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BOMBS BURSTING: Early, loud, ongoing fireworks have residents furious

By Seth Daniel

Fireworks have struck a COVID-19 nerve this year, with Chelsea residents up in arms as louder and bigger fireworks seemingly go off every night all night long – and City officials and Chelsea Police are looking to crack down.

Councilor Todd Taylor said about five weeks ago he began getting angry texts from his constituents living next to Voke Park about fireworks going off at all hours of the night. Knowing Chelsea in the summer, fireworks are a part of life for about three weeks surrounding Independence Day, but this was somehow different.

“After getting five calls I went down to the park,” he said. “It was just littered with big fireworks. One of them was three feet tall and

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Mass Dads: Poll finds state is best in nation for working dads

By Seth Daniel

Those who are dads in Massachusetts enjoy some of the best life-expectancy and working conditions in the nation, according to a study released this week by WalletHub.

It’s a fact that many can relax with and enjoy this Sunday as Father’s Day rolls around – and certainly there isn’t as much to celebrate as there has been in the past.

WalletHub measured 23 key indicators like work-life balance, the numbers of children in poverty where a father is in the home, life expectancy and child care services and found dads in the Bay State have it better than dads in any other area of the country.

“Massachusetts is the best state for working dads,” said Jill Gonzalez, an analyst for WalletHub. “It has one of the highest median family incomes, at over \$96,000, the lowest unemployment rate for dads, and the second lowest

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Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado delivers a surprise birthday cake to her mother, Chelsea Collaborative Director Gladys Vega, on Broadway last Friday morning. The informal party sprung up from a drive-by Car Parade down Broadway – with Chelsea Police leading the way, scores of decorated cars driving by and even a semi-truck loaded with onions from the Produce Center filing by. Unknown to Vega – whose organization was preparing for their normal COVID-19 food distribution that day – friends and co-workers placed a thrown on the sidewalk for her to sit on as the procession filed by. After three months of unending work to feed and help those on the margins in Chelsea, it was an emotional and happy surprise.



Super Woman

Family, volunteers and City officials surprise Gladys Vega on her birthday

By Seth Daniel

It’s been a long three months for Gladys Vega – leading an organization that has focused on social justice and immigration issues for the last 20 year, but pivoted to being a key provider of basic food for 11,000 residents every week as COVID-19 hit the city hard.

It has been a day-in and day-out existence of taking in deliveries of food at the Chelsea Collaborative on Broadway, getting it sorted and organized, and then

getting it out the door.

Then repeat.

So, last Friday, everyone around Vega – including volunteers, City officials, family and even the Chelsea Police – decided she needed a break. And it came on her 53rd birthday.

“It was a beautiful surprise,” she said. “I was inside the office rushing everyone around to take the boxes out so we could distribute them, but no one was paying any attention to me. I was like, ‘We’re going to be late,’ ‘It’s going to be hard,’ and ‘We told them we

would give them something today.’ Then I came out and it was this. It’s amazing. I had no idea; a tremendous surprise.”

Outside on the sidewalk in front of the Collaborative was a giant throne surrounded by bouquets of fresh vegetables and fruit – made out of the food that has been distributed so frequently since late March.

Fighting back tears and laughing at the same time, Vega was completely overcome with emotion.

Then came the Car Pa-

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As CHA Everett opens back up, it once again becomes about supplies, PPE

vBy Seth Daniel

Emergency room physicians, nurses and hospital administrators never expected to have to become experts in the supply chain for rubber gloves, surgical masks or cotton swabs, but over the last three months they have become just that.

Now that hospitals like CHA Everett begin the phased approach of fully opening back up as COVID-19 cases continue

to decline at the facility, those medical professionals once again feel the need to plunge most of their free time into finding PPE and other medical supplies – which are still hard to get.

Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett, said there have been great gains at the hospital over the past two weeks, but in some ways they find themselves back where they started – especially with PPE.

“Last Monday was the official Phase 1 of re-opening,” she said. “We are looking forward to the last week of the month if they progress appropriately, we should be able to begin Phase 2, which gets us able to get our ambulatory clinics back up and the in-person visits,” she said.

“The biggest part of the planning right now continues to be where we first

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City, schools looking to survive \$5 million deficit

By Seth Daniel

The crisis of the City Budget is in full swing now as City Manager Tom Ambrosino submitted a \$181 million City Budget to the City Council this week that is down by \$2 million from last year – a first in many years – and also has a \$5 million deficit lingering.

“I would not characterize this budget submission as a positive effort,” said Ambrosino. “This is not the budget I had in mind when I was first proposing it in March. In fact, I had a budget for the first time in a long time not that did not rely on any reserves. We

usually buttress our budget with about \$1 million in reserves every year. I had a fully funded budget that was healthy and positive. That was all thrown out the door.”

The one silver lining is that there will not be any layoffs right now of any City or School personnel – a stark contrast to Everett which just laid off 92 school workers and is looking to lay off or eliminate many City worker positions. The budget deficit of \$5 million will be filled with money from the Rainy Day Fund.

“This budget does repre-

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City officials, state put a stop to demo work on Chelsea Curves

Heated meeting takes place between MassDOT, officials

By Seth Daniel

The Chelsea Curves state highway project has had a stop work order put on it temporarily for demolition work that has caused huge amounts of dust and filth to inundate neighborhoods like County Road – and City and State officials want answers from MassDOT.

County Road resident Tony Hernandez came out of his house late at night over the May 30th weekend to find his car and everything covered with heavy, potentially dangerous dust. And if it were in the air and on his car, it was likely in his home too.

That began a heated battle between City and State leaders and MassDOT – which led to State Rep. Dan Ryan and State Sen. Sal DiDomenico being able to put a stop work order on certain aspects of the project until the state can give them answers and a plan to stop the dust and overnight issues.

“The dust and noise emitted from this project is certainly preventable,” said Ryan. “I want thank Council President Avellaneda for calling this issue to our attention. We were able to get an immediate stop work order on certain aspects of the job until a better plan to protect the residents of Chelsea can be put in place and better lines communication of communication can be established. MassHighway responded adequately. Now, it is on us collectively to hold the contractor accountable.”

State Sen. Sal DiDomen-

ico said he was very unhappy with the situation, and he and Ryan began working on it as soon as they heard about the issues. For DiDomenico, it wasn’t the first issue with the project and it has been a long year since construction started. This incident was the last straw.

“The mitigation efforts, or lack thereof, have failed and the residents of Chelsea are paying for it,” he said. “We can all assume that the dust that we can see on cars also went into people’s homes who had windows open or air conditioners on. This dust is all over people’s backyards, and everything around their homes. The offer to wash cars is almost laughable...The harm to people’s health should mean more to you than a few cars getting hosed down.

“What is especially alarming is that the videos we have from two weekends ago, in the middle of the night, clearly showed a huge amount of dust in the air, and the work continued,” he said. “Nothing was being done to correct it on the spot. The contractor told DOT that the high winds overwhelmed their system. If that was the case they should have immediately stopped working.”

Council President Roy Avellaneda said he believes MassHighway has some answers it needs to give Chelsea.

“We got calls from Tony on the Chelsea Curves project and they were jack-hammering and sand-blasting at 1:30 a.m. and the worst thing is they weren’t shutting down the work when they were supposed to,” he said. “People had dust all over the place

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A TREMENDOUS COURT DECISION

The decision this past Monday by the U.S. Supreme Court extending the rights of gay and transgender workers under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars employment discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin, and sex, is a wonderful affirmation of the shift in this country from one of outright homophobia just a generation ago to the acceptance by a large majority of Americans of persons regardless of their sexual preferences or gender identity.

This newspaper for more than 25 years has supported the efforts of the LGBTQ community to secure all of the rights that are enjoyed by every American and to be free from discrimination of all kinds.

We applauded the Goodridge decision in 2003 by our Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court that held that the Commonwealth must legally recognize same-sex marriage, something we had advocated for almost a decade previously.

In 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court in the Obergefell case affirmed same-sex marriage as a Constitutional right, thus making it applicable to all 50 states.

This week's decision by our country's highest court now extends Title VII protections for gay and transgender persons to all 50 states. Previously, about half of the states still allowed a person to be fired by their employer solely on the basis of their sexual status.

There still is more to be done in terms of bringing full legal and social equality for our LGBTQ fellow citizens, but Monday's 6-3 decision, which included two of the conservative justices, Roberts and Gorsuch, unquestionably represents a huge step forward for gay and transgender Americans.

JUST UNBELIEVABLE....

The tragic shooting death this past Friday night of 27 year-old Rayshard Brooks outside of a Wendy's restaurant by an Atlanta police officer has confirmed even further (as if there needed to be any more proof) the degree of racial bias that exists in many police departments across our country and the need to move swiftly to institute major reforms in those police departments in order to avoid further tragedies.

How it can be that a fleeing person, who apparently was under the influence of alcohol, can be shot in the back at close range while running away barefoot in a parking lot is mind-boggling. The officer fired three shots, of which two struck Mr. Brooks. In addition, neither of the two officers involved with the incident provided medical attention to Mr. Brooks until two minutes later when one of them unrolled a bandage.

If officers either are unable to control their racial animosity or are so lacking in training that they cannot act without shooting someone dead in the back when there already is heightened scrutiny of their actions, then the time truly has come to completely revamp the method of policing in this country.

And the sooner, the better.

AND NOW, STINGING JELLYFISH....

The ocean temperature barely has reached 60 degrees in Boston Harbor and vicinity, but the warnings on our beaches have confirmed what the beachcombers among us have known for a week or so -- the dreaded jellyfish have arrived.

According to the experts, these are the lion's mane jellyfish, whose flowing tentacles (hence their name), when they are fully-grown, can extend as long as 90 feet. (Reportedly, the largest recorded specimen ever measured occurred in 1865 off the coast of Massachusetts and had a bell with a diameter of seven feet and tentacles of about 120 feet.

They principally are found in the extreme northern oceans, but they come to our latitudes at this time of year, though fortunately not many are of the full-size stature that they attain in colder waters.

The jellyfish have been seen from Nahant to Hull in recent days. Although most are not fully-grown at this stage of their lives, they nonetheless have the ability to deliver quite a sting to anyone who comes into contact with them.

So swimmers beware. The ocean may provide a respite from the coronavirus, but the jellyfish will be waiting.

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GUEST OP-ED

The moment is now for big, structural change

By Joe Gravellese, Candidate for State Representative

Back on February 28 - which feels like a lifetime ago - I was quoted for the first time in the Chelsea Record about my interest in the State Representative race. At the time, I said "Revere, Chelsea and Saugus need leadership to fight for big, structural changes" to address environmental and health challenges, housing and education costs, and other major issues facing Massachusetts' working families.

"With the state facing such urgent challenges, the voters deserve a race that focuses on where we stand on the issues [and] how we plan to invest in the future of our Commonwealth."

Sadly, everything that's happened in the last 3 months has only made it clearer how much we need serious, structural change.

COVID-19 hit our communities especially hard, exacerbating problems that were already present.

Our local population was already at-risk to re-

spiratory problems due to environmental hazards, like increasing tailpipe emissions, natural gas leaks, the expanded airport, and the nearby incinerator. These risks contributed to our high rate of COVID-19 infection. Back in March, I laid out an aggressive agenda to address environmental hazards. It's never been clearer that our next representative needs to get to work immediately on environmental policy.

Our residents were also vulnerable due to inadequate transportation and overcrowded housing. Maps of COVID infection tracked closely with areas where people rode delayed and cramped buses to work, or lived in crowded indoor settings. Before COVID hit, my campaign was laser-focused on ways to improve our transportation system; these investments are now even more important.

Essential workers like grocery store employees, healthcare workers, and bus drivers found that the government was quick to clap

for them and arrange flyovers, but slow to acquire needed PPE or give them representation on discussions about how to reopen. We are still waiting for the Massachusetts Legislature to pass additional emergency paid sick time, to ensure that essential workers don't have to choose between getting a paycheck and going to work with symptoms while COVID is still with us.

The national outcry over the killing of George Floyd put another crisis on our plate. This one has been especially traumatic for our young people and our communities of color. The ensuing dialogue has forced us to look hard not only at our public safety policies, but also at how lack of access to education and opportunity has entrenched inequalities.

Why are thousands of kids sitting on waiting lists to attend vocational schools? Why do we not have more programs like ROCA in Chelsea, which connects at-risk local youth to job opportunities to help them get on the right path?

Why is our transportation system limiting access to good jobs for working-class people? Why are we letting lower income communities get their school budgets devastated by funding cuts, when higher-income communities will be shielded due to their property tax base?

I stand by my comment back in February that we need big, structural change. Recent months have made it clear. If we respond to this moment of crisis correctly, we can build a Commonwealth that is stronger, healthier, and more equitable - but we need leadership willing to fight to make it happen. If elected on September 1, I pledge to work with leaders across the Commonwealth to transform our education, transportation, and public health policies.

Joe Gravellese is a candidate for State Representative in the 16th Suffolk District (Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus), running in the Democratic primary on September 1.

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stuck in the middle of the field. That was exactly what the neighbors were saying. It isn't like bottle rocket. It was bombs going off, and every night until about 3 a.m. or later."

That same day, Councilor Taylor put up a Facebook post on Chelsea Happenings to see if anyone else was being bothered.

And boy were they.

"I had no idea what a nerve it would strike," he said. "It ended up triggering about 400 complaints in the comments. People were really mad all over the city, while some of the younger kids on there were mocking their anger. Shortly after I read an article in the Boston papers about this being a problem in Boston, Revere, Everett and Somerville. It really appeared something was going on here."

City Manager Tom Ambrosino and Chief Brian Kyes are taking the matter very seriously and have put on overtime to find those that are shooting off fireworks so late at night so consistently.

Ambrosino said they are telling residents to call 9-1-1 and report the location and police will respond.

