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Council approves several matters in Zoom meeting

By Seth Daniel

The Chelsea City Council met on Monday night and moved several matters of business as the novelty of the Zoom online meetings started to wear off and councillors moved more towards getting regular business done over the online networks.

Chief among the matters was an order from City Manager Tom Ambrosino for \$306,500 to hire an engineer to design a solution for re-establishing the train Quiet Zone. In April, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) stripped Chelsea of its Quiet Zone status after the City had not fulfilled promises made in 2005 when they got the Quiet Zone. The City had

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STAR POWER

MBP is bringing attention to environmental justice

By Cary Shuman

Maria Belen Power was back on ZOOM Saturday for a broadcast forum featuring U.S. Sen. Edward J. Markey and Congressman Joseph Kennedy III.

The event was originally scheduled to be a candidates' forum around environmental justice, before COVID-19 affected every aspect of life in Chelsea and beyond.

The two candidates in the Sept. 1 Democratic primary would have appeared at a forum hosted by GreenRoots in person. GreenRoots ultimately made the decision to hold the event

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TRASH NOTICE

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FAREWELL SOLDIER



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National Guardsman DaSilva peeks out from a military truck during one of the pop up food pantries at City Hall earlier this month. The National Guard swooped into Chelsea about a month ago to help with distributions of food and other items. The troops have filled in numerous gaps in the response to COVID-19, but their last day in the City will be May 22.

City says heartfelt good-bye to National Guard

By Seth Daniel

The last time City Manager Tom Ambrosino saw the National Guard patrolling and assisting in the streets of a city, he was a 16-year-old in Revere navigating the Blizzard of '78.

No one was hungry or sick, but they sure were cold, he recalled.

Now, as the City Manager of Chelsea, he said he has nothing but praise to heap on the National Guard members who came to Chelsea one month ago and partnered with the City to make sure food operations ran smoothly in the effort to feed at least 18,000 residents who had hit rock bottom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Their last day in the city will be May 22.

"I think they've done a tremendous job," he said. "We can't thank them enough and I will be sending a letter to the mission commander and the governor to let them know how much they did for us. They stepped up to help Chelsea at a desperate time of need and we are very grateful."

Gov. Charlie Baker called up the National Guard for health and logistics missions on March 19, but things were pretty stable in Chelsea until around late

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center opens COVID-19 testing to all

By John Lynds

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic more than two months ago East Boston has emerged as one of Boston's 'hotspots'. The virus rapidly spread through the densely populated neighborhood infecting over 1,000 residents since mid-March. Other

surrounding communities like Chelsea and Revere also had become a virus hot spot.

The team at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) has been on the frontlines fighting the pandemic in East Boston and rapidly changing and adapting their approach as each week passes.

One of the biggest tools to combat the virus has been to increase testing for as many residents as possible.

According to EBNHC Vice President Michael Mancusi testing leads to quick identification of cases, quick treatment for

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Joyful and Careful

Churches allowed to re-open, but City says to reconsider

By Seth Daniel

When Gov. Charlie Baker announced that Houses of Worship would be able to open up this week in Phase 1 of the state's re-opening plan, it was a 'Hallelujah!' moment, but most churches are not rushing back to the pews just yet.

And given the infection rates of COVID-19 in Chelsea, City leaders are asking any churches considering opening to reconsider that plan.

Bishop Robert Brown of Zion Church Ministries in Everett – which has several Chelsea worshippers – said this week it was great news to hear that the church could re-open, but he said they would likely

not be returning to the old way of having church – a sentiment that was shared by Cardinal Sean O'Malley in guidance issued Monday for the entire Archdiocese of Boston with most Catholic Churches hoping for in-person masses on Pentecost (May 31).

Churches had been excluded from many of the discussions about re-opening, to the discontent of a lot of pastors in the area (some from Everett) that submitted a letter to Gov. Baker two weeks ago asking for at least a seat at the table. So, with the exclusion in the early discussions, many were surprised that churches were given the leeway

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City reverses on plan to ratchet down food distribution program

By Seth Daniel

After hearing concerns from City Councillors, City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he will reverse his decision to ratchet down and consolidate food distribution efforts starting next week.

Instead, there will be pop-up food pantries in their normal locations continuing through June while the Council decides what it wants to do about food distribution efforts in the long-term.

Ambrosino had announced that with the exit of the National Guard on May 22, he would begin to offer pantries three times a week at the PORT Park only. But pushback at the Council changed that.

"Last week we decided to consolidate at the PORT

Park and make the money appropriated last through August," he said. "That was believed to be inconvenient. What we decided to do is continue like we are doing this week through the month of June. That will give the Council time to decide the best transition plan while we maintain the five we have set up in the past and this week."

At Monday's Council meeting, Councillor Damali Vidot called on the administration to act in a more humane and convenient way.

"I am urging the City administration to reconsider the current proposal and allow a more humane plan to create a smoother transition to help our residents adjust," she wrote. "To add to

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CHS CLASS OF 1963 HELPS OUT SENIOR CENTER



The Chelsea High School Class of 1963 made a generous donation to the Chelsea Senior Center to help seniors during the COVID-19 crisis. From left, are Senior Center Director Tracy Nowicki, Dom Cacciapuoti, Elaine Cacciapuoti, School Committee member Rosemarie Carlisle, ECSB Chelsea Bank Division President Joseph Vinard, and Tom Kasiecki.

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MEMORIAL DAY, 2020

This will be a Memorial Day unlike any that Americans have known.

Ever since the official inception of the holiday on May 30, 1868, when the practice of decorating the graves of the fallen Union soldiers with flowers, wreaths, and flags officially became recognized by the order of General Logan at Arlington National Cemetery, Memorial Day (originally known as Decoration Day) has been a time for all Americans to come together to commemorate and honor those who made the Supreme Sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

When Memorial Day was moved to the fourth Monday of May starting in 1971, the three-day weekend also came to mark the official start of the summer season for Americans of all ages, who gathered for cookouts and other outdoor activities with friends and family.

But in this year of the coronavirus pandemic, all of the usual parades and festivities have been cancelled. With much of the nation still sheltering in place, gatherings of families and friends have been limited to the faux-reality of Zoom.

The pandemic also has brought another set of challenges to our nation, however. The stress we all are feeling, both from the threat of the virus itself and from the economic anxiety it has created, has brought into full view the many, deep fissures in our society which have been lurking beneath the surface for decades.

It is fair to say that America is as disunited as we ever have been since the end of the Civil War itself 155 years ago. This pandemic, rather than bringing us together to face and fight the common challenge of the coronavirus, is threatening to tear us apart and bring to an end the great American experiment.

In searching for appropriate words to capture this moment in which we find ourselves, the Gettysburg address that was delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on the site of the battlefield on November 19, 1863, rings most true, both in terms of honoring those who gave their lives in our nation's wars and for healing the wounds created by the current pandemic crisis.

We hope our readers take a moment to absorb Lincoln's words and reflect upon the meaning of Memorial Day in light of our current situation:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



GUEST OP-ED

Baker's reopening plans for the State: Calling on state officials to place vulnerable communities at the forefront of the Commonwealth's reopening framework

By Damali Vidot

I applaud the State Administration for stepping up and meeting the needs of our most vulnerable in Chelsea, Charlestown, and the rest of our impacted communities in Massachusetts. At a time when we need collaboration and transparency between local and state officials for life-altering decisions, it is essential to prioritize local voices in these conversations as state officials.

Since my involvement in the City of Chelsea's Pandemic Emergency Response Team - working alongside residents and community leaders and coordinating support from the state and the National Guard--I've stressed the importance of having a diversity of neighborhood

voices in the planning of a response to this pandemic.

And most recently I've been struck the most by the conversations I've had, for example, with mothers in Chelsea and Charlestown, as they juggle the responsibilities of being a parent, provider, and source of strength for their families. And so it has become all the more urgent that the collective lived-experiences of these voices, as well, remain at the forefront of our deliberations to reopen the state.

Reopening our communities cannot force us to choose between public health or financial stability. Instead, it must be a coordinated, science-based plan, with leaders at the table who represent and have been most impacted by the crisis. COVID-19 has

shown us that the most vulnerable in our communities will continue to suffer long after this pandemic if we do not collectively work to build a resilient, equitable future.

The heartfelt dedication and work that has so far been devoted in response to this crisis is truly a testament to the collective efforts of many people from our community who share similar lived-experiences and who are all striving to create a more just and equitable future for everyone--no matter what side of the Tobin Bridge we're on.

For over 2 months, At-Large Chelsea City Councilor Damali Vidot has been at the center of the COVID-19 emergency response efforts in her city, working with the Chelsea Pandemic Response Team,

organizing local elected officials, Massachusetts General Hospital, Beth Israel Lahey Health, faith-based leaders, nonprofit organizations and others to secure life-saving resources for food assistance, emergency housing, financial assistance, and PPE to support both our front line responders and those most vulnerable in our communities.

Damali Vidotis At-Large Chelsea City Councilor. For more information on Councilor Vidot and the campaign, please visit our website www.votedamali.org. You can follow us on Twitter @DamaliVidot and on Facebook @DamaliVidot.. Councilor Vidot encourages all residents to register to vote at sec.state.ma.us/ovr, and to vote on Primary Day election day, Tuesday, September 1.

GUEST OP-ED

Drawing a line in the sand to keep our beaches safe and open

By Bruce Berman

The late US District Court Judge A. David Mazzone, who oversaw the Boston Harbor case for nearly 20 years, often said that he measured the success of the Boston Harbor cleanup not by the "number of feet" you could see into the water, but by the "pairs of feet" he saw on the region's public beaches on a hot summer day.

Because we believe that the best way to "save the harbor" is to create new environmental stewards by "sharing the harbor" with the public, for more than 30 years Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has embraced Mazzone's metric as one true measure of our success. We are certainly proud that in 2019 our free Youth Environmental Education programs served more than 35,000 primarily low-income kids and families, and our free beach programs brought more than one million people to the region's public beaches.

However, this year we are confronting the most serious public health crises to affect our nation since the influenza epidemic of 1918. Under these circumstances, Mazzone's metrics - and large public beach events and programs - are simply

not appropriate.

Governor Baker and Mayor Walsh have wisely cancelled large public gatherings until at least Labor Day. Many of our youth program partners have suspended their public programs to protect their staff and the public's health. Though our program planning and policy work continues by teleconference and Zoom, our office on the Fish Pier is closed, for now.

Instead of bringing thousands of kids and their families on free harbor tours and tens of thousands of people to free concerts and beach festivals from Nahant to Nantasket this summer, we are planning for a virtual summer on Boston Harbor.

