scientific models of a warming planet understated the rapidity with which dramatic changes to our environment are taking place. We no longer can take comfort in thinking that climate change is something that is decades away.

Climate change is happening now -- and it is becoming more evident with each passing day that the planet is being sacrificed to the greed of corporate interests who control our government officials, to the detriment of every living creature, including ourselves.

Forum



TOM BRADY'S FUTURE IS STILL UP IN THE AIR

GUEST OP-ED

Tariffs will hurt small businesses on Main Street USA

By Ryan Maloney

The effect of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) announced tariffs on small U.S. businesses is dramatic and have the potential to become devastating. Not only would it effect suppliers and wholesalers of wine and single malt scotch, but it would also have an influence at the retail level. Jobs and stores will be lost right on Main Street USA where the impact will be felt most.

Wine in the first round of tariffs was a 25-percent increase. Some suppliers were able to absorb it, but 100-percent will be much tougher and for smaller re-

tailers, impossible.

In the case of European Whisk(e)y, there are different hurdles. Single malt scotch sent to the U.S. has to be specially bottled in a 750 ml. While the rest of the world (except South Africa) uses 700 ml. So if there are more impediments like a 25-100-percent tariff, anything but the basic whisk(e)y will be shipped to U.S. The slack will be taken up elsewhere especially China where demand is high.

Many smaller retailers of wine and whisky have invested deeply in specialty items that the big chains and big box stores do not carry, these items are exactly the products that have been targeted by the tariffs! You are

essentially taking away the one advantage these stores have to stay relevant and in business. It is unfathomable that they are being sacrificed to prove a point about a dispute between two international mega corporations in a field not even relevant to the same industry!

Further these new round of tariffs are now being used a bludgeoning tool against the European Union to help internet corporations that are not even paying their fair share domestically! Boeing, Facebook, Amazon, and Google are well equipped to weather international trade disputes within their own industries.

Unfortunately, the Mom and Pop stores are not de-

signed survive when their livelihood is being used as a chess-piece in a multi country trade dispute. Especially a trade dispute in which they have no say and no recourse. It is important to note that there are no subsidies to the small businesses that will be effected by these tariffs, as there were with agricultural tariffs. There are better ways within each of these disputed industries to handle this without putting undue stress on an industry that is dominated by small businesses.

Ryan Maloney is President, Massachusetts Package Store Association.

LETTER to the Editor

ON RETIREMENT

Dear Editor,

After his last regular season game, Big Papi commented about retirement, "It's something we all have to do". I have uttered those words often as I retired from CAPIC on October 31, 2019. Retirement is not just leaving a career, its leaving a lifestyle. After 48 years of maintaining a vigorous daily schedule, the sudden change of routine is immense. The people I would see every day and have come to call a second family are absent... the space I occupy is different, the travel modified and the attire now casual. Even though I continue to work part time developing low income housing alternatives, the change is still huge.

Those who have retired on a planned schedule, perhaps due to mandatory age requirements or illness, may experience less impact, but maybe not...

When we work to perform public service its because of a desire to help humanity. We don't count the hours, nor look at the calendar, except of course to confirm the next meeting. Even our ability to influence change is altered., so it seems. The challenge of making numerous daily decisions is different as well and that maybe the greatest impact. The relief from that pressure is not absorbed easily! One might think that it is beneficial to be relieved of responsibility and pressure, but not so. If you are designed to lead and make decisions, it doesn't end on retirement, it just changes location.

I believe the best transition in this case is to continue service in another capacity. Some retirees travel, or relocate; some spend more time with family and friends and some just fade away, never to be heard from again. For some, the direction we take is premised on a belief that God

has a plan for our lives, yes even after retirement. But what about that plan? How do we know what to do next? Well, its really quite simple. There are limitless people who are in despair and we can be the answer to their cry for help, if we look closely and listen. The reality is that we have resources and wisdom gained from those numerous years of work. Its now time to apply those resources to give others hope and opportunity that life holds promise and happiness.

That brings me to give thanks to God for blessing me, guiding me through the hardships of life and placing me in a position at CAPIC that could make a positive impact on so many people from Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop over 48 years. I want to thank the CAPIC Board of Directors and Amazing Staff, both present and past. I owe particular gratitude to my mentors: Ed Greenberg, Arthur Cayon, Arthur An-

gelo, Emerline Cromwell, Rose and Virginia Mikaelian, Homer Platt, Leo Robinson, Ed Lubin, Tom Kerrins, Bill Reinstein, Robert DeLeo, Paul Glazier, Eleanor Clark, and of course my Dad Anthony Repucci who taught me that generosity was more important than receiving and that sacrifice was to be embraced as the tool to securing success.

Today, the CAPIC organization is in the capable hands of Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, who brings with her a family legacy of public service. She is led by an amazing Board of Directors who understand the needs of the communities and share her legacy of commitment and experience. I sincerely wish the best of success to past, present and future comrades who are commissioned to see that fairness and equality prevail.

Robert S. Repucci
Semi-retiree

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

The People’s AME Church and the Chelsea Beloved Community celebrated the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 20, at the new Clark Avenue Middle School. The gym was packed with those coming out to pay tribute to the late Civil Rights leaders, and to celebrate those with outstanding contributions to the Chelsea community over the last year.



Councillor Calvin Brown with Keynote Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Groover, of the Charles Street AME Church.



The Rev. Sandra Whitley coordinated and presided over the celebration.



Spirit Award winners were Allan Alpert (not present), Charlene Bauer (not present), Juan Gallego, Patrick Monkiewicz (not present), Roseann Bongiovanni, and School Committee-woman Jeanette Velez.



Brian Le (now a freshman at Suffolk University) and his sister, Jenny Le, a student at Chelsea High, returned to the celebration to represent Youth and Young Adult Coalition. Jenny Le was an essay winner at the celebration when she was a fourth-grader, and it sparked a great movement within the family to serve the less fortunate and homeless in Chelsea.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico said Dr. King was heroic in the face of constant danger and threats to himself and his family.



Council President Roy Avellaneda said the Chelsea community always comes together in the spirit of Dr. King when challenged.



The Chelsea High Cantare started off the celebration Monday with a moving version of ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing.’



City Manager Tom Ambrosino shared his thoughts about the legacy of Dr. King and what people can do locally to carry that on.



Girl Scouts Chloe Bourgea and Precious Escobar led the Pledge of Allegiance.



Chelsea High junior Amy Jimenez won the high school essay, and celebrated with her family and teachers. She was greeted by Supt. Almi Abeyta, School Committeeman Henry Wilson and State Rep. Dan Ryan.



Wright Middle seventh-grader Vanessa Lopez Iraheta celebrated her winning essay with family and teachers. She was greeted by Supt. Almi Abeyta, School Committeeman Henry Wilson and State Rep. Dan Ryan.



Young Adult Dreamers and Achievers Award winners were Attorney Benjamin Adeyinka, Brian Le, and Chelsea High Senior Daniel Alvarado Villanueva. They were joined on stage by family, co-workers, friends, Rev. Sandra Whitley and State Rep. Dan Ryan.

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e-scooters could unlock hundreds of thousands of jobs for Chelsea, Everett residents

By Seth Daniel

A new study on micromobility – the use of e-scooters and pedal-assisted e-bikes – shows that Greater Boston is positioned as one of the areas nationwide that would most benefit from the widespread introduction of such new transportation systems – and within Boston, no communities would benefit more than Chelsea and Everett.

The study was released late last week by the Micromobility Coalition – a trade association that represents e-scooter and e-bike rental companies. That study focused on access to jobs for residents of several Greater Boston communities, including all of Boston’s neighborhoods, Everett, Chelsea, Brookline, Cambridge and Somerville. Using Census data, they looked at jobs available within a typical 45-minute commute on public transit. Then they added e-scooter or e-bikes into that commute and found many communities would greatly benefit.

Without such transportation options, Chelsea residents can access about 297,000 quality jobs within a 45-minute commute. With micromobility added in, that number jumps to 532,000 – a 79 percent difference. The largest gain for all communities was Everett, at a 303 percent increase, but Chelsea was second, and Somerville at a 68 percent increase.

“This is one of a series of studies we’ve done in cities across the United States,” said Micromobility Coalition CEO Ryan McConaghy. “These studies look at the access of mobility options like e-scooters and e-bikes to unlocking economic opportunity... Greater Boston is one city area that could be a prime beneficiary for e-scooters. Around 49 percent of car trips are under three miles. These trips are easily replaced by dockless e-scooters and e-bikes. Boston is the most congested city in America. By moving people out of cars and into e-scooters and other means of transportation, that can change. Boston is uniquely positioned to benefit.”

And, as said above, few places in Greater Boston would benefit more than Chelsea – primarily because of the lack of quality public transit in the City now. McConaghy said one of the greatest time-savers for commuters using micromobility is to bridge the gap for the last mile – such as using e-scooters to get from Admiral’s Hill to the Silver Line, or from Wellington Station to Market Basket, without having to take a slower bus route.

“They might be using them to go directly to a job opportunity, or maybe they are using them to bridge a public transit desert – going the last mile much faster,” he said. “It’s no surprise to us there are significant jumps in opportunity in

Boston. In particular, you look at a place like Everett which sees an increase of 300 percent of jobs available. You look at places like Jamaica Plain and Mission Hill where it adds to increasing access to existing transportation. These jumps usually happen in places underserved by public transit and places where there are large transit deserts. Micromobility there can unlock economic opportunity quickly.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said e-scooters are prohibited by ordinance right now, and with LimeBike pulling out of the region, he said they are hoping now to contract with BlueBikes.

“It is an interesting study, but Chelsea doesn’t allow e-scooters,” he said. “They are prohibited by Ordinance, but we do allow e-bikes. However, LimeBike has pulled out of the region, and now Chelsea, like a few others, hopes to go to the docked BlueBike system this Spring/Summer.”

Council President Roy Avellaneda said such a study is intriguing to him, and only strengthens his call for a pedestrian, micromobility bridge spanning the Mystic/Tobin Bridge. With that in place, he said there would be even more access for Chelsea residents using bikes or e-scooters.