Kyes said it was a breach of the public peace.

"We are issuing verbal warnings to apparent violators but if that does not work we have no choice but to impose monetary fines as a violation of our city ordinance," he said. "The frequency and duration of these displays well after midnight is not only a nuisance and breach of the public peace but they are very dangerous as well as well in terms of a potential

fire hazard. We can continue to do everything we can working with our concerned residents to respond in both a reactive as well as a proactive manner. We remain optimistic that we attain a high level of compliance due to the public safety risk involved."

Taylor said there appears to be something coordinated about the fireworks - particularly in that so much money would be required to buy so many to shoot off for so long every night. He said he believes law enforcement will get to the bottom of whatever the real motivation is.

"There does seem to be some sort of coordinated effort going on," said Taylor. "I don't know if it has any connection to the protests or not. I've been told that might be the case. It's

going on all over the City and I still have people calling me or texting me about when they start and when they stop. It's every day. I've never seen people more upset in Chelsea than about this. The question becomes who is funding all of this because it has to be very expensive."

Taylor said he has reports of elderly people, veterans with PTSD and pets being traumatized - not to mention the essential workers who are trying to sleep prior to having to work long, tough shifts.

He said he would be willing to investigate whether or not there needs to be a hearing at City Hall, and maybe a change to the ordinance to stiffen the penalties for shooting off fireworks, particularly very late at night.

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share of kids under 18 with dad present who are living in poverty. The average freshman graduation rate for men in Massachusetts is also very high, above 86 percent. In terms of parental leave policies, the state got the highest score."

Massachusetts dads were up at the top with those from Minnesota and Connecticut - followed by the District of Columbia and New Jersey.

Some of the best scores

in the poll found that the state had the lowest unemployment rate for dads with kids younger than 18, and it was also the best in the nation for having the lowest male uninsured rate. Additionally, male life expectancy was 8th best in the nation, and the percentage of kids younger than 18 - with their dad present in the home - living in poverty was the second lowest in the country.

The average length of

the work day for men in the state was 10th lowest as well, creating that #1 ranking for work-life balance.

Gonzalez said child care and health services for children also was measured and helped to propel the state as the best for dads.

"Child care is another important factor that contributed to Massachusetts topping the other states," Gonzalez said. "It has the highest number of pediatricians per capita, high

quality state school system, and a large share of nationally accredited child care centers. Some of the other strengths for the state include having the lowest male uninsured rate (3.5%), high male life expectancy, a low male suicide rate, as well as a small percentage of men who can't afford doctor's visits."

The worst states for working dads were New Mexico, Mississippi, Louisiana and West Virginia.

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started,” she continued. “That’s all about the PPE.”

As the hospital re-opens clinics and inpatient services, as well as isolates patients from the Emergency Department who need to be admitted – there is a requirement to test everyone for COVID-19 so that the virus isn’t spread to healthy people seeking routine non-COVID treatments. That, combined with the return of surgeries and other procedures requiring PPE and expanded testing, has put a strain on the ability to have all the supplies necessary for those on the front lines.

“It goes to the supply chain – the details of the supply chain,” she said. “It’s amazing how much everyone has learned about supply chains through all of this. We’re looking at a long-term N95 respirator solution. We would like to as soon as possible not have to re-use single-use N95 masks. We’re looking at our options. It is quite a feat on the supply side as each hospital has to individually – with the help of the state – look at the bottlenecks. I keep thinking over and over how lucky we are to be in Massachusetts.

“We really need to see if there will be enough N95 masks for the Emergency Department, the ICU and those who are on a regular medical floor,” she continued. “When we return to surgery, it will be important everyone in the operating room isn’t just outfitted in surgical masks. There are a lot of people to outfit.”

That said, as the hospital becomes busier with non-COVID responses, one of the areas of workers that are of great concern to the hospital are those in Environmental Services who have to clean and sanitize the rooms. They are, she said, right now at the greatest risk of contracting the virus in the hospital, and it is important she said to make sure they have enough PPE.

“They don’t even have the luxury of even being able to not go into some patients’ rooms,” she said. “For them, it’s a full court press the entire shift with practically every room and area they are cleaning. They will aerosolize every surface...That is our big challenge now.”

Another major concern

along the supply lines is testing.

She said they offer three kinds of tests, but testing equipment and swabs for testing are still in short supply. Some of the tests, like the rapid test that gives results in 20 minutes, has at least 40 percent rates of false negatives. That means a negative test requires another costly, though more accurate, test that gives results in one or two hours. The third test gives results in about one day.

“The issue is the one to two hour test is very popular and there isn’t enough supply to test everyone,” she said. “You have to ration it. You have to use it only on patients going into the hospital. Even with rationing, a supply will last about two days. We just went through a 10-day period of not having that test. We had to rely on using the six to eight hour test. It becomes too much.”

That’s because anyone being admitted to the hospital, whether for medical reasons or behavioral health reasons, has to be tested and has to have a result before moving forward with

anything. That is a safety precaution meant to prevent the spread of the virus to “well” parts of the hospital. For example, if someone breaks their ankle and needs surgery, they have to be tested for COVID-19 and get a negative result before they can get that surgery. If there isn’t enough testing available, such routine things become a waiting game.

It can become even worse at a place like CHA Everett where the testing supplies are short, and the six to eight hour test is only available at the Cambridge campus. That requires a courier to run tests back and forth – a courier that isn’t always as fast on Monday as he or she is on Sunday.

“We have to collect all the samples from Everett and get a courier,” she said. “On a Monday, that courier will make six to eight runs a day, which is good. On a weekend, they might only come by four times. You just try to time everything.”

The PPE situation is also a persistent problem that goes back to April, when things were on the upswing.

She said they ran out of disinfectant wipes eight weeks ago and could never get any more. They made due by soaking regular paper towels in disinfectant and using them instead.

They’ve also been out of hand sanitizer for many weeks.

“We’re doing what many facilities do and that is we’re making our own sanitizer,” she said. “We’re also getting hand sanitizer the craft breweries are making. That is such a great pivot on their part.”

She said they hear that many of the supplies that were being made at places like Honeywell, and other industries that were compelled to begin making medical supplies, are not going to hospitals. Instead, they are going to the federal strategic stockpile. She said many hospitals would rather see these supplies continue to come to them. Once they are fully stocked with a 60-day supply, then maybe it can be put to the stockpile.

For now, she said she wonders how they’re going to continue on for the next year or more with on and off supply issues.

“We’re between Phase 1 and Phase 2,” she said. “The energy is going into how we are going to do this for another 18 months. Where do we stand with the supply chain? We don’t want to take it all for granted – all the extra time gained by everyone staying at home. We’re over the hump and getting ready

for the next surge and we know it will come. Every hospital is looking at these issues that we have no control over. We’ve bought two months of time and it was all intended to be for making more supplies, testing agent, N95 masks and disinfectant wipes.”

Yet, at the same time, even with that bought time, hospitals like CHA Everett are coming up broke when they seek out critical supplies.

LARGE GATHERING SURGE

There is some concern that the large gatherings at protests – and in restaurants and other areas that are opening – might trigger a surge in cases.

While experience tells hospital officials that the large protests around the country – including in Boston – should trigger an uptick in virus cases, there is hope that it may not happen.

“Being outdoors and wearing masks – that could be a big help,” she said. “That’s much better than being inside with the same density of people.”

Only time will tell on that, and hospitals are watching and preparing in case there is a surge related to protests and warm-weather gatherings.

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sent using \$5 million in Stabilization Fund reserves to balance the budget,” he said. “We have hit so many problems with revenue and we have reserves and think now is the time to use it. Several unions have agreed to defer raises in their pay to prevent layoffs. We’re confident we can get through Fiscal Year 2021 without layoffs.”

A key problem for the City has been revenues, particularly hotel excise tax decreases and car rental decreases. Chelsea is heavily invested in the health of Logan Airport, and with it being basically shuttered for the last three months, millions of dollars are lost and will continue to be lost.

“I’m not sure how fast the economy can come back for a city like Chelsea that is dependent on the travel industry,” he said. “We have a lot of businesses that depend on Logan Airport... Travel is down 95 percent and it has an impact on our

two biggest revenue generators including the hotels and the car rental companies – particularly Enterprise. We have serious concerns going into FY 21. It’s no different than Boston or any other City or Town.”

Ambrosino said they are expected a cut of about 30 percent to State Aid payments, which make up a substantial portion of the City Budget. However, there are federal bills floating around that could make a huge difference, including the HEROES Act. Were that approved, there is a chance that State Aid could be level funded from last year and a lot of things could return.

“If that bill were to pass in some form, the state wouldn’t have to cut city and town funding so much,” he said. “That’s the same for the School Department too. They might be able to provide some of the Student Opportunity Act money that was promised. We have a

budget now that has \$0 for Student Opportunity Act funding.”

He said that would prevent them from having to use the \$5 million Rainy Day Fund money as well.

So far, though they have been able to keep personnel on and have been able to save the Summer Youth Employment Program and the Navigators, there are things that had to be deferred. Most of those things include projects in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

For instance, Marlborough Street was to be reconstructed this summer, and it really needs it after years of neglect. However, that has had to be deferred until next year when things hopefully improve.

The City Budget now goes to the Council, who has already begun having hearings this week to review the submission. It must be passed by July 1.

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from the construction. I don’t really know why they are even doing night work now because there isn’t a lot of traffic, volumes are way down, so I don’t understand why they can’t do more work during regular hours instead of working at night and doing things like this.”

Ambrosino said they have asked for a new agreement and are waiting for that to be put in writing.

“The City can’t wait for this project to be over,” he said. “It’s been disrespectful and inconvenient for our residents. The silver lining is it is coming to a close next fall...The inconvenient work, the jackhammering and everything else are supposed to be done by the end of this year.”

A letter from GreenRoots

was also issued to the state – acting as the City’s environmental response team. It was signed by Director Roseann Bongiovanni, Ambrosino and Avellaneda.

“It is the responsibility of the Mass Department of Transportation and the project’s general contractor Skanska/McCourt to ensure all appropriate measures are taken to protect the health and well-being of the residents of Chelsea during this project,” read the letter. “Clearly, as documented, there was a breach of this responsibility that weekend. We, therefore, demand that MassDOT and Skanska/McCourt immediately remedy this problem for the remaining duration of the project.”

DiDomenico said he has commonly been told by the

state that when the project is over, it will be so much better for Chelsea. That, he said, is not true. The project only serves to make North Shore commuters have a better commute. It doesn’t really benefit Chelsea at all.

“The disruption, noise and dust have had a huge negative impact on the lives of our residents,” he said. “Let’s be clear, these repairs will be disproportionately benefiting the thousands of residents from other communities who will be driving their cars through Chelsea and our residents will continue to deal with the environmental issues that come with that traffic. While there is not much we can do to change that, the residents of Chelsea deserve better from everyone working on this project.”

Chelsea Summer Food Service Breakfast & Lunch Program Open Sites 2020

Chelsea Public Schools is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at a first come, first serve basis, times as follows: breakfast and lunch will both be served from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm daily, at the sites below:

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Voke Park	Washington Ave	June 29 -August 21

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Williams Middle School	180 Walnut st	June 29 - August 21
Clark Ave School	8 Clark Ave	June 29 -August 21
Early Learning Center	99 Hawthorne St	June 29 -August 21
Voke Park	Washington Ave	June 29 -August 21

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Officials discuss renovation plans for Voke Park playground

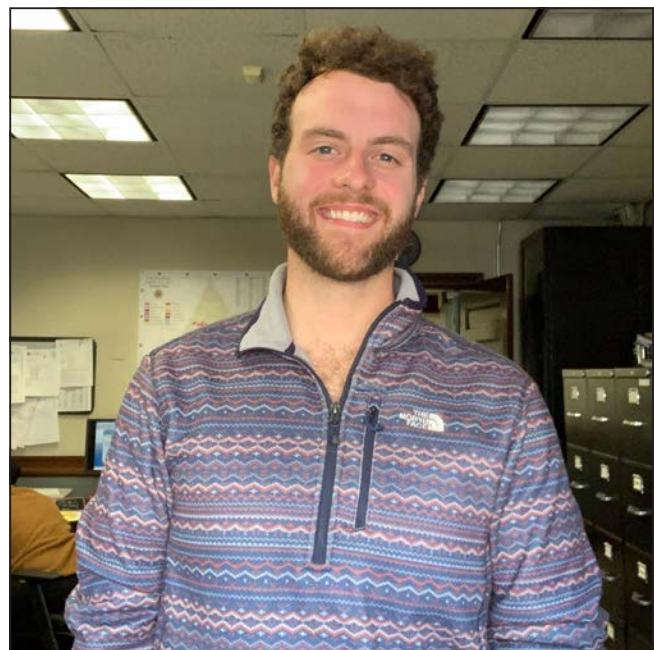
By Cary Shuman

Voke Park has always been a very popular recreational facility for the residents of Chelsea, especially those living in Prattville

who can take a short walk and be there in minutes. It's the park where the Chelsea Youth Baseball League played all of its games after Merritt Park made way for the Mary C. Burke School Complex. It's where Ralphie Mondano would hit clouds-touching fly balls so local kids could practice catching them. It's where local youth sports legends Joe Bevere Jr. and Paul Nowicki would match up

on the diamond for their respective teams, Roy Butt would spray basehits everywhere (much to the delight of his father, the late Mr. Roy Butt, who would sit with friends down the left field line), and Rich Maronski would lead the Cubs to another title for manager Larry Notkin. Voke Park, also home to well-maintained basketball and tennis courts, is about to get a newer look for the playground beyond the centerfield fence.