Today we are working closely (albeit remotely) with our legislative and community partners at the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, in the Baker/Polito Administration, and the City of Boston to encourage social distancing and discourage gatherings on the beaches we have worked so hard to restore, protect and share. Working together, we intend to draw a clear line in the sand to reduce the social spread of the coronavirus and keep our beaches safe and open.

All of us at Save the Har-

bor/Save the Bay love the beach. We also understand the importance of access to healthy blue and green open spaces like public beaches and parks to the region's residents, especially now with opportunities for recreation limited as the weather warms and cabin fever sets in.

We appreciate the thoughtful and measured approach that the Baker/Polito Administration and the Department of Conservation has taken to permit public access to these urban natural resources during this unprecedented public health crisis.

We also know that parking restrictions, social distancing requirements and face masks will not work unless we all follow the rules and abide by the guidance. We have all seen what happened when large crowds hit the beaches in Florida and California, in some cases forcing officials to close their beaches again. We should not make these mistakes here in the Bay State.

For the past five years Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has brought acclaimed beach artist Andres Amador to Boston to work with scores of volunteers to draw huge mandalas in the sand on the region's pub-

lic beaches. His work lasts for just a few hours, before being washed away by the tide.

This year we won't be drawing mandalas on the beach together. Instead, we need you to help us draw a line in the sand to turn the tide on the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our beaches safe and open. Wear a face mask to protect yourself and others. Don't gather on the beach with people who are not part of your household. Proper social distancing requires a 12-foot diameter circle between you and other beachgoers.

When this crisis has passed, each of us will ask ourselves "What did I do personally to flatten the curve and reduce the spread of the virus?" If you love your beach and care about your community, follow the guidelines, and use good judgement and common sense. Together we can draw a line in the sand to reduce the social spread of the coronavirus, keep our communities safe and our beaches open.

Bruce Berman is Director of Strategy & Communications Save The Harbor/Save the Bay

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those people and immediate isolation to prevent spread. Early testing also helps to identify anyone who came into contact with infected people so they too can be quickly treated.

Mancusi said EBNHC is now able to test anyone who wants to be tested for COVID-19 in the communities of East Boston, Winthrop, Revere, Chelsea and Everett—even if you do not have symptoms, or if you are not an EBNHC patient.

“We started testing back on March 28 by testing first responders,” said Mancusi. “Then we opened the testing to EBNHC patients and now we are opening up testing to non-patients of the Health Center. We are really hoping to increase broad testing in our service areas of East Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere and Everett.”

Mancusi said the steps to get a free COVID-19 test at one of three EBNHC testing sites is easy and hassle free.

“All someone has to do is call 617-569-5800 to pre-register whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic,” said Mancusi. “And the testing sites are open 7 days a week.”

The easiest way to get testing is arguably at EBNHC’s Suffolk Downs ‘drive-thru’ testing site at 525 William F. McClellan Highway after pre-registering.

“This site is open daily from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.,” said Mancusi. “Once you are registered you simply drive up to check in. The staff will print a label that we put on your windshield. Then you drive up to the testing tent and get tested. It is a very streamlined and quick process that takes only a few minutes by our experienced staff.”

Mancusi said the Health Center had a day last week where they tested 149 people at Suffolk Downs.

“We are averaging 80 to 100 people per day with the numbers being a little lower on the weekends,” said Mancusi.

However, Mancusi said the Health Center wants to give residents as many opportunities as possible to get tested.

“For those who do not



Drivers in their cars lined up in the queue to receive the COVID-19 test at the Suffolk Downs testing facility run by EBNHC.

have a car we have set up a ‘walk-through’ testing site 79 Paris Street,” said Mancusi.

This site is open daily from 8 a.m. to noon and residents can pre-register through the same phone number (617-569-5800).

“Paris Street is the same as Suffolk Downs with the only difference being it is a walk-through testing site,” said Mancusi. “This process also moves quickly and we’ve been testing over 100 people a day at Paris Street.”

All together EBNHC is approaching 8,500 or so individuals tested for COVID-19 in the area with a goal of reaching 10,000 people tested over the next week or two.

“East Boston was identified as a ‘hotspot’ so we really wanted to do our part during this public health crisis,” said Mancusi. “We absolutely wanted to increase the testing across the communities we serve because the more testing that gets down the more we can do to manage community suppression.”

Mancusi said the third testing site is for residents with COVID-19-like symptoms at EBNHC’s Emergency Department Influenza Like Illness Clinic at 10 Gove Street.

Once tested Mancusi said patients should receive test results in 4 to 5 days or less but should quarantine in their home pending the results. Results will automatically be reported to the Massachusetts Department

of Public Health and the Boston Public Health Commission.

“If your results are positive, a health care provider from EBNHC will call you to discuss your results and give further guidance,” said Mancusi. “Being positive brings up all kinds of issues and questions for people. We provide a hand out at all the testing sites. If someone is positive we have an entire support network to help with housing, food insecurities or other issues people may face. So there’s a solid plan in place to help people navigate the most proper care for their condition.”

Mancusi said the Health Center is also exploring more testing options like ‘mobile-testing’.

“Through mobile testing we can target areas that haven’t had a level of robust testing yet,” said Mancusi. “There may be certain areas, for whatever reason, where the number of residents tested is very low. Using geo mapping tools we can look at the data and pinpoint places or a population in these ‘cold-zones’ that should have barrier-free testing.”

Mancusi reminds residents that all are welcome at EBNHC’s testing sites regardless of immigration status, insurance status, or ability to pay. You will not receive a bill for COVID-19 testing or treatment.

Visit www.ebnhc.org for COVID-19 information and community resources.

Traffic impacts for railroad crossing work in Chelsea and Everett

The MBTA is building a new, fully accessible Chelsea Commuter Rail Station next to the final SL3 stop in Chelsea. When complete, the new station will connect the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Lines to the SL3. While building the new station, we are also upgrading the rail signal system and replacing the railroad crossings at Eastern Avenue, Third Street, and Everett Avenue in Chelsea, as well as 2nd Street in Everett. To prepare for the railroad crossing work, the MBTA’s contractor will continue utility work in the coming weeks as described below.

UPCOMING TRAFFIC IMPACTS

To safely perform work at the railroad crossings, traffic will be impacted in the following locations at these scheduled* times:

•Everett Avenue in Chelsea – Monday, May 18, through Wednesday, May 27, from 7 AM to 3 PM each day (no work on Memorial Day, May 25). Northbound traffic will be detoured around the railroad crossing. Southbound traffic will not be impacted. Northbound traffic on Everett Avenue will be directed to follow this detour route:

*Turn right on Spruce Street. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn left on Beech Street. Turn left on

Maple Street, then turn right to continue north on Everett Avenue.

•2nd Street in Everett – Thursday, May 28, through Friday, June 5, from 7 AM to 3 PM each day. Traffic will be reduced to a single lane with alternating traffic in each direction.

Work takes place on weekdays only. If work is completed ahead of schedule at one crossing, work will immediately commence at the next scheduled crossing (Monday through Friday). Police details will help direct traffic around all railroad crossings while construction is in progress.

MBTA Commuter Rail riders will not be impacted by this work.

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reneged on the promises in 2011, and nothing much was said about it since then. Then there were several accidents at railroad crossings, including a death in 2017 of a Chelsea High student.

Ambrosino inherited the issue, and wrote to the Council that he wished to fix it as quick as possible, but warned the process could take 13 months to fix and get the Quiet Zone re-established. The total cost of the upgrades will be more than \$3 million.

The Council moved the matter to a second reading and is expected to vote on it at the next meeting.

•The Council has approved unanimously \$191,250 to fund the Bunker Hill Community College Scholarship, which lets graduating seniors at Chelsea High who have been in the dual enrollment college program to complete their Associate’s Degree on the City’s dime.

It would be the third year for the program, and Ambrosino said he expects students to be allowed move up to college in the fall.

“Despite the pandemic, there is every indication

BHCC will be accepting students to matriculate in the 2021 academy year sometime in the fall,” he wrote. “In order to ensure CHS graduates have an opportunity to seek an Associate’s Degree in the fall, I ask the Council to support the scholarship request.”

It passed by a vote of 10-0.

•The Council also accepted a request from Ambrosino to scale back the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2021-2025, calling for a public hearing at the next meeting.

“With the expected financial contraction anticipated in FY 21 and the economic impacts of COVID-19, the City suggests scaling back the amount of involvement proposed in the CIP at the end of January,” he wrote.

Several projects have been deferred, including a new E911 building that was in the plan.

•The Council voted unanimously to accept a new contract with the SEIU Local 888 union that promises them one year without layoffs if they agree to no pay increase in the coming fiscal year.

With financial con-

straints expected, the contract – which had been negotiated at the end of 2019 – has been revised. Ambrosino added a third year to the contract where workers get a 2.7 percent increase in replacement for taking a 0 percent increase in the coming fiscal year. They are also promised no layoffs in the coming fiscal year. The second year of the contract is at 3 percent increase.

Ambrosino said he is optimistic that negotiations will go well with the union. The Council voted 10-0 to allow the negotiations to go forward.

•Councilor Judith Garcia reported a new program she has been working on with Father Edgar Duarte of St. Luke’s Church. Many families in Chelsea who have suffered an unexpected loss due to COVID-19 have been struggling with paying for funeral costs.

Under the program, Garcia said they are prepared to provide \$1,700 per family to help with funeral costs associated with COVID-19. Anyone looking for information on the program can call Father Edgar at (617) 884-3300.



Medical staff are shown at the Suffolk Downs drive thru testing facility.

EBNHC ofrece pruebas de COVID-19

By John Lynds

East Boston se ha convertido en uno de los de lugares más vulnerables al coronavirus. El virus ha infectado a más de mil residentes desde mediados de marzo.

El equipo del East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) ha estado en primera línea de la pandemia. Una de las herramientas más grandes para combatir el virus es aumentar las pruebas.

El centro es ahora capaz de probar cualquier persona en East Boston que quiera una prueba, aunque no tenga síntomas. No tiene que ser un paciente de EBNHC.

“Llaman al 617-569-5800 para preinscribirse”, dijo el vicepresidente de EBNHC Michael Mancusi. “Los sitios de prueba están



Maria Maldonado is on hand to administer tests.

abiertos los siete días de la semana”.

Los sitios incluyen Suffolk Downs en 525 William F McClellan Highway, abierto de 1pm a 5pm. Para aquellos que no tienen vehículo, hay un sitio para peatones en 79 Paris Street,

abierto todos los días de 8am a mediodía. Un tercer sitio de pruebas es la Clínica de Enfermedades en 10 Gove Street.