“For years now I have been lobbying for a mar-supial style pedestrian/bike bridge be attached to the

Average Worker in	Jobs within 45 minutes for Average Worker			
	Baseline	Micromobility	Increase	
Boston	436,000	696,000	260,000	60%
Brookline	461,000	721,000	260,000	56%
Cambridge	611,000	823,000	212,000	35%
Chelsea	297,000	532,000	235,000	79%
Everett	119,000	480,000	361,000	303%
Somerville	460,000	775,000	315,000	68%

A new study by a pro-micromobility association looked at how e-scooters and e-bikes might help residents of Greater Boston access job opportunities with shorter commutes. While all of the Boston area showed major benefits, no areas showed more new opportunities than Chelsea and Everett.

existing Tobin Bridge as a way to connect Chelsea, Revere and East Boston with Boston,” he said. “As this study demonstrates, being connected like Everett to Boston via the Rt. 99 Bridge would bring quick access to a tremendous amount of Boston jobs to our residents.”

He said he is still waiting on a study for that pathway. “MassDOT was supposed to complete the study last month,” he said. “I negotiated for that as part of the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curve mitigation package. That will tell us how real that Tobin Bike/Pedestrian option can be. I would argue that spending Chelsea tax dollars on a shared bike program like BlueBike makes much more sense if we have a real connection with Boston that doesn’t involve going along a dangerous truck route and that takes longer than the 45 minutes shown in this study.”

Right now, users can op-

erate e-scooters or e-bikes in most locales if they own them, but the rental companies – such as LimeBike or BlueBike – cannot operate e-scooter/e-bike sharing platforms in the state. While places like Everett, Chelsea Brookline and Boston have tried them out and have prepared for them to come, the state still has not passed legislation that allows them to be rented out like bikes.

Charlie Palleschi was an early convert to e-scooters, and owns one that he uses year-round. As a resident of Charlestown, he said he commutes to Somerville often, goes to downtown Boston, and frequently travels to Chelsea and Revere on his scooter.

“I was blown away when I first tried one in Cambridge as a demo,” he said. “I began to think that if I had one of these, I could commute from my house in Charlestown to Assembly Row in minutes...It totally changes everything on good days – and getting

downtown is super easy I’ve used it a lot to go to Revere, taking the train there and then jumping on the scooter to get to my destination – kind of using it for the last mile. I can even keep it in my office, which is crazy. I just throw it under my desk. You can’t do that with a bike, and certainly not a car or anything else. Going into downtown, parking can be \$40 or \$50 and this is free.”

He added that the e-scooters are powered by electricity, and his is very easy to charge and runs at about 15 mph on flat terrain.

Added to the practical uses, McConaghy said they are simply a fun way to get to work or any other destination, “They really are a fun experience because on a nice day you’re outside and the wind is going through your hair under your helmet. It is just a fun way to get around.”

GreenRoots, residents say it’s time for action on Chelsea Street Bridge changes

By Seth Daniel

There have been numerous unprintable words spoken about the Chelsea Street Bridge as it begins its long and slow sojourn to the top of its lift to slowly let barges and tankers through the waterway – clogging up traffic and ruining peoples’ lives - but many in the community are now saying the time for those words and many other words is over.

Now, they said, it is time

for action.

“It’s time for everyone to come together and figure out what to do about it,” said Maria Belen Power of GreenRoots. “Enough of the talk, talk, talk. We’ve had meeting after meeting. The Coast Guard tells us one thing, MassDOT tells us another thing and the state officials another thing. We need some action.”

That will be the purpose of a meeting on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m. in the GreenRoots offices

on Marginal Street. Representatives from the federal delegation will be present to hear the concerns, as will Chelsea City councilors, Chelsea state officials, East Boston State Rep. Adrian Maduro, East Boston State Sen. Joe Boncore, and East Boston Councilor Lydia Edwards.

“I think we’re all agreeing that it’s been really slow going,” said Power. “In seeing what it will take to make the change, we realize we need federal legisla-

tion. The meeting is for the community to share with our federal delegation the frustrations and concerns to build momentum to get time of day lift restrictions – so they are no longer lifting the bridge so often during busy times of the day. We know it’s possible. Other bridges in Massachusetts have done it. But we know it also takes federal legislation.”

Power said the state is now talking about alternatives to time of day lift re-

strictions, such as lifting the bridge halfway, and providing more accurate and detailed lift predictions. None of those things equal time of day restrictions though, and Power said the communities on either side of the Creek have been adamant about wanting those types of restrictions.

The lifting of the bridge brings together a strange constituency of people inconvenienced by the frequent and long bridge lifts. That includes the MBTA,

which has seen the new Silver Line service delayed frequently by the bridge, as well as MassPort, which has had problems with employees being able to get form the Chelsea parking garage to the airport on time. It also brings together residents of Chelsea with those from the North Shore who are trying to access Boston via the bridge.

“It’s not just Chelsea and East Boston impacted,” said Power. “It’s really all of Greater Boston.”

Apollinaire Theatre lands state grant for bilingual theatre

Staff Report

MassDevelopment has announced \$340,000 in grants to 11 organizations to complete art and other creative-industry projects in Massachusetts’ Gateway Cities – with one of the grants going to Chelsea Square’s Apollinaire Theatre.

The initial round of these Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) Creative Catalyst Grant awards, administered by MassDevelopment, will support locally initiated, public-facing projects that advance arts- and culture-based economic development and neighborhood revitalization. The awards are made possible with funding from the Barr Foundation, which in 2019 awarded MassDevelopment a \$500,000 grant to create new arts-based programming through the agency’s Transformative Development Initiative. MassDevelopment also contributed funding in order to support additional projects.

“MassDevelopment is pleased to offer this funding through the first round of TDI Creative Catalyst Grant awards, which will empower Gateway City stakeholders to revitalize underused spaces, build community, and advance their neighborhoods as regional centers of arts and culture,” said MassDevelopment President and CEO Lauren Liss. “We thank our partners at the Barr Foundation for their continued support and commitment to fostering the arts and creative economy across Massachusetts.”

MassDevelopment’s TDI Creative Catalyst Grant program is a competitive grant program through which individuals and organizations in current and graduated TDI districts can apply for grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$40,000 to support projects that enhance local arts and culture infrastructure. The program was developed following feedback from stakeholders in Gateway Cities and staff from MassDevelop-

ment and the Barr Foundation about the need for new, flexible implementation funding to support projects that: (1) test a concept new to the TDI district, and (2) catalyze activities that will strengthen the capacity of the arts and culture ecosystem within the community.

In this initial round, current TDI districts – in the cities of Chelsea, Chicopee, Fall River, Fitchburg, Lawrence, Springfield, and Worcester (Main South) – as well as graduated TDI districts – in the cities of Brockton, Haverhill, Holyoke, Lynn, New Bedford, Peabody, Pittsfield, Revere, and Worcester (Theatre District) – were eligible to apply.

MassDevelopment’s Transformative Development Initiative works with cross-sector partnerships to engage community members, implement local economic development initiatives, and spur further public and private investment. During the program’s first three and a half years, MassDevelopment has in-

vested \$13.5 million in the TDI districts through tools such as technical assistance, real estate investments, grant programs, and fellows who work in the districts. That investment has directly influenced over \$39.8 million and assisted an additional \$80.6 million of public and private investments in the districts. In addition to the Creative Catalyst Grant program, the Barr Foundation’s \$500,000 grant to MassDevelopment’s TDI program is also funding additional capacity in New Bedford to support a planning phase focused on creative-industry development and arts and culture infrastructure.

The Apollinaire award included:

- TheatreZone, Inc. (DBA Apollinaire Theatre Company), Chelsea - \$30,000

Chelsea Community Theatre at the Chelsea Theatre Works

Chelsea Community Theatre at the Chelsea Theatre Works is a proposed community theatre that will host shows in Spanish and English with bilingual interpretations. The project will bring together community members with interests in acting, sewing, and sound design, and provide an avenue for local Latinx residents to become involved in the arts. TheatreZone, Inc. will use grant funds to create a theatre-making workshop series taught by members of Chelsea Community Theatre and an artist residency program.

Gross gaming revenues hit a high for Dec. at Encore

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor recorded its highest monthly Gross Gaming Revenues in December since opening last June, surging behind steady slot machine revenues and much larger table game revenues in December.


The total wagered in December was \$330.5 million, which includes the total coin-in on the slots and the Table game revenues.

Encore recorded \$54.01 million in Gross Gaming Revenues for the month of December, largely considered to be one of the slower months for Northeast gaming facilities. However, it was the strongest month so far for the casino, as its previous high had been \$52.4 million last August.

A key reason for the

surge in December was a very high table game revenue number. Table game revenues slid last fall, but rebounded in December by almost \$7 million over November. The Table revenues for December were \$31.4 million, which was up from \$24.5 million in November and \$23.5 million in October. The largest Table revenues came in August when Encore hit \$52.4 million.

The slot numbers held steady from their increase from last month at \$22.6 million in slot revenues, just down from November’s \$22.7 million number. The slot hold was up from November though, at 8.18 percent – meaning that the casino kept more of the money wagered. It was the highest slot hold since the opening days in June, when it was at 9.75 percent.




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Red Hot Artwork

Brett Angell’s unique use of cigarette boxes is catching fire

By Cary Shuman

Chelsea resident Brett Angell holds a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is an accomplished artist.

Angell, 54, is creating a stir with his ability to turn cigarette boxes into unique pieces of artwork. He has been doing it full-time since 2006.

“Occasionally I would make one for family members or friends as gifts,” said Angell, who works as a preparator at the Museum of Fine Arts. “They liked them and thought they were fairly unique and interesting. It’s kind of fun to think that you’ve come up with something that no else tried to do yet.”

It is believed that Angell is the only artist in the United States that is mak-

ing such impressive collages inside cigarettes boxes. Some have called the idea “brilliant.”

“I’m not aware of anyone else doing this same type of collage,” said Mary Lister, Angell’s wife.

What was Brett Angell’s inspiration?

“I would see this cigarette package on the ground and while I don’t smoke myself, I would like the advertising, the packaging, and the small size of the box,” he related. “As a kid, I was interested in miniature things and loved to build models.”

Angell viewed those cigarette boxes as a frame or a box “and I thought if I could make something to go inside, that could be interesting.”