The City of Chelsea held a virtual community meeting with residents Tuesday night to discuss the design plan for construction at the Voke Park playground. Ben Cares, planner and project manager for the Chelsea Planning and Development Department, is overseeing the renovation project that will rejuvenate the larger of the two playgrounds, located adjacent to the basketball court. The newly built playground will be for youths, ages 5 to 12. Kaila Bachman, landscape architect for CBA Landscape Architects LLC, also had a prominent role in the discussion, walking through some of the more specific design elements of the projects such as the landscaping and how a preventative effort is being made to keep the mature trees that stand on the site alive and flourishing. The \$570,000 Voke Park renovation project is being mostly funded by a PARC Grant through the State Of-



Chelsea Planning and Development Planner and Project Manager Ben Cares spoke at a virtual community meeting Tuesday night about the playground renovation project at Voke Park.

fice of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The Chelsea Planning and Department has successfully secured PARC grants for several years in a row, resulting in major improvements to Chelsea facilities. "We plan to put the project out to bid later this summer, so we don't have a selected contractor yet," said Cares, adding that construction could start at Voke Park in the fall of 2020 or the spring of 2021. District 1 Councillor Todd Taylor said he and his two children are frequent visitors to Voke Park. He enjoys pitching baseballs to his 10-year-old son there for batting practice. "Voke Park is a great

place and I'm glad they're redoing the playground," said Taylor. "The designs on the project look great and I'm excited that the park is getting a makeover." Taylor commended the Planning and Development Department for their successful quest for grants. "It's great to see Chelsea getting this grant money and updating our parks as we need to," lauded Taylor. Taylor was hoping to participate in the Voke Park virtual meeting Tuesday night but he was representing his District 1 constituents at a four-hour, city budget meeting where councillors were reviewing the Fiscal Year '21 budget.



POLICE Briefs BY SETH DANIEL AND PAUL KOOLLOIAN

BREAKING AND ENTERING

On June 9, at approximately 6 a.m., officers were dispatched to 35 John St. for a report of breaking and entering into the building. A homeowner had called 9-1-1 and told dispatchers an unknown male was attempting to break into the home. Officers arrested a male party on-scene for Breaking and Entering.

ARMED HOME INVASION

On June 9, officers responded to 49 Freemont

Ave. at 10:40 a.m. for a report of a breaking and entering in progress. The caller stated there was an unknown male in her bedroom. Officers arrived and spoke to the two female victims who stated that they woke up to an unknown male in their home brandishing a box cutter. Officers observed the male and after a brief struggle subdued the individual and placed him under arrest for Armed Home Invasion.

THREATENED WITH A KNIFE

On June 13, at 7 a.m.,

officers were dispatched to 207 Shurtleff St. for a report of a man making threats with a knife. Officers arrived and spoke with the victim, who had stated that earlier in the night, he had gotten into an argument with a man who lived down the hallway and pointed at room 320. The victim said that the male had punched him in the left side of his face, went into his room and took out a knife and made threats to harm him. Officers located the suspect and placed him under arrest Assault with a Dangerous Weapon and Assault and Battery.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Chelsea Curves Update Construction Look-Ahead: June 14 – June 27, 2020

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

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

CARTER STREET RAMP WEEKEND CLOSURES

- The Carter Street off-ramp will be closed Friday, 6/26 starting at 10 p.m. until Monday, 6/29 at 5 a.m.
- Traffic will be detoured to the Route 16 West exit towards Everett to take Revere Beach Parkway to Everett Avenue.

SILVER LINE ALTERNATING SINGLE LANE BUS TRAFFIC

- The Silverline busway will continue to have single lane bus traffic where the Line passes through the Silverline Gateway under-

neath the Chelsea Viaduct. This single lane bus traffic will help to facilitate safe bridge construction. The single, alternating lane condition has now been extended through Friday, 6/26.

- 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.

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

- There are no local street closures for this current look-ahead.

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. During the period covered by this look ahead, concrete will be placed on the Tobin Bridge. While this concrete is curing, it will be kept wet. As such, at times, roadways under the structure may be observed to be wet. This is a normal part of the curing process.

TRAVEL TIPS

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

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.

BEACON/ BROADWAY CHANGE

Starting Monday, June 15th, the intersection at Beacon and Broadway will become a 4-Way Stop. Proper signage has been placed. Motorists should follow street signage.

CHELSEA REC ANNOUNCES FREE SUMMER LIVESTREAM CLASSES

Chelsea Recreation which includes Community Schools programming is offering free online summer classes to all residents who register. Join an engaging class such: yoga or dance, make music at a Thursday Night Open Music Gathering, learn about the process of buying a home, take one of our popular Spanish or English language classes or participate in an art & music studio. All can happen in the comfort of your own home and receive the same quality instruction from our talented instructors.

Those interested have three easy ways to register: by email: recreation@chelsea.ma.gov, phone 617 466-5233, 12:30-4:30pm; or online at register.communitypass.net/Chelsea. Classes begin Monday, June 29.

Visit recreation.chelsea-ma.gov for more information.

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

NEWS Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

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.

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 25 ENDORSES REVERE CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE JESSICA GIANNINO FOR STATE REP.

On Tuesday, the Teamsters Local 25 endorsed Revere City Councilor At-Large Jessica Giannino for State Representative, 16thSuffolk District. Giannino officially claimed a spot on the September 1stballot after submitting the required certified signatures to the Secretary of State's office last month.

"As a life-long resident of Revere, Jessica grew up in a family that understood the importance of community and public service," said Sean O'Brien, Local 25 President. "Jessica has been a strong advocate on issues that are important to working families while serving on the Revere City Council and we have no doubt that she will bring the same sense of community and working-class values to Beacon Hill."

Teamsters Local 25 represents nearly 12,000 members in the Greater Boston area, including 900 active and retired members that live and work in Chelsea, Revere and Saugus.

"I come from a long line of dedicated public servants and union members, so having the endorsement from Teamsters Local 25 is an honor to say the least," said Giannino. "This race will be a hard fought one. I am sure that nobody will work harder or smarter than me and my team, and having support from the Teamsters will allow us to reach even more voters across the district at a time when it is needed most."

Jessica began her career in politics as a City Councilor At-Large for the City of Revere in 2012. In that time, she has worked on countless issues that impact the daily lives of the citizens of Revere, as well as ordinances that will impact generations to follow. In 2013 her inclusive style and strong leadership qualities prompted her colleagues to elect her Vice President of the Council. In 2016 and 2018, Jessica had the honor of serving as City Council President. During that time, she worked to ensure the agenda maintained a balance between protecting and growing the city's economic base, without compromising the quality of city services to residents. Jessica believes it is her responsibility to ensure that Revere's government is accountable to the people, financially responsible and forward thinking.

Ryan joins House colleagues in passing bill to provide voting options amid pandemic

Special to the Record

State Rep. Dan Ryan joined his colleagues in the House to pass legislation that will allow a number of voting options, including early voting by mail, in the midst of COVID-19.

An Act Relative To Voting Options In Response To COVID-19 aims to facilitate a number of options for voters confronting health risks due to the Coronavirus. Under the provisions of the bill, voters can elect to vote-by-mail, submit an absentee ballot, vote early in-person or vote on Election Day with public health safeguards in place.

“The voting bill that

passed the House is a big first step toward ballot access and safe voting practices during this pandemic,” Said State Representative Ryan. “I co-sponsored various iterations of ballot access legislation. I’m a big proponent of early voting and other measures. I hope we learn from this year’s necessity and implement permanent reforms.”

Said Speaker Bob DeLeo, “Voting and public health don’t need to conflict. The bill passed by the House gives voters concerned about COVID-19 a number of choices on how they want to perform their civic duty of voting. I’m proud of the work of Chairs Michlewitz and Lawn and

my colleagues in the House in passing this bill.”

The bill to expand voting options in response to COVID-19 has the following provisions:

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL APPLICATION

- Requires the Secretary of State to mail all registered voters an application to vote early by mail in advance of the primary and general elections (by July 15 for the primary and September 14 for the general);
- Asks voters to apply by seven days prior to the primary and general elections;
- Allows for electronic signature and submission of applications;

EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

- The city or town clerk will mail an early voting by mail ballot and an envelope with return postage pre-paid to voters who apply;
- Allows voters to return their early voting by mail ballot in the mail, secure drop box, or in person;

ABSENTEE VOTING

- Provides for absentee voting by any person taking precaution related to COVID-19;
- Allows electronic signature and submission of absentee voting applications;

IN PERSON VOTING PUBLIC HEALTH SAFEGUARDS

- Requires the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, to promulgate emergency regulations requiring public health safeguards for in-person voting, including social distancing of voters and election officers; face coverings and personal protective equipment; frequent use of sanitizers; and sanitary use of marking pens;

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON

- Provides for 7 days of in person early voting in the primary—from Saturday, August 22 to Friday, August 28—including one weekend – and 14 days of in person early voting in

the general—from Saturday, October 17 to Friday, October 30—including two weekends;

ELECTION DAY

- Permits voters to still cast a ballot at the polls on election day;

LOCAL ELECTIONS

- Provides for early voting by mail for any city or town elections held at the same time as the primary or general or on or before December 31, 2020.

An Act Relative To Voting Options In Response To COVID-19 now moves to the Senate.

DiDomenico votes to authorize \$300 million for municipal roads and bridges, to create new MBTA leadership

Staff report

Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate recently passed legislation to invest in municipal transportation projects and establish a new leadership board for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).

The bill, *An Act financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges*, authorizes \$300 million in municipal roads and bridges through bonding, an \$80 million increase over the 2019 Chapter 90 appropriation. The legislation also establishes a new seven-member MBTA Board of Directors to succeed the current oversight body, known as the Fiscal

Management and Control Board. The MBTA Board of Directors will be responsible for governing and exercising corporate powers of the MBTA.

“This \$300 million dollar investment will not only help us meet our immediate transit needs, but also ensure we can continue working on long-term projects and improvements to our transportation system that were needed long before COVID-19 began,” said Senator DiDomenico. “This bill is a win-win: by funding local improvement projects now, we can kick start our economy, all while moving forward with the development of a safe and equitable transit system for decades to come. I would like to

thank Senate President Karen Spilka, Senate Ways & Means Chairman Michael Rodrigues, and Senate Transportation Chair Joe Boncore for their work and leadership on this legislation.”

The bill includes the following components:

- Increases the Chapter 90 bonding to \$300 million*, an increase of \$80 million over the 2019 investment. This funding will support transportation infrastructure projects in cities and towns.
- Creates a professional, and diverse MBTA Board of Directors* by requiring the Governor’s five appointments to include a member with experience in transportation operations and safety, a member

with experience in public or private finance, a member with experience in transportation or urban planning, a member who is a representative of a labor organization, and a member who has municipal government experience in the service area constituting the authority. The Secretary of Transportation will serve as an ex-officio member, and one member will be appointed by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Advisory Board. Additionally, at least two members of the MBTA Board of Directors must also serve on the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

- Keeps the MBTA Board of Directors transparent and accountable* by improving the public meeting process by requiring the Board to meet at least once per month and 20 times per calendar year. Members of the MBTA Board of Directors, except the Secretary of Transportation, will serve for four-year terms and have a stipend of \$12,000 per year.
- Provides greater autonomy and authority to the MBTA Board of Directors* by empowering the Board to make decisions over hiring the MBTA General Manager, and del-

egate specific powers and responsibilities to the General Manager. Affirmative hiring votes will require at least five members if the Transportation Secretary is not in the voting majority. Voting on financial decisions by the MBTA Board of Directors on matters related to construction and acquisition that uses bonds or debt service payments must also have at least five members voting in the affirmative if the Transportation Secretary is not in the voting majority.

The legislation must now be reconciled with the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

Ryan launches re-election bid in uncertain times

Special to the Record

This week, State Rep. Dan Ryan formally launched his 2020 Re-election bid for the Second Suffolk District, which includes much of Chelsea and the Boston neighborhood of Charlestown. An email sent to supporters detailed the framework of his campaign in a COVID-19 world.

“There is nothing that energizes me more than walking the streets of a neighborhood and talking to potential voters. Listening to people on their doorstep, or in a coffee shop, gives me a great perspective of where folks are coming from on the issues of the day directly, without the filter of social media,” said Ryan, with hopes of traditional campaigning, with safety precautions, in the near future.

For now, Ryan is content with Zoom meetings and other virtual gatherings to tout his legislative record.

“Fortunately, or unfortunately, the societal time-out caused by COVID-19 has highlighted the fragility of our health care system, the susceptibility of our working-class neighborhoods and more importantly the deep racial inequalities that still exist in our nation.

“These issues are not new to me,” he continued. “I have been working on them for most of my adult life. As a youth worker, coach and mentor in an integrating Charlestown years ago, and as a legislator for the past six years, I stand on a record of listening, finding common ground and moving forward with measurable results on many of the issues that are making national headlines today.”

As an example, he pointed to his position as Vice-chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Re-

covery during the second iteration of the OPIOID Prevention and Access to Treatment law. Although these bills were substance use and recovery related, they were packed with prison reforms and emergency response training. Ryan explained his role in working with police chiefs and departments from around the Commonwealth to increase funding for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, which is an example of the de-escalation practices now being discussed as a policing reform nationally.

“When Committee Chair Denise Garlick tasked me with being her point person on this piece, I honestly did not know what to expect. I was pleasantly surprised to see how far ahead of the curve many Massachusetts police departments were on this training.”

Ryan emphasized that his campaign enjoys broad-based support throughout the district due in part to his wide range of legislative accomplishments. He has high marks with organized labor, on environmental scorecards and civil rights protections, including, most recently, ballot access.

“My campaign will be filled with frontline workers, many of whom bear the brunt of this epidemic. They have always been with me. And I, in turn, have had their back,” he said. “But, it doesn’t end there. I’ve been taking calls from small business owners, parents wondering when home schooling will come to end, as well as the elderly and those who care for them. You will see the work I’ve been doing not only in the diverse legions of volunteers I will have, but also in the varying endorsements that I will roll out.”

