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City Clerk expresses confidence in ‘Vote By Mail’

By Cary Shuman

Chelsea City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White is confident that the ‘Vote By Mail’ option for the Sept. 1 State Primary will go smoothly in the city.

Cintron White explained the different phases of the process that will allow Chelsea voters to cast their ballots by mail, meaning they would not have to go to the polls to vote on Sept. 1, the day of the Primary Election.

“The state has mailed to every registered voter in Chelsea a card that says, ‘Official 2020 Vote By Mail Application,’ said Cintron White. “Residents can return the application by mail (The state is paying the costs of postage via Business Reply Mail) or drop it off at our office. As soon as we get the ballots in our office, we would send them a ballot.”

The deadline for submitting Vote By Mail applications is Aug. 26 at 5 p.m. “Early ballots for the State Primary must be returned by 8 p.m. on Sept 1, 2020, to be counted,” added Cintron White. “The mail-in ballots may be returned in person, by mail, or by dropping them off in the green mailbox outside of the Washington Avenue City Hall Entrance.”

Some have suggested that the new Vote by Mail option could lead to voter fraud, but Cintron White discounts those opinions.

“I think people in Chelsea trust the process here,” said Cintron White. “I think people feel safe voting by mail and we encourage them to do so. I don’t see why people would be opposed to it.”

Due to the coronavirus, it is expected that many residents will choose to vote by mail in the Sept 1 Election. That option will also be available for the Nov. 3 Election.

The State Primary election season is heating

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Jeannette Cintron White
Chelsea City Clerk

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Chelsea Community Connections (CCC) distributed clothing on Saturday to local families. From left, are Irma Mazzoni, CCC Director Cara Cogliano, Adele Gonzalez, Susana Carella, and Steicy Martins.

Cogliano leads CCC clothing distribution effort

By Cary Shuman

Chelsea Community Connections Director Cara Cogliano began her professional career in Chelsea 28 years ago.

“My first job out of college at BU was at the Williams School in 1992,” recalled Cogliano. “I was a pre-school teacher. It was before there was a [John Silber] Early Learning Center [at the Shurtleff School].”

Cogliano, who has had an accomplished career in early childhood intervention and family services, later earned a Master’s degree in Management in Health and Human Services (MMHS)

City declares racism a public health emergency

By Seth Daniel

City Manager Tom Ambrosino signed a declaration this week deeming racism a public health emergency.

The long-ranging declaration followed those of other cities in the area, and was the starting point for examining racism in City government, in policing, in education, in housing and in health care – among others.

“Racism is threat to public health and safety, and is a paramount social determinant of health, shaping access to the resources that create opportunities for health, including public safety, housing, education

from Brandeis University.

Cogliano returned to Chelsea in 2012 after being asked to help out the Chelsea Community Connections program. She has been a director at CCC for the past eight years.

On Saturday, Cogliano led a group of volunteers in distributing free children’s summer clothing items. Several local families turned out for the well-organized program that was held on Luther Place behind the Chelsea Walk off of Broadway. Residents donated the clothing that had been collected during a drive also held at Luther Place.

The clothing drive reaffirmed the agency’s con-

tinuing success in strengthening local families and building a healthier community. The agency is funded by the state Department of Children and Families (DCF).

“We’re trying to prevent families from getting involved with the department for child abuse and neglect,” said Cogliano. “We connect families to resources and information that will help them provide for their families.”

CCC’s office is located at 113 Hawthorne St. where Cara Cogliano works with Program Assistant Yesenia Perez in assisting local families.

justice, we must start with in our local communities by addressing racism that contributes to disparities among social determinants of health,” it read. “All agencies of City government must commit to addressing the impact that racism has had on the lives of all of our neighbors as well as its impact on the overall health of our City and to taking concrete steps to eliminate structural racism in education, housing, public safety, health care and other areas of society.”

The declaration invites all residents of Chelsea to

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Sweeping changes proposed to curb systemic racism

By Seth Daniel

City Manager Tom Ambrosino agreed to sweeping changes immediately within City government to help stem systemic racism within City Hall during a meeting on the subject called for by Councillors Leo Robinson and Calvin Brown, amongst others.

The meeting on Tuesday night was a follow up put in during the last meeting in June by Robinson and Brown and other councillors following up on the Black Lives Matter rally organized by what has now become known as the Chelsea Young Adult Alliance and the Chelsea Black Community.

The meeting was bolstered by a letter sent from the Young Adult Alliance,

led by Kyle and Jayda Umemba. That letter went to Ambrosino within the last week and contained upwards of 50 demands on how to change City government to prevent systemic racism.

The call by Councillors Robinson and Brown, and the young people, were answered in a sweeping set of initial changes laid out by Ambrosino at the meeting.

That started with an ask of Ambrosino to acknowledge publicly that systemic racism is built into government at all levels, even Chelsea City Hall.

He said he had no problem doing that.