He considers the cigarette box collages “domestically scaled artwork” that are affordable for the aver-

age art lover.

To-date, he has transformed 600 cigarette boxes, ranging from Camel and Pall Mall to some international brands. Each piece of artwork has a title. Because he is a long-time reader of comic books, many of Angell’s collages have comic book themes.

How long does each Angell-ic creation take to produce?

“It can take as short as a few hours but it can take as long as 10 hours if it’s really complicated,” said Angell. “The average time is 3-4 hours. Occasionally I get special requests.”

Angell’s artwork can be purchased at Gallery Kayafas which is located at Harrison Avenue in Boston’s South End. The artwork is also available for viewing and purchases on Instagram.



Some of Brett Angell’s cigarette-box collages are shown above.



Brett Angell is pictured inside his art studio in Chelsea.



Chelsea artist Brett Angell’s “Newport/Coca Cola” creation.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CENSUS OUTREACH HEATS UP IN CHELSEA

CHELSEA - This year the United States will conduct its decennial census. In Chelsea there’s been a huge push to ensure a fair and complete count in the 2020 U.S. Census because it determines everything from representation in Congress, to federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure and health care programs.

In Chelsea and across the state nonprofits like the Chelsea Collaborative have been making an extra push to get marginalized groups to fill out the census and be counted.

In the spring of 2019 the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund (MCEF) distributed grants totaling more than \$560,000 for organizing and education activities in under counted communities for the months leading up to the census.

The Chelsea Collaborative was one of those organizations to receive grant monies.

“We have taken this project seriously and we have incorporated Census Charlas throughout all of our training, classes, and workshops,” said Gladys Vega, Executive Director of the The Chelsea Collaborative. “We have organized street fairs, network gatherings, canvassing and in our Noches Sociales, which happens every six weeks we have made the Census a table conversation. The Collaborative has to ensure that the hard-to-locate individuals are counted, we know that, without a non-profit organization like ours involved, we will continue to be under counted. I have no doubt that in Chelsea, Revere, East Boston and Lynn more people will be counted as long as the trusted members of the

community are knocking on their doors and getting people to participate. “

Recently, the MCEF announced its second round of targeted grants, totaling \$350,000.00, to 34 grassroots nonprofit organizations to support efforts across Massachusetts to reach hard-to-count communities in the 2020 Census.

Alexie Torres, Chair of the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund and Executive Director of Access Strategies said, “2020 is upon us and the time is now for philanthropy, grassroots organizations, state and civic leaders to join together to ensure the most accurate count of Massachusetts residents in the 2020 Census. The Massachusetts Census Equity Fund is proud to be supporting such an amazing group of groups across the state.”

Torres added that the impact of the results from the upcoming decennial census will be immense, bringing into focus the importance of collecting accurate data from historically under counted communities.

Census data determines political representation and the allocation of federal funds for social programs, including more than \$16 billion per year for Massachusetts.

“In other words, the Commonwealth could stand to lose almost \$2,400 in federal funding per year for each person not counted in the census,” she said.

NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN ON BROADWAY

CHELSEA - After years of planning, design, and debate, the City Council has given the go-ahead for a shared bike and bus lane on Broadway, at least temporarily.

Last week, the Coun-

cil voted 9-2 to approve a nine-month pilot program making Broadway one way from Fifth Street to Second Street, with the shared bike and bus lane. If deemed successful, the transportation realignment for one of the city’s main thoroughfares could become permanent.

“As you know, for many months we have been deliberating on the merits of the various designs for a new One-Way Broadway configuration from Fifth Street to Second Street,” stated City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

Four options were presented to the Council, with the one recommended by Ambrosino favored by the Council, with a minor tweak.

“The preferred alternative of my Administration is Option 2 - the dedicated, shared bus/bike lane,” according to Ambrosino. “This Option 2 prioritizes public transit riders, a critical constituency in the Downtown, and at the same time provides significant benefits to pedestrians and bicyclists.”

The design of the reconstruction of the Broadway corridor could take as long as two years, according to the city manager.

“However, understanding that there remains some legitimate concern over the viability of any option that reduces vehicular traffic to one lane, I am prepared to move forward, as expeditiously as possible, with a pilot program to test the shared bike/bus lane concept before finalizing the design,” said Ambrosino.

District 5 Councillor Judith Garcia said of all the options city officials have been presented with over the past year, Option 2 makes the most sense.

“This accommodates all traffic flow, including res-

idents who use the bus so much,” said Garcia. “It is a matter of access and accommodation for all our residents.”

Councillor At-Large Damali Vidot said she agreed that the shared bike/bus lane option was the option that had the most support from the Council, adding that the nine-month pilot program would give the City more time to assess the impact of the shared lane.

“This accommodates the most modes of traffic, including pedestrians,” she said.

While there was wide Council support for the pilot program, there was disagreement among members over an amendment proposed by At-Large Councillor Leo Robinson.

Robinson asked that the Option 2 plan move forward, but that there not be the widening of sidewalks as proposed in the plan, with the exception of sidewalks at bus stops and crosswalks.

The pilot program, with Robinson’s amendment, passed by a 7-4 vote, with Vidot, Garcia, and councillors Yamir Rodriguez and Enio Lopez voting against the plan, as amended.

“I am supporting the project as presented by the Planning Department,” said Vidot. She said it was unfair to change the plans on the fly after they have been brought forward by expert city officials and consultants.

Robinson countered that he believed keeping the sidewalks at the current width, and not bumping them out an additional two feet on either side of the street, would improve safety.

Garcia also stated that she wanted to vote on the plan as presented.

“We do not need to send

this to another subcommittee, when we have had two to three years of meetings on this,” she said.

A vote earlier in the evening on a proposal by District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown to send the proposal back to subcommittee failed by a 9-2 vote. Brown said he was attempting to give the three newest members of the Council more time to examine the Broadway options.

Ambrosino said the City will work with downtown businesses and residents, and that he believes the pilot program will be successful.

“But, if that is not the case, and if the pilot truly results in substantial negative feedback, adverse impacts on downtown businesses, and intolerable inconvenience to vehicular traffic, then the City will abandon this Option 2 and redesign for a different alternative,” he stated.

NEW CITY COUNCIL REFLECTS EVERETT’S DIVERSITY

EVERETT - While Everett consistently ranks among the most diverse cities and towns in Massachusetts, its City Council has been historically homogenous with residents and lawmakers alike lamenting the lack of diverse representation.

Voters proved in November that they were ready for change, and that change was evident as the new City Council took its seats on Monday, Jan. 13, for the first meeting of the new session.

Prior to January 1, the 11-member body of elected officials was 100 percent white and more than 90 percent male. Seventy-two percent of members were over the age of 60, and nearly all

(81 percent) were over the age of 50, with only Councilors Michael McLaughlin and Anthony DiPierro coming in under 40. In addition, no councilor could communicate fluently in a language other than English except for Councilwoman Rosa DiFlorio, who speaks Italian. She was also the only Council member born outside of the United States, having immigrated from Italy.

A much different picture was painted on Monday night, when Councilors Gerly Adrien, Stephanie Martins and Jimmy Tri Le took their seats alongside Council veterans. Fully 45 percent of the new council is under the age of 40. Twenty-seven percent of the members are female, and 18 percent are immigrants. Languages now spoken on the board include Spanish, Portuguese and Vietnamese. Everett immigrant communities now represented include Haitian, Vietnamese and Brazilian. Twenty-seven percent of members are non-white, with self-identified racial representation including Black, Asian and Latina.

In his midterm address on Jan. 6, Mayor Carlo DeMaria praised the diversity of the new City Council, saying he hopes that it will work with him to ensure that all Everett residents are counted in the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census regardless of their race, language or country of origin.

Diversity can take many forms including religion, ability, sexual orientation, education and income.

Interestingly, Boston also just seated its most diverse City Council since its establishment in 1910, including the first Latina and the first openly gay woman – making the changes in Everett also a regional trend.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BREAKFAST

THE ENDURING DREAM



Councillor Todd Taylor, Matt Frank of Chelsea Housing, Rev. Sandra Whitley, Kenny Whitley, and Peter Zaksheski.



Members of the Chelsea Black Community showed their spirit of service in providing everyone with a delicious breakfast before the MLK program. (L-R) Rev. Sandra Whitley, School Committeeman Henry Wilson, Eula Balloon, Dakeya Christmas, Maureen Lee, Nicole McKoy, CBC President Joan Cromwell, and Leroy Tyler.

The Chelsea Black Community and the People’s AME Church hosted the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast on Monday morning, Jan. 20, in the new Clark Avenue Middle School. It was a packed house as residents, elected officials and members of Boston’s historic Charles Street AME Church gathered to celebrate the occasion of MLK’s birthday. The Charles Street AME Church choir performed at the celebration event, and that church’s leader, Rev. Dr. Gregory Groover, was the keynote speaker.

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School Committeewoman Marisol Santiago, Juan Gallego, and School Committeeman Roberto Jimenez-Rivera.



Councillor Leo Robinson, Sheniqua Mason and Michael Mason.



School Committeewoman Jeannette Velez and Councillor Enio Lopez.




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Sports

CHELSEA 56, GREATER LAWRENCE 50

A CLINIC IN REBOUNDING

Red Devils shake off slow start, register ninth win in 10 games

Kamoury Appleberry scored a game-high 23 points to lead the Red Devils to a 56-50 win over Greater Lawrence Friday night, Jan. 17, at Chelsea High in boys basketball. The win boosted Chelsea’s record to 9-1 going into a non-conference game against 10th ranked Everett Wednesday night, Jan. 22.

The Red Devils got off to a slow start against the 4-4

Reggies, trailing 12-5 after a period. But Appleberry, who was held scoreless in the first period, erupted for 12 points, while Chelsea turned up the defensive heat and quieted Greater Lawrence’s offense to take a 23-16 lead into halftime. Chelsea came out strong in the second half and pulled out to a 14-point lead, 44-27 late in the third quarter, but Greater Lawrence

surged to pull within 10 at the end of three, 44-34. Freshman Luis Garcia (20 points) kept it close in the fourth quarter as Chelsea’s shooting cooled. Chelsea’s lead shrunk to 4 points but key foul shooting by Appleberry (4-for-4 from the line in the fourth quarter) and Armani Cheek (2-4), preserved the Red Devils lead. In the closing seconds with Chelsea up 56-50, Chelsea

center Jaciel Mejia blocked a Wanger Languasco drive to seal the win for Chelsea.

