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MGH Chelsea respiratory clinic nurse chosen by Celtics as ‘Hero Among Us’

By Seth Daniel

A former Boston Celtics dancer, who works as a nurse practitioner in the MGH Chelsea respiratory clinic, was chosen by the Celtics as a ‘Hero Among Us’ recipient for her work in treating patients with COVID-19 in one of the worst-hit communities in the state.

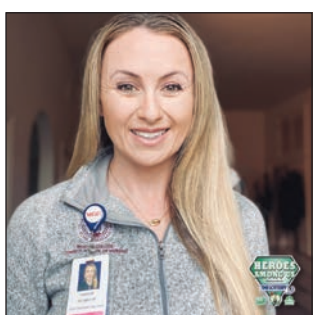
Nurse Caroline Sellmer, who moved to Boston from California for schooling, was honored by the Celtics this month for her work with the

“Sellmer, who happens to be a Celtics Dancer Alum, spent the last several weeks serving the most vulnerable populations in Massachusetts,” read a statement from the Celtics. “Being reassigned to a respiratory clinic in Chelsea, she’s been an integral part of the recovery process using her bi-lingual skill set to connect with patients and help nurse them back to health.”

Interestingly enough, Sellmer was also a Celtics dancer from 2009 to 2011 prior to pursuing her education.

Sellmer moved to Boston from California to attend Boston College for her

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MGH Chelsea Nurse Caroline Sellmer – who has been working in the respiratory clinic there for several weeks – was honored by the Boston Celtics as a ‘Hero Among Us’ this month. She is also a former Celtics dancer for two seasons.

A TIMELESS CONTRIBUTOR

D. Bruce Mauch is celebrating 47 years of employment at the world-famous Chelsea Clock Company and five decades of community service in Chelsea. Please see page 8.

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Chelsea High Senior Leslie Carretto shows off the Senior Sign delivered to her last week as part of the Senior Week activities that took place leading up to what would have been graduation ceremonies this month. With an in-person graduation now not possible, school and City officials celebrate seniors with a number of tributes and gifts. A virtual graduation will take place in July, and an individual walk-in graduation will take place in August. See Page 6 for more photos.

Wakefield company vying to replace Mystic Generation Station with wind power “highway”

By Seth Daniel

For decades, environmental activists and hopeful residents have opined for the day that clean wind power could replace the gas-powered Mystic Station powerplant on Everett’s waterfront – just a stone’s throw from Chelsea’s residential neighborhoods.

Now, that day could be

closer than ever as the Anbaric company has put in a proposal to ISO New England – the regions power grid manager – to go ahead with the planned closure of the Mystic Station, and replace it with a major power line tied to off-shore wind power that is now being built.

The Mystic Reliability Wind Link is one of several projects proposed to ISO New England as part

of an RFP process last December, but one that could transform the region’s power source to clean and renewable – and according to Anbaric – in a responsible way that could leave Chelsea’s air cleaner and its waterfront accessible.

“Massachusetts residents recognize the vital importance and potential of renewable energy,” said

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Council approves funds aimed for Small Business

By Seth Daniel

The Chelsea City Council has taken another step in helping the City recover from COVID-19 by approving more than \$1 million to help small businesses recover from the extended closures and crippling business losses.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino proposed the expenditure after it was recommended by a Council Task Force that had been appointed by Council President Roy Avellaneda in April.

“We’ll start working on the program now in the next couple of weeks,” said Ambrosino.

Avellaneda said the Council did make an amendment, as it was suggested there would be a \$250,000 administrative portion, leaving \$900,000 left for loans. However, the Council didn’t agree

to that and asked that the administration fee be kept to \$150,000. That left \$1 million for loans. Half of that will be reserved for the Restaurant Recovery Program and the other half will be for a Small Business Relief Program.

“This is the third financial step the City and City Council has taken to relieve the impact of COVID-19 in our community,” he said. “Obviously, the food relief was first and then we moved to shelter with our rental assistance lottery and now we want to concentrate on small business. I want businesses to understand we had to focus on other things first, but I want them to understand we care about them.

“We want to fill in the gaps with this for businesses that didn’t get the federal loans or didn’t qualify for them,” he continued.

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City Manager, Supt. and Police Chief address national unrest in reaction to death of George Floyd

By Seth Daniel

Though Chelsea hasn’t experienced the rioting, violence or peaceful protesting that has occurred in Boston and throughout the nation in response to the murder of George Floyd at the hands of some Minneapolis police officer, City officials addressed the matter in a letter on Tuesday, June 2.

In a joint statement from City Manager Tom Ambrosino, Police Chief Brian Kyes and Supt. Almi Abeyta, the trio addressed the frustrations by those who

have seen what happened, and also called for peaceful protest if it was to occur.

“This horrific tragedy has laid bare the inequities and injustices long-endured by those who have suffered from the racism and bias, both conscious and unconscious, that pervades our society,” read the letter. “The anger and frustration is real and justified. And, protests against a history of violence, intimidation and oppression have a right to be loud and uncomfortable.”

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COVID-19 Milestone: City Hall Re-Opens its doors for limited operations

By Seth Daniel

Were anyone to assert last February that City Hall being open for business was a milestone worthy of the shedding of a few tears, it would have been more than puzzling – if not laughable.

But the cruel tool to fate has made it just that, as City officials opened City Hall for limited operations on Monday and it was an emotional, and happy, milestone for a City that has suffered tremendously with massive levels of COVID-19 infections and long lines of hungry residents no longer able to provide food for their families.

So, City Hall opening was a semblance of order and return to what might be better times.

“We’re excited,” said Mike Sandoval of the

DPW, who had the pleasure of opening the door to residents for the first time since mid-March. “We want it to become normal because people need to get back. We know there will need to be time to adapt, but we’re here to help and happy this city is coming back.”

Fidel Maltez, DPW director, said he and his staff and members of the administration worked to figure out the best way to re-open the seat of City business. They have limited walk-ins to the City Clerk’s office and the Treasurer’s Office to pay bills – and staff members are outside to help residents figure out if they have all they need so they don’t congregate inside needlessly.

Other departments can be access with appointments

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Mike Sandoval of the Department of Public Works opens up the Washington Avenue entry door to City Hall on Monday, opening up the Hall for the first time to the public since March due to COVID-19 restrictions. As the City went through – and continues to – go through high infection rates and large amounts of people without food, many City workers transitioned to essential food distribution work. Now, many are back at City Hall mostly performing their pre-COVID jobs. Most offices were only open by appointment, but the City Clerk and Treasurer were open to walk-ins.

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MOST OF THE PROTESTERS ARE NOT LOOTERS

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The vast majority of Americans have been sickened by the horrific video of a white Minneapolis police officer slowly and agonizingly choking to death a 46 year-old African-American man, George Floyd.

Mr. Floyd had not committed any act of violence prior to being arrested and was lying prone on his stomach, with his hands handcuffed behind his back, as the officer applied pressure with his knee and the full force of his body weight to Mr. Floyd’s neck for eight minutes and 53 seconds.

The murder of Mr. Floyd while in police custody was the culmination of a series of high-profile, race-related incidents in recent weeks that have highlighted the racism that is inherent in our society and that have spurred the protests for the past week in major cities across the country.

What has been striking about the protest movement is that the protesters in every city have been representative of all races and nationalities, similar to the peaceful protest marches and the Freedom Rider movement in the 1960s that were led by Dr. Martin Luther King and other leaders of the Civil Rights movement at that time.

Unfortunately, there always are a few people who will seek to profit from any situation. Those who have been vandalizing property and who have been ransacking high-end retailers, as occurred Sunday night along Newbury St. and in downtown Boston, are professional criminals with lengthy records who have jumped on the protest bandwagon, so to speak, solely in order to take advantage of the diversion of the police created by the peaceful and legitimate protesters.

However, the criminal behavior by a small minority of professional criminals amidst the protesters should not be a basis, either for average Americans or for our political leaders, to fail to acknowledge two important aspects of the current protest movement:

First, that every American has a right of free assembly and second, that our nation must address the rampant racism that exists at every level of society.

Our government leaders who negatively are politicizing the current situation are no different than the criminals who are ransacking the high-end stores. Both are seeking to hijack the legitimate methods and goals of the protest movement for their own ends.

However, we must not allow either the criminal element or unscrupulous politicians to distract us from attaining the goal so eloquently expressed

by Dr. King in his “I Have a Dream” speech before 250,000 persons at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963: “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

Fifty seven years later, America still is a long way from realizing Dr. King’s dream of racial equality. Hopefully, the sad and tragic events of the past few weeks will rekindle in every American the need to achieve the goal of a just society for all Americans.

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Forum



GUEST OP-ED

We can’t be silent

By Leo Robinson

This has been happening for too long. I look back to 1968, the presidential convention, the uprising where four students were killed at Kent State, the MLK assassination on my birthday, Robert Kennedy killed the day before my graduation, Vietnam War—Just a lot of unrest.

It seems like we are in

for some darker days, regardless of status or income. There is an inherent awareness from Black men when dealing with law enforcement.

Our hearts are filled with sadness, disgust, and overall frustration as we continue to process the tragic and senseless acts of violence towards yet another individual of the African-American community.

This is very important time in our history and images of this incident, as well as, countless others become a lasting image forever in our minds.

This is not the first time that we have had to stand together in an attempt to impact change but this could be the first time we actually do create change for all humanity.

We have a responsibility

as fathers, husbands, and leaders of young men to stand up and speak for those who no longer have a voice.

During times like these, we have to work through our pain and work together to find a solution. Let’s all do our part.

Leo Robinson is a councillor-at-large for the City of Chelsea and a lifelong Chelsea resident.

GUEST OP-ED

Tough conversations

By Damali Vidot

In recent months, our lives have changed significantly. Canceled events, learning/teaching and working from home, layoffs, masks covering the warm smiles that once greeted us and the fear of illness or loss have lingered on our minds since March. More often than not, we have found ourselves in these unprecedented times feeling lost or confused. Many times, what’s brought us back to center has been taking a deep breath and reassuring ourselves that we will eventually be okay.

As if the pandemic weren’t enough, last Mon-

day we witnessed the killing of George Floyd. His death, along with the murder of Ahmaud Arbery, who was simply jogging, or Breonna Taylor, who was sleeping in her bed, are three of the many other Black lives lost that have literally shaken this nation to its core.

As a mother, aunt and mentor to Black and Brown youth, I share the fear of other parents about the safety and future of our children. And our kids are scared too. The truth is, we are all affected by the callous way in which George Floyd was killed. People of all ages, races, religions, and cultures - even elected officials and many police officers themselves - are

meeting in the center to say, ‘we are better than this.’

While many of us feel stuck on how to address what COVID has magnified, we often feel numb or paralyzed. These feelings are normal and though I too am scared, I am also inspired. I am inspired by the potential we have to make changes in our district. We are called to improve public health, clean up the environment, create housing, reform our criminal justice system, support our local economy, and make new jobs. The common thread of racial injustice weaves through all these concerns and is exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. We must reimagine our systems

and inject equity, dignity, and justice for all.