Los residentes están invitados a los sitios de prueba sin importar el estatus de inmigración, la falta de seguro médico o la falta de dinero. No recibirán una factura por las pruebas o el tratamiento de COVID-19.

Los pacientes recibirán los resultados en cinco días, pero deben ponerse en cuarentena en su hogar mientras esperan los resultados.

EBNHC tiene el objetivo de evaluar a 10,000 residentes en total dentro de dos semanas. El centro también está explorando más opciones de prueba como sitios de prueba móviles.

Visita <https://ebnhc.org/es/> para COVID-19 información y recursos de la comunidad en Spanish.

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POLICE

Briefs

By Seth Daniel and Paul Koolloian

Trouble in the Food Lines

On May 12, at 3:02 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of 163 Chestnut St., near St. Stanislaus Rectory for a report of an intoxicated male causing a disturbance at the food distribution line. Upon arrival, the officers observed a male, under the influence of alcohol yelling obscenities at the approximately 50 people waiting in the food pantry line. The male was taken into custody and charged with Disorderly Conduct.

Truck Driver Caused Accident

On May 11, at 4:50 p.m., officers were dispatched to Everett Avenue and Broadway for a report of a motor vehicle accident with possible injury. The officers arrived to an accident involving four vehicles. CPD officers utilized the

city cameras and reviewed the accident and arrested a male operator of a pickup truck that caused the accident. The video showed the pick-up truck was operating at a high rate of speed approaching the intersection without slowing down causing the collision. The officers formed the opinion after an onsite road assessment that the operator was operating the vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Beat with a Stick

On May 14, at 8:06 p.m., while on patrol in the Bellingham Square area, a CPD officer was flagged down for a possible disturbance. While driving down Fifth Street, a witness in a white van was yelling “stop the man with the black jacket,” he told the officers that the described person struck another male multiple times with a wooden stick. The

officers approached the male suspect who threw down the wooden object and was placed under arrest for Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon. The victim was transported to CHA Everett for treatment of his injuries.

Unwanted Visitor in the Bathroom

On May 14, at 10:06 p.m., officers were dispatched to 185 Washington Ave., apartment 9, for a breaking and entering in progress. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the owner who informed the officers that there was an unknown party locked in her bathroom. Officers were able to gain entry into the bathroom and place the male into custody. The arrested individual was transported to CHA Everett to be evaluated

COVID Relief Coalition offers pro bono legal work to state’s small business and nonprofits

By Dan Murphy

One neighborhood lawyer has joined a number of fellow attorneys to provide pro bono work to the state’s small businesses and nonprofits in the age of COVID-19.

Christian Westra, an attorney with the Ropes & Gray and a Charles River Square resident, helped establish the COVID Relief Coalition – an alliance of Massachusetts law firms, nonprofits and government agencies established in late March to help small businesses and nonprofits statewide access emergency loans and other sources of relief during the pandemic. As of May 16, the Coalition had already received 200 requests for pro bono legal work, he said.

“We’re eager to help as many people as we can,” he said. “Small businesses and nonprofits can go fill out an intake form on our website (at covidreliefcoalition.com), and that will go out to the law firms, Then we’ll contact you and set up an appointment, assuming you qualify and most people qualify.”

Westra added, “We’re a pretty broad-based group,

so we try to be as inclusive as possible and get the word out to as many people as we can.”

Through the Coalition, referrals are shared between participating law firms, and they communicate on how to help guide clients through the process with the Small Business Administration, among other entities.

“We also help people how to deal with challenges of not being able to pay rent or utilities, and help with situations that are specific to their businesses,” Westra said.

But, as Westra concedes, even the Coalition members are trying to grasp how the constantly changing and seemingly ambiguous process works.

“Our guidance is continuing to evolve,” he said. “People don’t have a clear understanding of how loan forgiveness works so we help people assess the risks and figure out what makes the most sense for their business and organizations.”

Of particular interest to many of the Coalition’s clients are the terms of the Small Business Administration’s Payment Protection Program (PPP), which

provides forgivable loans to small businesses to help pay employees during the pandemic. “We expect to get more questions as people start to think about loan forgiveness for the PPP,” Westra said.

To help small businesses and nonprofits navigate this terrain, the Coalition has “tried to capture some key documents,” as well as providing contact information for other sources of relief specific to their circumstances. The Coalition also provides information on how to access unemployment benefits and other resources to help individuals.

Westra said his commitment to the Coalition was spurred by his desire to help the neighborhood he loves recover from the ongoing pandemic.

“As a neighbor and someone who lives right next to Charles Street, it was heartbreaking to see all the closed shops and how it impacted people in such a significant way,” he said. “But one of the things I can do as a lawyer is help marshal my colleagues to give free legal advice through the coalition.”

To learn more, visit covidreliefcoalition.com.

DiDomenico votes to pass bill authorizing short-term borrowing

Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate convened for the first-ever remote session in the history of the body to pass legislation to allow short-term borrowing to meet the Commonwealth’s financial obligations.

“My colleagues in the Senate and I have been working tirelessly to address the many challenges our Commonwealth during the COVID emergency, and this critical borrowing bill will be instrumental in helping us meet our immediate

needs and near-term financial obligations during this crisis,” said Sen. DiDomenico. “Thank you to Senate President Karen Spilka and Senate Ways and Means Chairman Michael Rodrigues for their leadership on this bipartisan legislation, and their efforts to ensure the critical work of our Senate body is able to continue so we can address this evolving crisis.”

The legislation, An Act to Facilitate the Delay of the Income Tax Filing Deadline, complements legislative action taken in early

April to extend the income tax filing deadline to July 15, 2020, which provided flexibility to residents and families across the state amid the COVID-19 State of Emergency. The extension mirrors actions taken on the federal level.

To ensure budgetary stability, the bill allows the treasurer to borrow during Fiscal Year 2020 to meet financial obligations that would normally be fulfilled through income tax filings.

The bill now awaits Governor Baker’s approval.

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The National Guard provided manpower and logistics to get food from the Greater Boston Food Bank in Boston and to transport it to the PORT Park, where City workers and volunteers and Guardsmen also packaged the food in boxes.

They also handed out food at many of the locations on various days, and did so in a compassionate way, Ambrosino said.

Many could have been scared by their presence, especially those coming recently from Central American countries where the military is to be feared and

not trusted.

“It was handing out the food, picking up the food, and delivering the food,” said Ambrosino. “It was being pleasant to people in crisis and the little kindnesses they did we know people appreciated very much.”

The National Guard troops numbered anywhere from about 10 to 20 in the City each day, and when they leave they will be on to another mission in another place. A spokesman for the Guard wasn’t sure where they would be deployed next.



A Chelsea Police officer helps direct traffic as the food lines stretch around City Hall.



National Guard transports arrive at City Hall for a pop up food pantry this month.



Guardsmen unload boxes of food.



Naomi Libran from Licensing helps to coordinate with National Guard troops.



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Woodlawn Cemetery prepares historic grounds

By Seth Daniel

The newly-restored sculpture at the gate of Woodlawn Cemetery features four ornate angels with brass horns, using the reference to the Book of Revelation in the Christian Bible whereby the four angels call back the dead to God.

It is a stark symbolism in any time for humanity, especially at a cemetery, but it is incredibly poignant now as the cemetery has seen a surge of burials related to COVID-19 illnesses and at the same time scurries to prepare its remarkably historic grounds for the crowds that usually come on the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

“We’re probably averaging triple the interments we would normally have since the COVID-19 started,” said Woodlawn CEO Francis Larovere III, who came on as director about three years ago. “We’re fortunate to have a seasoned crew and they’ve kept up with the burials. We’re probably deferred a little maintenance the plantings we normally do because we’re putting all the crews on the interment demand. That’s been the only thing we’ve given up. Our winter was pretty mild, and so far so good...We have 5,000 flower beds here and we usually start here before Memorial Day. We’ve got deliveries in the greenhouse, but there isn’t time to devote to planting everything. We’ll probably start that next week.”

Larovere, Director of Operations Bill Monahan and Foreman Alan Giangregorio have been preparing for visitors to come to the cemetery over the Memorial Day holiday, and just how that might

work is – like all things – a little new this year.

This year, the cemetery will be ready on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for Memorial Day crowds, and expect to be open until 6 p.m. Since COVID-19 restrictions set in on March 24, they’ve only kept the gates open until 4 p.m.

There will be double security on the grounds to make sure everyone is social distancing, Monahan said. He also said that will be particularly important in the mausoleums where they will limit the numbers of people that can go inside at one time.

He said they believe numbers will be lighter than normal, based on Mother’s Day crowds earlier this month. But he also said there is more of an opportunity to spread visits out this year as so many are not working, or are working from home, on Thursday and Friday.

“We experienced this with Mother’s Day,” said Monahan. “We had traffic Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It’s probably more spread out. We didn’t have as many visitors here on Mother’s Day as in past years. You can always tell by the numbers of flowers left on the grave-stones...We’ll probably see the same thing on Memorial Day weekend.”

So many in the area get used to visiting or seeing loved ones interred in Woodlawn Cemetery that it can almost become typical. However, the cemetery is anything but typical, and is one of the most historic in the nation.

“It is one of the three premier garden cemeteries in Greater Boston, with Mt. Auburn and Forest Hills,” said Larovere. “The first directors were all the prominent Everett families like the

Fullers, the Parlins and the Sweetsers. All those families came together to start this in 1850 and it is very historic. In fact, the family that started Converse rubber here donated the money for our chapel, which is a beautiful signature building. They were also on the Board of Directors. The cemetery has had that kind of leadership for generations.”

Meanwhile, Foreman Giangregorio has some history to celebrate as well.

After graduating Boston College, he took a summer job at Woodlawn. That morphed into a career on the historic grounds that will mark a 50-year milestone this Friday.

Giangregorio is seen as the resident historian of the cemetery, and has quite a bit to share in regards to those buried there, the amazing horticulture and the history of the place.

This year, he said he is particularly proud of the restored entry gate, where a family in 1904 had funded the sculpture of the four angels – a relief sculpture that symbolized the Christian tradition of death and also featured the likenesses of the family’s children. That relief sculpture was a fantastic piece of art featured at the entrance but it had fallen into disrepair long ago and hadn’t been fixed in 50 years.

“The four angels symbolize the Book of Revelation where they are calling the dead back to God from the four corners of the Earth,” he said.

After many fruitless calls, Larovere was able to find someone that would come and repair the sculpture, and they were also able to use one of the damaged brass horns as an example for fabricators to make four



Visitors will be greeted by a newly restored sculpture at the gate of the cemetery this year. The brass horns have not been in place for more than 50 years.

new ones – which Giangregorio pointed to proudly and which are now in place.