Joining Appleberry on the score sheet for Chelsea were Cheek, (9 points), Zaheim Smith (6), Dangelo Mojica (5), Ace Irola, (4), Jomar Vazquez (3) and Jamison Guillame, Ricardo Maldonado, and Eldon Bonitto each with two points.

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REBOUND BATTLE: Chelsea’s Zaheim Smith chases down a rebound.



MAN IN THE MIDDLE: Chelsea’s Jaciel Mejia was a constant obstacle under the basket to lead Chelsea’s defense.



ALL OUT EFFORT: Jamison Guillame reaches around Greater Lawrence defender Antonio Valenzuela to get a shot off during Chelsea’s 56-50 win Friday night at Chelsea High.



BODY ENGLISH: Chelsea head coach Judah Jackson uses a little body English to try and convince an official that a Chelsea defender avoided a foul.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project
Construction Look-Ahead: January 18 –25

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

•ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND: Approaching the Tobin Bridge from Boston, the work zone begins in the left lane. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.) and at least 1 travel lane will be open during overnight hours (10 p.m.–5 a.m.).

•ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND: Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone begins in the left lane before the Carter Street off-ramp. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.) and at least 1 travel lane will be open during overnight hours (10 p.m.–5 a.m.).

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

•CARTER STREET: Carter Street under Route 1 will be closed overnight between 7 p.m.–6 p.m. from Monday, 1/20 to Friday 1/24. Carter Street travel lanes will continue to di-

vert around the active work zone under Route 1. Signs and police details will be used to guide travelers around the work zones.

•SPRUCE STREET: Spruce Street under Route 1 will be closed on Saturday, 1/25 between 7 a.m.—7 p.m. to create a safe work zone for necessary bridge work. Signed detours and police details will guide drivers and pedestrians safely around the work zone via Arlington Street.

•ARLINGTON STREET ON-RAMP: The Arlington Street on-ramp to Route 1 Southbound in Chelsea will be closed until Fall 2020 for necessary maintenance and rehabilitation. Drivers looking to take Route 1 Southbound in Chelsea may use the Carter Street on-ramp near Chelsea High School or the Everett Avenue on-ramp near Walnut Street.

WORK HOURS

•Most work will occur in during daytime working hours (6 a.m.–2 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place during afternoon (2 p.m.–7 p.m.) and overnight hours (7 p.m.–6 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m.–7

p.m.).

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

•ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND: Continue bridge deck and gutter repairs in the left lane over the Tobin Bridge. Remove bridge deck and install of new bridge deck will take place through the Chelsea Curves.

•ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND: Remove existing bridge deck and install new bridge deck through the Chelsea Curves.

•UNDERNEATH ROUTE 1: Replace and paint steel; power wash and paint columns and support beams; excavate, drill, and grout around support columns; erect steel; and place new concrete columns.

TRAVEL TIPS

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.



Head Coach Gena Restiano with Asst. Coach Mike Stellato with the 2019-2020 CHS Varsity Red Devil Girls Basketball Team.

CHS Roundup

SIMON WINS LONG JUMP AT EAST COAST INVITATIONAL

Chelsea High track star Stephanie Simon continued to rack up the medals and accolades with another outstanding performance this past Saturday at the East Coast Invitational that was held at the Providence Career and Technical Academy.

Stephanie took first place in the long jump with her season-best performance of 18’-4” and placed second in the 200 meter dash with a sprint of 26.57.

Other highlights for the Red Devils included Ana Chang breaking the CHS 400 meter indoor record (which had been set earlier this season by Gabby Rivas) with a time of 65.09, placing Ana 11th among the field of 55 competitors.

Rivas set a school record in the 800, lowering her previous CHS mark in the indoor 800 with a clocking of 2:57.02.

Gloria Rodriguez also ran well at the meet, turning in a personal record (PR) in the 55 meter dash. Sade Rosales ran a PR in the mile.

On the boys’ side, two PRs were set by Chelsea runners: Nasir Adams in the 55 dash and Ruben Padilla in the mile.

Also competing at the meet was Alejandro Zepe-da, an eighth grader at the

Browne Middle School. Alejandro competed in the youth mile (grades 5-8), earning himself a medal by placing fourth overall in a fine time of 5:27.97.

CLOSE MEET FOR CHS BOYS VS. GREATER LOWELL

The Chelsea High boys indoor track & field team came up just short for their first loss of the season, dropping a 49-37 contest to Greater Lowell.

Red Devils who earned points for the Chelsea side of the scoresheet were:

Two mile: 1st, 3rd (Jazmany Reyes, Johnny Maldonado)

55H: 3rd (Hector Rive-ra)

55: 1st, 2nd (Nasir Adams, Emmanuel Simon)

300: Tie for second (Kennedy Lopez)

600: 1st, 3rd (Jazmany Reyes, Nate Nadow)

1000: 2nd, 3rd (Ruben Padilla, Oscar Amaya)

1 mile: 3rd (Alex Estrada)

Shotput: 1st, 2nd, 3rd (Rigo Flores, Richard Flores, Jeffrey Ponce)

“The boys had a really close meet,” said CHS head coach Cesar Hernandez. “We were tied going into the mile, and knowing we didn’t have the team to beat Lowell in a 4 x 400, needed to place second in the mile to win the meet. Unfortunately, we weren’t able to make that happen.”

CHS GIRLS TRACK EDGES GREATER LOWELL

The Chelsea High girls indoor track & field team remained undefeated at 3-0 on the season with a 47-39 victory over Greater Lowell in a meet that came down to the final event, the 4 x 400 relay.

Steph Simon led the way for the Lady Red Devils, winning three events to tally 15 points for the Chelsea side of the scoresheet.

Point-scorers for Chelsea were:

2 mile: 2nd (Percy Melgar)

55H: 1st (Stephanie Simon)

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300: 1st (Gloria Rodriguez)

600: 1st (Ana Chang)

1000: 2nd (Gabby Rivas)

1 mile: 2nd (Sade Rosales)

Shotput: 1st, 2nd (Jeselle Renderos, Dhalia Christ-mas)

High Jump: 1st (Stephanie Simon)

4x400 win: Ana Chang, Gabby Rivas, Gloria Rodriguez, Percy Melgar

“The girls had a really close meet,” said CHS head coach Cesar Hernandez. “Going into the meet, we knew it would not be easy to win, as it seems Lowell is our toughest competition on the girls’ side. It ended up coming down to the 4x400 to win the meet, and our girls pulled it off.”

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AROUND THE CITY

BURNING MANHOOD

Atlantic Works Gallery presents its new group show through February 22, 80 Border St., Third Floor, Boston. Fridays, Saturdays, 2-6 p.m. or by appointment. 857-302-8363.

WOLF PLAY

Company One presents Hansol Jung's new play, January 30-February 29, at Boston Public Library, Rabb Hall, Central Library, Copley Square. Boston. Pay-what-you-want. Companyone.org.

LITTLE WOMEN

Wheelock Family Theatre presents the popular Broadway musical, "Little Women," January 31-February 23, Recommended for ages 7+ years old.200 Riverway, Boston. \$20-\$40. 617-353-3001, Wheelockfamilyrheatre.org, 617-353-3001.

BRIGHT HALF LIFE

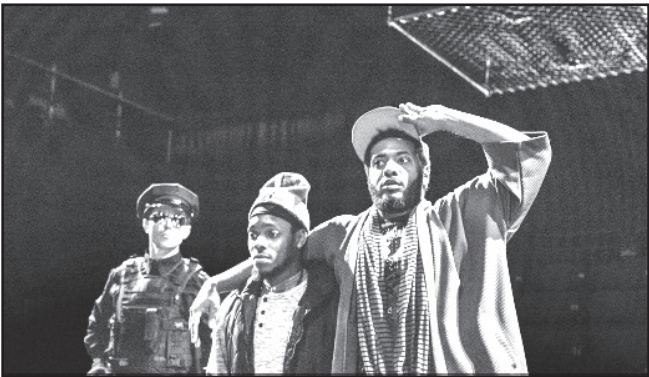
Actors' Shakespeare Project presents Tanya Barfield's play, directed by Megan Sandberg-Zakian, January 23-February 16: preview shows, Jan.23,24, at 8 p.m. and Jan. 25, at 3 p.m, Regular shows, Jan.26, Feb. 2, 9,16, at 3 p.m.; Jan. 29,31, Feb. 5-7, 12-14, at 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 25 at 8 p.m., Feb. 1, 8,15, at 3,8 p.m.; Boston Center for the Arts, Plaza Theatre, 539 Tremont St., South End, Boston. \$25-\$60; student, senior, group discounts. Actorshakespeareproject.org/box-office/single-tickets/, 866-811-4111.

LAST CATATROPHIST

Sarah Gazdowicz directs local playwright David Valdes' new one-act, 90-minute play, January 24-February 8:Jan.24, pay-what-you-want preview, Jan. 25, 31, Feb. 1,7, all at 8 p.m.; Jan.28-30, Feb. 5,6, at 7:30 p.m.; Feb.8, at 3,8 p.m., Boston Center for the Arts, Plaza Black Box Theatre, 539 Tremont St., South End, Boston. Freshinktheatre.simplenix.com/.

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PASS OVER: SpeakEasy Stage Company and Front Porch Arts has extended its hit, one-act, 1-1/2 hour play by Antoinette Nwandu, winner of the 2019 Lortel Award for Outstanding New Play, through February 2, at SpeakEasy Stage Company, Boston Center for the Arts, Calderwood Pavilion, Roberts Studio Theatre, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston. Tickets start at \$25. Student rush, senior, age 25-under discounts. Wednesday,Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday,8 p.m.; Saturday, 4,8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.; Jan.23, 2p.m. . 617-933-8600, SpeakEasyStage.com.