At a time when even breathing can feel like a gift - whether it’s because of the contagions in our air or the injustice our vulnerable communities face - I urge us all to take a deep breath, in memory of and in solidarity with those that are struggling to breathe. Then let us begin again to hold the tough conversations and make immediate policy changes that will uphold the true tenets of justice, equality, and prosperity for the future we can build together.

Damali Vidot, At-Large Chelsea Councilor

LETTERS to the Editor

EMBARRASSMENT TO THE MOVEMENT

To the Editor,
Loud, even disruptive, protests honor the memory of George Floyd and increase the pressure for swift, transparent accountability for those who killed him. I commend those who protested loudly, yet peacefully. But stealing suits, robbing a jewelry store, and rounding out the night by vandalizing businesses in Back Bay, attacking police and torching cruisers? That’s crime, and nothing more.

Let me be clear: the violence and destruction in Boston was an embarrassment to the movement for police reform and accountability. The Boston Police, supported by State Police, Transit Police, federal law enforcement and the National Guard, was doing its job – the dangerous,

necessary job of protecting the public safety. I support them completely and, if needed, I will use federal charges to make that point.

I commend the Boston Police and the hundreds of other local, state and federal officers on the streets last night, for their bravery, professionalism and restraint. You reminded us that 99% of law enforcement officers are true public servants, putting themselves in harm’s way for the rest of us.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling

WE FEEL FRUSTRATED AND EVEN HELPLESS

To the Editor,
Today, we reflect on the tragic death of George Floyd, the racist incident in Central Park, the shooting of a Black man while jog-

ging in Georgia - as well as many others. We are saddened and angry about these events that once again laid bare the ugly racism that still exists in this country with particularly deadly consequences for Black boys and men (not that Black women are exempt).

While we are horrified, we are unfortunately not surprised. These are not isolated incidents but a chronic pattern of racial hate crimes that have persisted for hundreds of years. In this difficult time in which communities of color are disproportionately affected by the devastating health, social and economic consequences of COVID-19, this seems too much for these communities – and all of us – to bear.

We feel frustrated and even helpless as we struggle with what to do to fundamentally change the racist systems, structures and

culture that contribute to tragedies like George Floyd and so many others. But, we know that as a community, at the very least we must recognize, discuss and grieve the heinous incidences of the past month.

At a time like this, and the many others that will come, we must reaffirm the importance of our mission of “improving the health and well-being of the diverse communities we serve.” CCHI strives to model what it means to value all lives. For those disproportionately affected by this pandemic and in memory of those that have lost their lives, we rededicate ourselves to partner with others to root out racism and journey towards equity.

Joan Quinlan Vice President for Community Health Leslie Aldrich Executive Director, CCHI

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Master of Science in Nursing and Pediatrics (2011-2013). She went on to receive a Master of Science in Women’s Health Nursing, too (2017-2018). She received her BA in American Studies and Spanish at the University of Southern California (2004-2008).

She currently works as a Nurse Practitioner at the respiratory illness clinic run by MGH, operating out

of MGH Chelsea - she has also worked as a Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (Oct. 2018 - present), as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Long Beach Pediatric and Women’s Clinic (May 2018 - Oct 2018), and as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at Boston’s Children Hospital (Oct 2014 - May 2018), among other expe-

riences.

Since its establishment in 1997 by the Boston Celtics, The Heroes Among Us program has recognized outstanding individuals who have made exceptional and lasting contributions to their communities. The award is usually presented at every Celtics home game and pays tribute to the heroic achievements of these outstanding citizens.

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Theodore Paradise, Senior Vice President for Transmission Strategy at Anbaric. “The retirement of Mystic is once-in-a-generation opportunity to tap into our growing offshore wind resource, reduce air pollution and avoid often-delayed overland transmission. Our Mystic Reliability Wind Link proposal will strengthen reliability and help set the stage for the next generation of clean energy in the region.”

Paradise added the Mystic Station is a great pollutant in Everett and Chelsea. He said that since 2009 it has emitted more than 27 million tons of climate-changing CO2, more than 3,000 tons of NOx and more than 4,000 tons of SO2, both of which he said are linked to adverse respiratory and cardiovascular health impacts.

Anbaric said they are one of several companies that have responded to that RFP from last December, and they hope to become one of four semi-finalists announced in July or August. The RFP is all about retiring the Mystic Station, which was announced last year suddenly by its parent company, Exelon. There are three units that were announced by Exelon to be retired. ISO New England said it would allow Unit #7 to be retired, but required Exelon to keep Unit 8 and 9 open so there would be enough power produced for the region. That, however, meant a \$300 million subsidy that had to be paid to Exelon to keep the units open until 2024. That was spread out across New England, so while it was costly, it wasn’t crippling to consumers. That said, after 2024, that subsidy will be

spread out only between eastern Massachusetts consumers and will create quite a cost pinch.

It was with that background that ISO New England put out the RFP to explore what could responsibly replace the Mystic Station if it was to completely be retired and, likely, redeveloped. Of all the proposals, Anbaric’s is one that proposes 1,200 MW – and eventually 2,400 MW – of power to be shipped on a buried wind-power “highway” from Plymouth to Everett.

Using power that would be generated by off-shore windfarms now in the beginning stages of development 25 miles off the coast of southeastern Massachusetts, those wind farms would be tied into the old Pilgrim Nuclear plant in Plymouth. Anbaric’s project would run an electrical wire link for 45 miles up the coast six feet under the ocean floor. Once they get off the coast of Revere, they would tunnel under Revere Beach and onto Rt. 16. The link would then be taken through Revere, Chelsea and Everett in one lane of Rt. 16. It would end in a switch yard on a five-acre piece of property owned by the Berberian Family on the banks of the Malden River in the Everett.

The final leg would be from that switch yard down to the Eversource substation in Charlestown across Alford Street from the Encore Boston Harbor casino. More than that, it would result in a clearing of the waterfront from the industrial use of the power-plant on numerous acres – a power plant that thousands of Chelsea residents have looked at and breathed in

for generations.

“The thing that changed since Cape Wind was where off-shore wind farms are built,” Paradise said. “The real problem with Cape Wind was you could see it. The technology has changed now. These farms are now built far out – 24 or 25 miles out – beyond the horizon line. No one can see it and they’re out in the federal waters. When I’m around...the Mystic River area, you are right there on a very nice waterfront, but the people have very little access to the waterfront because it is taken up by the power plant and industrial uses. This would open that waterfront up to development and likely restore access too.”

Paradis said they could be ready to begin on June 1, 2024.

He said that is one reason they really hope to get the community supporting their project, and to have ISO New England choose them or another green project to advance to the next stage of evaluation is because it is plausible, environmentally-friendly and different.

“We’re hopeful they don’t say they will just open up the streets of Boston again and run more wires under them,” he said. “We hope ISO thinks about renewable uses and what can be built quicker. We expect to hear in July or August which direction they want to go. We’re hoping our project is one of them. I hope they really don’t consider the same old thing because it’s what they’re used to. It can be hard to get people away from what has been perceived to work again and again.”

Boston area musicians are ‘All In For Chelsea’

All In For Chelsea, a live-streaming concert featuring close to a dozen local musicians, will raise much-needed money for the One Chelsea Fund on Tuesday, June 9 at 8:00 p.m. Musicians Will Dailey, Chadwick Stokes, Oompa, Cliff Notez, Tanya Donelly and more are joining together to raise funds for the United Way’s One Chelsea Fund, supporting COVID-19 relief efforts in Chelsea, MA, one of the hardest-hit regions in the country. The concert will stream on the Calling All Crows Facebook page and over a dozen other social media sites.

Over the past three months, Chelsea has seen infection rates more than 10 times the state average, leading to dire impacts, both economically and socially for many Chelsea individuals and families. As thousands fight the virus, food and personal care items are running low. The One Chelsea Fund has been

established to help families and individuals pay for rent, food, and medicine.

“Low income communities such as Chelsea have been disproportionately impacted by this virus; emotionally, physically, and mentally. Residents are now facing eviction, unemployment, and food insecurity,” Kelly Garcia, Vice Chairwoman, Chelsea School Committee. “The sad and harsh reality of all of this is that this pandemic has exacerbated the inequities that our students and families have faced for decades.”

Additional performers include: Dwight and Nicole, Adam Ezra, Alisa Amador, Aubrey Haddard and other special guests. The concert will also feature an up close look at the impact of Covid-19 on Chelsea with interviews from first responders and essential workers from Green Roots, The Chelsea Collaborative, The Neigh-

borhood Developers, and United Way.

“We’ve all been affected by the coronavirus. However, it is no secret that some areas of the city and certain populations have suffered more than others,” said Will Dailey. “As a community, we need to rally around Chelsea and do what we can to help. I’m proud to be part of this event and am incredibly appreciative of all the musicians and partners who have volunteered their time and talents to make an impact.”

All In For Chelsea is a partnership between Dailey and Calling All Crows, a nonprofit social activist organization founded by Stokes and his partner Sybil Gallagher to bring their commitment to hands-on service and activism on the road.

All In For Chelsea takes place Tuesday, June 9 at 8 PM at the Calling All Crows facebook page.

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Two City Councillors have been tapped to join City departments on the evaluation committee, and they include Councillor Judith Garcia and Councillor Naomi Zabot.

Garcia said she was excited to participate in the evaluation team and on the Council Task Force earlier in the process, particularly because she represents most of the downtown area.

“Small businesses have been vital in our economic growth as a city and this pandemic should not put them out of business,” she said. “This program will be a lifeline for many. I heard from a local barbershop owner that he has spent his life savings these past three months as he was forced to remain closed due to Covid-19. Another business owner informed me her rent increased by \$200 as of last month. That’s why I have been very involved in this process of offering up to \$20,000 in grants to local businesses. I want to abstain from referring to this monetary assistance as a loan because our goal is for this program to pick up where the CARES Act failed.

“Our small business own-

ers cannot afford to take up any more debt with strings attached,” she continued.

The goal is to offer grant money that business owners do not have to worry about paying back, she said.

“I am personally advocating for an easy and streamlined application process that comes with no strings attached aside from seeing our businesses thrive and remain here,” she said.