Ryan said he hit the ground running back in

February, collected twice as many signatures needed to get on the ballot and had planned many spring and summer events both governmental and political. It was all brought to a screeching halt when the COVID shutdown hit.

“To be honest, I have been too busy being the State Representative, and a home-schooling parent to focus on the campaign over the past three months. I was also trying to give appropriate space to the issues at hand. First the COVID epidemic, and then the national mourning and outrage that has followed the George Floyd homicide.

“These issues are still raw,” he continued. “It will take some work to prove we as a society are seriously paying attention. These structural reforms need to happen sooner rather than later. It has been too long already. However, it is also time to hit the campaign trail. In order for me to continue the work of creating a more equitable society for all and bring my vast network to bear on the issues at hand, I need to get re-elected. I will. But, these are uncharted waters. We must find the right course as we move forward.”

Representative Dan Ryan is in his third term as State Representative. He and his wife, Kara, are raising their three children in Charlestown. Their son Myer, a Boston Public School graduate is home from college due to the COVID shutdown. Ella and Audrey are attending Boston Public Schools, entering the 5th and 7th grade, respectively.

People interested in learning more about his campaign and his record as a legislator can visit his updated website www.Rep-DanRyan.com, email Dan-RyanforRep@gmail.com or call (617) 242-5950.

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Northeast Metro Tech appoints Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce that Northeast Metro Tech has appointed its first Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator.

The district's School Committee approved the creation of the position and the appointment of Dawon Dicks to the role at its Thursday, June 11 meeting. Dicks has worked a Prevention and Intervention Coordinator at Northeast Metro Tech for the past year and has worked with the administrator of student services and guidance department to identify student needs that require intervention and prevention services. He joined the district in April 2019, and also launched the Student Athlete Leadership and Mentoring (SALM) program at the school. He is additionally an assistant football coach.

"Right and "wrong" can be hard, but love, kindness, and integrity are choices we can all make in the pursuit of equality, and equality for all of us," Dicks said.

In his new position, Dicks is tasked with working on the district's goal to ensure Northeast Metro Tech is supportive of all students and reduce opportunity and achievement gaps based on race, ethnicity, disability, gender and other factors. As Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator, he will be responsible for working with administration to address issues of equality, inclusion, and cultural proficiency through professional development and group curriculum implementation with students.

"Systemic racism in par-

ticular is being examined and addressed at every level nationwide at this moment, and we felt it was our duty to take this step to promote diversity, compassion and acceptance at Northeast Metro Tech," Superintendent DiBarri said. "Dawon has become an invaluable member of our community and we're confident he will flourish in this role and that he'll deftly identify opportunities for growth at our school and what our students need to feel valued, included and accepted."

Dicks is also the co-founder of the non-profit Student Athlete Youth Academy (SAYA), an organization that works closely with young people in Lawrence to assist them with reading comprehension, life skills, sports and sports training.

He also operates Grit Athletics Performance Strength out of Methuen, a program that offers strength and conditioning training for football players. Dicks spearheaded the creation of Grit Athletics while working at Andover Youth Services.

He has also worked at Boston Sports Clubs as a sales manager, and was the director of development and athletics at BFIT Exercise and Nutrition from 2007 to 2014. He worked as a student liaison and world history teacher at Notre Dame Catholic High School from 2011 to 2013, and as a middle school reading and religion teacher, health and wellness coordinator and admissions committee member at Washington Jesuit Academy from 2007 to 2011 where he created an in-depth health and wellness program. He also served as the vice-presi-



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Northeast Metro Tech's first Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator Dawon Dicks, right, stands with senior and 2020 graduate Joshua Yandoli.

dent of athletic development at SiSu Systems from 2004 to 2007.

He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Georgetown University. He has been inducted into Notre Dame Catholic High School's Hall of Fame for

football and track, is a former assistant strength and conditioning coach for Washington's NFL team and, as an offensive coordinator led his team to being among the top-ranked offenses in the New England Football League.

Chelsea Commuter Rail Station Project – traffic impacts in Chelsea & Everett June 19-22 and June 26-29

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. The MBTA's contractor will perform railroad crossing reconstruction work the next two weekends as described below. Information on local traffic impacts follows; for Commuter Rail impacts, please check the MBTA Commuter Rail Alerts page.

Upcoming Traffic Impacts

To safely perform work at the railroad crossings, traffic will be impacted in the following locations. Signs will direct drivers through the detours.

Eastern Ave. Detours: From Friday, June 19 at 9:00 PM until Monday, June 22 at 5:00 AM, Eastern Ave. in Chelsea will be closed between Central Ave. and Broadway. The following detours will be in place.

Northbound Detour:

- From Marginal St., go left on Central Ave. (Eastern Ave. will be closed at Central Ave., except for local traffic south of the railroad crossing)
- Turn right on Hawthorne St.
- Bear right on Broadway
- Stay straight for Broadway/Rt. 107 Revere
- Southbound Detour:
- From Rt. 107/Broadway, at Eastern Ave. stay straight on Broadway (there will be no left turn onto Eastern Ave. except for local traffic north of the railroad crossing)
- Turn right on City Hall Ave.
- Turn left on Washing-

ton Ave.

- Bear right on Broadway
- Turn left on Cross St.
- Turn right on Pearl St.
- Turn left on Marginal St.
- Continue straight on Eastern Ave.

2nd St. Detours: From Friday, June 19 at 9:00 PM until Monday, June 22 at 5:00 AM, 2nd St. in Everett will be closed between Carter St. and Boston St. The following detours will be in place.

Northbound Detour:

- From 2nd St., turn right on Carter St. (2nd St. will be closed at Carter St., except for local traffic south of the railroad crossing & Market St. traffic)
- Carter St. turns into 3rd St.
- Turn left on Boston St.
- Turn right back onto 2nd St. toward Rt. 16
- Southbound Detour:
- From 2nd St., turn left on Boston St. (2nd St. will be closed at Boston St.)
- Turn right on 3rd St.
- 3rd St. turns into Carter St.
- Turn left back onto 2nd St. toward Rt. 1

Everett Ave. Detours: From Friday, June 26 at 9:00 PM until Monday, June 29 at 5:00 AM, Everett Ave. in Chelsea will be closed between Spruce Street and Maple St.

Northbound Detour:

- From Everett Ave., turn right on Spruce St. (Everett Ave. will be closed at Spruce St.; MGH visitors can use the Spruce St. entrance)
- Turn left on Beech St.
- Turn left on Maple St.
- Turn right back onto Everett Ave. toward Route 16
- Southbound Detour:
- From Everett Ave., go left on Maple St. (Everett Ave. will be closed at Maple St.; MGH visitors can use the Spruce St. entrance)
- Turn right on Beech St.
- Turn right on Spruce St.
- Turn left back onto Everett Ave. toward Rt. 1

3rd St. and Carter St. Detours: From Friday, June 26 at 9:00 PM until Monday, June 29 at 5:00 AM, 3rd St./Carter St. in Chelsea will be detoured as follows:

Northbound Detour:

- From 2nd St., stay straight at Carter St. (3rd St./Carter St. will be closed at 2nd St., except for State Garden visitors)
- Turn right on Boston St.
- Turn right on 3rd St. for local traffic only; all others will stay straight on Boston St.

Southbound Detour:

- From Boston St., stay straight at 3rd St. (3rd St. will be closed at Boston St., except for local traffic north

of the railroad crossing)

- Turn left on 2nd St.
- Turn left on Carter St. for State Garden visitors only; all others will stay straight on 2nd St.

Learn More

The current Chelsea Commuter Rail station, on the Newburyport/Rockport Line at Arlington Street in Chelsea, is inconvenient for transfers to other modes, is not accessible to people with disabilities, and is in disrepair. The MBTA is investing \$32 million to construct the new Chelsea Commuter Rail station, including full high-level platforms for boarding, canopies and benches, new sidewalks, security cameras, passenger assistance telephones, lighting, and more. Work began in August 2019 and is expected to be completed in 2021.

Please know that MassDOT, the MBTA, their consultants, and the contractor continue to work on the Chelsea Commuter Rail Project through these challenging times and have implemented appropriate safety measures related to COVID-19.

For more information about this project, please visit: www.mbtamta.com/ChelseaStation. For project questions or comments, please email: ChelseaStation@mbta.com.

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rade with dozens of cars led by the Chelsea Police – including a semi-truck from the Produce Center loaded down with pallets of onions.

One very sentimental moment came when a woman and her children came to say 'Happy Birthday to Vega – a woman who had no food after COVID-19 hit and no way to feed her family over the last three months except by coming to the Collaborative.

"That women said that she comes here twice a week and we feed her and her family," said Vega. "She said we have given her the food she needs and she couldn't get it. We began all this on the porch of my house and never thought it was going to last more than three months, and we've been feeding people pretty much on a daily basis. We're feeding approximately 11,000 a week for COVID-19. It's been huge. Every time we need donations, they just come in. We're going to keep doing this until people can become a little more stable."

And after a cake with her family, including Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado, it was back to work to do the day's distribution.

"I think I will celebrate tonight, but just quietly and with a few volunteers," said Vega. "That's it."

SUPER WOMAN:

FAMILY, VOLUNTEERS, CITY OFFICIALS SURPRISE GLADYS VEGA ON HER BIRTHDAY



One family who has depended on the Collaborative to get through COVID-19 dropped by to thank Vega, which overwhelmed her with emotion.



Wendy Velasquez presents Vega with a balloon as her car drove by.



Estephany Escobar, Patricia Ebanks and Cinthya Torres - all volunteers at the Collaborative food distribution effort - get ready to roll.



Roberto Garcia, Officer Sammy Mojica and Officer Miguel Sanchez.



Ruth Adeyinka decorates her car in preparation for Gladys Vega's birthday parade.



Natalia Diaz decorates her car at St. Rose before leaving for the Car Parade.



Coming out of the Collaborative calling to start the work for the food distribution, Gladys Vega was surprised to find a throne and bouquets of produce on the sidewalk.



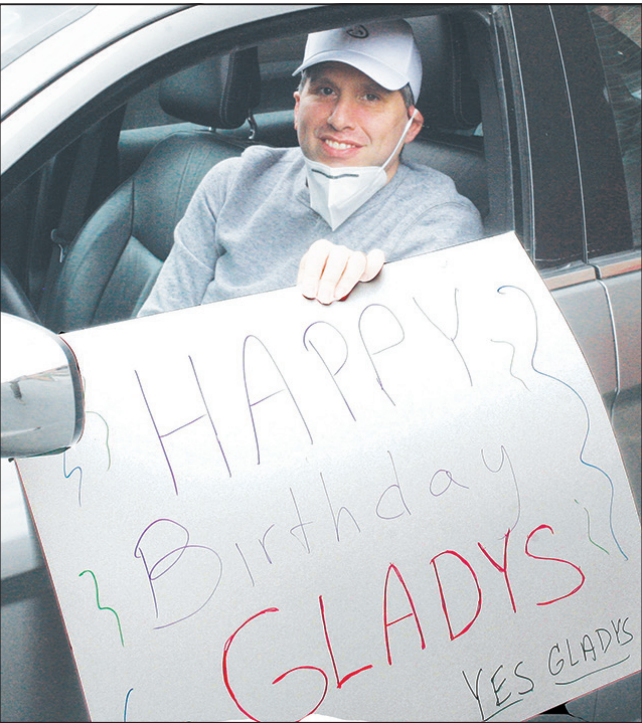
School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia calls for a hug from her aunt, Gladys Vega.



Roberto Garcia drops a card to Vega at a social distance.



School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia, Gladys Vega, Tenaira Garcia, Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado, and Tanaira Camacho celebrate with their Aunt and mother.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico had his sign ready to wish Vega a Happy Birthday.



Overwhelmed with emotion, Vega waves to the endless cars driving by and honking.



From the Carpenter's Union, Brian Richardson, Martin Sanchez and Noel Xavier.



Shown to the left: From the DA's Chelsea Court Office - who stopped by to wish Vega a Happy Birthday - Myriam Feliz, Liana LaMattina, Stephanie Hector and Amelia Singh.



The entire crew of volunteers and family at the Collaborative gathered with Vega to celebrate her 53rd birthday.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

DEMARIA, POLICE LOOK AT POLICIES

EVERETT - As traditional policing strategies and policies have come under the microscope in the wake of several black people around the country being killed by police in the last few months, Everett officials last week took time to understand policing policies in Everett and how they need to change.

From the top down, it was clear this week that the status quo isn't acceptable.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria released a statement last weekend saying that the response to events locally and nationally when it comes to policing and systemic racism has to be with action – not words.

“The senseless killing of George Floyd is a result of a failure in policy and oversight by a system that needs review and reform,” he said. “Inherent racism against persons of color resulting in violence and death are unacceptable. We reject and condemn police brutality and racism in the strongest terms. This is a time to act. How we act will be a reflection on the lessons we choose to see, what we choose to listen to, and how we can better understand the issues we face.”

He said the City will change the way it polices the community – noting that the way things have been done in the Police Department for so long do not work now. In addition to that, he will also begin looking at City reforms in government as well.

“Instead of words, we will act with investigation and change,” he said. “Policies created years ago are not effective today. I am in the process of putting together an independent committee to review governmental and police policy that needs updating. All policies will be looked at, and changes how complaints are investigated, and training will be strongly considered.”

At a recent City Council meeting, Councilor Gerly Adrien had two pieces on the calendar asking for Chief Steve Mazzie and the Police Union President – who was elected to the position late last fall – to talk about various policies in the Department. Among the things she has asked for are: Use of Force Policy, Use of Force Complaint Policy, Everyday Use of Force Investigation Policy and the policy that is followed when an individual is injured during an encounter with the Everett Police. She also asked for the two police leaders to present on police training, including time spent, topics and testing assessments.