He said there are a number of great people buried in Woodlawn, and it’s history often escapes those that visit.

“There are six Medal of Honor winners in here and probably a seventh,” he said. “We have a general that fought in Tippecanoe with William Henry Harrison. We have friends of Edgar Allen Poe and friends of Mark Twain. We even have the first woman to have circumnavigated the globe – Mary Ann Patton. She went around the Cape of Good Hope and stopped in San Francisco. There are urban legends, such as us having witches buried here also.”

There is also the story of the first burial, which actually happened before the cemetery opened.

The cemetery actually opened on a Sunday in 1851, but there was a man who had died of typhoid fever just prior at the Charlestown Naval Hospital. People were so scared of typhoid in those days, that they brought him to Woodlawn one day before opening and buried him away from everyone else.



Operations Director Bill Monahan, CEO Francis Larovere III, and Foreman Alan Giangregorio are ready to welcome visitors safely into the Woodlawn Cemetery for Memorial Day weekends. While they’ve been busy with increased interments due to COVID-19 deaths, they have still done great work in preparing the grounds for the holiday, adding extra security and some common sense precautions as well.

“By the time the cemetery opened, they already had one person buried the day before,” said Giangregorio. “On his tombstone, it reads ‘First Tenant of Woodlawn.’”

Then there are some more sad pieces of history, like a plethora of unmarked graves from the 1918-1920 era that Monahan points out.

“There are about 150 to 200 and we assume they were from the Spanish Flu,” he said. “They are all in unmarked graves. We know who is in there, but they aren’t marked.”

Giangregorio said there used to be iron fences around every plot at Woodlawn, and it was like having one’s own little yard. However, during World War II, the government came in and stripped away all the fences for the war effort – eliminating one of the key elements in the ‘garden’ cemetery aspect.

They also have veterans from every war starting at the Civil War and going up through the Gulf War.

“You can just walk through the old parts and the history is everywhere,” said Giangregorio.

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virtually online.

Firstly, the debate (the candidates did not appear together, but separately one after another on screen) was a triumph for GreenRoots itself. During a campaign, candidates have a set debate schedule, but the fact they were willing to participate in the Chelsea-based event shows the high regard in which Roseann Bongiovanni’s organization is held. Bongiovanni is a former councillor-at-large who would immediately be a frontrunner for the office of mayor if Chelsea still had such a position. (City Manager Thomas Ambrosino is doing an excellent job, by the way).

Which brings us to the other half of GreenRoots’ amazing duo – Maria Belen Power, associate executive director of GreenRoots.

To use a sports analogy, MBP is a star. She is a confident and articulate regional voice on environmental justice. Boston TV stations have sought MBP out for interviews and she has appeared on three broadcast forums, two separately with Sen. Markey and Cong. Kennedy, and one with the two candidates Saturday.

GreenRoots’ partners in Saturday’s forum were the Chinese Progressive Association, represented by Mark Liu, Neighbor To Neighbor, ACE (Alterna-



Maria Belen Power is the associate executive director of GreenRoots, a non-profit organization based in Chelsea

tives for Community and Environment), represented by David Noiles and Sofia Owens, and the Clean Water Fund, represented by Vick Mohanka.

Power was asked to evaluate whom she believed was the victor in Saturday’s forum between Markey and Kennedy. She answered with adroitness and clarity, not giving even a small hint of whom she may be supporting in September’s exciting senate primary.

“I actually feel like they both responded eloquently and they both made the connection between environmental justice, COVID-19, and public health,” said Power. “Honestly, I think they both did a really good

job. I think their policies are very similar and they would both vote in a very progressive way, in a way that responds to our communities.”

Power, 35, began her career in 2011 in Chelsea working with Bongiovanni at the Chelsea Collaborative led by Executive Director Gladys Vega.

Born and raised in Nicaragua in Central America, Power is a graduate of Augsburg University, a small, liberal arts school in Minneapolis. She just finished her Master’s degree in Public Policy at Tufts University.

Power understands that she has had a wider spotlight during the COVID-19 crisis that has hit Chelsea the hardest among all Massachusetts cities.

“I feel fortunate to be able to lift up the story of environmental justice in a broader forum and to really talk about environmental burdens at the intersection of racial disparities and class disparities and I feel like those are very important connections to lift up, especially in these times,” said Power.

Maria Belen Power is not only lifting up the story, she is lifting up Chelsea so its people don’t get left behind during this most difficult, still ongoing crisis.

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New cases continue to decrease, but City Manager hopes to keep hotel open

By Seth Daniel

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said the contract for the Quality Inn quarantine hotel is about to end on June 9, but he is hoping that there is a way to extend the operations there even though cases in the City have steadily declined in the last few weeks.

There were 14 new cases reported on Tuesday night, and the City said it was encouraged to report the infection rate had slowed substantially. There were 2,496 positive cases as of May 19, but 1,124 residents had recovered. The death total was at 143 as of May 19.

At the height, there were 75 or more new cases per day reported to the City, but now that number has been

in the teens or low-20s each day.

“The trend is still in a positive direction,” he said. “We hope it continues in that direction because we aren’t looking for any spikes.”

Even with that good news, the Quality Inn quarantine hotel – which is split between Chelsea, Revere, and Lynn – is still something Ambrosino would like to keep intact.

“Our preference would be to keep it going longer and how we can do that is not clear,” he said. “It’s up in the air.”

The occupancy of the hotel has hovered in the mid-70s for the last few weeks, with 69 reported there Tuesday night. About half of those there are Chelsea residents, and the operation has 100 rooms avail-

able.

One alternative would be to send residents in quarantine to the EnVision Hotel in Everett, which is paid for entirely by the state and not any City resources. However, Ambrosino said he prefers the Quality Inn.

“We think our hotel operates much more efficiently,” he said.

•**CITY HALL TO HAVE LIMITED OPENING JUNE 1**

The City is still working to have a soft opening of City Hall on June 1, but don’t think it will be the same situation as it was in the past.

Ambrosino said they would likely have a limited schedule and limits on the numbers of people inside – as well as an appointment schedule system.

“We’re still trying to do

a soft opening of City Hall a week from Monday,” he said. “We may not open on that Monday, but we may. We’ll have an announcement on Thursday of next week.”

He said there will be very little operations in house at the time, and many employees will still be working from home.

“It’s not business as usual,” he said. “It will be limited employees and limited public hours and limited occupancy in the building. People will be required to wear masks to enter. In many cases, you will only be allowed to come by appointment. We will operate very differently than we did before. That will be the new way certainly through the summer.”

DiDomenico, Senate pass bill to collect vital public health data

Sen. Sal DiDomenico announced that the state Senate has passed bipartisan legislation to promote equity and transparency as the Commonwealth continues to confront the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill, An Act Addressing COVID-19 Data Collection and Disparities in Treatment, would increase the amount of statewide, publicly available data as it relates to the coronavirus, and establish a task force to study and make policy recommendations to address health disparities for underserved and underrepresented communities, including gateway cities like Chelsea and Everett.

“These reporting requirements are critical to ensuring we have a full and up-to-date understanding of the pandemic’s impact on

our communities, and the inequities that exist across our Commonwealth,” said DiDomenico. “Our district has been especially hard hit by COVID-19, and any additional information that we have at our disposal will be key to tailoring our response to this pandemic. These new reporting requirements will also help to determine our long-term recovery efforts and inform our ongoing work to address systemic inequities in our healthcare and safety-net systems. I am pleased that the Senate has taken action to implement strong data collection and reporting requirements, and it is my hope that this bill makes it to the Governor’s desk in the very near future.”

Under the bill, the Department of Public Health (DPH) will be required to

compile, collect and issue daily online reports on the number of people tested for COVID-19, positive cases, hospitalizations and deaths along with the gender, race, ethnicity, primary residence, occupation, disability, age and primary language of each case.

To ensure a comprehensive understanding of cases statewide, the legislation also requires that daily reports include data and demographic information from municipalities and counties with more than 25 positive cases, all DPH licensed nursing homes, assisted living facilities licensed by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, as well as state and county correctional facilities. Facility-specific information will be made publicly available while maintaining individual pri-

vacy. In addition to requiring greater data collection, the bill requires the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to describe the actions it is taking to address disparities identified through the data collected.

In response to increasing concerns about the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color and disproportionately impacted populations, the legislation also establishes a task force to study and make policy recommendations for how to address these health disparities. The task force will be required to issue an interim report by June 1, 2020 with a final report due August 1, 2020.

The bill is the latest action by the Senate to address the COVID-19 public health crisis and its effects on Massachusetts.

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the frenzy of our resident’s lives, the decision to drastically cut back the food assistance program will jeopardize the small amount of security our resident have relied on over the past two months. In addition, it is not feasible for most of our residents to pick up their food at PORT Park and carry it back to their home that might be on the other side of the city.”

That has caused the revamped plan, which will require a \$75,000 expenditure to hire a transportation company to replace the services done by the National Guard, including making trips to the Greater Boston Food Bank to pick up large quantities of provisions and bring them to the PORT Park.

“We can do that through June and transition to PORT Park and get us through August,” he said. “We should break even doing that with the money currently appropriated by Council.”

He said the pop-up pantries five days a week cost the City \$125,000 per week, while a consolidated effort at PORT Park of three days a week costs \$58,000 per week.

He said the City Council will have to decide if it wants to spend more money to continue operations five days a week through July, August and beyond.

“A lot will be decided

by the City Council once they have their subcommittee meeting – how long they want to continue the food and how much money they want to appropriate,” he said. “If the Council wants to continue with the five-day pantries through the summer and beyond, it will take additional money. For now, we’ll continue with the five-day pop-ups through June instead of scaling down next week.”

Pop-up Pantry Locations are on the following schedule through the end of June:

- Mondays:**
Quigley Park, 25 Essex Street
Ruiz Park, 141 Washington Avenue
- Tuesdays:**
Luther Place, Cherry Street, between 5th Street and 4th Street
Bellingham Hill Park, 115 Bellingham Street
- Wednesdays:**
Washington Park, at Washington Ave and Hancock Street
Bosson Park, 43-56 Bellingham Street
- Thursdays:**
Chelsea Square, near 2 Second Street
Highland Park, in front of 30 Willow Street
- Fridays:**
City Hall Parking lot, 500 Broadway
Mary C. Burke Complex, 300 Crescent Avenue

SBA and Treasury release paycheck protection program

This week, the U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, released the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application and detailed instructions for the application.