Encore Boston Harbor Red 8, with a special menu and traditional dragon dance performances, January 24-26.also through Jan. 31, open daily 11:30 a.m.-late night, 1 Broadway, Everett. Reservations, www.sevenrooms.com/reservations/red8ebh, 857-770-DINE.

THE RED ROOM

Shamarr Allen headlines, January 21, 8 p.m.;followed by Ryan McMullan and Ken Yates, Jan. 25, also at 8 p.m., and Berklee Original Open Mike closes this month Jan. 27, 7 p.m. Red Rom t Café 939, at 939 Boylston St., Boston.

LASZLO GARDONY

The renowned Hungarian-born performs with his trio, January 21, 6 p.m., at the Museum of African-American History, 46 Joy St., Boston. www.lgjazz.com/pages/tour-dates, www.maah.org.

BERKLEE EVENTS

Marcus Prince's performance of Heart on Fire-I Won't Be Silent, is canceled for January 28; Soundscapes of Spain includes from Flamenco Roots to Fusion, Jan. 30; Yamato performs Jhonetsu, February 1 at 3 p.m., and Feb.2; and

Idolos Latinos star Feb.4, all at 8 p.m. berklee.edu, 617-747-2261,

SWEAT

Before it opens, due to overwhelming public demand, Huntington Theatre Company has extended its Boston premiere of Pulitzer Prize winner Lynn Nottage's play, "Sweat," January 31-March 1: select Tuesdays-Thursdays,7:30 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m.; select Sundays, 7 p.m.; matinees, select Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, 2 p.m. days, times vary. Avenue of the Arts, Huntington Avenue Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston. Tickets start at \$25. Huningtontheatre.org, 617-266-0800. Subscriber, 35 below, student, valid military discounts.

WE ALL FALL DOWN

The world premiere of Lila Rose Kaplan's comedy takes center stage with Boston's Huntington Theatre Company's production, through February 15: Sundays, 2 p.m., Jan, 26, 7 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 pm, Jan.29, Feb. 5, also 2 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2,8 p.m., at Boston Center for the Arts, Calderwood Pavilion,527 Tremont St.,

South End, Boston. Times vary. Tickets start at \$25. Huntingtontheatre.org, 617-266-0800; subscribers, \$10 off; 35 years old, below, \$30; students, military with valid ID, \$20.

HAIR

Award-winning Rachel Bertone directs and choreographs New Repertory Theatre's production of the American tribal love-rock musical, January 25-February 23, Mosesian Center for the Arts, Mainstage Theater, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. Tickets start at \$25.student, senior, group discounts. 617-923-8487, newrep.org.

AIRPLAY

Urbano Project presents Rachel Allen: "Airplay," a site-specific interactive installation, along with the opening of Youth Artist Projects exhibitions, "Airplay and Stories of the Land," based on Urbano's new theme, Creative Conditions, January 23-March 14, in Urbano's Jamaica Plain gallery. Tuesday-Friday 1-6 p.m., and by appointment. Urbanoproject.org, 617-983-1007.

SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Boston University professor of Music Andrew discusses "Messiaen,Eschatology and the End of Time," Wednesday, January 29, 4:30 p.m., in the university's Berry Library, free. Chameleon Arts Ensemble performs, Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m., in the ReClital Hall, salem-statetickets.com, and the Winfisky Gallery opens with "Awaken: Conjuring Our Tomorrow," Feb. 5-March 13.salemstate.edu/arts.

WINTER DANCE FEST

Global Arts announces the dance festival of Boston premiere works includes Rubberband, January 25, Philadanco, February 1, and Parsons Dance, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., each show, \$40-\$65, all three, \$99, at Emerson Cutler Majestic Theatre, Boston. We Banjo 3 perform as part of

their "Rise and Shine" tour Jan.25, 8 p.m.,at Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, \$40.617-876-4275.globalartslive.org.

KING JOHN

Praxis Stage presents William Shakespeare's play, "King John," January 30-February16: Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m., Boston Center for the Arts, Calderwood Pavilion,527 Tremont St., South End, Boston. \$19.75, boston-theatrescene.com/season/KingJohn,617-933-8600.

NEC JAZZ50 CELEBRATION

The jazz and C1 faculty spotlight performance is held Monday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Copland, Wyner, Ives and Fine concert is Friday, Jan. 24, at 8 p.m.;and Sergio and Clarice Assad and Third Coast Percussion perform Saturday, Jan. 25, at 8 p.m. in Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston. 617-585-1260.

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PUNK ROCK AEROBICS

The original DIY workout celebrates its 20th anniversary with special classes, including Punk Rock Aerobics for all ages, Saturday January 25, 12 noon, at Once, 156 Highland Ave., Somerville. \$20. All proceeds benefit Girls Rock Campaign Boston.

YOUNG COMPANY WINTER FESTIVAL

Greater Boston Stage Company's Young Company, composed of students in grades 1-12, performs January 24-February 2, in "Frozen Jr.," "Willy Wonka," "The Addams Family," and "Firebringer," 395 Main St.,Stoneham. \$15. Call or visit website for specific performance dates and times. 781-279-2200, greater-bostonstage.org.

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The iconic entertainer performs his "Stripped Down" concert, January 30, 8 p.m. at Plymouth Memorial Hall. \$39-\$99. Memorialhall.com, 800-657-8774.

BOSTON CAMERATA

The renowned early music ensemble performs "Daniel: A Masterpiece Revisited" (The Play of Daniel), January 25, 8 p.m., at First Church Cambridge, 11 Garden St., Cambridge. \$26-\$63.students, \$10. bostoncamerataorg/performances/boston-series/.

MERZ TRIO CONCERT

Pianist Lee Dionne, violinist Brigid Coleridge and cellist Julia Yang perform Sunday, January 26, 4 p.m., at the Unitarian Church, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport. First concert in the Jean C. Wilson Music Series. Suggested donation, \$20; seniors, \$10, children, students, free. Bit.ly/wilsonseries

BRIAN WILSON

Brian Wilson performs his greatest hits live, Jan. 24, at Lynn Auditorium 3 City Hall Square, Lynn.781-599-SHOW.

RED HOT CHILLI PIPPERS

The rock band from Scotland play the bagpipes, drums and other instruments with their homestyle and feel-good flair, delighting multi-generational audiences, Saturday, January 25, 8 p.m.,at The Cabot, 286 Cabot St., Beverly. Tickets start at \$29.50. TheCabot.org, 978-927-3100.

LEGAL NOTICES

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 January 7, 2020, the Commission voted to approve the following Regulations: To post a handicap sign at 76 Highland Street. To post a handicap sign at 21 Cook Avenue. To remove a handicap sign at 145 Spencer Avenue. To post a handicap sign at 89 Beacon Street. To impose a fine of twenty-five (\$25) to non-electric vehicles parked in the charging station spaces located at 212 Chestnut Street parking lot in effort to ensure that the parking spaces are available for electric vehicles. To amend the Traffic and Parking Regulations Article 5, Section 5-1. * (s) Upon any way for a period of time exceeding seventy two (72) consecutive hours, whether the vehicle is disabled or not and preparations are being made by the owner or operator for its removal. To read the same as the Chelsea Ordinance Section 28-3 and State Law. To remove a handicap sign at 30 Carroll Street. To post a handicap sign at 118 Franklin Street. To post "Parking for School Personnel Only" signs on Everett Avenue across from the Chelsea High School and postpone the installation of the parking meters until the construction is complete in the school parking lot.

Jeannette Cintron White
Parking Clerk

1/23/20

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE
TRIAL COURT

Docket 20 SM 000192

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Jerry Le

and to all persons entitled

to the benefit of the

Servicemembers Civil

Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50

\$3901 (et seq):

Wells Fargo Bank,

National Association as

Trustee for ABFC 2006-

OPT2 Trust, Asset Backed

Funding Corporation Asset

Backed Certificates, Series

2006-OPT2,

claiming to have an

interest in a Mortgage

covering real property in

Chelsea, numbered 28

Orange Street, given by

Jerry Le to Option One

Mortgage Corporation, a

California Corporation,

dated July 21, 2006,

and recorded in Suffolk

County Registry of Deeds

in Book 40053, Page 27,

and now held by plaintiff

by assignment, has/

have filed with this court

a complaint for determination

of Defendant's/

Defendants' Servicemem-

bers status.

If you now are, or

recently have been, in

the active military service

before March 2, 2020

or you may lose the

opportunity to challenge

the foreclosure on the

ground of noncompliance

with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H.

PIPER Chief Justice of

this Court on January

14, 2020

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

(17-000391 Orlans)

1/23/20

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF

THE TRIAL COURT

Docket No.

19 SM 006350

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: The Heirs, Devises

or Legal Representative

of the Estate of Margaret

E. Lewis, Louise Sullivan,

Jody Sullivan and Kim-

berly Rosario

And to all persons entitled

to the benefit of the

Servicemembers Civil

Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50

\$3901 (et seq) Santander

Bank, N.A. fka Sovereign

Bank, FSB claiming to

have an interest in a

Mortgage covering real

property in Chelsea,

numbered 28 Shawmut

Street, given by Kenneth

T. Lewis and Margaret

E. Lewis to Sovereign

Bank, FSB, dated May 12,

2006, and recorded in

Suffolk County Registry

of Deeds in Book 39806,

Page 143, and now held

by Plaintiff by merger,

have filed with this court

the Servicemembers Civil

Relief Act. If you object

to a foreclosure of the

above-mentioned prop-

erty on that basis, then you

or your attorney must file

a written appearance and

answer in this court at

Three Pemberton Square,

Boston, MA 02108 on

or before February 24,

2020 or you may lose the

opportunity to challenge

the foreclosure on the

ground on noncompliance

with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper,

Chief Justice of this Court

on January 09, 2020.

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson

Recorder

1/23/20

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LEGAL NOTICE



LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA

PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED

AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND

PERSONS

The City of Chelsea's De-

partment of Planning and

Development will hold a

Public Hearing on

Thursday, February 6th,

2020 at 6:00 p.m. in

Chelsea City Hall, 500

Broadway, Room 101,

Chelsea, Massachusetts.