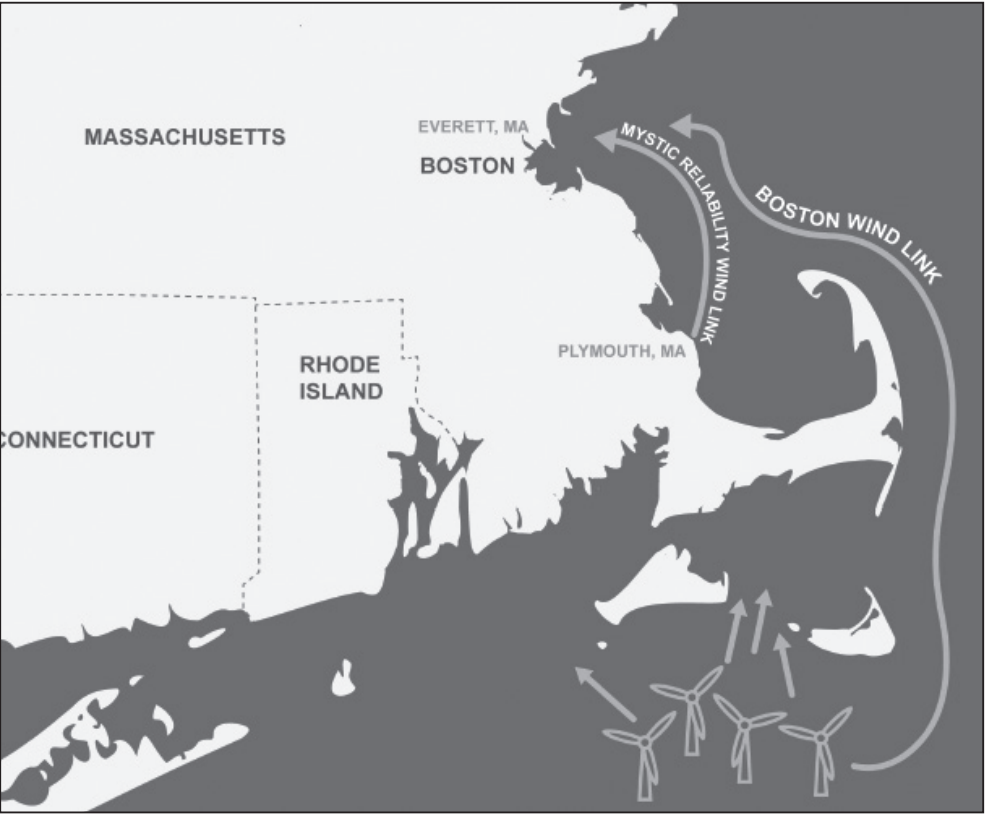
Councillor Todd Taylor, a business owner himself, was one of the first Council voices to begin talking about how small businesses in Chelsea were going to be able to weather this storm. He was on the Task Force appointed by Avellaneda and helped to design some of the program.

“This program is just as important as our food or rent assistance program,” he said. “The businesses in Chelsea, especially the ones in the hospitality sector, are having a hard time surviving because they have been closed for months while they still have rent and insurance bills to pay. And our restaurants are especially vulnerable because the Federal programs are not designed for them.”

He said the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) required restaurants to spend 75 percent on payroll, but that was impossible without customers. And after opening in Phase 2, they can only be at 25 percent capacity.

“The most important part of this program must include rent negotiation with landlords much the same as we did with the rent assistance program,” he said. “In order to try to avoid economic disaster, we not only have to have programs like this in Chelsea, we must put pressure on our federal representatives to have additional monies directed toward our hospitality businesses who have largely been left out of relief efforts. People have dedicated their whole lives to their businesses and having been forcibly shut down by the state, I think the state has the responsibility to help these businesses get back to normal as soon as possible.”

The program is being paid out of the City’s Free Cash funds, and more information will be coming soon about applications and how it will work.



The Mystic Reliability Wind Link project, as just proposed to ISO New England, would connect Plymouth to Everett’s grid infrastructure and allow the Mystic power plant to be retired and replaced with a cleaner use.

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Trial Court partners with City, Collaborative for town meeting

Special to The Record

The Mass. Trial Court, the City of Chelsea, and the Chelsea Collaborative hosted a virtual town meeting to address concerns the Chelsea community has regarding access to the courts and to resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mass. Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey, First Justice Matthew Machera, Chelsea District Court, Chief Probation Officer Carmen Gomez, and Deputy Court Administrator Linda Medonis, each delivered remarks at the forum.

Chelsea City Manager Thomas Ambrosino spoke about city resources and its ongoing efforts to assist residents in need during the pandemic. Dr. Dean Xerras of MGH Chelsea and the Chelsea Board of Health updated the community on COVID-19 statistics and affirmed the continuing importance of following social distance guidelines.

Chelsea Police Officer Sammy Mojica highlighted the Police Department's efforts in reaching out to the community during the COVID-19 crisis.

Marta Soto, staff Spanish interpreter at the Office of Court Interpreter Services in the Mass. Court System, did an excellent job of translating the remarks into Spanish. Soto has been a consistent and valuable source of assistance at the virtual forums. It is not an easy assignment on a live broadcast to instantly convert a speaker's remarks to a second language, but Soto has mastered that art and gained the appreciation of Chelsea residents for her expertise.

In an interesting change in format, the speakers oc-

cupied the entire screen during their individual remarks as opposed to having multiple faces on screen at once as in some of the previous forums. The new format seemed to work well.

Workforce Development Manager Sylvia Ramirez represented the Chelsea Collaborative, welcoming residents to the forum, introducing Justice Carey as the opening speaker, and thanking each official for participating in the forum. The Chelsea Kiwanis Club, over which Ramirez presides, is making monthly \$1,000 donations to Chelsea during the pandemic.

Following is a summary of the remarks made by Mass. Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey:

"I'm really honored to be here today with all of you, although I wish it were under better circumstances. I think we've all been affected by the reality of the coronavirus, but no community has suffered more than the community of Chelsea, which is one of the reasons we decided that we needed to reach out to you to let you know what kind of resources we have available to you and that we're here to help.

I wanted to make sure that everyone understood that while a courthouse building may be closed, our court is not closed.

We know that your lives are not on hold as a result of the coronavirus crisis. We are here in the court system to help you.

We are thankful to for the community members whose strong support in the community that we have. This, of course, starts with the City Manager, Tom Ambrosino, who before working for the City



City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.



First Justice Matthew Machera, Chelsea District Court.



Chelsea Police Officer Sammy Mojica.

of Chelsea, worked in our court community so we're grateful for his effort. Another bright light is the Chelsea Collaborative, who has fundamental in pulling this whole initiative together.

We are always happy to work with the Chelsea Police Department which is incredible and we work hand in hand to help insure that everyone understands the services available.



Trial Court Justice Paula Carey.



Dr. Dean Xerras, MGH Chelsea Director of Health.



Interpreter Martha Soto.

"I want to thank you for your attention and we want to make sure that you understand that we are available from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day at the Chelsea District Court. We are

here to help and hopefully you will leave us today with further information about how to access the services of the court."

Hospital transforms back to normal routines, less COVID-19

By Seth Daniel

Over the past several weeks, the Emergency Department – and much of the CHA Everett hospital - has seemed like a facility devoted entirely to the incredibly stressing task of treating COVID-19 patients, but over the last two weeks the hospital has slowly transformed in many ways back to its pre-virus flows.

For Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, chief of the Emergency Department at CHA Everett, and her staff in the ER, that has been measured in the number of conference calls per day focused on finding space and beds for those who are sick. At the height, that was a conference call that happened three times a day as the health system tried to find places to take care of the surging patient loads.

On Monday, that transitioned to a once-a-day call – which Lai-Becker said was a big example of how things are moving towards pre-COVID

"For these last two and a half months, we have been talking two times a day and sometimes three times

a day the director level staff...in order to figure out how to get patients where they should be for care and transfers. As of Monday, we decided we can now take our foot off the gas pedal and not meet two time a day. Now we'll meet one time a day and see that that goes. It's big for us and a turning point in terms of how we've now configured our work flows."

The story of CHA Everett looking back is one of getting ready for the pandemic – wondering if it would be as bad as expected, treating what was a horrendous surge of sick people who struggled to get better or died, a flattening of the curve of sickness, and now a return to some normal patterns while also still treating COVID-19 patients.

"Everything put into place in March and early April, it is nice to see as all the big changes operationally have made a difference because we can let the system handle the flow, especially since having a lull now the volumes are climbing back up quite nicely, but with a medium level

of mix," she said. Now it seems like it's a more even mixture of patients."

One clear example of that was a patient who came in last weekend with pneumonia – a nearly 100 percent sign of COVID-19 over the past two months. Lai-Becker said they did all the testing and were perplexed as to why there was no COVID showing up. After some further testing, they realized it was just standard pneumonia and not related to COVID.

"We were like, 'Wow, it's just regular pneumonia,'" she said. "So welcome back to just plain old community-acquired pneumonia."

The hospital has closed down some of the specialty spaces created on the fly for COVID-19 over the past several weeks, and they are looking at returning to elective, but necessary, surgeries. They are also bringing back routine tests like colonoscopies.

"The hospital operations are slowly re-opening," she said. "As of Monday, they were looking at bringing back certain elective scheduled procedures. We want to keep up with the elective

surgeries – maybe they can be done later, but need to be done. It's also colonoscopies and mammography. These are important and it's been three months without doing them now. These are having a very slow start-up."

Likewise, the respiratory clinic has been full-speed for so long now, but they are beginning to add outpatient hours.

At the same time, they are planning on how to return some of the clinical departments. That comes with a lot of planning, she said, about how to handle such visits with providers and how to handle the waiting rooms.

"It's now a slow unwinding of these processes to see if any outpatient sites can re-open and how does it change the setup," she said. "It's similar to what dental offices in the Commonwealth are facing. Everyone wants to eliminate the waiting rooms. That's going to take careful planning."

One thing that they are also seeing as they re-open so many things are the new innovations done on the fly for COVID-19 that they hope to keep as part of traditional medical treatments.

Tele-medicine visits have become the norm, and there are a lot of patients that Lai-Becker said will likely continue with those appointments on a screen – particularly as many in the older adult population in large part has become adept at using Zoom and other face-to-face platforms online.

Many chronically ill patients have found the visits to be better for them, as it can be strenuous to get a ride to the hospital for an appointment that can be done over a screen.

Likewise, CHA Everett has rolled out over the last week a new program called MobileHome in association with Cataldo Ambulance. That is a program they have dreamed of and worked on for a long time, she said. With the pandemic, they were able to roll it out fast. That program allows EMTs at Cataldo to do more advanced visits while in connection online with a physician. They can do more than a visiting nurse and can gauge whether a patient needs to be brought into the hospital or not. Using tele-medicine check-ups, and then MobileHome, many unnecessary trips to the hospital can be avoided to make patients more comfortable and medical delivery more efficient. The crux has always been about who was going to pay for it and how would they pay for it, Lai Becker said.

That year's-long battle was resolved in a matter of weeks.

"I think people will recognize a lot of operational challenges in having these programs with tele-health and para-medicine...were hampered by who was going to pay for it," she said. "Remarkably, the tele-health visits can be paid. Apparently it is possible to have them both paid for now. That is the opportunity of this crisis. I think they are an enormous positive and they will stay even after...we see so many other things settle out. They are positive changes."

•TYLENOL ANTI-DOTE NOW GOES TO TRIAL

One of the innovations at CHA Everett during the COVID-19 crisis was using the antidote for Tylenol poisoning to treat patients with several sickness related to COVID-19. It partic-

ularly helped the immune response in the lungs, and now CHA Everett is going to be moving that treatment to a clinical trial to see if it is an effective treatment for the virus.

They will be going to trial with Clintrials.gov.

"We're happy that CHA-wide our respiratory clinic is starting to prescribe it in the same manner as the Emergency Department has," she said. "We will embark on the randomized trial of patients and then share the results. It seems to help...It would be great because it is off-patent, doesn't cost much and has been around more than 50 years...It's not very sexy for that reason, but if it works, great."