The form and instructions inform borrowers how to apply for forgiveness of their PPP loans, consistent with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). SBA will also soon issue regulations and guidance to further assist borrowers as they complete their applications, and to provide lenders with guidance on their responsibilities.

The form and instructions include several measures to reduce compliance burdens and simplify the process for borrowers, including:

- Options for borrowers to calculate payroll costs using an “alternative payroll covered period” that aligns with borrowers’ regular payroll cycles.
- Flexibility to include eligible payroll and non-pay-

roll expenses paid or incurred during the eight-week period after receiving their PPP loan.

- Step-by-step instructions on how to perform the calculations required by the CARES Act to confirm eligibility for loan forgiveness.
- Borrower-friendly implementation of statutory exemptions from loan forgiveness reduction based on rehiring by June 30.
- Addition of a new exemption from the loan forgiveness reduction for borrowers who have made a good-faith, written offer to rehired workers that was declined.

The PPP was created by the CARES Act to provide forgivable loans to eligible small businesses to keep American workers on the payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. The documents released today will help small businesses seek forgiveness at the conclusion of the eight-week covered period, which begins with the disbursement of their loans.

She’s Great At 98 Family, friends salute Kay Stec at a special birthday celebration

By Cary Shuman

They came from the South Shore, the North Shore and as far away as New Hampshire to take part in a caravan of cars led by a Chelsea Police escort.

The simple but sincere message on a special day: “We love you, Kay Stec, and Happy 98th birthday.”



Lifelong Chelsea resident Kay Stec and her three daughters, Susan Stec Bellofatto, Catherine Stec, and Patricia Stec Grabowski.



Katherine “Kay” Stec and her daughter, Catherine Stec, look out from their Admiral’s Hill residence during the 98th birthday parade and celebration in Kay’s honor.

Diamond, who also lives in Chelsea, and a brother, John Barbieri, who lives in Danvers. She also had a twin sister, the late Felicina Mullen, a sister, the late Angelina Navoy, and two brothers who were war heroes, the late Matthew Joseph Barbieri, a World War II veteran, and U.S. Army Corporal Francis Barbieri, a World War II veteran for whom the Barbieri Sons of Italy Lodge was named. There is also a square in Chelsea named in honoring of Francis Barbieri.

Active in local organizations

Stanley and Kay Stec were active in the Knights of Columbus among other local organizations. They were married at Saint Rose Church and shared 69 years of marriage before Mr. Stec, who was a World War II veteran, a merchant marine and worked at Texaco, died in 1991.

Kay attended Shurtleff School, the same school that her daughters attended. She became a quite active member of the PTA, planning and organizing fashion shows, cake sales, talents shows and other events and appearing on stage with Kay Dwyee and PTA President

Connie Santagate Landers and other notable parents.

“My mother was very involved with the PTA,” said Catherine Stec. “She used to have turkey dinners for the teachers and strawberry festivals and my mom made clothes that sold at fundraisers.”

Kay worked at her father’s grocery store and later in production at a local factory.

Still enjoying life in Chelsea

Kay Stec is living on Admiral’s Hill. That’s where the parade was held on April 29. All the Diamond and Barbieri and Mullen cousins were present for the party.

Nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews showed up. Kay’s niece, Lisa Diamond Zullo, was one of chief organizers of the parade.

Senior Center Director Tracy Nowicki brought the greetings of the seniors. The great baseball player and candlepin bowler, Bobby Kwiatkowski, a cousin, was a guest.

“My mother loves Chelsea,” said Catherine. “She’s lived in the same neighborhood for her entire life. The three sisters lived within one block on Beacon, Pembroke,

and Medford Streets.”

She loved shopping in the stores on Broadway, especially on Friday nights.

“That was the place to be,” said Catherine.


She has been a popular and personable staple at the Chelsea Senior Center for the past 25 years, displaying a catchy, fun-loving style and filled with energy. Previously, she was a member of the Golden Age Club at the Chelsea YMHA, enjoying a friendship with Jenny Balicki.

“All the Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners were at my mother’s house,” recalled daughter Catherine.

What has been the secret to Kay Stec’s longevity and vitality.

“Keep moving, work hard – my mother’s always worked hard and kept moving, she’s always stayed involved in things, she socializes, she’s not just sitting.

“And she’s the best mother in the world,” concluded Catherine, speaking on behalf of her sisters. “And the grandkids just love her. She’s just so kind and loving to everybody.”



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NEWS Briefs

BY SETH DANIEL

ARLINGTON CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following Chelsea residents were named to the third quarter Honor Roll at Arlington Catholic High School:

- Natalie Coreas
- Kelly Nguyen
- Chloe Renik

WIN \$100 FOR FILLING OUT THE CENSUS

When one completes the U.S. Census, they help to bring more money to Chelsea for schools, health centers, housing assistance, food assistance, parks, and other benefits to the community. This week, by completing the Census, one can also enter to win prizes, including \$100 cash and a \$50 Market Basket gift card. To enter:

- Go to [HYPERLINK "http://my2020census.gov"](http://my2020census.gov) and complete the questionnaire.
- When you're done, take a screenshot or photo of the screen before you exit the website.
- Email or text the picture to ChelseaCensus2020@gmail.com and provide contact information (phone or email).

Deadline to enter is Monday, May 25, before midnight.

BREAD GIVEAWAY ON FRIDAY

Signature Breads, a Chelsea bakery producing breads for restaurants and supermarkets, is hosting another bread giveaway this Friday, May 22, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Chelsea residents are welcome to come by to receive a case of frozen bread. Signature Breads is located at 100 Justin Drive on Admiral's Hill.

CHELSEA FUNERAL FUND

For the dignity of loved ones who have passed, the Chelsea Funeral Fund provides up to \$1,700 in financial assistance for cremation or burial. The fund is for Chelsea residents in need, regardless of religious affiliation, and is managed by Saint Luke's Episcopal Church. To in-

quire, contact Reverend Edgar Gutiérrez-Duarte at 671-884-3300 or at vicar-sanlucas@aol.com.

RAFT PROGRAM RENTAL ASSISTANCE

If anyone needs help paying rent, they may be eligible for financial assistance through the Massachusetts Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program. RAFT has expanded its eligibility requirements to help people with COVID-19 related job losses or financial hardship. Some things to consider:

- Your immigration status does not matter.
- You may be eligible for RAFT if you have not been, or will not be, able to pay rent, mortgage payments, or utilities due to COVID-19.
- You must be in contact with your landlord or property manager (RAFT funds are paid to them).
- If you are not on the lease, you can provide your landlord's contact information to confirm that you are a tenant.
- If you need help to cover your security deposit (for first or last month's rent), you can specify the unit you plan to move into, even if you have not yet signed the lease.
- You are not eligible if you are in an Emergency Assistance Shelter.

Households can receive up to \$4,000 for a 12-month period. To check eligibility and for help with applications, call the CONNECT Hotline at 617-712-3487.

CAPIC FUEL ASSISTANCE UPDATE - YOU MAY NOW BE ELIGIBLE!

COVID-19 is affecting us all whether it's our health, household income, our social well-being or a combination of all three. If you are a resident of Chelsea, Winthrop or Revere and are finding it difficult to keep up with home heating expense during this time please do not hesitate to reach out to CAPIC. All applications can be completed remotely. Call today, you may be surprised you qualify! Please call 617-884-6130.

GETTING FOOD TO EVERYONE IN NEED: UPDATES

Pop-Up Food Pantries are continuing to serve the people of Chelsea, providing boxes of food every weekday beginning at 11 a.m. The City is increasing our food supply daily so that everyone who needs food can get it. With this in mind, please be patient and mindful of your neighbors in need. Some families have more immediate need than others and we want to make sure that everyone gets to eat.

Pop-up Pantry Locations:

- Mondays: Quigley Park, 25 Essex Street
Ruiz Park, 141 Washington Avenue
- Tuesdays: Luther Place, Cherry Street, between 5th Street and 4th Street
Bellingham Hill Park, 115 Bellingham Street
- Wednesdays: Washington Park, at Washington Ave and Hancock Street
Bosson Park, 43-56 Bellingham Street
- Thursdays: Chelsea Square, near 2 Second Street
Highland Park, in front of 30 Willow Street
- Fridays: City Hall Parking lot, 500 Broadway
Mary C. Burke Complex, 300 Crescent Avenue

IF YOU ARE NOT SICK AND NEED FOOD

- Monday-Friday: Hot lunches and kids lunches at 11:30 a.m. at Salvation Army (258 Chestnut Street)
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: Grocery pick-up 10 a.m.-noon at the Salvation Army (258 Chestnut Street).
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: Grocery pick-up at 5 p.m. at the Chelsea Collaborative (318 Broadway).
- Thursdays and Fridays: Mass General Hospital Food For Families Pantry (151 Everett Ave.). Available two times per month to MGH patients by referral. Please call (617) 887-3575.
- Saturdays: Grocery pick-up 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church (201 Washington Avenue, Chelsea); no appointment necessary.

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to open last Monday along with construction and manufacturing.

Gov. Baker's order for churches allows them to have 40 percent of their legal occupancy for worship services, and there have to be masks and proper spacing between them. There are no fellowship dinners allowed and none of the other social engagements that are part of normal church times.

Brown said they have a lot of precautions to work on, and he has a team of ushers and personnel that will help clean the building and get it ready for worshippers in the COVID-19 era. With all that on hand, he said this coming Sunday – Memorial Day weekend – is just too soon.

Instead, they are aiming for May 31.

"The restrictions do work for us," he said. "We have a lot of logistics to work out. I want to make sure people feel safe when they come in and know the proper restrictions, like in the fellowship. There won't be hugging or lingering after services. We'll come in for service and spend our time and then depart. It will be different. Personally, as a pastor, I'm happy. I did get tired of preaching to my congregation on YouTube and Facebook. It will be nice to look out and see some real people in front of me...This is good news, but I don't want to become so overjoyed that we forget what we need to do to stay safe and prevent this from flaring up again."

Father Edgar Duarte of St. Luke's/San Lucas Episcopal Church said given Chelsea's infection rates over the last 12 weeks, he isn't planning a return to in-person services any time soon.

"A week or so ago our bishops had instructed all our churches to move the opening date to July 1," he said. "St. Luke's will use that date as the target to start taking the steps outlined by the document... We are working closely in conversation with the City of Chelsea management to agree on final dates to start the re-opening steps. The directives from the Diocese are in general to many different churches with different degrees of COVID-19 impact. Since Chelsea has been the hardest-hit community in the state, we need to make sure we are moving according to the advice of the local authorities to ensure that it is safe in Chelsea to open houses of worship."