“That’s an easy one for me because I do acknowledge that inherently all

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Upcoming study to look at dedicated bus lane on the Mystic/Tobin Bridge

By Seth Daniel

Getting over the Mystic/Tobin Bridge by bus might become even faster if an upcoming study recommends implementing a dedicated bus lane on the bridge after construction work wraps up in 2021.

On July 16, the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) membership voted to approve a 12-week study that will collect data relevant to the use of travel lanes on the bridge. MassDOT indicated it has made no commitment regarding how lanes of travel will be used after the work zone lane takings are no longer needed in 2021. The agency said they will get the data and share it with the public, and then engage in a community process about how the lanes that have been closed for construction could be used in the future. If it pans out, one of the closed work

zone lanes could become a managed lane.

A managed lane could be one of the following options or even other options not mentioned: bus-only-lane, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane with the number of occupants per vehicle to be determined, an HOV lane for vehicles that would have reduced or no tolls.

In March 2020, MassDOT completed Phase I of the Tobin Bridge Managed Lane Study and requested that Central Transportation Planning Staff (CTPS) provide computer modeling support for an analysis of various bus and/or high-occupancy-vehicle lane treatments for Rt. 1, including the Tobin Bridge, and help look at the potential benefits as part of a second phase of the study.

That was approved on

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POLE DOWN



On Tuesday morning, July 21, at approximately 9 a.m. Chelsea Fire and Police Department responded to the area of Pearl and Essex Streets after a large dump truck struck overhead power lines pulling down a utility pole in the process that landed atop the truck. The operator of the truck was not injured. Chelsea Fire companies remained on scene until the pole and wires were removed from the truck by crews from Eversource. Chelsea Police are investigating the cause of the accident.

PHOTO BY PAUL KOOLLOJIAN

those populations who have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic and plagued by economic uncertainty.”

Within the bill, Senator DiDomenico successfully secured funding for his district by facilitating the inclusion of language that allocated \$108 million for transportation improvements in the West End of Boston by relocating a portion of Storrow Drive and its access ramps to Charles circle. In addition, Senator DiDomenico filed several amendments that were adopted into the final bill, including \$2.5 million to assist with the redevelopment of the lower Broadway section of Chelsea.

“One of my top priorities

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Major developer proposes new plan for Wood Waste property

By Seth Daniel

The largest residential apartment developer in the world has taken note of the Parkway in Everett and Chelsea, proposing to take over the residential project on the Wood Waste property just over the line in Everett and knit a very high-end apartment community into what is already an emerging residential address on Vale and Boston Streets.

Tammy Copson of Greystar Development – the largest developer of apartments in the world and based in Boston – told the Everett Planning Board on Monday they have entered an agreement with Wood Waste on Boston Street to purchase their intended project and make modifications.

“We are purchasing the land from them,” she said. “We will be the developer, contractor and management company...Our team has worked on these modifications. We have really aimed to work within what has been approved already and work on changes to keep the project moving...We are the largest residential developer in the world and have more than 500,000 units under management. We aim to construct high-quality living environment. We also want to satisfy the existing community.”

The Wood Waste project has a long history dating back to 2017, and was approved in 2019 with 57 conditions that included serious requirements for flood prevention and transformation of the industrial block into a residential area. Those conditions would be inherited, according to the City and the developer.

Copson said the changes include converting three, seven-story buildings into two, six story buildings to accommodate 650 apartment units – which is the same number as before and still includes 33 affordable units on site. They have reduced the retail portion of the project from 13,507 sq. ft. to 9,000 sq. ft. but added it to the ground floor to increase foot traffic and activity on the new street. They have also bumped up the amenity space in the apartment community from 9,637 sq. ft. to 19,000 sq. ft. They have also re-configured the parking arrangement, decreasing the numbers of spaces, but putting the parking in two, well-hidden structured garages. The parking spots go from 832 to 785 – still above the required number of 746 spaces.

“The new buildings become really permeable, accessible and active,” she said. “We hope to start construction in quarter 2 of

2021 and continue to push the project forward now and push the design details so we can deliver this on budget and on time.”

One of the things that the new design attempts to do is “knit” the new project into two existing projects on either side – the Fairfield development of more than 700 units across Vale Street on the Chelsea side, and the one-year-old Pioneer development across the street on the Everett side, fronting the Parkway.

Tom Schultz of The Architectural Team, based in Chelsea, said they have been very thoughtful about the other two developments and fitting this one into the feel and idea of those other two.

“We tried to develop a strong urban edge along the streets,” he said. “We designed urban blocks and tried to stitch in the Pioneer and the Fairfield development under construction on the Chelsea side. It’s a way to activate the street and give some street life there...The greatest difference between this design and the previous design is that first floor is no longer parking, but instead we’re trying to activate the street with retail.”