She said they would need three months at a minimum, but likely six months to get enough treatment information. Already, they have some information in using the treatment over the last two months, but need more solid study."

•LARGE GATHERINGS A CONCERN

As the weather lightens up and gatherings seem to increase – in addition to the large-scale protests that have happened in Boston – Dr. Lai-Becker said those in the hospital have had a concern.

That also goes for the gradual re-opening of businesses and services.

"It is a concern and it's something in the hospital we've been paying attention to over the last week," she said.

She said they will watch over the next two or three weeks to see if new cases arise, and if they can be traced to large gatherings like the protests. She said being that they were outside, there could be some saving grace in that.

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able.”

The group urged everyone in the community to take the time to listen and empathize – and also to be prepared to act to bring about lasting change. They said they hoped it would be a moment of growth and transformation for Chelsea and the nation.

They did call on those who call for change – if they do so in the public realm – to do it peacefully and not to harm any business owners.

“We also urge those who desperately seek change and transformation to do so by peaceful means,” read the letter. “Acts of violence, destruction of property and harm to the economic interests of struggling business owners have no place among legitimate protests and serve only to undermine the moral message and dishonor the purpose.”

The letter concluded by stating that Chelsea has long been a shining example of unity, and they hoped that could be an example for the entire nation.

“In Chelsea, all of our residents, native born, immigrants and people of color, have long stood as a shining example of tolerance and civility for the rest of the nation,” they wrote. “We hope that, in this era of discord, our bonds of unity tighten and we can walk together toward a future of justice and racial equality.”

•COVID-19 CASES CONTINUE TO DECLINE

Chelsea was once the hot spot of all hot spots for the COVID-19 infections, but that has now begun to be less and less the case as new cases continue to decline day-to-day.

This week, as of Tuesday, there was only a single digit increase in new cases – a bit of a milestone for a community that was topping 70 to 80 new cases a day at one time.

“Our numbers continue to go down,” said Ambrosino. “We had a single digit increase last night. That’s positive, great news on the COVID-19 front. That’s a continuation of such good news for two weeks now. We will continue to watch that.”

There were only four new cases reported on June 2.

There are a total of 2,641 positive cases and 1,341 people have recovered. There have been 148 deaths of Chelsea residents, and most of those have been in long-term care facilities.

•NEW ZONING REGULATIONS FOR RESTAURANTS

City Manager Tom Ambrosino will propose new zoning regulations to try to help businesses, particularly restaurants, at the June 15 City Council meeting.

“They are still in the works,” he said. “We are trying to see if we can eliminate the harm. We particularly want to do this so restaurants can make money.”

Some of the changes could be using parking spaces downtown for restaurant capacity, as restaurants will only be able to likely use 25 percent of their indoor space when they return after June 8.

Other changes will also be on the table, too, and that could potentially include altering parking restrictions downtown.

Finally, he said they are going to work hard to eliminate the delays from City Hall. He said once the green-light is given to restaurants to open, they want to be ready to get things started and not have any bureaucratic delays.

•RENTAL ASSISTANCE LOTTERY

The Rental Assistance Program lottery held by the City took place Wednesday night, June 3, after Record deadlines.

The lottery is meant to help residents affected by COVID-19 get help with rent payments, and applications have been out since early May. The lottery took place at 6 p.m.

“The goal is to get money out the door to people in need really quickly,” he said.

The program is funded through using the Community Preservation Act (CPA) money and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Those funding sources were approved in April for the use.

DiDomenico hosts Facebook Live public health forum



A screen shot of the meeting with Sen. Sal DiDomenico and public health professionals, including Dr. Mallika Marshall of CBS Boston.

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico hosted a public health forum on Facebook Live on how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the Commonwealth’s healthcare system and the Greater Boston community. The Senator brought together healthcare professionals Dr. Mallika Marshall of CBS Boston and MGH, Cambridge Health Alliance CEO Dr. Assaad Sayah, and Medical Director of MGH Chelsea Dr. Dean Xerras for a conversation on the state of Massachusetts’s healthcare system during the time of coronavirus, especially in hard hit communities like Chelsea, Everett, and other hotspot communities throughout the Greater Boston area.

“I want to thank Dr. Marshall, Dr. Sayah and Dr. Xerras for joining me for our Facebook Live public health forum,” said Senator DiDomenico. “It was a very informative discussion and great opportunity for my constituents to receive a detailed account from these leading experts on how our healthcare system is responding to this crisis and how our community can move forward. Statewide, as conversations pivot towards re-opening, it is critical that we be aware that our actions and public health response today will dictate where we are in the days ahead. This panel did an excellent job putting into perspective just how far we have come in dealing with this crisis, but also just how much more work is needed in the days, weeks, and months ahead. I encourage all my constituents to view our discussion for additional insight on the state of our COVID-19 response.”

Senator DiDomenico held this event on Wednesday May 27th live from his official Senate Facebook page. However, the discussion is still available to watch at any point by visiting: <https://www.facebook.com/SenSalDiDomenico/>.

MassHire Metro North Workforce Board announces selection of new career center operator

The MassHire Metro North Workforce Board (MNWB) is pleased to announce the selection of ABCD (Action for Boston Community Development) as the next operator of the MassHire Metro North Career Center (MNCC), effective July 1.

ABCD was selected after a comprehensive and competitive procurement process. The procurement committee was impressed with ABCD’s extensive experience with federal, state, and local grants and workforce development programs, strong ties to the local community, and expansive network of partnerships.

“We are thrilled with the selection of ABCD as our next One-Stop Career Center operator,” said MNWB President and CEO, Chris Albrizio-Lee. “We look forward to working closely with ABCD to maximize the impact of MassHire for the benefit of Metro North’s residents and businesses.”

“Our partnership with the MassHire Metro North Workforce Board is an important and meaningful extension of the ways that ABCD helps people in need achieve stability and reach their potential,” said ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew. “We look forward to contributing our experience in managing large-scale operations to the invaluable resources that MNWB provides.”

The current MNCC operator, The WorkPlace, will continue overseeing career center operations through June 30.

Family & Children’s Service Diaper Drive Hotline opens

Help is on the way for vulnerable families who are struggling to access essential baby care items in Lynn and Chelsea. Last week, Family & Children’s Service launched a Diaper Drive campaign to address this critical need. Since then, donations have poured in and they are ready to start making deliveries.

Starting Tuesday, May 26th, any family in need of diapers and wipes can call the Diaper Hotline at (781)715-3005 to request a delivery. Family & Children’s Service staff and volunteers will then deliver baby care items directly to their doors. The Diaper Hotline will be open on weekdays (Monday – Friday) only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Program Manager, Jackie Trahan will be coordinating the effort for Family & Children’s. She says, “We are grateful for how the community has responded. People have donated money, dropped off diapers at our office, and called to volunteer. We have a long history of providing services and helping families in crisis. Our staff and volunteers are ready to go.”

Family & Children’s Service is still accepting donations to sustain this initiative through the month of June. There are 4 ways that people can help:

- Donate money at www.fcslynn.org
- Donate diapers and wipes

Drop off hours at Family & Children’s Service 111 North Common Street, Lynn location are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. from May 14th to June 24th

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ZONTA CLUB OF CHELSEA & NORTH SHORE NEWS

The Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore is pleased to announce the installation of their new slate of officers for the next two years. Our second virtual membership meeting was held on May 21 as we all met on “Zoom”. The new officers are President- Janice Tatarka, Vice President Mary Jane O’Neill, President, 2nd Vice President-Theresa DiPetro, Treasurer -Elizabeth Fama, Recording Secretary -Bonnie Fishman, Corresponding secretary - Christine Deprizio, and Board of Director members, Joan Lanzillo-Haehes, Sheila Arsenaault and Diane Cambria. The Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore has completed another year of service to our communities and the world. We are honored to be able to continue the great work we do in our cities and towns and look forward to the year ahead. We hope you will think

Acela Service Resumes for Amtrak Customers on the Northeast Corridor with New Safety Initiatives

As recovery across the country continues, Acela service on the Northeast Corridor resumes today on a modified schedule with the restoration of three weekday Acela roundtrips utilizing the new safety initiatives for customers and employees that Amtrak has implemented.

Amtrak and train travel will lead the way and set a new standard of transportation. While continuing to leverage a full-time medical director and public health and safety teams who have been on the front lines throughout the COVID-19 outbreak providing expert counsel, Amtrak has implemented the following measures:

When you book:

Trip flexibility: Amtrak is waiving all change and cancellation fees for reservations made by August 31, 2020. This includes reservations booked with points.

Limiting bookings: Amtrak is limiting ticket sales on reserved services to allow for physical distancing while traveling.

Enhanced station procedures:

Enhanced cleaning: Amtrak has enhanced cleaning and disinfecting frequency and retrofitted protective barriers where necessary. Commonly used surfaces in stations such as door handles, counter tops, seating areas and Quik-Trak kiosks are frequently cleaned with EPA-registered disinfectants.

Physical distancing: Signage has been displayed at our busiest stations to indicate safe distances in high traffic areas. In addition, clear protective barriers have been installed at customer counters at our busiest stations.

Facial coverings: Amtrak is requiring all customers and employees to wear facial coverings while in stations.

Preventing overcrowding: Customers are encouraged to arrive only 30 minutes before departure and only 60 minutes if in need of ticketing and/or baggage assistance.

Contact-free travel experience:

Cashless service: Amtrak is accepting cashless payments only.

Seamless gate service: To reduce crowds at departure boards Amtrak app users can now receive gate and track information via push notification at select stations.

Contactless ticketing: Amtrak encourages boarding with eTickets, which conductors scan from the Amtrak app.

Onboard:

Facial coverings: Amtrak is requiring all customers and employees to wear facial coverings while on trains or thruway buses. Facial coverings can be removed when customers are in their private rooms or seated alone.

Enhanced cleaning: Amtrak has amplified the cleaning of trains by spraying a disinfectant focusing on highly touched surfaces.

Limiting bookings: Amtrak is limiting ticket sales on reserved services, with customers encouraged to use the seat next to them for personal belongings.

Reducing exposure: All non-safety materials have been removed from seat-back pockets.

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THE CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE THE CLASS OF 2020

COURTESY PHOTOS

The Chelsea Public Schools – including Supt. Almi Abeyta and School Committee members – passed out signs to celebrate seniors in the Class of 2020 last week. The celebration was a week of exciting tributes online and with no-contact deliveries. The Class of 2020 has been afforded a virtual graduation in July and also a walk-through individual graduation in early August.



D'Angelo Mojica gets his Senior Sign.



Abraham Barrientos was all smiles when he got his sign.



Dickerson Rodas was happy to get his Senior Sign.



Julianna Valle places the sign in her yard.



Marcos Gonzalez Arana accepts his sign with his father.



JJ Pina on his front porch.



Lisandra Molina accepts her sign.



Dina Banos in front of her home.



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Seniors from CHS girls track reflect on lost season

“I am so grateful for the support from my CHS family”

With the coronavirus pandemic forcing the closure of schools across the state for the remainder of the 2020 school year, the Chelsea High spring athletic season also was canceled, taking away from the members of the senior class the opportunity to compete for the last time in a Red Devil uniform.