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said the City is very concerned that churches might try to open this weekend, and he is asking any churches to reconsider that plan.

"That is one part of the governor's Phase 1 plan that we had concerns about – the re-opening of Houses of Worship," he said. "They

are interior locations and I know the governor had proposed guidelines of being six feet away and 40 percent of occupancy, but I am very, very hesitant about large gatherings inside. We are asking them if they will voluntarily think about not opening so quickly or if they open, to have services outside only. We told them we thought it might be better to adhere to an occupancy that is 25 percent and not 40 percent."

He said there has been so much COVID-19 in Chelsea that there should be different expectations for opening interior gatherings.

"I they have 10 people in the church, one of them will likely be asymptomatic carriers of COVID-19 and won't know they are infected," he said. "I think we have to assume one in 10 people in this community is an asymptomatic carrier and that's probably conservative. I think that should give everyone a little pause."

The Archdiocese of Boston leaving decisions up to individual Parishes, and has been working with the state for several weeks – along with an internal working committee – to come up with the best practices for safe worship.

"The announcement by the Governor this morning that the Commonwealth was beginning the process of re-opening is welcome news," read a statement from Cardinal O'Malley on Monday. "The Archdiocese has consistently stated we will work collaboratively with local and state officials during this crisis and we will continue to comply with their guidance and mandates devised to restart community activity while continuing to fight the virus and keep people safe."

"Shortly after the Governor's announcement we communicated a series of steps to our parishes that they must follow to adhere to both the state and Church requirements to re-open," read the statement.

While Masses could begin as early as Saturday, May 23, many church leaders in the Archdiocese are shooting to have some sort of re-opening – perhaps using a ticket system if need be – on May 31.

The working committee was made up of priests, deacons, lay leaders and it has come up with an extensive document and checklist for Parishes to consult before scheduling their first services.

"If a parish within the Archdiocese of Boston, after careful and deliberate preparation, considers that they are able to meet all of the State, Municipal, and Archdiocesan guidelines, they may request permission from their Regional Bishop or Episcopal Vicar to begin Masses as early as Saturday evening, May 23," read a statement from the

Cardinal. "Many, or even most, parishes may well need more time to prepare, and may choose Sunday, May 31 (the Feast of Pentecost), as the date for their reopening. Parishes should not resume Masses before they are ready, and the decision to delay the resumption of Masses until May 31 may very well be the best decision for a parish. No matter what the start date, no parish should have Mass unless they can do it safely, and in compliance with the guidelines."

Even with the re-opening of Catholic churches, there are many guidelines and it is suggested that the elderly and medically vulnerable populations stay home, where online and cable broadcasts will continue as they have since March.

Being ready is going to be a major task at most Catholic churches.

The document from the Archdiocese's Office of Risk Management calls for a number of measures to be put in place, including a Corps of Volunteers to be formed and trained so as to direct the flow of people safely into and out of church, and to clean up afterward.

Other suggestions include:

- Church deeply cleaned, according to methods outlined.
- Hymnals and mis-salettes removed.
- Volunteers in place to assist with traffic flow.
- Signs clearly posted, letting people know:
 - *That they must wear masks.
 - *A distance of six feet must be maintained.
 - *No congregational singing.
 - Socially distant seating marked out.
 - Hand sanitizer available.
 - Holy water fonts empty.
 - Markers on the floor indicating the direction of traffic flow and spacing off six feet in places where people might be in lines.
 - Some method in place to restrict the number of people who enter the church to below 40% capacity, and no more than the number of socially distanced seats available.
 - Plan and volunteers and materials in place to clean church between Masses.
 - Permission of Regional Bishop or Episcopal Vicar if starting Mass before May 31.

Ambrosino said they won't be policing churches or inspecting them with City inspectors, but he said if there are complaints from worshippers, they will pursue it.

"We're not going to show up at a church and issue fines, but I have no doubt if there are violations, we'll hear about it from congregants worried about their safety," he said. "We will follow up vigorously with those complaints."

Massachusetts weekly unemployment claimant data

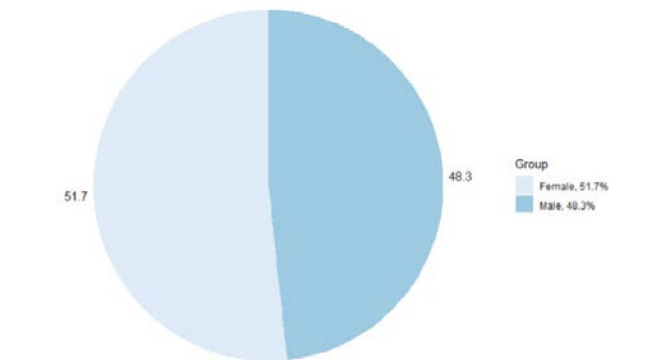
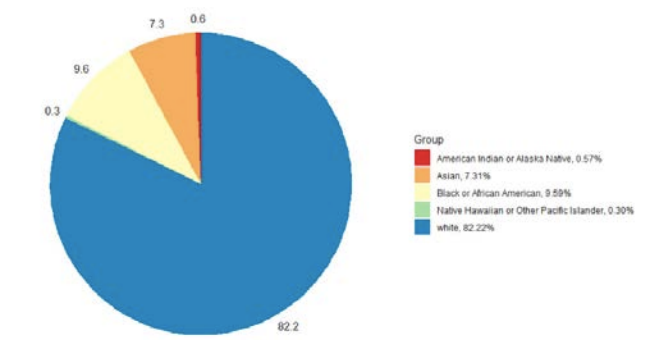
From May 3 to May 9, Massachusetts had 44,274 individuals file an initial claim for standard Unemployment Insurance (UI), a decrease of 10,949 over the previous week, and the sixth consecutive week of fewer initial claims filing over the previous week.

Since March 15, a total of 821,506 initial claims have been filed for UI. For the week of May 3 to May 9, there were a total of 576,172 continued UI claims, an increase of 3.6% over the previous week.

Since April 20, over 255,000 claimants have filed for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).

Between both the UI and PUA programs more than 1 million unemployment claims have been filed in the Commonwealth.

Over the last month, the customer service staff at the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) has grown from around 50 employees to over 1800. The remote customer service operation is now making over 32,000 individual contacts per day and DUA continues to host daily un-



employment town halls – which have been held in English, Spanish, and Portuguese – and have been attended by over 240,000 constituents. Massachusetts was one of the first states to successfully launch the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program.

Due to DUA's previous efforts to migrate their systems to the cloud, the first unemployment agency in the country to do so, the unemployment online platforms for both regular UI and PUA has maintained functionality throughout the surge in demand.

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LEGAL NOTICES




Re: Café El Dorado, LLC
241 Broadway, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, June 4, 2020
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via WebEx video conference at the City Council Conference Room at 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of an Amusement and Entertainment License for Café El Dorado, LLC., 241 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. 02150. If you wish to join or speak at the meeting, please email Naomi Libran at nlibran@chelseama.gov. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
5/21/20, 5/28/20




CITY OF CHELSEA
PUBLIC HEARING
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS
The City of Chelsea's Department of Planning and Development will hold a virtual Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 27th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The public may remotely attend this public hearing by accessing it via web or phone using the instructions below. The purpose of this public meeting is to discuss the City's application to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding and the City's request for a budget amendment and program amendment for the FY'2019 and FY'2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which were allocated under the FY'2019 Mini-Entitlement Program by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Public feedback relative to the City's proposed use of CDBG-CV funds is respectfully requested. Pursuant to DHCD's Notice of Funding Availability, CDBG-CV funds may be utilized to prepare for and respond to the impacts of COVID-19. Municipalities, such as Chelsea, may apply for funding to serve low- and moderate-income populations through the stabilization and expansion of micro-enterprises adversely affected by COVID-19, and the implementation of public social services designed to aid low- and moderate-income persons adversely affected by COVID-19. Furthermore, the City hereby proposes the creation of a new MicroEnterprise Grant Program (Activity 5N), in order to support low- and moderate-income small businesses adversely impacted COVID-19 pandemic. The City proposes, through an FY'2018 and FY'2019 budget amendment and program amendment, the transfer of \$87,800 from the FY'2019 Sixth and Walnut Sts. Sidewalk Replacement Project (Activity 6B) to the MicroEnterprise Grant Program (Activity 5N), and the transfer of \$90,000 from the FY'2018 First Time Home Buyers Program (Activity 4D) to the FY'2018 MicroEnterprise Grant Program (Activity 5N). Interested parties are welcome to attend and provide public input. Furthermore, the City will amend the FY'2019 and FY'2018 Environmental Review Records to address the proposed project, if approved. Public comments may be submitted directly to the City by contacting Alex Train, AICP, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, via email at atrain@chelseama.gov or phone at 617-466-4192 by 4:00 p.m. on May 28th, 2020. Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89016492085?pwd=MXoxWnNyeVBBQXFiZmdyYTBiYzNFZz09 Meeting ID: 890 1649 2085 Password: 7i7X1G One tap mobile



Re: Emiliana Fiesta LLC
d/b/a Emiliana Fiesta
35 Fourth Street, Chelsea, MA 02150
Chelsea Licensing Commission, June 4, 2020
Notice is hereby given that a continued public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., via WebEx video conference at the City Council Conference Room at 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a New All Kinds of Alcohol Beverages License application for Emiliana Fiesta LLC at 35 Fourth Street, Chelsea, MA 02150. If you wish to join or speak at the meeting, please email Naomi Libran at nlibran@chelseama.gov. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
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22-24 Washington Avenue, Chelsea, MA 02150
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390 Beacham Street, Chelsea, MA 02150
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Re: Oakwood Tavern LLC
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22 Adams Street, Chelsea, MA 02150
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Re: Wings El Corral, Inc.
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408 Broadway, Chelsea, MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission, June 4, 2020
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
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
Relocated Sports Field Equipment Power Control Project 2020-286.
The Project consists of: The Chelsea High School Project includes relocating sports field power controls, concrete pad, and wood framed canopy. The work is estimated to cost \$50,000.00. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive. General Bids will be received until June 4, 2020 at 10:00AM and publicly opened, forthwith online. All Bids should be submitted electronically online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above. General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the City of Chelsea – Public Schools. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and downloaded).




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The Project consists of: The City of Chelsea, Chelsea Public schools invites sealed bid to furnish all labor, materials, transportation, equipment, tools and supervision necessary for Plumbing and related services at all Chelsea Public Schools as directed by the Chelsea Public Schools. The work is estimated to cost \$75,000.00 annually (\$225,000.00 for 3 year total). Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work – Plumbing and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement (Form CQ 3). General Bids will be received until June 4, 2020 at 1:00PM and publicly opened, forthwith online. All Bids should be submitted electronically online at www.biddocsonline.com and received no later than the date and time specified above. General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the City of Chelsea – Public Schools. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available at www.biddocsonline.com (may be viewed electronically and downloaded).