“I think we need to as a City Council to understand what's going on in our Police force to make sure we're not making or approving policies that hurt our residents,” she said. “Over the last five weeks I have received complaints that are racial and about how the Everett Police have treated four residents and one non-resident. I don't know our policies and can't defend them when that happens.”

Many of the things that are being reviewed nationwide right now along these same measures are use of force, how many officers live in the community where they work, what the racial makeup of the police force is, banning choke holds, a public officer misconduct database, and the demilitarization of the police.

Councilor Peter Napolitano said he agreed that the local police having so much military surplus equipment

isn't appropriate.

“I agree that the militarization of the police departments with heavy equipment from the military doesn't need to be on our streets,” he said. “We definitely need to make sure all our residents white, black, brown or yellow shouldn't be living in fear of police. It needs to be reported and we need to address it. We need to have substantial change.”

The matters passed unanimously, 10-0, and they two police leaders will be invited to a future meeting to present.

Mayor DeMaria said community policing has been a priority in Everett, but he said it's time to update how that is achieved.

“Everett has always been a strong community, where community policing is a priority,” he said. “However, updated policies must be considered so our community can move forward together. The City of Everett being a safe place for ALL is a priority, and will continue to ensure that any and all disparate treatment is acted upon swiftly, equitably, and with a keen eye towards true impartiality for the purpose of achieving real justice.”

DRIVE-IN GRADUATION EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

EVERETT - Graduation commencements are by nature special, but over time they tend to run together and don't stick out for being unique from year to year.

That will never be said of the 2020 Everett High School Commencement – the drive-in graduation that exceeded everyone's expectations and truly brought the schools and community together in a way that is often only seen on the football field.

“It's a spectacle and it's spectacular,” said Supt. Priya Tahiliani – who was busy all day walking the Lower Broadway parking lots set up for the commencement.

It was her first Everett commencement to boot.

“I didn't know if it would come together,” she said. “There were so many obstacles. Many of the businesses that were vendors weren't even open. They stepped it up and delivered the things like balloons so quickly. This has come together wonderfully.”

Graduation had been a focal point since the schools closed suddenly on March 12, not to re-open the rest of the year. That was a decision that Tahiliani and Mayor Carlo DeMaria made in concert, with Tahiliani leaning heavily on the mayor or as she had only been on the job nine days. When it became evident graduation wasn't going to happen in person at the Stadium as it normally does, both began working together to bring the community together for a celebration few will forget.

“Everett High School class of 2020 will be remembered by their resiliency and ability to overcome a global pandemic,” said the mayor. “The drive through ceremony was outside the box but nevertheless meaningful and historic for our City. Thank you to all of the students, faculty, school administrators, and volunteers for making such an unprecedented time so successful.”

The drive-thru graduation idea wasn't initially embraced, as it didn't sound all that enticing on its face. However, the Schools worked to be innovative, local businesses were more than generous and the Health Department monitored things for safety.

“What's most exciting is to see the smiles on kids' faces,” said Tahiliani.

“Having drive-thru graduation sounded so disappointing. We had a vision how it would work. I'm glad we made the vision come to life.”

For Valedictorian Ahmed Alananzeh, he said on Saturday he was very impressed. Many seniors like himself were very down that they didn't get to finish their senior year – didn't get to attend several events like prom, science trips and now graduation. On top of that, heading off to Yale University in the fall is now in question, as many schools have considered being online for the fall semester.

On Saturday, though, he said graduation was a real pick-up.

“It's been amazing today,” he said, celebrating with his family at the photo booth. “It's beyond all expectations.”

The set-up was very unique from start to finish.

Setting up on the Lower Broadway parking lots across from Encore Boston Harbor, the casino had donated thousands of flowers and put together three stages to host graduates. Cars would pull into the lot under an arch of balloons, and three cars would pull up at a time to the various stages.

Principal Erick Naumann would call each student's name, and they would advance to their appointed stage, cross to the center, get a photo taken, and then celebrate once back in the car with their family.

After that, there were booths set up where graduates would drive by and organizations like the Kiwanis, Rotary, Everett Teachers Association, Everett Bank, The City Council, School Committee, and Universal Screen Printing.

After that, the photo booth section was set up for families to exit their cars and take a family picture, which was delivered to them in 45 seconds or less. After that, the ceremony was over – taking about 30 to 40 minutes to pass through the whole thing.

GUNFIRE LEADS TO ONE ARREST

EAST BOSTON - Boston Police arrested an East Boston man in connection with allegedly firing a gun Sunday evening on the corner of Chelsea and Porter Streets.

Stephen Woodard, 30, of East Boston. Woodard was arraigned in East Boston District Court on charges of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Carrying a Loaded Firearm on a Public Way, Possession of a Firearm with an Obliterated Serial Number, Discharging a Firearm within 500 Feet of a Dwelling, Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon, Breaking and Entering of a Motor Vehicle, and Armed Career Criminal.

The incident occurred on Sunday just before 7:30 p.m. when officers from District A-7 police station responded to a radio call for a person with a gun in the area of Chelsea Street and Porter Street.

According to police, several witnesses directed officers to an unknown male suspect, later identified as Woodard, who was sitting in a car and in possession of a firearm.

Witnesses led police to Woodard who had entered a motor vehicle that was parked in the lot across from Santarpio's Pizza after firing off several rounds.

Officers approached and observed Woodard bleeding from the hand and sitting in the driver's seat of a gray motor vehicle that had a shattered driver's side window.

Officers asked Woddard



The Unity Pride Flag is pictured as it waves on the flagpole situated on the lawn outside Revere City Hall. On June 12, Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo and City Councillor Steven Morabito were joined by City staff and officials 12 to raise an intersectional rainbow flag in front of City Hall in honor of Pride Month. Rainbow colors will also light the Markey Memorial Pedestrian Bridge to show support for the LGBTQ+ community.

if he had been shot, but he sat stoically, refusing to answer the officers. Woodard had his hands between his legs down by the floor of the vehicle. Officers repeatedly asked the male if he was in possession of a firearm or if he had been shot, eventually the male answered no to both questions.

Officers removed Woodard from the vehicle and subsequently recovered a folding knife in his front pants pocket. Partially under the driver's seat where Woodard had his hands, officers located a Rock Island Armory 45 caliber firearm. Officers also observed ballistic damage to the vehicle.

After taking Woodard in custody officers spoke to a victim who said he had picked up food from a restaurant in the area and walked toward his car when he observed Woodard pulling on the door handle of the victim's car. The victim told Woodard that the car belonged to him, causing the Woodard to walk away from the victim's car.

Woodard then approached another vehicle and again attempted to gain entry by pulling on the door handle. The victim said he asked the suspect what he was doing and Woodard responded by allegedly pulling out a firearm. The victim stated he fled the area, hearing several gunshots as he walked away.

Additional victims stated they had exited the same restaurant and were walking to the parking lot when the suspect proceeded towards the two of them and allegedly pointed a firearm at them. The victims who were inside their motor vehicle, fled the parking lot at a high rate of speed, hearing multiple gunshots ringing out from the area.

Another witness stated he had observed Woodard allegedly waving the firearm, before shooting at a motor vehicle and fleeing the area.

According to reports, Woodward is the same man that made national headlines last year for stealing a truck full of lobsters from a Boston pier and fleeing to Charlestown. Woodard was arrested after two oth-

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er lobstermen in refrigerator trucks pursued Woodard into Charlestown and rammed into the stolen truck.

In June 2010, Woodard, then 20, escaped from a Suffolk County sheriff's van. He ran on foot before stealing a Department of Public Works vehicle and leading officers on a brief chase. Woodard ditched the vehicle and took off running again. Three days later, he surrendered to the police at an apartment in Charlestown.

CITY REALTY DONATES CHROMEBOOKS

EAST BOSTON - City Realty Group continued its longstanding partnership with the Mario Umana Academy through a generous donation of Chromebooks for the school's students.

City Realty, known for several development projects in Eastie, has a non-profit offshoot called City Kids in areas where the development team works and conducts business.

Since landing in Eastie and developing residential projects in the neighborhood, City Realty's City Kids, has been looking for ways to give back to the community. During its project on Border Street several years ago, City Realty partnered with the Mario Umana Academy and donated supplies to the school. The developer also pitched in to help clean and maintain a park between Border and Meridian Streets.

“I got a chance to meet the new principal of the Mario Umana School Christina Michel and donate 10 Chromebooks on behalf of City Realty's City Kids,” said Sal LaMattina. “Tommy Welsh, who oversees the schools in East Boston and lives in Orient Heights, as well as Principal Michel were thrilled to receive the donation.”

LaMattina said City Realty has been donating Chromebooks throughout Eastie during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Last month City Kids donated new Chromebooks

to the Boys & Girls Club to help Eastie students continue learning at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Realty Group Vice President of Operations James Caruso said the donations are a way City Realty can do their part to help children remain engaged and capable of continuing their studies at home.

Stephen Whalen of Boston, Managing Partner at City Realty Group and founder of City Kid, said his company has been a longtime supporter of the Umana as well as Salesian Boys & Girls Club and other area schools and after-school programs.

A few years ago City Realty, with the help of the Gove Street Citizens Association, donated Chromebooks to the Sam Adams School's Autism Strand classroom.

MBTA FARES FOR LYNN ANNOUNCED

LYNN - The MBTA announced that Zone 1A fares will again be temporarily accepted at Lynn and Riverworks Commuter Rail Stations on a pilot basis effective Wednesday, July 1, through Monday, August 31. This step is being taken so the MBTA may provide additional travel options for North Shore customers, ease crowding on nearby bus routes, and to allow the MBTA to collect ridership data related to the effects of temporary fare changes on relieving crowding.

“We're excited to again offer this option to riders traveling between Lynn Station and Downtown Boston for the same price as a subway fare,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. “We're continuing this temporary zone change pilot for two months starting July 1 with the goal of reducing crowding and promoting social distance on buses, and we encourage our North Shore riders to consider this Commuter Rail option.”

Zone 1A fares were temporarily accepted at Lynn from May 22 to May 31 in

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an effort to provide additional travel options for customers affected by the Blue Line shutdown from Bowdoin to Airport and so that MBTA staff could begin to gather ridership data related to temporary fare changes. Though data on Commuter Rail and relevant bus route ridership was inconclusive given the short length of the May offering, the MBTA hopes a longer two-month pilot will allow customers to learn about the Commuter Rail option so that additional data can be collected.

Customers heading inbound from Lynn or Riverworks to North Station and outbound from North Station to Lynn or Riverworks can purchase a Zone 1A ticket on mTicket, at a fare vending machine, onboard, or at a ticket window at North Station. Zone 1A monthly passes printed on CharlieTickets or CharlieCards or on mTicket will also be accepted. The MBTA will continue to closely monitor ridership levels with fourteen additional inbound trains (twenty-eight total) to be added to the Newburyport/Rockport Line as part of Phase 2 of the Commonwealth's Re-Opening Plan. A one-way Zone 1A commuter rail fare is \$2.40, which is the same as a CharlieCard subway fare. Bus Routes that stop at Lynn Station include Routes 426, 429, 435, 436, 441, 442, and 455.

In compliance with the Commonwealth's Reopening Massachusetts Report, riders are also reminded that face coverings are required while onboard MBTA service and within stations.

For more information, please visit mbta.com or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.

REVERE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM ANNOUNCES UPDATES

REVERE - The City of Revere's Emergency Response Team continues to monitor impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and develop policies and procedures to maintain public health and safety for all in Revere. As of June 8, the Revere Board of Health has been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health of 1,729 positive cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere. The City is averaging 8.4 new cases a day.

The City's Emergency Response Team announced several updates related to the start of phase 2 of the Commonwealth's reopening plan, including:

- The Revere Licensing Commission launched an application for outdoor dining licenses in accordance with provisions of Governor Baker's Order concerning the Phase II reopening of restaurants. This application regards the temporary expansion of premises of licensed common victualers to allow restaurants to serve patrons outside. These extensions apply to property contiguous to the business and may include sidewalks, parking lots, and municipal parking lots. The License Commission will act within seven days of the request. You can find the application at [revere.org/outdoorsseating](https://www.revere.org/outdoorsseating).

- The Revere Board of Health has issued updated guidance regarding customer limitations in business. Businesses are required to limit capacity to four customers per 1,000 square feet of sales space. Read the updated guidance here.
- The City's Business Response Team will contin-

ue its weekly virtual office hours for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Held via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 AM and available in English and Spanish, office hours will focus on answering questions regarding the State's reopening plans. Small businesses can register for office hours at [Revere.org/officehours](https://www.revere.org/officehours).

City officials will be closely monitoring data in the coming days and are urging all residents to continue to take precautions:

- People over the age of 65 and people who have underlying health conditions – who are at high risk for COVID-19 – should continue to stay home except for essential errands such as going to the grocery store and to attend to health care needs.
- All residents are advised to leave home only for health care, worship and permitted work, shopping, and outdoor activities.
- Don't participate in close contact activities such as pick-up sports games.
- All residents are REQUIRED to cover their face when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public
- Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soapy water

Stay home if you feel sick.

ARRIGO JOINS IN PEACEFUL PROTEST

REVERE - As the City of Revere supported the peaceful protest last week led by Black and Brown youth that have come together to form Black Lives Matter Revere, Mayor Arrigo joined their movement to amplify their message and signify that the mission for change will happen.

In an effort to advance their mission he announced some initial steps toward progress in expanding the city's ongoing racial justice initiatives and introducing new policies to support anti-racism in Revere.

This afternoon a Black Lives Matter banner was erected in front of Revere City Hall to signify the City's support for the youth leaders who have organized today's peaceful march, and the City's commitment to elevating the voices of Revere's residents of color in all efforts to achieve racial justice.