The Chelsea Record invited the coaches and members of the CHS spring sports teams from the Class of 2020 to reflect on the season that so abruptly was taken away from them in order that we might give these young athletes some of the recognition that they deserve.

We also asked that they provide some insight into what it means to be a Chelsea High varsity athlete and briefly to discuss their plans for the future. This week we feature track star Stephanie Simon, the most-honored individual athlete in Chelsea High history.

We are certain that our readers will be as impressed as we were with the comments from this outstanding young woman and join us in wishing Stephanie the best in her future endeavors:

The Record will continue to publish additional comments from the athletes and coaches as we receive them.

STEPHANIE SIMON
Being an athlete at Chelsea High School meant ev-

erything to me. What got me through a lot of challenging days was knowing that I had a team full of so many people with so many unique personalities to share what I love doing, including the coaches.

Without my coaches I don't know where I would be right now. As teammates graduated and my high school years passed, I realized two things:

1. I learned from the captains before me what it means to be a leader and that every person on any team (not just track) is valued and 2. How to adapt to change and adversity.

Track has taught me -- through unexpected circumstances such as someone accidentally taking my spikes, having a bad performance in one of my events,

a false start, or forgetting to grab the right spikes -- to be able to take an unexpected occurrence and make it yours. Turn it into something good.

That's how I see the loss of the spring season. Yes, I am disappointed that I won't get to reach my goal of a 20-foot long jump as I had planned, but I understand that compared to the lives of others at risk of catching Covid-19, canceling the spring season was completely necessary. I'm glad we're being cautious.

I do not consider the cancellation of the outdoor season to be a loss, because I will be continuing my career at a collegiate level. Missing the outdoor season has given me the motivation that I need to continue working hard, and I am



Stephanie Simon.

grateful for that.

As of now I plan on attending the Youngstown State University Dana School of Music, hopefully during the fall. I am

so grateful for the support I have received from my CHS family and will never forget the people who helped me become who I am.

Legislature passes bill to collect COVID-19 data and address health disparities

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico and State Rep. Dan Ryan joined their colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature to pass a bill to make more information about COVID-19 cases publicly available, including cases at elder care facilities, soldiers' homes, and houses of correction; it also creates a task force to provide recommendations on how to mitigate health disparities for underrepresented and underserved communities in the wake of the pandemic.

Taken together, the provisions of An Act addressing COVID-19 data collection and disparities in treatment will provide the public with a greater understanding on how the virus is affecting those in locations hardest hit by the pandemic.

demic, including elder care facilities and urban areas. The task force, in turn, will make recommendations to alleviate disparities in infection and treatment among populations disproportionately impacted by the outbreak.

“This data collection is essential in telling the whole story of the COVID-19 epidemic moving forward. We are not out of the woods yet,” said Ryan. “We, as a country, were not ready for this. Locally, we adapted well but not well enough for too many of our families. City officials in Chelsea and Boston, along with area hospitals, were able to use the data available to make requests of government and move resources. By codifying this data collection into law and establishing a task

force we will be better prepared for the climb out of this than we were going in.”

Said State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, “These reporting requirements are critical to ensuring we have a full and up-to-date understanding of the pandemic’s impact on our communities, and the inequities that exist across our Commonwealth. Our district has been especially hard hit by COVID-19, and any additional information that we have at our disposal will be key to tailoring our response to this pandemic. I am confident that data and knowledge we gain through this legislation will help to determine our long-term recovery efforts and inform the Legislature’s ongoing work to address systemic inequities in our healthcare and safety-net systems.”

Speaker Bob DeLeo said the Act was critical for monitoring COVID-19.

“Whether it’s our elderly, our veterans, residing in Soldiers’ Homes, who have served our country bravely, persons of color, or residents in those communities experiencing a particularly large share of the impact from COVID-19, the burden of this virus has fallen disproportionately on key demographics. We need to make sure we have the best information on the toll the virus is taking in Massachusetts. I look forward to the findings of the task force to determine how we can address the impact of this virus in underserved and underrepresented communities,” said DeLeo. “I thank Chairs Michlewitz and Balser, Vice Chair Gon-

zalez and my colleagues in the House for their work on this important bill.”

The components of the bill are as follows:

- Requires the Department of Public Health to collect daily data on the number of individuals tested positive, hospitalized, deaths, and key demographic information, including cases and mortalities at elder care facilities;
- Specifies details on the format of reporting data from local boards of health and elder care facilities;
- Mandates that elder care facilities notify residents and their healthcare proxies if there is a new confirmed case or mortality due to COVID-19 or 3 or more residents or staff have symptoms;
- Includes the Department

of Corrections and each House of Correction among those facilities which must comply with the data collection and reporting provisions of the bill;

•Creates a task force to study and make recommendations on addressing health disparities for underserved or underrepresented populations based on a variety of demographic factors;

•Asks that the task force provide recommendations to improve safety for at-risk populations for COVID-19, remove barriers to quality and equitable health care services, increase access to medical supplies and testing, among other items.

The bill now moves to the governor for consideration.

SBA and Treasury Department announce \$10 billion for CDFIs to participate in paycheck protection program

The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, announced that it is setting aside \$10 billion of Round 2 funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to be lent exclusively by Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).

CDFIs work to expand economic opportunity in low-income communities

by providing access to financial products and services for local residents and businesses. These dedicated funds will further ensure that the PPP reaches all communities in need of relief during the COVID-19 pandemic – a key priority for President Trump.

“The forgivable loan program, PPP, is dedicated to providing emergency capital to sustain our nation’s small businesses, the driv-

ers of our economy, and retain their employees,” said SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza. “CDFIs provide critically important capital and technical assistance to small businesses from rural, minority and other underserved communities, especially during this economically challenging time.”

“The PPP has helped over 50 million American workers stay connected to their jobs and over 4 mil-

lion small businesses get much-needed relief,” said Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin. “We have received bipartisan support for dedicating these funds for CDFIs to ensure that traditionally underserved communities have every opportunity to emerge from the pandemic stronger than before.”

As of May 23, 2020, CDFIs have approved more than \$7 billion (\$3.2 billion

in Round 2) in PPP loans. The additional \$6.8 billion will ensure that entrepreneurs and small business owners in all communities have easy access to the financial system, and that they receive much-needed capital to maintain their workforces.

The Paycheck Protection Program was created by the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and provides

forgivable loans to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to keep their employees on the payroll. To date, more than 4.4 million loans have been approved for over \$510 billion for small businesses across America.

The SBA and the Treasury Department remain committed to ensuring eligible small businesses have the resources they need to get through this time.

Mass. Health Committee makes history by approves end of life options bill for first time since 2011 introduction

Massachusetts supporters of legislation that would authorize medical aid in dying as an end-of-life care option urged state lawmakers to pass the bill after the Joint Committee on Public Health approved it late Friday afternoon for the first time since it was originally introduced by Rep. Louis L. Kafka in 2011. The committee approved the legislation by a vote of 11 to 6. More than seven out of 10 Massachusetts voters (71%) support medical aid in dying, according to the most recent poll on the issue in 2013 by Purple Insights.

The bill, the Massachusetts End of Life Options Act (H.1926/S.1208), would give mentally capable, terminally ill individuals with a prognosis of six

months or less to live the option to request, obtain and self-ingest medication to die peacefully in their sleep if their suffering becomes unbearable. The legislation is sponsored by Rep. Louis L. Kafka and Senator William N. Brownsberger and has 69 total sponsors, including Joint Committee on Public Health co-chair, Senator Joanne M. Comerford.

“COVID-19 has shined a spotlight on the importance of a compassionate death, and we thank the public health committee for prioritizing this legislation at a time when only a handful of bills are advancing through the legislature,” said Compassion & Choices president and CEO Kim Callinan, who testified before the Joint Committee

on Public Health in support of the bill at a hearing last June. “We urge legislative leaders to hold floor votes on the bill ASAP so that more Massachusetts residents will have the option of a peaceful end should their suffering become intolerable.”

The Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) also testified at the hearing last June before the Joint Committee of Public Health on the bill, detailing its policy of “neutral engagement” on the practice of medical aid in dying: “The MMS will support its members regarding clinical, ethical, and legal considerations of medical aid-in-dying, through education, advocacy, and/or the provision of other resources...”

A 2017 internal survey

of Massachusetts Medical Society members showed they backed the End of Life Options Act by a 2-1 margin, 62% support vs. 28% opposed (see page 9 chart at www.massmed.org/Advocacy/State-Advocacy/MAID-Survey-2017/). Other bill supporters include the ACLU of Massachusetts, Amherst Town Meeting, Boston Ethical Society, Cambridge City Council, Falmouth Board of Selectmen, Fenway Health/AIDS Action, Greater Boston Humanists, Lexington Board of Selectmen, National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Massachusetts, and Northampton City Council, and Provincetown Board of Selectmen.

Medical aid in dying is authorized in 10 U.S. jurisdictions representing more

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A Timeless Contributor

D. Bruce Mauch celebrates 47 years at Chelsea Clock, decades as a community leader

By Cary Shuman

D. Bruce Mauch is celebrating 47 years of service at Chelsea Clock, a milestone that is not going unnoticed by Chelsea residents, so many of whom have either served with him or touched by his kindnesses.

As Susan Gallant said of her friend and fellow Rotarian this week, “Bruce Mauch, like Chelsea Clock, is a beloved Chelsea institution.”

Indeed, D. Bruce Mauch (The D. stands for Douglas, “but nobody has called Douglas since my days in the Army,” he noted) has been a part of the Chelsea fabric and he has helped make this city special and close-knit for five decades.

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, have been direct beneficiaries of his community

service and leadership. He has served as Chamber and Rotary President and is a two-time Paul Harris Fellow. He is a former Chelsea resident of the year.

His personality, warmth, and sense of humor are Mauchian trademarks. He is a brilliant man, whose background as a graduate of prestigious University of Wisconsin as a Certified Public Account, affirm that and then some.

But what people most admire about Mauch, 76, is that if he puts his effort in to a club or community project, he’s “all in.” Take the Rotary, D. Bruce Mauch has never missed a meeting in his 30 years as a member. Whether it’s assisting Juan Gallego with one of his international projects or suiting up for the Rotary softball team, D. Bruce Mauch is giving his best.

His early and college years in Wisconsin

D. Bruce Mauch grew up in a small town of 247 people in Wisconsin, 285 miles north and west of Milwaukee. He and his family lived on 20 acres of land.

“My father (George) was a rural mail carrier, his route was 80 miles a day,” recalled Bruce. “And my mother (Jessie) was an elementary school teacher.”

His father was a World War I veteran born in 1895. His mother was born in 1910. He has two brothers, one (Bart) a lawyer and district attorney, the other (Rodney) a UPS driver, and a sister Myrna, a chiropractor.

He had to take a 20-mile bus ride to get to his high school (Tony High School) each day. Mauch played 8-man football as a freshman, but sustained a knee injury and could never get a doctor’s clearance to return.

He was accepted to the University of Wisconsin, one of the elite schools in the country.