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OBITUARIES

Howard Joseph Jones

US Navy Submarine Service retiree



Howard Joseph Jones, better known as “Murph” to family and friends, died on April 22 as a result of contracting COVID-19 (coronavirus). He was a resident of the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home. Murph was born in New York in 1935, the son of the late Joseph and Helen Jones. He had a long and successful career in the U.S. Navy, primarily in the submarine service, retiring as E-9 Master Chief in 1970. During his career as navigator and quartermaster, he served aboard the SS Aspro, SS Toro, SS Blenny, and SS Shark and was stationed in New London, CT, Brooklyn, NY,

San Diego, CA, and Norfolk, VA. Following his Navy career, he worked in the restaurant business for many years.

He was married to the late Jeanne Jones and is survived by three children: Michael Jones of Charlottesville, VA, Richard Jones of Enfield, CT, and Cynthia Jones of Groton, CT; eight grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

All services were private with arrangements by Anthony Memorial – Frank A. Welsh & Sons Funeral Home, Chelsea. We encourage family and friends who wish to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Mary Mongiello

Oct 17, 1919 – May 14, 2020.

Mary T. Mongiello, in her 101st year, passed away on Thursday, May 14 while convalescing at Brooksby Village Continuing Care in Peabody.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was a loving daughter of the late Luigi and Elvira (Monziona) Mongiello.

Mary attended local schools and worked as a seamstress in Boston’s garment industry. In her lifetime Mary enjoyed sewing, family gatherings and sports including her beloved Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots.

In addition to her parents, Mary was predeceased by siblings: the late Carmen Mongiello, Laura Wangrocki and her late husband, Joseph Wangrocki, Antoinette Tumminello and her late husband, Joseph Tumminello, Josephine Weiner and her late husband, David Weiner and a nephew Louis A. Wangrocki. She is survived by her beloved brother, Richard L. Mongiello of Peabody. She was the cherished aunt of Rachel Finn and her husband, Martin Finn of North Reading, Cheryl Gideon and her husband, Brian Gideon of Salem and Robert Weiner and his wife, Janet Weiner of Wakefield. She was the adored great aunt of Mat-



thew Finn, Sydney Eberth and Alicia Sarro.

A private family farewell will be held followed by graveside prayers and interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. A Mass and Celebration of her life will be announced at a later date when family and friends can attend. We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Arrangements are by Anthony Memorial – Frank A. Welsh & Sons Funeral Home, Chelsea.

In lieu of flowers, should friends desire, contributions in Mary’s memory should be directed to; St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN, 38105. www.stjude.org/donate.

Dora Emelia Calvo

April 27, 1947 – May 16, 2020

Dora Emelia Calvo, 73, a nearly lifelong resident of Chelsea, cherished daughter of the late Pedro Calvo and Cecilia Corrales of Costa Rica and Chelsea passed away on May 16 after a long battle with her illness.

At 21 years of age, she immigrated from Puerto Limon, Costa Rica to New York City and two years later to Boston, finally making her home for over 40 years in Chelsea.

Dora started her career at the Gillette Company for 12 years. Then over the next 30 years, she worked her way from housekeeper to Executive Housekeeper at multiple Howard Johnsons Hotels in Boston and Cambridge. Dora also worked at Walgreens in Everett for 20 years as an admired store clerk. And during those years, she brought all her siblings and parents to the United States.

She will always be remembered as a wonderful, strong, independent daughter, sister and aunt who was the main pillar of her family. She will be deeply missed but always remembered by her family, friends and everyone who knew her.

Dora is survived by her siblings: Ramon Calvo and



Anna Araya of Florida, Maria Monge of Chelsea, Pedro Calvo of Boston, Cecilia Calvo of Costa Rica, Rita Arce of Florida, Fernando Calvo and Alejandro Calvo, both of Chelsea, Raul Calvo of Costa Rica and Nelly Bosque of Florida. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A private family farewell will be held on Friday May 22 followed by a procession and funeral blessing at the doors outside of Saint Rose of Lima Church, concluding with graveside prayers and interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Family and friends will bid farewell in the safety of their cars at the church and at the cemetery before the burial. Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book.

George Britton, Jr.

Of Everett, formerly of Chelsea

George Britton, Jr. of Everett, formerly of Chelsea, 63, passed away on Sunday, May 17 at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Born and raised in Chelsea, he was a beloved son of the late George and Marie (Solar) Britton. George attended local schools and graduated from North East Regional Vocational High School. He worked for SCIS at Logan Airport as a ramp security officer.

A resident of Chelsea for most of his life, he moved to Everett three years ago. George enjoyed all Boston sports and lottery games of chance. He was past member of the Polish Political Club in Chelsea.

He was the beloved brother of Marie Barker of Everett and Michael Britton and his companion, Elba Mendoza of Peabody, cherished uncle of Stephen Barker of Everett, Elaina Marie Barker of Maine, Michael Britton and Sean Britton of Peabody; dear



nephew of Nancy Stock of Chelsea and Eleanor Cotter of Lynn, the late Gerald Solar, Frank L. Solar, Jr., Marie Britton, Ronald Solar and Evelyn Solar.

A private family farewell will be held followed by graveside prayers and interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit:

www.WelshFuneralHome.com.

Benjamin Hankins

July 13, 1924 – May 10, 2020

Benjamin T. Hankins, a longtime Chelsea resident, passed away on Sunday, May 10 at the Mt. Auburn Hospital after a brief illness. He was 95 years old.

Born and raised in Dublin, GA, he was one of seven children given to the union of A.C. Hankins and Eola (Shivas) Hankins. Ben received his formal education in Dublin.

As a young man, he worked briefly as a farmhand before enlisting in the US Navy. He served during World War II as a Stewards Mate FC, his duty assignments included NTC Bainbridge, MD, N.Q.B. Newport, RI and the Chelsea Naval Hospital.

As a young Navy Man, he caught the eye of Chelsea native Gloria K. (Revallion) and they married in February of 1946. Later that same year, Ben was honorably discharged and settled with his bride on Arlington St., Chelsea. Together they raised a family of one son and four daughters.

Ben supported his family working as a truck driver for Purity Supreme grocery chain. After his retirement, he continued work as a parts-man and courier for Hub Starters in Malden.

Ben was widowed 18 years ago, after 56 years of marriage to his beloved wife Gloria K. Hankins. Ben remained active in his beloved community and served many years as a trustee for the Peoples AME Church in Chelsea.



In his lifetime, Ben’s family was foremost in his devotions, he also enjoyed time with friends socializing and playing a friendly game of cards.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by a daughter, Rowena Paxton, a granddaughter, Audrey Paxton and his siblings; A.C., Melvin, Lil, Ann and Zenobia. To mourn loss and cherish his memory, Ben leaves his devoted children; Willetta Hagan, Gloria Jean Hankins and her husband, Jeff, Christine Martinez and her husband, Nelson, and Benjamin Hankins, Jr.. He was the dear brother of Mae Lewis, the proud grandfather of eight and adored great-grandfather of nine. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and extended family members.

A private family farewell was held in the Welsh Funeral Home, concluding with graveside prayers and interment in Woodlawn Cemetery. We encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

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CITY PAWS

Help prevent animal surrenders

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In difficult times, some people have to make a heartbreaking decision to surrender their animals to a shelter or rescue organization. They may have lost a pet-friendly residence, they may have taken on a second or third job to make ends meet, or they may be simply no longer able to afford the expense of having an animal.

We have also noted all the people who saw their time at home as the perfect opportunity to adopt a dog or cat. People literally emptied shelters. On April 13th, Mother Nature Network reported, “As more people are sheltering at home, they’re deciding to do it with a new temporary or permanent family member. Many rescue groups and shelters across the country are reporting success in finding homes and fosters for their furry residents.”

When normal times return, some of those animals will need to be rehomed. Foster families will work with shelters and rescue groups to find permanent homes for the animals in their care. Some of those who adopted animals will discover that a dog or cat that fit into a work-at-home,

stay-at-home lifestyle is not manageable when they return to a regular workday, social life and travel schedule.

How to Help Those You Know

Begin close to home by keeping a watchful eye on the problems friends and family face caring for their animals. You might be able to use your connections, in addition to theirs, to discover a way forward.

If housing is the issue, you could help find a pet-friendly place. You might know of a second friend or family member who could use a housemate.

When time is the issue, consider matching-making a pet share that would let someone without a dog take over a few of the daily walks, or let the dog visit while their guardian works some extra shifts. If your dog gets along well with a neighbor’s dog, you might offer to take the two for a walk from time-to-time.

Offer to play cat sitter for someone who has to work long hours. By checking on and playing with the cat during the day, you can help ensure a friend a bit more sleep when they don’t have to deal with a cat who is a bit too full of energy at night.

When money is the prob-

lem, consider gifts that will allow those who need to care for their animals to do so. Instead of a specific physical gift that they might not need or want, try giving a gift card that could let them buy pet food, pay for a vet visit, or grooming if that’s more important to them.

Collect and Support Community Resources

There are some community resources in place that might help support the effort to keep animals with their families. Something as simple as using a low-cost rabies clinic rather than paying for a full veterinarian visit to update that required vaccination helps. There are also some lower-cost spay and neuter programs.

However, we are going to need more community-based programs to assist families to keep their animals as they recover from a loss of income and opportunities. In the Greater Boston area, the MSPCA and Boston Animal Rescue League will take a leadership role and will need all of us to support their efforts.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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.).

•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.).

•LANE REDUCTIONS: the reductions of Route 1 to a single lane in each direction scheduled for the weekends of 5/15 – 5/18 and 5/29 – 6/1 are no longer needed as the work associated with them has already been accomplished through the prior spring reductions. The second phase of lane reductions will take place during mid-summer 2020 at the earliest. Additional information will be made available when these reductions are rescheduled.

CARTER STREET RAMP WEEKEND CLOSURES

•The Carter Street off-ramp will be temporarily closed for the weekend of 5/15 to 5/18 and 5/29 to 6/1. Work will begin at 10 p.m. on Friday and end on Monday at 5 a.m.

•Traffic will be detoured to the Route 16 West exit towards Everett to take Revere Beach Parkway to Everett Avenue.

BENNETT MEMORIAL PARKING LOT (CHESTNUT STREET) CLOSURES

•The Grant Bennett Memorial Parking Lot will be closed from 5/18 at 10:00 a.m. to 5/23 at 5:00 a.m.