The purpose of this public

meeting is to discuss

the City's request for

an amendment to the

FY'2018 Community

Development Block Grant

(CDBG) funds, which

were allocated under

the FY'2018 Mini-Enti-

tlement Program by the

is required to propose a

program amendment to

eliminate the MicroEnter-

prise Program (Activity

5N) in the FY'2018 grant,

in order to facilitate a

transfer of funds to the

Chelsea Housing Rehabil-

itation Program (Activity

4C). Interested parties

are welcome to attend

and provide public input

relative to the program

amendment process.

John DePriest, Director of

Planning & Development,

City of Chelsea

1/23/20, 1/30/20

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LEGAL NOTICE



(LEGAL NOTICE)

CITY OF CHELSEA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

EVENT MANAGEMENT AND

PRODUCTION SERVICES

The City of Chelsea,

Massachusetts, through its

Chief Procurement Officer,

is seeking Request for

Proposals for "Event Man-

agement and Production

Services".

Request for Proposals will

be available on or after

January 23, 2020 by

contacting Dylan Cook,

Chief Procurement Officer

at dcook@chelseama.



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2020

January 26 - February 1

Attaining a high standard of excellence

Saint Anthony School offers a strong faith-based education

Saint Anthony School isn't resting on its many successes.

The proud Catholic school on Oakes Street in Everett that serves students in Grade K-8 (in addition to a Pre-School program) is moving forward with energy and innovation under the effective leadership of Principal Maria Giggie and a dedicated faculty.

Carla Castillo, the school's new enrollment coordinator, has been delivering the message to parents about the school's academic, athletic, and after school programs.

The school has built a reputation for sending its graduates on to the top Catholic and private high schools. The school has formed a partnership with Malden Catholic High School where students can take classes and earn credits for high school.

One of the school's greatest assets is its principal, Marie Giggie, a revered educator and school administrator whose ability to motivate teachers and students and promote the school's Catholic identity and values have enhanced the overall learning environment and drawn praise from the Saint Anthony parents. Mrs. Giggie has been a teacher at the school



Carla Castillo, enrollment coordinator at Saint Anthony School, with Kathy Walhstrom, seventh grade teacher at the school.

since 1995. She became the principal in 2006.

"Mrs. Giggie is a great leader – and she's welcomed me with open arms," said Castillo. "She knows the school inside and out and is very much on top of things. She knows every single parent and student at the school and she's very invested. She works very hard for the school every day."

Castillo is excited about

her new role at Saint Anthony.

"The school is doing very well and I'm enjoying my new position," said Castillo, who was born in the Dominican Republic and grew up in Lawrence. "I'm learning about the community and getting to know the people of Everett. Everybody has been very welcoming. I've visited a lot of the businesses in the area and everyone has been



Saint Anthony School Enrollment Coordinator Carla Castillo (back row, right) is pictured with a group of seventh grade students at the school.

very nice."

Castillo said Saint Anthony has been broadening its curriculum with offerings in computer technology, art, and music.

The after-school programs and activities have been a big draw for students, with clubs ranging from cooking, sewing, and arts and crafts to music,

band, and basketball.

Castillo has been attending weekend Masses at the Saint Anthony Church and reaching out to Latino and Portuguese residents "so they can learn more about the school."

As a result of their school's success and achievements, Saint Anthony school administrators

have received an invitation to attend the Catholic Schools Foundation of Boston Gala in April.

Saint Anthony will host Open Houses on Monday, Jan. 27 (9-11 a.m., and 6:30-8 p.m.), and Tuesday, Jan. 28 (9-11 a.m.) and community welcoming events every Tuesday (9-11 a.m.).

St. John School poised for academic success and future growth

St. John School, located in Boston's Historic North End, is an elementary school serving students in Grades K3-8. Since 1895, it has touched the lives of generations of children in the heart of a dynamic city. Reaching beyond the border of a storied neighborhood, St. John School serves students from all backgrounds and from Boston and beyond.

St. John's is a thriving school with double classrooms in Grades K3 through Grade 1, Grades 3, 4 and 6 - several classes are closed to enrollment due to being at capacity.

St. John School provides students high-quality opportunities with the goal of preparing them to have the skills necessary for academic success at St. John

School and in high school.

St. John School has a 1:1 iPad program for all students in Grade 1-8. Other programs the school offers includes:

- Owl Program is used in K3 and K4
- Super Kids Reading Program is used in Grades K5 – 2
- Wit n Wisdom program is used in Grades 3 - 8
- Collins Writing Program – K3-8
- Choral music program through NEMPAC
- Wood working and Bookbinding class for Grades 5- 8 at NBSS
- Weekly gym and art classes.
- STEM-centric learning experience
- Science Lab Program – 5-8
- Foreign language in

Grades K3-8

• Seasonal cookery classes for Grades 7 – 8 at Boston Public Market.

St. John School also has an exciting afterschool program that runs till 6pm daily, where there are activities and programs in place for children to enjoy themselves in a structured and fun environment. St. John School also offers extra-curricular classes such as drama, dance, yoga, fitness, Chinese Mandarin, Scratch and Mine Craft.

St. John School is in a truly wonderful position to move into the future and provide the best education for our students, so that they achieve their full potential. "Academic Excellence without Compromise".

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Tuesday, January 28, 2020
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Call to:

- Inquire
- Tour
- Shadow

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2. We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.
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4. We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.
5. We use technology effectively to enhance education.
6. We instill in students the value of service to others.
7. We teach children respect of self and others.
8. We emphasize moral development and self-discipline.
9. We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.
10. We have a 99 percent high school graduation rate. 85 percent of our graduates go to college.
11. We cultivate a faculty and staff of people who are dedicated, caring and effective.
12. We provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.

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Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2020

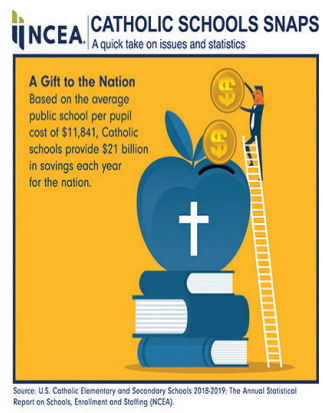
January 26 - February 1

A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools

Save the Date – January 28 – 29, 2020 – for the third annual Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools!

Already know your school is participating? Begin by filling out the opt-in form for access to your own customized giving page! This is a great way for advancement/development, marketing, or business office administrators to be sure they have immediate access for their school pages. Please note: a school or diocese-affiliated email address will ensure the fastest access to the portal. Any questions about your day of giving page should be directed to nceagiving@factsmtg.com.

Each school that cus-



tomizes their page by December 31, 2019 will automatically be entered for a chance to win \$500 from National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) to kick off your day of giving.

Twenty years ago, Saint Pope John Paul II said to an audience of Catholic educators in New Orleans:

“Yours is a great gift to the Church, a great gift to your nation.” Countless people in our country have been blessed by the many gifts of Catholic schools. However, many adults have lost touch with their local Catholic school community. It is time for those people who have been impacted by your school to reconnect with the community that gave them so much, and give back.

With this recognition in mind, NCEA is pleased to present the online giving campaign: Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools. Make your gift to a Catholic school today! This day is made possible with the generous support of FACTS.

Marketing Your Catholic School

National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) is pleased to present resources, tools, templates, partnership opportunities and professional learning offerings to Catholic school staff – both in and outside the classrooms! NCEA member schools are asked to include the information for school leads in the areas of advancement, development, marketing, communications and admissions.

By filling out this quick form, the leaders in your school community responsible for school vitality, advancement, enrollment and retention, and marketing will receive resources directly related to their work throughout the school year. This includes, but is not limited to, year-round

marketing tips, resources for the Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools, information about our new Seton Philanthropy Symposium, and details about relevant professional learning webinars and events, such as NCEA 2019 Convention & Expo.

Effective marketing is essential to a school’s success in today’s competitive education environment. What you do to highlight your school’s participation in National Catholic Schools Week is only part of the effort. A school’s success is dependent on a year-round marketing program that builds support for your school and sells its unique benefits.

Why market your

school?

Retain current students and attract and welcome new students;

Encourage a sense of pride among staff and attract the best educators;

Foster community support to help drive fundraising efforts;

Assure that your school will continue to fulfill its mission of providing a faith-filled and academically excellent education to all who come to you.

Building a successful marketing plan will help communicate your strengths, drive enrollment and proclaim the good news of Catholic education. To find resources that help with your marketing enrollment efforts, visit the NCEA Backpack.

What is National Catholic Schools Week?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2020 is January 26 - February 1. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2020 is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

“Why is Catholic Schools Week in January? Our admissions deadlines

have passed and we nearly always cancel because of snow. What gives?”

We hear you! National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Now entering its 46th anniversary year, CSW has traditionally been held the last week in January.

Each year, National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) relies on valuable feedback from Catholic schools across the country on how we might help improve your CSW experience. Year after year, we have heard your concerns. In 2016, we introduced a “year-round marketing” mentality to Catholic school communications strategy. The purpose of this mentality is to have schools take the spirit

(and theme, and logo) of CSW and implement into a full year’s marketing strategy.

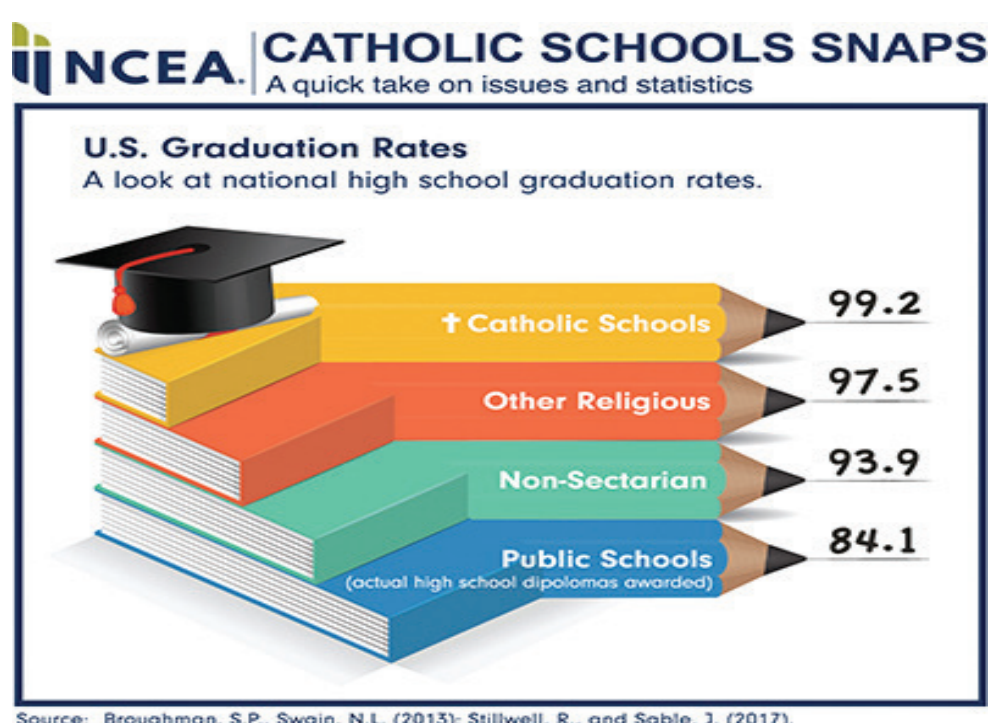
We will host the traditional Celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This will serve as the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to celebrate and congratulate.