“I had gotten great grades, but I wasn’t a studious, student,” he said humbly. “The University of

Wisconsin is a beautiful campus.” He received his degree his Business Administration with a major in Accounting. “The neat thing about it is that you can’t graduate the University of Wisconsin until you pass a swim test,” he remembered.

Upon his graduation, Mauch was offered a position at Price Waterhouse in Milwaukee.

“And then I was drafted,” said Mauch, who served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. “I spent nine months in action in Vietnam. I was in a fixed-wing aircraft that flew at 1,500 feet and we got shot at a few times.”

He returned to Milwaukee and in 1972 and went to work as a senior internal



Front row, D. Bruce Mauch, Gail Mauch, and Linda Alioto-Robinson. Back row, Dale Johnson, Ronald Robinson, Lucia Robinson-Griggs, Michael Griggs, and Leo Robinson.

auditor at Bunker Ramo Corporation in Chicago.

On to Chelsea Clock

Bunker Ramo bought Chelsea Clock while Mauch was on assignment in Trumbull, Connecticut. The assistant comptroller left Chelsea Clock and Nauch was invited to Chelsea to help close the financial books at the end of the quarter. “And I never left,” he said. “Over the years, I became the manufacturing manager, engineering manager, and eventually president and COO.”

When J.K. Nicholas bought the company, Mauch took his current position as vice president of operations.

Mauch recalled that in his second year at Chelsea Clock in 1973, he watched from as the Great Chelsea Fire started on Everett Avenue (near Chelsea Clock) and destroyed 20 percent of the city.

Chelsea Clock, founded in 1897, has maintained its impeccable reputation as a world-renowned clockmaker with Mauch in the administrative offices.

“We’re the last American-made clockmaker who truly makes clocks,” said Mauch proudly. “Our high-end, top quality clocks are sent and enjoyed all over the world. Families treat our clocks as heirlooms. Elvis Presley once came to our building and bought a

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D. Bruce Mauch and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson welcome former U.S. Senator John Kerry on a visit to Chelsea Clock.



D. Bruce Mauch accepted a special award from Chelsea Clock Owner and CEO J.K. Nicholas in recognition of his 45 years of service at the internationally renowned clock company located in Chelsea.



D. Bruce Mauch and his wife, Gail Mauch, with their daughter, Nickolette Mauch.



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POLICE Briefs

By SETH DANIEL AND PAUL KOOLLOIAN



Just a few hours after the looting in the Back Bay subside, a man in a suit heads off to work on Monday morning through the destruction of Boston's ritziest neighborhood.

CHELSEA POLICE CALLED INTO BOSTON

During the riots that took place in various locations in Boston Sunday and into Monday morning, Chelsea Police and several surrounding communities were pulled in to help via mutual aid. Chelsea Police said they sent eight officers Sunday night for Mutual Aid. They staged at Boston City Hall Plaza and patrolled the Newbury Street area with Boston Police and the State Police.

Here, in the Back Bay on Monday morning, a man in a suit walked to work only hours after the Nordstrom store had been looted and destroyed.

POLICE INVESTIGATING ROBBERY OF BROADWAY BUSINESS

Chelsea Detectives are investigating the day time robbery of LA Guanaquta Gift Shop at 280 Broadway on May 26. Chelsea Officers responded to the business at 12:42 p.m. for the reported robbery. The suspect was said to have taken jewelry and cash from the store. No weapon was shown to the clerk during the incident.

If anyone has any information they are asked to contact the case detective at 617-466-4828.

Citizens can call the 24 hr “tips” line at 617-466-4880, email reports direct-

ly from the department’s website at www.chelseapolice.com or download for free the MYPD App that is compatible with both Android and Apple smartphones. All three ways are monitored and anonymous.

DISTURBANCE ON WATTS STREET

On May 24, at 12:34 a.m. CPD officers responded to 48 Watts St. on a report of a disturbance. The responding officers were met by a female who refused the officer’s entry to investigate. The officers report that the intoxicated female became combative and pushed and cursed at them. She was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct.

BREAKING AND ENTERING

On May 29 at 1:26 p.m., officers responded to 160 Broadway on a report of a disturbance. The officers spoke with the reporting party who stated that five men entered the upstairs apartment, she believed the apartment be vacant. CPD officers made contact with the tenant who stated that she did not allow anyone access to her apartment. When officers entered the apartment they found two uncooperative males yelling obscenities at them. Both were placed under arrest for B&E to commit a misdemeanor.

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 HYPERLINKmailto:vicar-sanlucas@aol.com vicar-sanlucas@aol.com.

RAFT PROGRAM RENTAL ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

GETTING FOOD TO EVERYONE IN NEED: UPDATES

Pop-Up Food Pantries are continuing to serve the people of Chelsea, providing boxes of food every weekday beginning at 11 a.m. The City is increasing

our food supply daily so that everyone who needs food can get it. With this in mind, please be patient and mindful of your neighbors in need. Some families have more immediate need than others and we want to make sure that everyone gets to eat.

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

IF YOU ARE NOT SICK AND NEED FOOD

- Monday-Friday: Hot lunches and kids lunches at 11:30 a.m. at Salvation Army (258 Chestnut Street)
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays: Grocery pick-up 10 a.m.-noon at the Salvation Army (258 Chestnut Street).
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays: Grocery pick-up at 5 p.m. at the Chelsea Collaborative (318 Broadway).
 - Thursdays and Fridays: Mass General Hospital Food For Families Pantry (151 Everett Ave.). Available two times per month to MGH patients by referral. Please call (617) 887-3575.
 - Saturdays: Grocery pick-up 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church (201 Washington Avenue, Chelsea); no appointment necessary.
 - IF YOU ARE IN ISOLATION AND NEED FOOD
- Do not wait in line for food. Call 311 (617-466-4100).
- IF YOU ARE 65 YEARS OR OLDER
- Contact the Chelsea Senior Center for grocery de-

liveries. Call 617-466-4377 or 617-466-4370.

DIAPER DRIVE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

[HYPERLINK “http://www.chelseaccc.org/index.html”](http://www.chelseaccc.org/index.html) Chelsea Community Connections and the City of Chelsea are working together to distribute diapers to families in need. Because of the tremendous demand distribution is dependent on donations of both packages of diapers and funds to purchase supply.

Anyone who would like to donate to the Diaper Drive can do so at the Chelsea Community Connections website. This will ensure the youngest Chelsea residents have their basic needs met.

MGH CHELSEA, BETH ISRAEL OFFERS TESTING FOR THOSE WITH SYMPTOMS

Patients with symptoms of Covid-19 are eligible for testing at MGH Chelsea and Beth Israel Chelsea.

One doesn’t need to be a patient of MGH to qualify. There is also not a need to have health insurance, and immigration status does not matter.

Appointments are STRONGLY encouraged, but walk-ins will not be turned away. If anyone has one of the following symptoms, please call 617-724-7000, to schedule an appointment for evaluation and testing:

- fever
- new sore throat
- new cough
- new runny nose or nasal congestion
- new muscle aches
- new shortness of breath
- new loss of smell

If one is a patient within the Partners Healthcare system, please call the Primary Care doctor’s office with any questions, and to be scheduled for evaluation and testing.

*Beth Israel Deaconess HealthCare is offering a drive-thru testing service at 1000 Broadway (near the Chelsea/Revere city line). It is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat.-Sun.

If you have a Beth Israel primary care physician, call 617-975-6262 to make an appointment.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction Look-Ahead: May 31 – June 13, 2020

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

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

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

CARTER STREET RAMP WEEKEND CLOSURES

- The Carter Street off-ramp will be closed on Saturday, 6/13. Work will begin at 7 a.m. and end at 7 a.m.
- Traffic will be detoured to the Route 16 West exit towards Everett to take Revere Beach Parkway to Everett Avenue.

SILVER LINE ALTER-NATING SINGLE LANE BUS TRAFFIC

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

safe bridge construction.

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

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

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

•A R L I N G T O N STREET: Arlington Street under Route 1 will be closed on 6/1 (7 a.m. – 11 p.m.). Signed detours and police details will guide drivers around the work zone via Spruce Street and Everett Ave.

•ORANGE STREET: Orange Street under Route 1 will be closed on Saturday 5/30 at 10 p.m. until Monday 6/1 at 5 a.m.

•5th STREET: 5th Street under Route 1 will be closed on 6/11 during the nighttime (9:00 p.m. – 5 a.m.)

WORK HOURS

•Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.) on weekdays.

•Some work will take place on a 2nd shift (2 p.m.–1 a.m.) and overnight hours (9 p.m.–5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m.–7 p.m.).

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

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

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

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

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.

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Amy Meisner was diagnosed with MS in 1997. For someone who has always danced, MS would seem like the end. But for Amy, it means the start of a new chapter. She'll never leave the floor, still dances from her wheelchair, and is a great choreographer. Embracing Amy's undying passion, the National MS Society teamed up with LaTonya Swann to create an entirely new and inspired dance experience through virtual reality. See their experience and find out how you can share yours at WeAreStrongerThanMS.org.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

VIRTUAL GRADUATION FOR BPS

EAST BOSTON - For hundreds of high school seniors living in East Boston, the last year of high school is a right of passage, and one that is remembered for a lifetime.

Whether these seniors are at East Boston High School or attending other public or private schools the final year of high school is usually filled with a tremendous amount of excitement and accomplishment.

However, the Class of 2020 has been living in a strange time since the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered schools back in March.

The usual traditions of senior prom, senior day and, above all, graduation exercises have all been cancelled.

To help bring back a little normalcy to the lives of seniors robbed of what was to be their greatest year, Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius announced the city will honor graduating seniors in the Class of 2020.

The Mayor and Superintendent will celebrate their accomplishments with a virtual graduation ceremony that will be broadcast on WCVB Channel 5 on Saturday, June 13 from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. The ceremony will be hosted by Mayor Walsh, Superintendent Cassellius and will feature Former United States Secretary of Education John King as the keynote speaker.

In addition to a televised broadcast, the ceremony will also be streaming online at WCVB.com and available after the broadcast on boston.gov.

“We are tremendously proud of our graduating seniors, who together mark a class of smart, hardworking, and creative individuals who I know will go on to do great things,” said Walsh. “While the coronavirus pandemic has sidelined some of our most important traditions, including high school graduation, we will not miss the opportunity to celebrate their achievements or mark this important milestone in their lives. I want all the seniors to know that their city is rooting for them, and will be behind them every step of the way. We are proud to work with WCVB Channel 5 to broadcast this very special event.”

The ceremony will feature remarks from School Committee Chair Michael Loconto, valedictorians from all 36 BPS high schools, and surprise guests. Students have also been asked to submit photos and videos of their high school experience.

“Senior year for any high school student is a remarkable time in a young person’s life, and the senior year for the Class of 2020 is unlike any we’ve experienced in our lifetime,” said Superintendent Cassellius. “The courage, flexibility, and resilience our students have shown, supported by our community is an inspiration for all of us, and gives us all reason to be hopeful about the future and the legacy the Class of 2020 will create long after their time in the Boston Public Schools has passed.”

EBHS Headmaster Phil Brangiforte said he always looks forward to celebrating all the accomplishments of his seniors during senior day, awards nights and graduation.