This closure will allow work to continue to be done on the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves rehabilitation.

•Displaced vehicles may be parked at La Escuela Williams School (John A. Browne Middle School) parking lot.

SILVER LINE ALTER-NATING SINGLE LANE BUS TRAFFIC

•The Silverline busway will continue to have single lane bus traffic where the Line passes through the Silverline Gateway underneath the Chelsea Viaduct. This single lane bus traffic will help to facilitate safe bridge construction.

•Silverline service will be maintained without interruption or delay using alternating direction bus traffic. The alternation of direction will be controlled by MBTA police and flaggers.

•The single, alternating lane condition is projected to be in place through Friday, 6/12.

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

•ARLINGTON STREET: Arlington Street under Route 1 will be closed on 5/18 during the daytime (7 a.m.–7 p.m.) and again on 5/26 (9:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.). Signed detours and police details will guide drivers around the work zone via Spruce Street and Everett Ave.

•ORANGE STREET: Orange Street under Route 1 will be closed on 5/15 - 5/19 during the nighttime [9:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.). Orange street will also be closed on 5/29 at 9:00 p.m. - 6/1 at 5:00 a.m.

•5TH STREET: 5th Street under Route 1 will be closed during the daytime (7:00 a.m. – 3:30

p.m.)

WORK HOURS

•Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place on a 2nd shift (2 p.m.–1 a.m.) and overnight hours (9 p.m.–5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m.–7 p.m.).

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

•ROUTE 1 NORTH-BOUND: Bridge deck and gutter repairs continue in the left lane over the Tobin Bridge. We will continue to remove bridge deck and install new bridge deck through the Chelsea Curves.

•ROUTE 1 SOUTH-BOUND: Removal of existing bridge deck and installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea Curves.

•UNDERNEATH ROUTE 1: Crews will replace and paint steel; power wash and paint columns and support beams; excavate, erect steel; place new concrete columns; and deliver steel beams from the new bridge deck.

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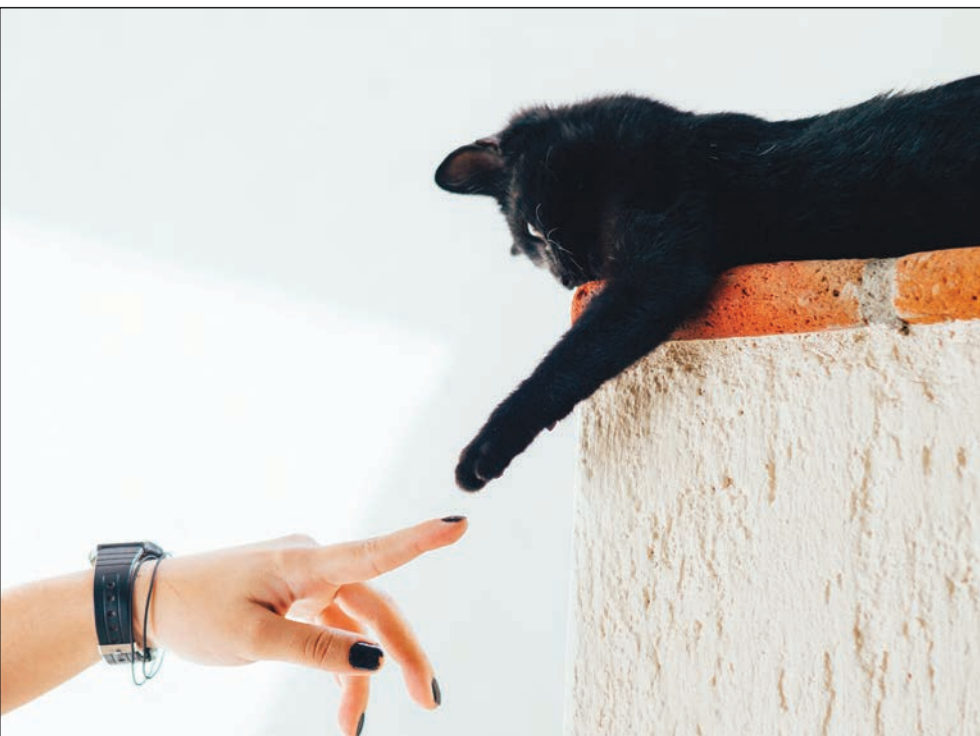
Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The contractors are coordinating with local event organizers and police to provide awareness and manage traffic during events. For your awareness, there will be no events at the TD Garden during this look ahead schedule.

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Going Virtual on Memorial Day: Soldiers’ Home looks to recreate exercises

By Seth Daniel

It won’t be under a tent in Woodlawn Cemetery with hundreds gathered in solemn repose, but nonetheless the bell will toll to remember those veterans that have passed away this past year, and the ‘never’ in ‘Never Forget’ will be front and center for the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home as they remember Memorial Day in a time of pandemic.

The Soldiers’ Home has had a time-honored tradition of holding ceremonies in Woodlawn Cemetery on the Thursday before the holiday, celebrating in a part of the cemetery dedicated to their veterans.

This year, they’ll look to recreate that ceremony virtually and air the exercises online May 21, at 5 p.m. on the Home’s Facebook page.

“This Memorial Day

observance is being held during one of the most difficult times in Soldiers’ Home history,” said Supt. Cheryl Poppe. “In addition to the veterans we have lost over the past year, we have been battling a fierce and invisible virus. Staying true to tradition, today we are recognizing and honoring all of our Veterans who passed away during the year, but in a slightly different way so that we can do so safely. We also mourn our present-day patriots from the recent conflicts who, alongside their counterparts from all conflicts past have paid the price for our freedom.”

Said Master of Ceremonies Tim Leazott, “Holding this virtual ceremony is one way the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home honors those who died in previous wars. Our thoughts remain with the Gold Star families, who

know better than anybody what this day truly represents.”

The virtual ceremony will feature segments filmed in various locations at the Soldiers’ Home and Woodlawn Cemetery, and is combined to encompass the typical ceremony. Chelsea High student Karen Maradiaga, Class of 2021, will sing the National Anthem, and in keeping with tradition, the name of every veteran who has passed away in the last 12 months will be read aloud with a bell tolled after each name.

Additionally, the American Flag and flagpole at the Soldiers’ Home will be lit gold the night before Memorial Day, as will many other flags, bridges, and buildings across the Commonwealth in remembrance of veterans who died in the line of duty and the Gold Star Families who survive

them.

The ceremony will be broadcast on the Facebook page ([HYPERLINK “https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaSoldiersHome/”](https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaSoldiersHome/) [t “_blank”](#) <https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaSoldiersHome/>), but one does not need to have their own Facebook account to view the ceremony.

The Soldiers’ Home has been hit fairly hard by the COVID-19 pandemic over the last 12 weeks. There have been 38 veteran resident deaths (30 tested positive, 8 tested negative), and 36 veteran residents have tested positive for COVID-19. A total of 57 staff have tested positive for the virus, though 178 veteran residents have tested negative.

Chelsea Clinical Command continues to monitor and enforce staff use

of PPE. Staff have been provided PPE core competency training, the entire facility is rounded on daily for infection control quality assurance checks, all units have been provided with educational materials, and there are daily cleanings throughout the facility in addition to frequent terminal cleaning.

Veteran residents’ health is being monitored and re-testing is being conducted for veterans both on- and off-site as clinically appropriate. As results are received, veteran residents are being cohorted and further monitored. Additional isolation space has been identified and is being readied.

Last week, the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home leadership and Board of Trustees accepted a generous donation from Brighton Marine of 175 iPads to help keep Vet-

erans connected during the pandemic. These iPads will allow for additional video visits between veteran residents and their loved ones, which have been made with support from the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home Social Work team and staff. Families can request updates on their loved ones by contacting the Home at [HYPERLINK “mailto:CSH@mass.gov”](mailto:CSH@mass.gov) [t “_blank”](#) CSH@mass.gov and through phone and video conversations. Medical information can only be shared with an authorized health care proxy.

Governor Charlie Baker has advised flags be lowered to half-staff until the end of the public health emergency at the Soldiers’ Home in Chelsea, among other locations.

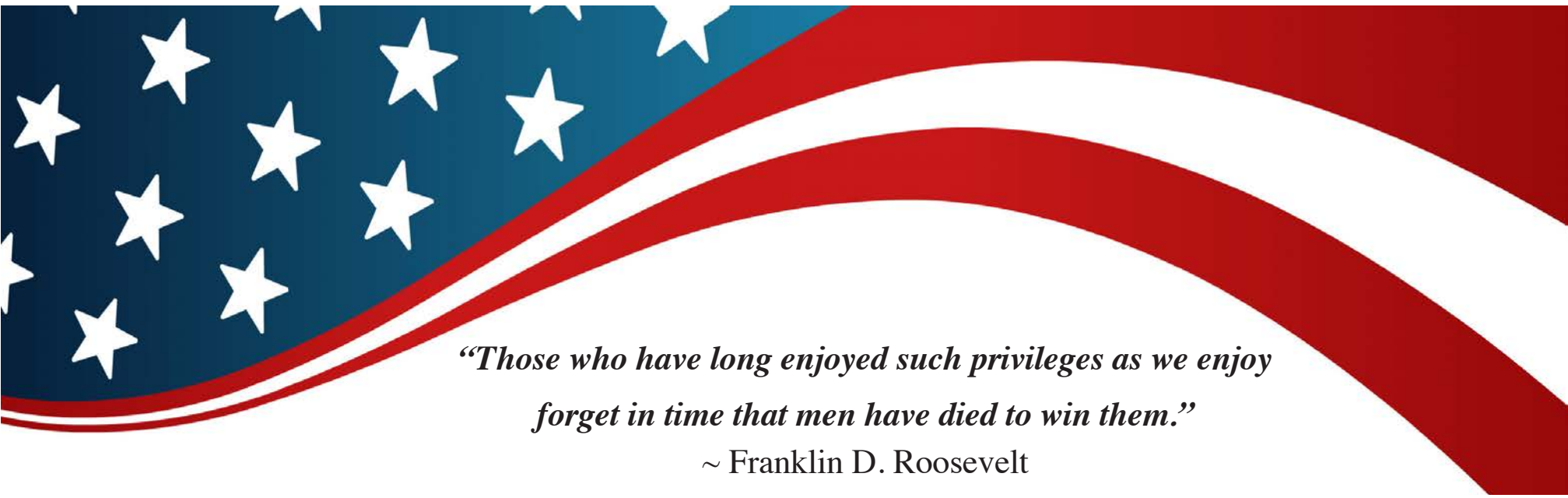


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