"I am proud of our young people and the hundreds of Revere residents who are standing up to injustice and demanding long overdue change, and I am committed to using my position as Mayor to make sure their voices continue to be heard," Mayor Arrigo said. "Today is an important inflection point in our commitment to call out and eliminate racism in our City. There is a lot of difficult work ahead of us, and the voices of our youth and residents of color must be the driving forces behind that work."

Today Mayor Arrigo announced the first steps the City will be taking to advance racial justice, including new policies, resource reallocation, and expansion of existing work, including:

- The reinstatement of the City's Human Rights Commission and Appointment of its Executive Director: Mayor Arrigo will reinstate the City's Human Rights Commission and recommend to the City Council Dimple Rana's appointment as its executive director. The Commission will be dedicated to protecting and preserving the civil and human rights of all Revere residents. The Commission will be tasked with initiating

activities designed to educate and inform the city about the effects of prejudice, intolerance, and bigotry, and advise the Mayor on policy recommendations related to the protection of human rights.

- A commitment to achieve more diverse representation on City Boards and Commissions: The City has launched a new web page and will begin promoting its call for residents to serve on existing Boards and Commissions that direct the City's policies related to issues such as culture, planning and economic development, and the environment. There are currently 39 openings across nine Boards and Commissions, and applications are available here: <https://www.revere.org/boards-and-commissions>

- Greater analysis and reporting of the City's racial equity data: Building on the work done through the City's recently completed Master Planning process, the Office of Innovation and Data Management will work with a number of other departments to conduct a deeper analysis into racial equity data as it pertains to issues such as economic opportunity, housing, health disparities and educational outcomes. The City's Health and Human Services department will also undertake a review of racial disparities as it pertains to health outcomes for residents that contract Covid-19. The City will publish these initial data findings and use them to determine additional need for analysis, policy considerations and resource allocation.

- Citywide conversations on race: The City has begun a search for a professional, third-party facilitator to lead forums and conversations about racism within the city and provide a platform for community members of color to share their experiences. The City will also be using outside facilitation to conduct racial equity training for city hall staff, starting with department heads.

- Collaboration with the Revere Police Department: In partnership with the Revere Police Department, the City will explore the redirection of funds to support unconscious bias and de-escalation training for department members. The Department has also committed to the establishment of a youth advisory board to engage with RPD on issues and concerns.

- Collaboration with Revere High School's emerging Equity Team: Revere High School has begun the process of establishing a student-led equity team to inform policy decisions through an anti-racism lens. The Team's early work will include a review of the school's Student Handbook, to better ensure equity in both opportunity and disciplinary actions, as well as a curriculum audit to ensure cultural and racial sensitivity and inclusivity. More than 100 students and family members have already indicated interest in participating.

WINTHROP MARCH IN SUPPORT OF BLACK COMMUNITY

WINTHROP - Like many other people right now, Elizabeth Tamayo and her sister Kathryn Monahan, felt a strong desire to show their love and support for the Black community. Last week, the sisters were joined by several hundred others on a peaceful walk that started at Massa Park, ran the length of Winthrop

Shore Drive, and ended at the top of the beach, where walkers took a knee while engaging in a moment of silence.

"We wanted to organize a peaceful walk that would allow families to bring their children along as well," said Tamayo, who was joined by her two young children. "The youth is our future and we hope with enough love and support, we can make it a brighter one."

Signs reiterating Floyd's last words and declarations of justice were held highly by masked marchers of all ages. College student, Faith Hunt, held a sign that read 'I can't breathe' in bold, black print against a white background, sharing the three words that Floyd said before he laid motionless on the ground in front of several police officers.

"I think it's important to be aware that every person is here for a reason, and nobody is lesser than someone else," said Hunt. "Especially just because they have a different level of melanin in their genes. Racism isn't controversial-it's wrong."

Organizer of the walk, Kathryn Monahan, was beyond proud of how Winthrop came together to stand up for change.

"This was bigger, better and even MORE powerful than I ever imagined it being. I'm so proud of the town of Winthrop and everyone who came out."

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Petitions to sign: (linked

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- Justicefor George Floyd – [change.org](https://www.change.org/p/colorofchange-justice-for-george-floyd)
- Colorsof Change - #Justice For Floyd
- Justicefor Breonna Taylor – [change.org](https://www.change.org/p/justice-for-breonna-taylor)
- Justicefor Ahmaud Arbery – [change.org](https://www.change.org/p/justice-for-ahmaud-arbery)

Places to donate: (linked here)

- CampaignZero
- GeorgeFloyd Memorial Fund
- BlackLives Matter
- BlackVisions Collective
- Innocence Project
- Runwith Maud
- Justicefor Breonna

Accounts to follow on social media:

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- @colorofchange
- @naacp
- @showingupforracialjustice
- @civilrightsorg
- @reclaimtheblock
- @ethelsclub
- @unitedwedream
- @mediajustice

WINTHROP FOUNDATION HELPS LOCAL BUSINESSES

WINTHROP - We've all seen the shuttered storefronts, tables and chairs stacked in corners, hand-written signs saying, "Closed Until Further Notice". Now that the state has begun to re-open, the Winthrop Foundation is doing its part.

Last week the Foundation announced a \$26,250 economic stimulus grant, an injection of much-needed funding for some of our town's small businesses. The Foundation is purchasing up to \$750 in gift cards from each of 35 local stores -- mostly food establish-

ments.

The Board of Trustees are busy doing the legwork, going from business to business, purchasing \$750 in gift cards from establishments around town. A partial list includes: High Tide, Letterie's, Belle Isle Seafood, Blackstrap, Pizza Center, Hong Kong Dragon, Winthrop Marketplace, La Siesta, Café Rosetti's, Twist & Shake, Center Café, Adriatic Restaurant, Go-Go, Express Burrito Family Bakery, House of Pizza, Meat Market, Viking Pub, Osaka, Alia, Shore Side Café, Winthrop Arms, and several others.

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Founded in May 2019 with support from Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo and Senator Joseph Boncore, the Winthrop Foundation has received \$500,000 in Massport funding thus far. Trustees have awarded nearly \$50,000 in emergency grants, and plan to launch a Regular Grant Application later this month.

The Foundation will continue to support the people, programs and small businesses of Winthrop as they stand strong and carry on together.

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OBITUARIES

Robert Foresta

Retired Whidden Memorial Hospital Director of Pharmacy, Active member of Revere K of C

 Robert “Bob” Foresta, 86, passed away from fighting an illness on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett.

After Bob graduated from Revere High School, he entered the military with the US Army. During his military years, he was part of the nuclear bomb testing teams in Nevada.

After his time in the US Army, Robert went on to receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacology from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. He worked at the Whidden Memorial Hospital for 27 years where he was also the Director of the Pharmacy. While at WMH, he took great pride in preparing the complex medications needed for cancer patients.

Bob was also a very active member of the Knights of Columbus, Revere Council, where he participated in the weekly meetings, Tuesday night bowling league and many of the other council events.

He was a philanthropic donor supporting many charities. Bob was also a DIE HARD Red Sox fan. He watched just about every game possible and had

great pride in the Sox after they ended the 86 year drought and won the World Series.

He enjoyed Big Band Swing music especially the Glen Miller Orchestra, old Italian crooner music from Mario Lanza to the Rat Pack, old western movies and TV shows, and ballroom dancing.

He was born on May 8, 1933 in Revere to Salvatore and Emily Foresta. Robert is survived by his loving wife, Barbara (Glennon) Foresta, his sisters and brothers-in-law: Phyllis and Roy Bettano, Marilyn and Dave Ellis and his brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Gloria Foresta; his children, Christopher Foresta and his wife, Gina and Robyn Foresta and her husband, Matthew Pollock; Barbara’s children, John Glennon, Laura Glennon and Judith (Glennon) Frazier; his grandchildren, Isabella, Samantha and Andraya Foresta, Otis Pollock, Jessica Vasquez, Alyssa Vozzella, Cecilia Frazier and Adrienne Morales and nine great grandchildren.

Services for Robert will be held on Friday June 19 at 11 a.m. at Saint Anthony’s Church in Revere. Private burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital or the Shriners Children Research Hospital.

John Burns, Esq.

Prominent criminal defense attorney

John T. Burns, Esq., passed away on June 10, due to complications from COVID-19 after a long and agonizing battle with Alzheimer’s Disease.

John was born on July 14, 1940, the son of the late Kathleen (Coleman) and George V. Burns, Sr, formerly of West Roxbury and East Dennis.

He was the beloved husband of the late Roberta (Abrams.) John and Roberta were married for 40 plus years, until 2008, when Roberta lost her battle to lung cancer.

John and Roberta settled in Revere (Roberta’s hometown) where they raised their family. He was the caring brother of George V. Burns Jr. of West Roxbury, Kathleen and her husband, Vincent Ryan of West Roxbury, Mary Guiney of Canton and her late husband, Ken Walsh, the late Helen Doyle and her husband, the late Joseph Doyle of Scituate and James of Pompano Beach, FL and his ex-wives, the late Janet and the late Diana. He was the loving father of George and his wife, Marifrances Morrison, of Raleigh, NC and John Jr. of Revere and he is also survived by three adoring grandchildren, Madison, Michael and John of Raleigh, NC and many loving nieces and nephews.

John, a native Bostonian, lived with his family in Hyde Park, then moved to West Roxbury. From an early age, John was always active in sports, but as a child he particularly loved basketball. It was as a result of John’s basketball exploits for his CYO basketball team at St. Thomas More in Braintree that John’s older sister Kathleen, was introduced to her future husband Vincent Ryan, John’s CYO basketball coach. (Rumor has it that the only reason Coach Vincent Ryan kept John on his team was to get a date with Kathleen).

John attended Roslindale High School, graduating in 1959. While at Rozzie High, John played football, basketball and baseball, being named as the school’s “Most Athletic” student. (It has been reported, although not confirmed, from a (mostly) reliable source that while at Rozzie High, John was a member of the military cadets, attaining the rank of captain, the key club, as well as being involved with student government.)

After graduating from Rozzie High, John traveled across the country to attend New Mexico State University-Las Cruces on a football scholarship. However, being far from home and missing his friends and family, John returned to Boston, eventually graduating from Calvin Coolidge College, located in the Beacon Hill section of Boston. After graduating from college, John attended Portia Law School (now New England Law), also located in Beacon Hill. It was while at law school that John met his future wife, and the love of his life, Roberta, who was working as a secretary at the school. Upon John’s graduation from law school, he



passed the Bar Examination and in 1969 was admitted to the practice of law in Massachusetts. John went on to have a 40+ year career as a prominent criminal defense attorney, zealously (and often colorfully) representing his clients in courtrooms throughout Greater Boston.

During his many years of practice, John was not held to be in contempt of court in the great majority of his many cases. When his advocacy was needed to defend juveniles accused of committing a crime, John could be heard in the hallways of the various Suffolk County Courthouses lecturing the various juveniles to, “Remain in school,” “Stay away from drugs,” and to “Not speak to anyone.”

In his spare time, John was an avid sports fan, with a love of all Boston’s sports teams, especially the Celtics. In fact, as a younger man, John would frequently sneak into the old Boston Garden to watch the Celtics’ games for free. John also was a fan of high school and college sports. Over the years he attended many St. Dominic Savio’s High School football games and John always looked forward to their annual Thanksgiving Day game played at East Boston Stadium.


During the 20+ years he attended Savio’s Thanksgiving Day’s games, John tirelessly worked at perfecting his Bloody Mary recipe, which he unveiled every year at the pre-game tailgate. His tailgates were always lively affairs, attended by many friends, supporters and alumni of Savio Football.

John was also a regular at Stonehill College’s football games, traveling all over New England and New York to cheer on the Chieftains (now Skyhawks). In fact, during a 4-year stretch in the mid-to-late 1980’s, John only missed two games, and that was because he attended weddings for two of his beloved nieces.

Other than competitive sports, John loved to go fishing off Cape Cod with his father and other family members. John also loved spending time on Cape Cod and long days with his family at Corporation Beach followed by a dip in Scargo Lake. John was the long-time Grand Poobah of Camp Dingaling, which was an annual family gathering held on Jericho Lane, East Dennis. Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery. Donations may be made in John’s name to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd, Waltham, MA 02452. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com

Paul Sartorelli

Union carpenter, owned PRS Inc., former member of Merritt’s Club in Chelsea

 Paul R. Sartorelli, Sr. passed away on Sunday, June 7 while at High Pointe House in Haverhill after a period of declining health. He was 82 years old.

A resident of Georgetown for the past 17 years, he was born and raised in Chelsea, a beloved son of the late Vincent and Mary (Sullivan) Sartorelli. He attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School.

Immediately after graduation he enlisted in the US Army and served three years stationed in Germany. He was discharged at the rank of Sergeant in 1959, returned to Chelsea and soon married his High School sweetheart, the former Joyce A. (DeAngelis). They settled in Chelsea and lived here for most of their years together.

He worked in the building and construction field and was a Union Carpenter with Local 218. He established himself as PRS Incorporated specializing in design and building of research laboratories. He retired from his company several years ago. Later he returned to work assisting in his brother’s ink manufacturing company CAI Inc. He fully retired six years ago.

In his lifetime, Paul enjoyed traveling with his wife, bowling in various leagues and spending time at the Georgetown Senior Center.

He was a devoted New England sports fan and was a former member of the Merritt’s Club in Chelsea.

He was the beloved husband of 60 years to Joyce A. (DeAngelis) Sartorelli, father of Paul R. Sartorelli,



Jr and his wife, Christine of Lynnfield, grandfather of Paul R. Sartorelli, III, Joseph Sartorelli and Andrew Sartorelli, dear brother and brother-in-law of; Vincent J. Sartorelli and his wife, Sandra of Amesbury, Mary E. Mahoney and her late husband, Dennis and the late Claire and Thomas Harney, the late Carol A. and Robert Cataldo. He is also lovingly survived by his uncle and friend, Al Campedelli of Winthrop and by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and extended family members.