Addressing his seniors directly, Brangiforte said it breaks his heart that the Class of 2020, that has accomplished so much, has been cheated on a proper end to their high school careers.

“Unfortunately, you are approaching the pinnacle of your high school careers during one of the greatest conflicts the world has faced in over a century,” said Brangiforte. “I am truly sorry for the personal struggles that each and everyone one of you encountered over the past several months, and I’m sure many of you feel cheated out of the activities and memories that senior classes before you have experienced. Walsh has always been on your side through the entire pandemic. He knows how important graduation is and will be hosting a virtual graduation to honor the class of 2020. I value his leadership during this difficult time. The class of 2020 will go down in history and be the most remembered of all time.”

LOCAL MUSICIAN GIVES BACK TO ZUMIX

EAST BOSTON - Local musician Ali McGuirk and multimedia artist Pamela Maguire teamed up earlier this month to use art and music to support the Massachusetts families hardest hit by the COVID pandemic. On May 8 the pair released, via Bandcamp, a set of their works in tandem.

McGuirk debuted a previously vaulted, extended take of her song, “What Have We Done?” while Maguire presented a new 8x10 illustrated interpretation of a family together in the wilderness.

In partnership with Zumix, the proceeds from these dual releases will be redistributed directly to families in East Boston, Chelsea and surrounding towns, which have the highest per capita rate of confirmed coronavirus cases in Massachusetts.

“Pamela Maguire and I teamed up to raise some dough for families in Chelsea, Eastie and beyond,” said McGuirk. “The track is exclusively available on Bandcamp and all of the profits go directly to families in Eastie, Chelsea and the surrounding towns, which have the highest rates of COVID in the state, in partnership with Zumix’s mutual aid efforts.”

McGuirk works as a Teaching Artist at Zumix and has been moved by the organization’s ability to adapt with care towards the needs of their community. Since the onset of the pandemic, Zumix has been providing creative, financial and food support to about 200 families, including \$30,000 in direct payments to families who have lost work.

“On behalf of the entire Zumix community, I’d like to thank Ali McGuirk and Pamela Maguire for their generous and creative support of ZUMIX’s COVID-19 family assistance initiative,” said Zumix Executive Director and Co-Founder Madeleine Steczynski. “Their joint release via Bandcamp offers an extended version of Ali’s hit “What Have We Done,” along with Pamela’s visual depiction of a family together in the wilderness. We are blessed to have the support of such gifted artists. Their generosity will enable us to continue to provide critical support to local families in need.”

The proceeds from these releases will be used towards these direct relief mutual aid efforts as the pandemic continues to present unforeseen and unprecedented challenges to the community.

Maguire, a frequent collaborator of McGuirk’s and the hand behind her EP and debut album art, was inspired to create this new image while traveling re-

cently through the American South and Mexico, as a tribute to migrants and their families.

McGuirk’s new 10-minute version of “What Have We Done?” was recorded in 2017 at Chillhouse Studio with Jeffrey Lockhart, Cilla Bonnie, Brandon Mayes and Deshawn D’vibes Alexander—the band that helped win the 2018 Boston Music Award for Best Live Residency at Bull McCabe’s.

A link to the song can be found at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/e4lmhyclqqe-wro0>.

REVERE SCHOOLS NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE'S SCHOOL CHOICE

REVERE - At the last Revere Public School Committee meeting, committee member Stacey Rizzo made a motion to have Revere Public Schools not participate in the state’s School Choice program.

The school choice program allows parents to send their children to schools in communities other than the city or town in which they reside.

Each year the Revere School Committee must vote on whether or not they want to enter the program.

“I move that we the Revere School Committee vote to not accept non-Revere students into the revere public school system,” Rizzo said while making the motion.

The motion was seconded and unanimously rejected by the School Committee, which also includes Mayor Brian Arrigo.

Prior to the motion, Revere Public School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly, advocating for the district, said she did not support the idea.

“I am asking not to vote in favor of School Choice for Revere Public School, which allows other students from cities and towns into our public schools,” said Kelly. “You are all aware of the state we are in right now. All of our schools are overcrowded. We need to hold a yearly lottery lottery for our middle schools to ensure even distribution of students. There are over 2,000 students at Revere High School and the school is nearly bursting at the seams and our elementary schools are not in much better shape.”

The Inter-District School Choice law was passed into law by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1991.

The laws two main goals were to provide education options to Massachusetts parents and children, and to spur competition among districts.

School choice allows school districts to enroll non-resident pupils from other districts at a tuition (chapter 70 funding) cost that starts at \$5,000 but averages more than \$6,000 when special education expenses are added in. The tuition is paid entirely by the students’ home districts, at no cost to the parents.

More than 16,000 of the Commonwealth’s 950,000 students were enrolled as choice pupils. Nearly 60 percent of the state’s 322 school districts accepted students through the program.

School committees vote each year whether to accept new non-resident choice pupils. Their motivation to do so is usually to fill empty seats and bring in additional revenue.

However, as Dr. Kelly pointed out, Revere Public School don’t seem to need any help in filling seats for the foreseeable future.



Senior Isabella Lacorcía (right) says ‘Thank You’ to the teachers as they drive by during the Senior Salute car parade last Tuesday, May 26. The event was part of the altered Senior Week activities that took place in a mostly virtual format last week. Graduation will be quasi-in person as seniors and families will drive in on Saturday (Sunday rain date) to walk across the stage individually and have a little safe celebration. Congratulating the seniors from their car (above) were Freshman English teacher Ms. Dunn and Physical Education teacher Ms. Capra show their love for the seniors.



FIREWORKS CANCELLED IN LYNN

LYNN - In light of the unprecedented times we are experiencing with the COVID-19 pandemic, Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee and Swampscott Town Manager Sean Fitzgerald have jointly made the difficult decision to cancel the traditional 3rd of July Fireworks and parade. “Given the unparalleled times we are living in and the uncertainty we face, our only option was to cancel the 3rd of July fireworks to ensure our residents remain healthy,” said Mayor Thomas McGee. “The safety of our residents has been and will continue to be my top concern during this public health emergency.” “We all will be a bit disappointed that we will not be able to celebrate with our friends, neighbors, and the community at large this year. Yet, we all know that the safety and well-being of our communities and loved ones is the most important treasure we have,” said Swampscott Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald. The decision is tough for everyone as this event has become one of the most notable celebrations in the Commonwealth but is critical to help prevent the spread of this deadly virus. We would like to thank the Fireworks Vendor Atlas Pyrovision Entertainment Group for their understanding and cooperation with the cancellation of this year’s show. We are all looking forward to another great event in 2021.

“Our communities are deeply rooted in history and patriotism and we will continue to celebrate this in years to come. I would like to thank the Fireworks Committee for their tireless work and our residents for their understanding as we work to limit the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak,” said Mayor Thomas McGee.

“There is no doubt that the citizens of Lynn and Swampscott love our country and our communities and our traditions so this great event will not go away,” Fitzgerald said. “As a Nation, as a Commonwealth, as a City, and as a Town— just know we are looking forward to a time we can all celebrate together as a community.”

LOOKING AT CREATING PLANNING DEPT.

WINTHROP - At its most recent meeting on May 19, the Winthrop Town Council heard a presentation by Tufts University students on the benefits of creating a planning department for the Town of Winthrop.

Patrick Higgins, Alisha Patel, Ethan Pepin and Adrian Tanner presented a slideshow entitled Four Centuries Young: The Case for a Planning Department in Winthrop.

Planning was defined by the team as “the process of working with residents and elected officials to accomplish community goals.” The team conducted a literature review, interviewed planning professionals and analyzed budget statements to discover what benefits a professional planning department could bring to Winthrop.

The students explained that a town planner’s key role is to establish communication with foundations and to secure grant funding. They cited two projects—Win2030 and the \$1.3 million sewer upgrade—that could be budgeted more effectively with the help of a planner.

The presentation also showed how a planning department could increase the Town’s professionalism—giving support to planning boards, provide consistency around the development process, and tailoring new developments to community values.

The report claimed that a town planner could help fight climate change by engaging in coastal partnerships, seeking out climate-specific grants, and altering the Master Plan to be more environmentally conscious.

The Tufts team identified potential obstacles for a newly hired town planner, especially if he or she is from out of town. It emphasized that a planner should get to know residents and to patronize small businesses in an effort to learn the community’s values and earn its trust.

The mission of the Winthrop Planning and Economic Management Department, as it would be called, would be to serve the town “by providing technical and professional

support to the community as it determines and pursues its short- and long-term goals for community preservation, economic growth, and environmental protection.”

In order to determine the budget for the department, the researchers studied 16 municipal budgets and consulted online resources. They found that towns similar in size to Winthrop spent between \$165,000 and \$170,000 annually to fund the department. Department heads are paid approximately \$80,000 per year, and a town planner is paid approximately \$61,000.

When asked if it was necessary to have more than one planner, Higgins said “the more the better, so you can spread the work out.” He recommended one full-time planner and one part-time planner at a minimum.

Pepin highlighted the importance of hiring individuals with experience with both the Massachusetts and federal grant-writing processes, especially as the community reels from the economic fallout of COVID-19.

Councilors thanked the students for their hard work in assembling the presentation.

“I’m looking forward to acting on your recommendations,” said Councilor Tracy Honan.

“I think that adding a planner would bring much benefit to the town,” said Councilor Barbara Flockhart.

“We’re looking forward to finally having a planner in town to move us forward and do some things we’ve long wanted to have done,” said Councilor Rich Ferriano. “We’ll be looking for a planner soon so spruce up your résumé.”

One caller, Karen Chavis, said she was unsure how a planning department would be funded given the current budget restrictions.

“These people at Tufts did a wonderful job,” she said, “but I caution the council to think about other things before we [consider] a planner.”

Town Manager Austin Faison said that his recent budget presentation already accounted for the planning department by dissolving existing positions.

OBITUARIES

Cynthia Castle
Former Chelsea resident

Cynthia (Gordon) Castle of Melrose, formerly of Chelsea, passed away on Saturday, May 30 with her family by her side.

She was the beloved wife of the late Eugene Lawrence Castle to whom she was married for 59 years; devoted mother of Arlene Davis and her husband, Andy of Malden, Stuart Castle and his wife, Carol of Nashua, NH, Harold Castle of Nashua, NH and Leona Chodosh and her husband, Hank of Danbury, CT.; the loving daughter of the late Abraham and Fannie (Cutler) Gordon, dear sister of Ina Shane of Florida, Harold Gordon of Arizona and the late Sam, Walter and Sidney Gordon; loving grandmother of Brian Castle and his wife, Diane, Derek Davis, Daniel Davis, Rachel Castle and her fiancé, Joshua Casey, Natalie Orphanos, Melanie Schoffemeier and her husband, Kyle, Jeffrey Castle and his wife, Colleen and



Nicole Castle-Jamal and her husband, Dr. Joseph Jamal; cherished great-grandmother of Jordon Castle, Keagan, Nolan, Vivienne, Juliana and Everett.

A private graveside service will be held with interment at New Tifereth Israel Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances in Cynthia’s name may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association- PO Box 96001, Washington, DC 20090-6011. Visit www.torffuneralservice.com for guestbook.