Please note that Catholic schools may choose to participate in both or one – and that is okay! The important thing is to join in on the national celebrations in a way that works best for you. Make CSW your own and share your ideas with other schools using #CSW20.

AVID READERS



At East Boston Central Catholic School, our students become avid readers from some of our youngest (Pre-K) (pictured below) in Library to our students in Grade Two (pictured above), and right up till Junior High where when they prepare for High School and beyond the reading skills they learned at EBCCS help them succeed.



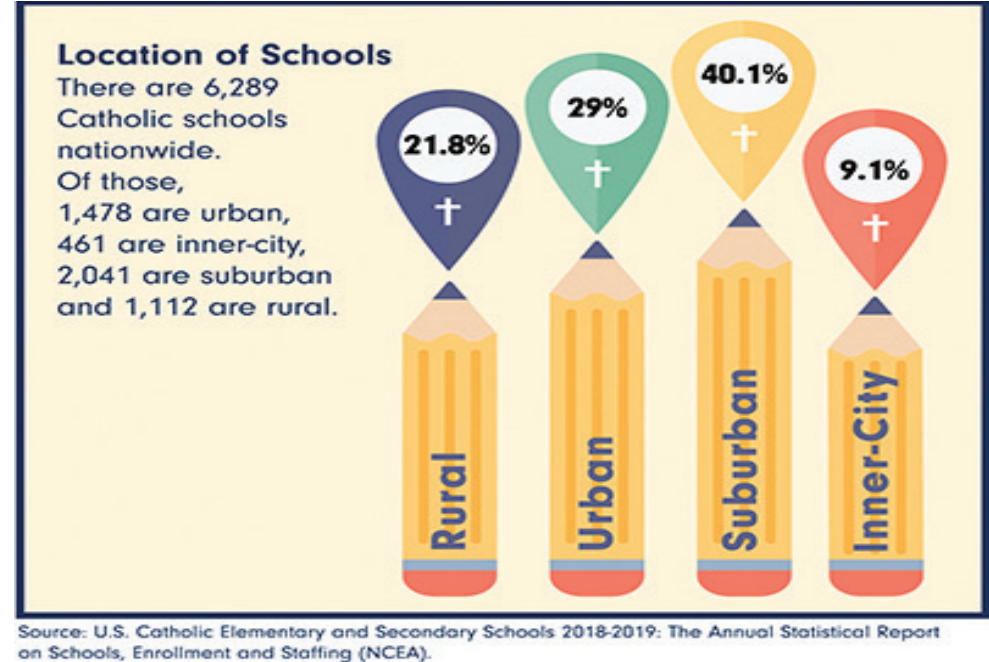
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Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2018-2019: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

OBITUARIES

Joseph Sullivan

June 19, 1944 – Jan. 3, 2020

Joseph P. Sullivan died in Boston from natural causes on Jan. 3. He was 75 years old.

He was a resident of East Boston and Chelsea during his younger days and also spent time in Lynn, Danvers and Salem before finally settling down in Chelsea in 1990.

He held a few different job titles until 1988 when he started his own janitorial company “Karen’s Services.” He was an active member of the Moose and The Salvation Army in Chelsea for many years. He retired Karen’s Services in 2016. Other than working hard, he also liked bowling, pool, darts, fishing and playing solitaire and other card games.

He was the life of the party and always had a joke to tell. He frequented his favorite spots throughout the years including: The Old Timer’s and Chelsea Walk in Chelsea, The Brothers Deli in Peabody and Salem Willows, where many family reunions were hosted by his sister, Mary.

He was preceded in death by his parents Leah (Gallagher) and Joseph V. Sullivan, his siblings: Dorothy McPherson DeVea, Harvey DeVea and Mary Reynolds, his former wives: Margaret Casucci of Chelsea, Linda Rouff of Portales, NM and Maryann Sullivan (Terrio) of Chelsea, his daughter, Kathleen Principato (Knapp) and stepdaughter Carolann Gray.



He is survived by his children: Louise Sullivan, Michelle and her husband, Brad Graham of Rio Rancho, NM, Jody Sullivan of Chelsea, Brenda and husband, Jim Leonard of Peoria, AZ, Kimberly Rosario of Chelsea and his youngest, Sabrina Brooks and her partner, Rick Muise Jr. of Waltham; siblings: Martin (AL) Sullivan of Florida; Joanne and husband, Joseph Bowen of Fitchburg; stepchildren: Joseph, Robert, Thomas and Diane Goodrich. He also leaves behind many granddaughters and grandsons, great-granddaughters and great-grandsons and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was very loved and will be deeply missed by all of his family and friends.

His service will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 258 Chestnut St, Chelsea. There will be a gathering following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his name to The Salvation Army, American Cancer Society or the Wounded Warriors Foundation.

Janet Carron

Sept. 20, 1939 – Jan. 7, 2020

Janet L. Carron passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Jan. 7 while an in-patient at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She was 80 years old.

A daughter of the late Harold H. and Grace (Nicholson) Braid, she grew up in Chelsea, attended local schools and was a lifelong resident of this city. She was married at a young age to John A. “Sonny” Carron. Together they shared nearly 60 years of love and devotion to each other. She was the beloved mother to five daughters, grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of two. Her life’s devotion was to her family and home. She was an extremely caring individual and care giver to people and animals alike.

Janet was also predeceased by two siblings; the late Grace Robichaud and Harold Braid. Her passing is mourned by her beloved husband of 59 years, John A. “Sonny” Carron. She is the forever loved mother of Donna Moscatelli and her husband, Tom, Linda Bal-



lard and her husband, Roy, Tricia Seigal and her husband, Jay, Kelly Carron and Corrie Carron; dear sister of Charles Braid, Patricia Detweiler and cherished grandmother of Tommy Moscatelli and his fiancé, Kelly, Christopher Moscatelli and his wife, Korey, Aaron Seigal, Anthony Moscatelli, Lindsey Ballard, Jason Seigal, Matthew Carron, Jillian Ballard and Kelsey Ballard and adored great-grandmother of A.J. Zayas and Kyla Moscatelli.

Arrangments were by Anthony Memorial - Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea.

Should friends desire, contributions in her memory may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave, Salem, MA 01970.

John Noel, Jr.

Dedicated and hardworking family man

John R. Noel Jr., 79, of Chelsea passed away on Dec. 7, 2019. He was born on Oct. 25, 1940 in Chelsea, son of the late Leslie and Lorraine (Marsh) Noel.

John was a very dedicated family man. He was married to his loving wife Barbara for 57 years. He was a driver for the Drum and Bugle Corps for many years with his wife Barbara as a chaperone. He was an avid fisherman, in a bowling league for a number of years and overall a very hardworking man.

John is survived by his

wife Barbara (Hilton) Noel; daughters, Lisa Wilson and her husband, Mark, Jean Sayers and her husband, Michael, and Lynn Kalil and her husband, John, Julia Muskauskis and Helen Rawls; four grandchildren: William Wilson, Kelly Wilson, Kristina Kalil and John Kalil Jr., and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are in the care of Zis-Sweeney & St. Laurent Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.zissweeney-funeralhome.com.

Susan Becker wins award

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) Healthy Aging Program Group leader Susan Becker of Winchester recently won the Outstanding Leader Award. The Outstanding Leader Award recognizes the dedication and passion of the leaders who positively impact the lives of thousands of adults every year through the Healthy Aging evidence-based program.

Susan has been a volunteer leader with MVES since 2013. She has taught over 65 Tai Chi (8 week) classes, 12 Matter of Balance programs, 5 Chronic Disease Self-Management programs and 3 Healthy Eating workshops and has helped to run a Healthy Eating control group this past summer 2019.

She was MVES’ first Tai Chi leader and has grown the Tai Chi program by recruiting other Tai Chi leaders and helping them manage their classes. The participants love Susan and her class retention rate is extremely high. Through word of mouth, the demand for Susan’s Tai Chi classes has expanded and there is always a waitlist to take her class.

Stoneham couple Eddie and Pauline have taken Tai Chi classes at the Stoneham Senior Center. One of the reasons the couple continues to take the course is because of their class leader, Susan. “Susan is a people person,” says Pauline. “She is very personable and a great leader. She explains the process making sure all of us understand it and will work with you until you have the movement down.” Both agree that having Susan lead their class really adds to the sessions. “She’s an excellent teacher,” says Eddie. “She goes over the actions until



Pictured (l to r) Donna Covelle, Healthy Aging Program Coordinator at Mystic Valley Elder Services, congratulates Susan Becker for winning the Outstanding Leader Award.

we have retained what we have learned.”

“Mystic Valley would not be able to run as many programs as we do without Susan,” says Donna Covelle, Healthy Aging Program Coordinator with Mystic Valley Elder Services. “She is always willing to help out and improve the programs in any way that she can.”

Mystic Valley Elder Services is seeking Healthy Aging Program Group leader volunteers like Susan to help advance the mission of its Healthy Aging Program by assisting people with chronic medical conditions to manage their medical problems and disabilities by leading the workshops that support, educate, and nurture a greater control over their lives. Group leaders receive a \$300 stipend for facilitating a Healthy Aging Program workshop(s) and will also receive training.