A private family farewell and Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary’s Church in Georgetown. Services concluded with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. A Memorial Mass and celebration of his life will be announced at a later date when all family and friends can attend. 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 In lieu of flowers, should friends desire, contributions in Paul’s memory should be directed to a favorite charity of one’s choice.

Kim O’Connell

Devoted homemaker, mother and grandmother

Kim. N. (McCarthy) O’Connell of Nahant, formerly of Chelsea, passed away on Monday, June 1 at the NSMC Salem Hospital after a short illness. She was 57 years old.

Born in Everett, she grew up in Chelsea, a daughter of the late James and Marilyn A. (Parotta) McCarthy. Kim attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1980. She attended North Shore Community College where she majored in creative writing and horticulture. Kim was a devoted homemaker and mother.

In her lifetime Kim enjoyed spending time at the beach, jet skiing and taking boat rides. She was a rabid sports fan who enjoyed watching the Boston Bruins and New England Patriots on TV. Anyone who knew Kim knew well enough not to disturb her during a Bruins or Patriots game. She was also an avid gardener and floral arranger.

The beloved wife of the late Joseph W. O’Connell, Jr. who died in 1999 after 18 years of marriage, she was the devoted mother and grandmother of Joseph O’Connell, III, his wife, Kelly and their children: Dylan, Jack and Riley of Lynn and mother of Jamie



O’Connell and his partner, Kelly Cheng of Brighton and their grand-dogs, Lilo and Duncan; dear sister of Diane and her husband, Joseph Shai of Chelsea, Erin and her husband, Wayne Stevens of Revere and Lisa and her husband, Sean Kilbride of Chelsea.

A private family farewell and graveside services were held at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, should friends desire, contributions in Kim’s memory should be directed to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105. <https://www.stjude.org/donate/> 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

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OBITUARIES

Grace LoGrasso

Gentle, understanding woman who always gave solid advice

Grace (Pace) LoGrasso of East Boston, formerly of Revere, California and Florida, passed away on June 7 at the age of 95 surrounded by her caring family.

Grace was a homemaker and a loving, giving mother and grandmother.

Grace was a gentle, understanding woman who always gave solid advice. She enjoyed traveling, reading, singing along to classic movies, and vividly retelling moments from her life. Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune were some of her favorite shows. She will truly be missed by all who knew her.

She was the beloved wife of the late Frank LoGrasso, devoted mother of Rosemary “Rory” Pretti and her husband, Alfred “Butchie” of Derry, NH, Suzanne LoGrasso of East Boston, David LoGrasso of Palm City, FL and the late Stephen LoGrasso; cherished grandmother of Brian LoGrasso, Vanessa Middleton, Derek Pretti, Ashley LoGrasso, Frankie LoGrasso, Krystal Almonte and



the late Douglas “Dougie” Pretti; adored great grandmother of Dallas Gilbreath, Steven LoGrasso, Devin Michaud, Andrew Middleton, Avery Middleton and Dario Pretti; dear sister of the late Frank Pace, Tina Adreani, and Joseph, Joseph, Salvatore, Michael and Rosie Pace. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at the Immaculate Conception Church, Revere on Thursday, June 11. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave, Waltham, Ma 02451. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com

Rose Mullett

Retired Federal Government Purchasing Agent

Rose (Lepore) Mullett of Barefoot Bay, Florida, formerly of Chelsea, passed away suddenly on January 28, 2020 with her loving family by her side.

Rosie, as she was fondly called by family and friends, graduated from St. Rose School, Chelsea in 1949. She loved her career as a Purchasing Agent for the Federal Government until her retirement. She dedicated her retirement to her children and grandchildren. Rosie loved the visits from close family and friends at her home in Florida. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, never missing a milestone in any of their lives. She cherished all the celebrations hosted by her daughter, especially Easter and Christmas Eve, enjoying her favorite foods, pizzagaina, stuffed artichokes/mushrooms and many other Italian dishes. She also cherished all the fun she shared with her longtime best friends, Ronnie and Angie who were considered family to her and her children.

Rosie loved to dance and was often the life of the party always focusing on the good in people making friends wherever she went. Rosie was humble. She never knew how many young people she influenced. High schoolers to longtime friends were able to talk to her and she would listen without judgment. She knew how to say the right thing to help them along. She knew the right time for a hug. She was patient. Even in her busy life, she always made the time for you. Her favorite lines were “put it on the shelf” and “just wait till the dust settles.”

She was an avid New England Patriots fan, knitter, crocheter, sewer and quilter, making beautiful cherished items for her family and friends.

Rosie had a sense of style that was unparalleled. She could put together fabulous outfits, always with an incredible pair of shoes. Rosie was always ready for an adventure! Whether it



was going on cruises with her children, visiting her son, Richard in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, hunting for antiques with her son, Robert or shopping with her daughter, Patricia.

Rose was born July 15, 1931 in Chelsea and was predeceased by her parents, Melinto and Louise (Cambria) Lepore. She was the beloved wife of 66 years of James Mullett, dear and devoted mother of Richard Mullett and his wife, Paula of Campton, NH, Patricia Mullett-Yanakakis and her husband, Charles Neos of Salisbury and Robert Mullett, of Barefoot Bay, FL., sister of Richard “Sonny” Lepore of Chelsea, loving grandmother “Nini” of Danielle Providakes and her husband, Harry of Wakefield and Nicholas “Niko” Yanakakis of Salisbury and great grandmother to Andrew Providakes. She is also survived by her sisters-in law Helen and Barbara Mullett and by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

As a result of the ongoing health crisis in the world and our community and with genuine concern for the well-being of all involved, Rosie’s family has decided that her Funeral Services and Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in Rosie’s memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are by Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory-Sebastian, Florida.

Robert DeBonis

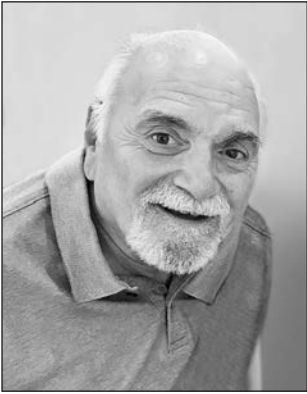
His infectious laugh, outgoing spirit and engaging conversations will be missed



Robert DeBonis of Middleton, formerly of Revere, passed away surrounded by his loving family on June 11 at the age of 75.

He was a graduate of Revere High School and Salem State College and proudly served his country in the United States Army in Germany during Vietnam. He had an accomplished career that spanned 40 years in finance and banking. Robert spent the latter part of his career and retired as a respected employee of Mass Housing Finance Agency. We will all miss his infectious laugh, his outgoing spirit, and his engaging conversations. He will be sorely missed.

Born in Winthrop on Jan. 4, 1945 to the late Olivio DeBonis and Chiarina (DiCesare), he was the devoted father of Debora DeBonis of Malden and



David DeBonis and his wife, Michelle of Middleton; cherished grandfather of Lucianna and Giannan and he is also survived by countless family members and friends.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Anthony’s Church, Revere on Wednesday, June 17. Private Interment. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Robert’s memory to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Speen Street, 2nd floor, Framingham, MA 01701. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com

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MVES partners with Action Ambulance to coordinate with Meals on Wheels

(Nearly 2,000 consumers in 11 cities and towns rely on Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) for Meals on Wheels home delivery, with close to 3,000 meals provided each day. Especially for frail, homebound elders, the nutrition services provided by MVES can be a lifeline. However, what happens when a new pandemic or inclement winter weather interferes with Meals on Wheels delivery?

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According to Angie Fitzgerald, MVES Nutrition Director, the partnership with Action Ambulance—which has been in place for six years—has ensured seamless communication between the MVES nutri-

tion program and its many consumers. She points out that Action Ambulance provides the phone alert system free of charge to MVES. “They are always just a call away when we need their assistance,” she stresses. “I simply send our list of active consumers to Action Ambulance and they ensure the calls are made.

“Working with Action Ambulance has streamlined our communication process and made it more instantaneous,” continues Fitzgerald. “It truly is such a great partnership and has helped us send out reassuring messages to our consumers during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Michael Woronka, CEO of Action Ambulance, shares, “Action Ambulance recognizes the critical need Mystic Valley fills by providing a range of support services to the disadvantaged and frail within the community. These services allow for as many people as possible to remain in their homes or group setting while keeping their independence. We are proud to support an organization such as Mystic Valley Elder Services especially during these uncertain times.”

“Our Meals on Wheels program offers much more than just a meal. It’s a friendly face at the door, a warm exchange. I am very proud of what we do. Seeing firsthand why the service is essential and who is being served is such a privilege,” concludes Fitzgerald.

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SBA, Treasury announce new and revised guidance regarding PPP

Staff report

The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, issued new and revised guidance for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). This guidance implements the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act

(PPPPFA), signed into law by President Trump on June 5, 2020, and expands eligibility for businesses with owners who have past felony convictions. To implement the PPPFA, SBA revised its first PPP interim final rule, which was posted on April 2, 2020. The new rule updates provisions relating to

loan maturity, deferral of loan payments, and forgiveness provisions. In addition, as an exercise of SBA's policy discretion in furtherance of President Trump's leadership and bipartisan support on criminal justice reform, the eligibility threshold for those with felony criminal histories has been changed.


The look-back period has been reduced from 5 years to 1 year to determine eligibility for applicants, or owners of applicants, who, for non-financial felonies, have (1) been convicted, (2) pleaded guilty, (3) pleaded nolo contendere, or (4) been placed on any form of parole or probation (including probation before

judgment). The period remains 5 years for felonies involving fraud, bribery, embezzlement, or a false statement in a loan application or an application for federal financial assistance. The application also eliminates pretrial diversion status as a criterion affecting eligibility. SBA issued revised PPP


application forms to conform to these changes. The guidance and revised application forms are available on SBA's and Treasury's websites. SBA will issue additional guidance regarding loan forgiveness and a revised forgiveness application to implement the PPPFA in the near future.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2020-01
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Russell Forsberg
For Special Permit and Variance for the conversion of an existing residential structure from a one (1) family to a two (2) family structure at the premises known as: 30 Prospect Avenue
All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jde-priest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. Any comment or request to join must be submitted by Monday, June 29, 2020 by 4:00 PM. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA.
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2020-03
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Samir, Inc. d/b/a BNC Market
For Special Permit seeking approval to include the sale of beer and wine at an existing retail convenience store at the premises known as: 218 Broadway
All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jde-priest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. Any comment or request to join must be submitted by Monday, June 29, 2020 by 4:00 PM. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA.
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2020-04
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Joseph Fern, Jr
For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to convert a single-family structure into a two-family structure by constructing a one-bedroom unit in the basement at the premises known as: 111 Springvale Avenue
All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jde-priest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. Any comment or request to join must be submitted by Monday, June 29, 2020 by 4:00 PM. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA.
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2020-05
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Jose Miranda
For Special Permits seeking approval to extend a meat/grocery market into the first floor and basement of the abutting property at the premises known as: 84-86 Washington Avenue
All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jde-priest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. Any comment or request to join must be submitted by Monday, June 29, 2020 by 4:00 PM. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office

C of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA.
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CHELSEA TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held via video conference on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.
Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding a request to post two (2) fifteen (15) minute parking spaces at El Santaneco Restaurant, on Chestnut Street.
If you wish to have a comment read during the hearing, please email Rsantiago@chelseama.gov on or before July 6, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting is not open for public attendance.
Per Order
Chief Brian A. Kyes
Chairperson
6/18/20 C

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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on June 8, 2020, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders:
Ordered, that, based upon the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency as described in the above Emergency Preamble, the Chelsea City Council authorizes the emergency appropriation of funds in the amount of \$103,000 from Free Cash to the FY2020 Law Department Legal Services Account #0115152-530100 for the payment of legal fees to outside counsel.
Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150.
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
6/18/20 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU20P0579EA
Estate of: Russell J. Kirby
Date of Death 12/21/2017
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kathleen E. Racki of Malden, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Kathleen E. Racki of Malden, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/09/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 3, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
6/18/20 C


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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on June 8, 2020, the City Council voted to adopt the following orders:
BE IT ORDERED: That the various capital projects and equipment

purchases shown under the heading of Grant Funding on the Schedule attached hereto (the "Schedule"), and consisting of: Miscellaneous Grants (\$4,980,000) and Chapter 90 (\$596,000), for a total of \$5,576,000, shall be undertaken and financed by grants or other funds as shown on the Schedule, such grants to be expended under the direction of the City Manager and that the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend any state or federal grants that are or may become available for these purposes; and That the total sum of \$6,000,000 be and hereby is appropriated to pay the costs of various capital projects and equipment purchases, shown on the Schedule under the headings; General Obligation Bonds, (\$6,000,000); including the payment of any and all design, engineering, construction and installation costs associated therewith, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$6,000,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8, of the General Laws, as amended, Chapter 44A of the General Laws, as amended or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and That the sum of \$300,000 be and hereby is appropriated to pay costs of water system improvements eligible for financial assistance through the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority's Local Water System Assistance Program (LWSAP), including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto; and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$300,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8, of the General Laws, as amended, Chapter 44A of the General Laws, as amended or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; and That the sum of \$3,100,459 be and hereby is appropriated from Free Cash to pay the costs of various capital projects purchases, shown on the Schedule under the heading, Free Cash; and That the sum of \$235,000 be and hereby is appropriated from Water Enterprise Fund to pay the costs of various water related capital projects purchases, shown on the Schedule under the heading, Retained Earnings; and That the sum of \$235,000 be and hereby is appropriated from Sewer Enterprise Fund to pay the costs of various

sewer related capital projects purchases, shown on the Schedule under the heading, Retained Earnings; and That the sum of \$725,000 be and hereby is appropriated from School Stabilization to pay the costs of the Williams Middle School HVAC Project, shown on the Schedule under the heading, School Stabilization, with said funds for the school projects to be available upon approval of the Loan Order; and **ORDERED:** That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized pursuant to this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this Loan Order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this Loan Order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room209, Chelsea, MA 02150.
Jeannette Cintron White
City Clerk
6/11/20, 6/18/20 C