MVES awarded more than \$82k to support senior volunteer service

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) recently received a Senior Corps RSVP grant of \$82,397.00 from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency for volunteering and service.

The funds were awarded as part of a Senior Corps RSVP grant competition to increase the impact of national service in the Mystic Valley region. Established in 1971, RSVP programs engage older Americans in volunteer opportunities across the country. These volunteers have been a critical resource for nationwide response efforts—in everything from hunger preven-

tion to natural disasters.

“This funding provides much-needed support to our RSVP program, in which our volunteers share their time and expertise with a wide variety of community members, from elementary school children to those enrolling in Medicare,” said Leah Mulrenan, Mystic Valley Elder Services’ RSVP Director and Volunteer Program Manager. Mulrenan oversees and supports over 400 volunteers in the Mystic Valley region, many of whom are serving critical community functions, such as serving food at senior dining sites, assisting elders with bill paying tasks, or distributing

goods at food pantries.

Established in 1971, RSVP programs engage Americans age 55 and older in citizen service that addresses the nation’s most-pressing challenges—everything from fighting the opioid epidemic, reducing crime and reviving cities, connecting veterans to jobs and benefits, preparing today’s students for tomorrow’s jobs, and ensuring seniors age independently and with dignity.

While serving, Senior Corps volunteers also improve their own lives, staying active and healthy through service. A growing body of research points to mental and physical

health benefits associated with volunteering, including lower mortality rates, increased strength and energy, decreased rates of depression, and fewer physical limitations. Mystic Valley Elder Services offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, which range from commitments of just a few hours each month, to multiple days each week.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at Mystic Valley Elder Services, and to find the one that’s best for you, please call 781-388-2375 or visit mves.org/volunteer.

Plan to resume retailer bottle and can redemption enforcement announced

As part of the Baker-Polito Administration’s comprehensive reopening plan, the required acceptance of bottle bill containers for redemption will resume in a two-stage process, beginning on June 5, 2020. The plan includes protocols and requirements to ensure the safety of employees and the public.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Attorney General’s Office on March 18, 2020, temporarily suspended enforcement of beverage container redemption requirements for retailers across the Commonwealth. MassDEP and the Attorney General’s Office will resume enforcement of beverage container redemption requirements in two phases:

- Enforcement of redemption requirements will resume at retailers using reverse vending machines (RVMs) on June 5, 2020.
- Enforcement of redemption requirements will resume at retailers accepting containers over-the-counter on June 19, 2020.

Bottle redemption services will need to adhere to the protocols set forth in the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development’s Guidance Regarding the Operation of Essential Services, including:

- Customers and employees wear a mask or face-covering;
- Post signage to remind customers to practice social

distancing;

- Clearly mark 6-foot spacing in lines on the floor;
- Limit bottle room occupancy; and
- Disinfect machines before proceeding to empty them.

Customers are encouraged to check the operating status of redemption locations before bringing empty beverage containers for redemption and should follow store guidelines related to redemption services and standard safety precautions to help prevent the spread

of COVID-19, such as wearing a mask and social distancing.

Customers visiting retailer redemption locations may be limited to redeeming no more than 120 deposit containers at a time. Customers seeking to redeem more than 120 containers are encouraged to utilize a redemption center with the capacity to manage large volumes efficiently and effectively. Customers must also ensure that all beverage containers are free of product, rinsed and

not commingled with other materials. Redemption locations may not accept containers with contaminants.

MassDEP’s Bottle Bill Hotline is available at 617-556-1054 for questions and information requests.

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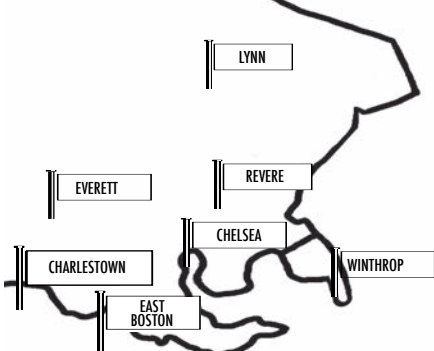
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The City of Chelsea Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids to furnish all services to provide "Carter Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements" throughout the City of Chelsea.
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after June 4, 2020 by contacting Dylan Cook, Chief Procurement Officer at dcCook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Carter Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 9:00AM on Thursday, June 18, 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."

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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 Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M. Dylan Cook Chief Procurement Officer

includes the construction of a redundant water service feed off of Shurtleff Street to the John Silber Early Learning Center (ELC) in the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts. Water service construction shall include the installation of approximately 45 linear feet of 8-inch ductile iron water main and fittings, including connections to existing primary water service feed and to existing stub in Shurtleff Street. Work shall also include the replacement of existing colored concrete in ELC courtyard to match existing color and pattern, as well as construction zone safety and traffic management. The required contract completion date is August 14, 2020. Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check payable to the Owner, is required in the amount of five percent of the bid, in accordance with Section 00200, INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. Copies of the contract documents are available through the City of Chelsea Purchasing Department online at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. The Purchasing Department website requires prospective bidders enter their name, organization, address, telephone number, fax number, and email in order to

secure contract document. Addendum will be published to furnished email addresses. The Contract Documents and plans will be available to prospective bidders starting on June 3, 2020. The selected contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as stipulated in Section 00700 GENERAL CONDITIONS of these specifications. All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended. Prevailing Wage Rates as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract. By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal

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hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filing out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard. A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: May 11, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo

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City of Chelsea, Massachusetts (Owner) Sealed bids for construction of Site Improvements and Materials Disposal, Contract No. 2020-282, for the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, will be received at Room 206, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 until 11:00 a.m. prevailing time on June 18, 2020, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of work includes, handling and disposal of 2,800 tons of street sweepings, catch basin cleanings, excavation spoils, and miscellaneous debris stockpiled at the City of Chelsea Public Works Yard located at #380 Beacham Street. The scope of work also includes debris screening and sorting, tree and brush clearing and disposal, and surface restoration including milling and overlay pavement. The required contract completion date is September 4, 2020. Bid Security in the form

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There is one entrance – on Washington Avenue near the lot – and one exit – on the Broadway side. Inside they have stickers for people to stand on in line to keep them at the right distance. Cleaning crews move through rapidly all the time, with custodial staff on duty. Surfaces are wiped down after every customer comes to a window, and the Treasurer’s Office has been built out with new walls and a window screen.

“It feels good to be open,” said Maltez. “People have been excited to be able to come in and pay their tax bills, get parking stickers and to pay excise taxes. Chelsea has a large population of cash-only businesses and online payment isn’t an option for them.”

The Hall is open Monday to Friday with limited hours – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. It will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.

At the Clerk’s Office, Hector Velez was taking customers at his window and preparing for the new normal – which includes wiping and sanitizing all surfaces after each customer visit.

“It feels good to be back working in person with people,” he said. “I’m glad we’re doing all these things to make sure we can help stop the spread.”

Outside, greeting residents, was Yareli Arenas. Residents were filling out forms to indicate what they wanted to do inside. She said it felt good to be able to help people again face-to-face.

“I’m excited it’s come to the time when we can welcome people back,” she said. “People have been inside for a while now and they are starting to go out again.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he was admittedly nervous about opening City Hall. Not many City Halls have opened yet – including Everett and Revere – and Chelsea was a hot spot for some time. Brining people back inside made him nervous.

But by Wednesday, it was going very well.

“I think it has gone well and probably better than we thought it would,” he said. “There are a lot of unbanked people in our com-



Signs in English and Spanish helped residents to know they needed to wear masks and to social distance while in City Hall.

munity and we needed to accommodate them so they could pay by cash. That required City Hall to be open and the deadline for these bills by law is June 29. We didn’t want penalties for them. This was also some symbolic point to it as well that was a positive one.”



Hector Velez of the City Clerk’s office cleaned thoroughly all surfaces in between each customer on Monday.



From the Department of Public Works, John Pisaturo, Wai Leong, and William Martinez, helped spruce up City Hall grounds.



Liem Vu, Kateryn Hernandez, and Gabriel Millar were on hand to guide residents and prevent congregating.



DPW Director Fidel Maltez, Yareli Arenas, and Mike Sandoval ready to assist residents on the return to City Hall.



Residents were asked to fill out a form to explain what they planned to do at City Hall. Then City workers helped to make sure – while outside – that residents were prepared with the right paperwork.

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lot of clocks. Almost every U.S. President had a Chelsea Clock.”

Mauch said he takes pride in the company’s unmatched history as a manufacturer of superior timepieces.

“One of the nice things about working at Chelsea Clock is that it’s well known and people know we’re known for quality clocks,” said Mauch. “Wherever you travel, peo-

ple appreciate the name, Chelsea Clock. There’s a lot of pride working for Chelsea clock.”

The Mauch-Robinson connection

D. Bruce Mauch and his wife, Gail [Robinson] Mauch, have been married for 36 years. They have a daughter, Nickolette, who is a certified emergency medical technician.

Bruce couldn’t have

joined a more, community-service minded and popular family than the Robinsons, typified by his brother-in-laws, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson and Latimer Society Co-Director Ronald Robinson.

“Through Leo and Gail, that’s when I developed my interest in the city,” said Mauch. “They got me to get involved.”

Bruce and the forever sartorially splendid Gail

Mauch are fixtures at local social events from the Chamber’s Pot-O-Gold Dinner to the Rotary’s installations.

The list of organizations which D. Mauch has sat on boards or served in leadership positions include CETA, the Chelsea Community Fund, the Friends of the Chelsea Public Library (as its current president), the Licensing Commission, the Rotary Club, and the Chamber of Commerce.

“I was on an advisory committee with Molly Baldwin when they first started thinking about forming a youth center for ROCA,” recalled Mauch.

He was a member of the original Chelsea Charter Review Committee that totally changed the structure of Chelsea government.

He has worked on numerous successful campaigns for Leo Robinson,

who is the dean of Chelsea government. Bruce Mauch himself served one year as the Ward 1 alderman.

“I love Chelsea,” said Mauch. “I’ve met a lot of great people. Chelsea is a community where people say that you never leave it. Once you’ve been there, you never leave.”

Praise from Sue Gallant and Councillor Leo Robinson

Former Rotary and Chamber of Commerce President Susan Gallant has had a front row seat as she and D. Bruce Mauch have served this city well in many capacities. The Rotary Club’s “Breakfast With Santa” which Gallant has organized and Mauch has volunteered as the great visitor from the North Pole is but one shining example of their collaboration for the betterment of Chelsea.

“I have known Bruce Mauch for 29 years and have always known him to be devoted to family, friends, Rotary and the City of Chelsea,” said Gallant. “I have served on many boards with Bruce, including the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Chelsea, and Youth Service Managers. His comments, suggestions and opinions are always well thought out, well presented, and thought provoking. He, like Chelsea Clock, is a well-loved institution.

Said Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson about D. Bruce Mauch, “He is a man for all seasons, He is very knowledgeable about life. He is very active in our community. Bruce gave me a sound piece of advice: If you own a Chelsea Clock, you can never go broke. And that holds today.”

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