For more information on Mystic Valley Elder Services’ Healthy Aging Programs or how to become a group leader, please contact Donna Covelle at (781) 388-4867 or dcovelle@mves.org.

BRIEFS

MVES SEEKS HEALTHY AGING GROUP LEADERS

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is seeking Healthy Aging Program Group leader volunteers to help advance the mission of its Healthy Aging Program by assisting people with chronic medical conditions to manage their medical problems and disabilities by leading the workshops that support, educate, and nurture a greater control over their lives. Group leaders receive a \$300 stipend for facilitating a Healthy Aging Program workshop(s) and will also receive training.

MVES offers a variety of free, evidence-based workshops to promote health, wellbeing, and happiness including:

- My Life, My Health Chronic Disease Self-Man-

agement Program (CDS-MP)

- My Life My Health Chronic Pain Self-Management

- My Life, My Health Diabetes Self-Management

- Tai Chi for Arthritis Self-Management

- Matter of Balance

- Healthy Eating

Healthy Aging Group leaders lead workshops at various locations across the 11 cities and towns served by MVES. They encourage interactive discussion, as well as socializing, idea sharing, and problem-solving among the participants. New leaders attend a two to four day Leader Training for the program(s) that they would like to facilitate. Ideal candidates for this role have strong communication, interpersonal and listening skills. Leaders should be comfortable

teaching, facilitating group discussion and role play. A leader is responsible for teaching the six week (2.5 hour class) to eight week (1-2 hour) class to participants in a community setting. Once trained, lay leaders are asked to commit to leading two classes within one year of certification. Most importantly, the group leaders have fun!

Interested? Contact MVES’ Healthy Aging Program Coordinator Donna Covelle at dcovelle@mes.org or 781-388-4867 about current opportunities.

About Mystic Valley Elder Services

Located in Malden, Mass., Mystic Valley Elder Services is a non-profit agency that provides essential home- and community-based care and resources to elders, adults living with disabilities, and caregivers who reside in Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop. Agency services include coordination of home care, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and information and referrals. For more information, please call (781) 324-7705 or visit www.mves.org

SAINT JOSEPH PREP EXCEEDS FUNDRAISER GOAL

From Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 2019, Saint Joseph Prep, a co-ed Catholic, independent high school in Boston, in held a \$100,000 matching challenge fundraiser. The three-month challenge was issued by Mrs. Agnes Burns Hughes of Greens-

boro, North Carolina, an alum of the Class of 1948 of Mount Saint Joseph Academy, a predecessor school of Saint Joseph Prep.

At midnight on New Year’s Eve, the amount raised stood at \$201,568, more than double the ambitious goal set when the campaign began. With the addition of Mrs. Hughes’ gift, the grand total is \$301,568, an outstanding success.

“We’re thrilled with the results of the campaign and the widespread, generous support we received,” Robin King, Director of Advancement, said. “Here at Saint Joseph Prep, we pride ourselves on offering a high-quality education founded on the Catholic values championed by our sponsors, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, and this will help us continue to support our students’ learning and growth.”

For Mrs. Hughes, who issued the challenge because she believes so strongly in the ability of each Saint Joseph Prep student to make a difference in the world, seeing the SJP community rise to her challenge affirmed her reasons for offering it. “I’m hopeful that the success of the campaign sends a powerful message to the students and that this gift will inspire them to take full advantage of the opportunities afforded them. To them I say, ‘Make the world a better place.’”

Outside of New England, donations came in from 12 other states, including as far away as California and Arizona. SJP’s students also took part, raising money during a tag day.

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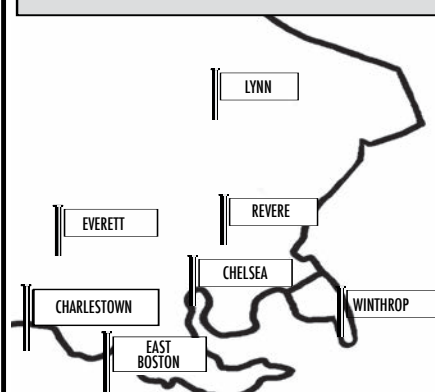
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Metro Credit Union passes its \$2 billion assets marked

Robert Cashman, President and CEO of Metro Credit Union, announces that Metro's fiscal year 2019 exceeded expectations and plans for 2020 are on track - further establishing the financial institution's position as the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts. Most notably, Metro surpassed the \$2 billion in assets mark in November. The factors that contributed to the impressive milestone include historic levels of home mortgage originations and expansion of its Commercial Lending division.


In 2019, Metro's commercial lending capabilities expanded with two new executives as Kevin Malone, Senior Commercial Lender, and Jason Truong, Vice President Commercial Relationship Manager joined Metro. Mr. Malone is focused on offering innovative, customized financial solutions that help establish and improve the surrounding communities served by Metro, while Mr. Truong brings a personal perspective to managing and overseeing those business relationships of Metro's commercial members. Metro's residential mortgage division leveraged its expanded Mortgage Originations team and produced closed loans in excess of half a billion dollars by year-end, a 66% increase over 2018.

In addition to its financial growth Metro continued its internal investment of technology infrastructure aiming to both enhance and improve the overall member experience. This multi-year project, which has entered its second phase, will be two-fold: offering members an ability to better manage their finances by way of a more holistic banking experience, and simultaneously making internal processes and workflows more efficient.

"Through new tools, new partnerships and new team members, we are able to provide more than standard products and service," says Cashman. "With this overarching organizational investment we will elevate what we offer our more than 225,000 members, along with how we serve them. We are focused on delivering on our foundational offerings in what makes us a thriving financial institution while also aiming to deliver an experiential "part better" aspect to our members. As we look to 2020, everything is aligning for another impactful and successful year to the benefit of our members and employees."

About Metro Credit Union
Metro Credit Union is the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, with \$2.0 billion in assets. Metro provides a full range of financial products to more than 225,000 members in Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Plymouth, Barnstable, Bristol and Worcester counties in Massachusetts, and Rockingham and Hillsborough counties in New Hampshire, as well as to employees of over 1,200 companies through its Metro@work program.

Founded in 1926, Metro currently operates 14 branch offices in Boston, Burlington, Chelsea, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Melrose, Newton, Peabody, Salem, and Tewksbury. Metro is also a Juntos Avanzamos ("Together We Advance") designated credit union, an honor given to financial institutions for their commitment to serving and empowering Hispanic and immigrant consumers. Learn more at MetroCU.org.



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CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Rabbi Oksana Chapman, spiritual leader of the Temple congregation, wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah and good health in the new year.



Ron Moses provides the musical entertainment with his outstanding singing voice. Moses is a versatile performer who is also a professional magician.



State Rep. Dan Ryan and his daughters, Audrey and Ella.



Marsha Johnson Weiss and Herman Weiss.



Rabbi Oksana Chapman and President Sara Lee Callahan welcome State Rep. Dan Ryan to the Hanukkah/New Year Celebration.



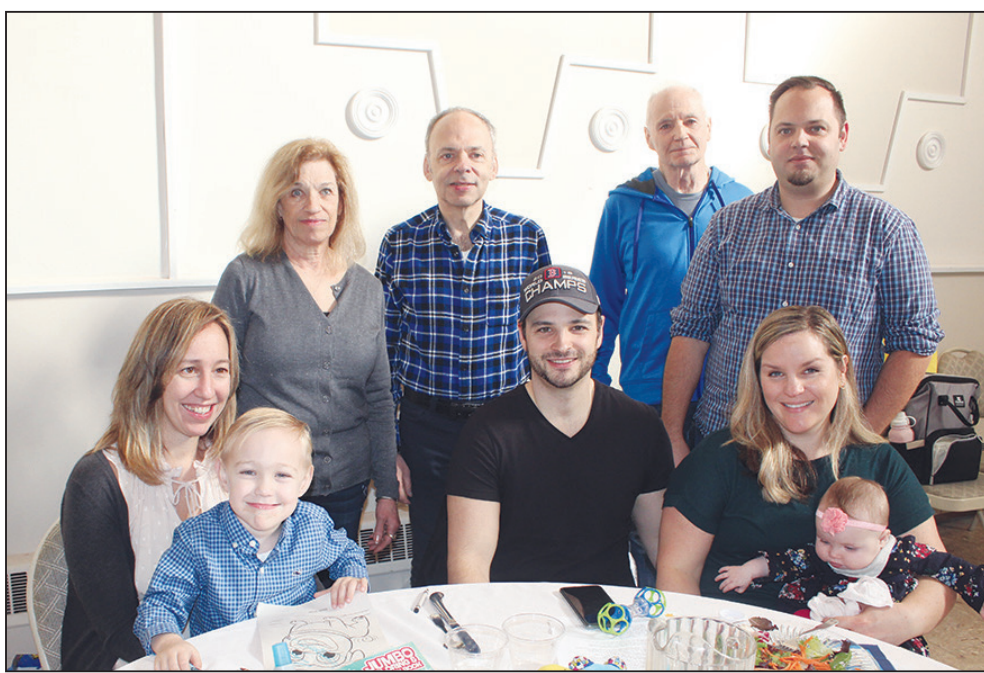
Helping out in the Leo Demko Kitchen are Carole Turransky, Ralph Turransky, and Susan Kelly.



Front row, Herman Weiss, Marlene Demko, and Carole Turransky. Back row, President Sara Lee Callahan, Attorney Michael Callahan, Susan Kelly, and Rabbi Oksana Chapman.



Barbara Kames, Barbara Gerrig, Temple Sisterhood
Co-President Gloria Gerrig, and Laura Kanter.



Front row, Christine Doherty with Nathan Doherty, Brian Doherty, Alicia Doherty, with Stella Doherty. Back row, Janice Doherty, one of the organizers of the celebration, Ken Wacks, Skip Doherty, and Eric Doherty.



Front row, Phyllis Vigoda, Sue Huberman, Laura Kanter, and Earl Vigoda. Back row, Becky Swope, Cindy Millman, Beverly Newman, Steven Vider, Dotty Novak, and Murray Novak.



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