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CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 via Video Conference at 4pm. Any members of the public wishing to provide a public comment must communicate via email at rwright@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speak section of the meeting. Any comment needs to be submitted by June 23, 2020 by 12 P.M.
Proposed Work and Purpose:
To construct a small wireless facility in the public right of way. Small cells will be attached to utility poles.
The public is invited to attend.
Fidel Maltez
COMMISSIONER
6/11/2020
6/18/2020 C

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING
FISCAL YEAR 2021 PROPOSED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET CITY OF CHELSEA
In accordance with the provisions of the City Charter of the City of Chelsea, Section 5-3(a), notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 29, 2020 via conference call. It will be livestream on Facebook and the Chelsea Community Cable. The proposed FY'2021 Annual Operating Budget for all City services and facilities total \$203 million. Operating cost for the enterprise services during the year total \$22 million. The tax funded budget, which supports traditional municipal services such as police, fire, parks, libraries totals \$181 million in FY 2021. Entire copies of the Proposed FY'21 Annual Operating Budget are available for the public review and inspection at the City Clerk's Office during limited business hours.
Roy Avellaneda,
President Chelsea City Council
6/18/20 C

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THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddosonline.com . Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer).
The City of Chelsea, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Clock Tower Renovation 2020-317.
The Project consists of: The Project involves renovation of the existing clock tower at the Chelsea City Hall, including selective demolition of existing equipment and structures, and construction of new elements, as shown in the contract documents, including complete masonry restoration of interior and exterior masonry structures. The work is estimated to cost \$1,000,000.00. 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 bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance


(DCAMM) in the following category of work – Historic Masonry and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement (Form CQ 3). General Bids will be received until July 16, 2020 at 11:00AM and publicly opened, forthwith online.
Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until July 2, 2020 at 2:30PM and publicly opened, forthwith online.
Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.
SUBTRADES
Misc. Metals
All Bids should be submitted electronically online at www.biddosonline.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.
Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available at www.biddosonline.com (may be viewed electronically and downloaded).
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CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS
Inspections, Operations & Maintenance (O&M), and Ordinary and Emergency Repairs on the Admirals Hill Water Pumping Station and the Carter Street Drainage Pumping Station
The City of Chelsea Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids to furnish all services to provide "Inspections, Operations & Maintenance (O&M), and Ordinary and Emergency Repairs on the Admirals Hill Water Pumping Station and the Carter Street Drainage Pumping Station
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after June 18, 2020 by contacting Dylan Cook, Chief Procurement Officer at dcook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Emergency Food Distribution & Transportation Support Services".
IFB will be available on or after June 18, 2020 by contacting Dylan Cook, Chief Procurement Officer at dcook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Emergency Food Distribution & Transportation Support Services" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:30AM on Thursday, July 02, 2020. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.
In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.
Dylan Cook
Chief Procurement Officer
6/18/20 C

Officer no later than 11:30AM on Thursday, July 02, 2020. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea." The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.
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Dylan Cook
Chief Procurement Officer
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CITY OF CHELSEA
Invitations for Bids
Emergency Food Distribution & Transportation Support Services
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking bids for "Emergency Food Distribution & Transportation Support Services".
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CITY PAWS

Tips to trim your pet budget

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In the months ahead, many of us will be watching our budgets. You may have lost income, savings, or perhaps you want to spend more of what you have helping others. Here are some ways to reduce what you spend for your dogs or cats without sacrificing their quality of life.

Spend-to-Save

Keeping your pets up-to-date on routine checkups, medications, and vaccinations can save money in the long run. It costs less to schedule routine care than to respond to emergencies. If paying for medications is a problem, ask your veterinary team about genetic prescriptions or lower-cost alternative medications. If a high-cost medication is the right one for your animal, explore purchasing it from a more competitively-priced human pharmacy. If your animal hospital will not give you a written prescription, shop around for one that will.

Make sure you ask for upcoming vaccinations at any routine veterinary visit. That will save the cost of a second office visit to update a core vaccination. Or, take advantage of the low-cost rabies vaccination clinics offered in most areas and save the cost of the visit to the vet.

Feed high-quality food and the right food for your particular dog’s age, breed, and medical conditions. Look for carefully researched food quality ratings from reliable sources like Whole Dog Journal.

Substitute safe human foods like pieces of carrots, cheese, or plain chicken for expensive dog treats. These are things the whole family can enjoy.

When you purchase pet supplies choose high-quality over fashion and then take good care of that investment. Dogs don’t need twenty toys and five coats. They need fun and protection from the wet and cold. And, make sure the toys you do have are in good condition and safe for your

particular pet.

Do-It-Yourself

There are many things you can do to trim your pet budget. We always say, “Start with dental care.” Brushing your animal’s teeth at least once (or if possible twice) a day can save thousands of dollars over a pet’s lifetime. We’ve brushed our Poppy’s teeth twice a day for eight years and her veterinarian has never recommended a dental cleaning procedure.

While you may still need professional grooming for your dog, you can extend the time between appointments with regular brushing and de-matting. There are dozens of online videos to show you how to tackle home grooming.

A grooming or cuddling session is also the perfect time to complete a quick home checkup on your dog or cat. Your hands should feel for any abnormalities. Your nose should sniff out any unusual odor coming from ears, mouth, or tail section. Your eyes should



Regular brushing can keep your dog’s coat in shape and help stretch the time between professional grooming appointments.

watch that face you love for any sign of discomfort as your hands move around the body. The better you know your dog or cat’s body, the faster you can spot something wrong and get prompt treatment before it becomes a serious and expensive issue.

Exercise Right!

Getting the right amount

and kind of exercise can benefit both you and your animals. A session of playing with your cat can get you moving inside. Walks that are a bit longer than needed for your dog to relieve himself can slowly increase the daily step count for both of you.

Exercise will also burn

calories and help keep everybody’s weight under control making the whole family healthier and happier.

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

Markey receives endorsement for Senate from National leading grassroots organization, Indivisible

Staff report

Indivisible, a national, progressive grassroots organization with over a million members across the country, today announced its endorsement of Ed Markey for re-election to the United States Senate.

“Senator Markey is a model progressive legislator: consistent, accountable to his constituents, and ready to fight for a more just and equitable future. He is a leader in the climate movement and a champion for a more just, sustainable, and livable future,” said Lucy Solomon, IE Director for Indivisible. “Senator Markey consistently demonstrates progressive leadership and vision by prioritizing working people and marginalized communities, and we’re excited

to continue this work with him.”

“It’s an honor to receive this endorsement from such a grassroots powerhouse as Indivisible,” said Senator Markey. “Progressive action starts at the grassroots level, and in order to defeat Donald Trump, take back the Senate from Mitch McConnell, and keep our House majority, we need groups like Indivisible. I stand with Indivisible on the need to stop the dangerous effects of climate change, to increase access to health care, and racial and economic justice. I am grateful to them for their support.”

Indivisible’s mission is to educate and activate voters and hold elected officials accountable to the values of equality, justice, compassion, and inclusion and to elect progressive

leaders.

The endorsement follows the recent announcements of support for Ed Markey from several major groups across the state, including American Federation of Teachers, Massachusetts Indivisible Northampton, Our Revolution Massachusetts, American Parenthood Action Fund, NARAL Pro-Choice, Progressive Democrats of America, the NRDC Action Fund, the Jamacia Plain Progressives, American Postal Workers Local #4553, and UNITE Here Local 26 labor union workers.

Indivisible is a grassroots movement of thousands of local groups with a mission to elect progressive leaders, rebuild our democracy, and defeat the Trump agenda. The organization is composed of thousands of group leaders and more

than a million members taking action to resist the GOP’S extreme agenda, elect local champions, and fight for progressive policies.

Sen. Markey has served in the United States Senate since winning the special election in 2013 and has amassed a deep record on environmental, climate, gun safety, and consumer protection issues. He co-authored the Green New Deal, and his leadership has led to legislation to address the humanitarian crisis on the southern border, protect LGBTQ+ rights, and ensure that Donald Trump cannot launch a nuclear first strike without Congressional approval. Raised in Malden, Ed Markey has always stood up for the priorities of Massachusetts.

Four tips for preventing dog attacks on mail carriers

Staff report

Can you picture a member of your family attacking a mail carrier? Of course not, but it happened 5,803 times last year across the nation. One Hundred and Twenty of those in Massachusetts.

Beverly, MA, Letter Carrier Alfonse Jahaj recalls being bitten on the leg recently. “The customer didn’t realize the dog was behind her and, as soon as she opened the screen door, he flew out,” Jahaj reported. “I’m constantly aware now of where the dogs are when I’m delivering,” said Jahaj. He’ll ask the customer, “can you please keep the dog indoors?” And, while many reply “don’t worry, he won’t bite”, he realizes now that any dog, even the tamer ones, will bite if they believe their turf or family is threatened.

When a dog attacks a letter carrier, the dog owner could be held liable for all medical expenses, repayment of lost work hours, replacement of the uniform and other costs, which can run into thousands of dollars. The Postal Service places the safety of its employees as a top priority and dedicates a week each year to Dog Bite Awareness.

Here are a four simple tips to prevent dog bite inju-

ries that should be enforced all year round:

Door Delivery: If a carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door. Some dogs burst through screen doors or plate-glass windows to attack visitors. Dog owners should keep the family pet secured. Parents should remind their children and other family members not to take mail directly from carriers in the presence of the family pet, as the dog may view the person handing mail to a family member as a threatening gesture.

Electronic Fencing: Carriers may assume, when they see no physical fence around a property, the property is animal-free. This can be a dangerous mistake. Postal Service officials request that you keep your dog restrained or inside when the mail is delivered. Although the electronic fence may keep your dog from wandering, it does not protect your Postal Service carrier, who must enter your property to deliver the mail. Even homes with curbside mailboxes may have oversize packages or signature-needed items that require the carrier to approach a doorstep and cross the boundaries of the electronic



Postman trying to walk past a dog while delivering mail.

fence. This poses a serious risk to carrier safety.

Dog in Yard: Make sure your dog is properly restrained on a leash away from where your mail carrier is delivering the mail. Mail delivery service can be interrupted at an address or neighborhood the carrier deems unsafe because of an unrestrained dog. When service is interrupted at an address or neighborhood, all parties involved will have to pick mail up at their local Post Office. Service will be restored once assurance has been given that the animal will be confined during regular delivery hours.

Tracking: Dog owners who have access to postal

features such as Informed Delivery notifications (informedelivery.usps.com) for letter mail and package tracking are urged to use this as a way to gauge when the carrier is on their way and to ensure dogs are properly restrained. Expecting a postal package delivery on Sunday? Postal Service officials urge dog owners to restrain their animals on Sundays as well, as more residences are receiving deliveries throughout the weekend.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

Gov. Baker announces pop-up testing sites

The state announced on Monday the availability of pop-up COVID-19 testing sites throughout the Commonwealth for individuals who have recently participated in large gatherings.

These free testing sites will be available at over 50 sites throughout the Commonwealth on Wednesday, June 17th and Thursday, June 18th. The Administration is urging anyone who has attended a large gathering in the past two weeks to get tested for COVID-19 at one of these sites. Test results will be provided to each participant confidentially, and participants are encouraged to share these results with their doctors.

A full list of all testing sites is available at www.mass.gov/gettested.

Social distancing, wearing face coverings, the frequent use of disinfectant and handwashing have been important to the Commonwealth’s efforts to decrease the number and rate of newly confirmed positive cases. COVID-19 can spread easily and quickly in large groups of people who are in close contact. Some people do not have symptoms but may have the virus and could spread the virus to others, including family members.

The Administration has worked with partners across the Commonwealth to provide these sites including Baystate Health, Berkshire Medical Center, Beth Israel Lahey Health, Brockton Community Health Center, Brookside Community Health Center, Cambridge Health Alliance, Community Health Connections, CVS, Fairview Hospital, Lawrence General Hospital, Lynn Community Health Center, Massachusetts General Hospital Chelsea, Outer Cape Health Services, Manet Community Health Center, and UMA-

ss Medical Center.

To date, Massachusetts has tested more than 700,000 people for COVID-19. On average, 10,000 individuals are tested each day, comprising 4.4% of the state’s population each month. The state currently has capacity at 45 labs to perform up to 30,000 COVID-19 tests per day, and its nursing home testing strategies have been replicated by states across the country.

The Administration continues to prioritize expanding access to testing, with a key focus of that strategy being ensuring access to testing in skilled nursing facilities, rest homes, and assisted living residences and other 24/7 staffed congregate care settings. On May 30, 2020, the Administration filed its required federal plan to expand COVID-19 testing under the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act of 2020. Massachusetts has received \$374 million in federal funding from the Act.

This funding will help the Commonwealth implement a comprehensive testing strategy that includes:

- Increasing lab testing capacity to 45,000 by the end of July;
- Goal of reducing and maintaining a positive test rate to less than 5 percent;
- Ensuring on-demand access to testing for all symptomatic individuals and their close contacts;
- Increasing access to testing for vulnerable and high-risk populations;
- Building a testing infrastructure to support a potential second surge;
- Modernizing public technology infrastructure to provide real-time data on cases and testing; and
- Operating a best-in-class contact tracing program.

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