A key design element is a pedestrian/vehicle middle road between the two buildings – much like what



Greystar Development, the largest apartment developer in the world, has moved to purchase and develop the Wood Waste site off the Parkway. They were approved Monday night for Minor Modifications at the site. The Wood Waste project had been lingering over four years, and City officials indicated their happiness with the transaction, and Greystar said they would like to start construction in the spring of 2021.

one might see at Station Landing in Wellington. The street is highly-friendly to pedestrians and to activity, but is also used as a way for cars to slowly get to the parking garages. There are a number of traffic calming situations instituted on that block to keep speeds down and to make drivers understand the concept.

There is also now an increase in open space to 29 percent as well, and the use of materials like brick, metal, glass and cementitious panels.

The breakdown of buildings is as follows. Building

1 will have 330 units (91 studios, 142 one-bedrooms, and 97 two-bedrooms) and 380 parking spaces. Building 2 will have 320 units (88 studios, 137 one-bedrooms and 95 two-bedrooms) and 379 parking spots. There are 26 street parking spots also. Amenities will include lounges, fitness, Yoga rooms, work pods, two pools, a dog park and two roof decks.

City planning officials were excited about the project and felt it could be the next step in lifting up that area post-COVID, and they said there could likely be

more proposals coming for that area too – marking a huge step in the transformation of a blighted industrial area to a trendy residential address.

Some were worried that the conditions imposed on the former project would be lost, but the new owners said they understood them and would abide by them. There are 57 conditions on the development that include flood mitigation, most importantly.

Said Copson, “We understand there is a lot of history here and a lot of work done.”

Chelsea Ward 4 Democratic Committee unanimously endorses Joe Gravellese for State Representative

Joe Gravellese has been unanimously endorsed by the Chelsea Ward 4 Democratic Committee in his race for State Representative in the 16th Suffolk District. The district includes Precincts 2 & 3 of Ward 4 in Chelsea, in addition to precincts in Revere and Saugus, and a portion of Chelsea’s Ward 3.

“Joe has shown a sincere interest in getting to know the needs of the people of Chelsea,” said Attorney Olivia Anne Walsh, Chair of the Chelsea Ward 4 Democratic Committee. “He is running on a positive message of investing in communities like ours, and standing up for working people. All of our members

voted to support him.”

“I’m grateful for the endorsement of the committee,” said Gravellese. “Chelsea has been hit hard by COVID-19, and needs fighters representing it in the Legislature - people who care deeply about Chelsea, and are going to speak out on the important issues facing its residents -

like reducing pollution, improving transportation, and giving all students, regardless of their background, access to a high-quality education, from pre-K through college.”

The Democratic primary election will be held on Tuesday, September 1.

Reps. Pressley, McGovern lead Northeast delegation lawmakers in calling for equitable distribution of emergency food aid

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) and Congressman James P. McGovern (MA-02) this week led 20 of their colleagues in writing to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) urging the agency to allocate equitable resources to the Northeast region under the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, which was created to address both skyrocketing food insecurity for families and devastating economic losses for farmers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The lawmakers cited regional disparities in how the USDA has allocated these funds since its initial round of funding, noting that the Northeast has received the

second-lowest allocation of any geographic region despite representing the highest number of COVID-19 cases in the country.

Before the COVID-19 public health crisis began, more than 3.6 million people in the Northeast region experienced food insecurity, and over the course of this pandemic these numbers have only increased. Since then, the USDA established the Farmers to Families Food Box Program to create partnerships with distributors and organizations, to purchase up to \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat products to supply to families in need.

However, despite representing the highest number of COVID-19 cases in

the country, the Northeast region received the second-lowest allocation of any geographic region—only \$46 million (4.4 percent) of the total \$1.2 billion made in the first round of USDA’s distributions.

“[I]n recent months, we have learned about troubling discrepancies in how the USDA has allocated the program’s funds,” the lawmakers wrote in their letter to USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue. “Given that USDA has already initiated a second round of distributions between July 1st through August 31st, we write to demand that our constituents receive equitable access to the Farmers to Families Food Box Program going forward.”

The lawmakers also asked Secretary Perdue to provide additional information regarding USDA’s implementation of the program, including:

- An explanation of the agency’s methodology for determining contract assignments;
 - An explanation of safeguards the agency will take to ensure that the proportion of program allocations reflect the proportion of food insecurity represented in a given geographic region; and
 - A detailed explanation of how the second round of funding will be distributed.
- They asked that USDA respond to their inquiry no later than August 1.

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July 16, and so far some are applauding it, including State Rep. Dan Ryan – a long-time advocate of pedestrian and public transportation in Chelsea and Charlestown.

“I want to thank the MPO for taking a hard look at the possibility of a bus lane and/or HOV lane on the Tobin,” he said. “I’ve worked with my colleagues in the House and Boston Mayor Walsh’s office to get a bus lane along North Washington Street for the last mile of the journey into Boston. The Chelsea City-Council and City Manager have also worked on re-thinking Broadway. This is a great opportunity to re-envision public transportation from points North into Boston. I fully support the concept.”

The issue with the bus on the Tobin Bridge is that while there are bus lanes in place in Boston – and lanes planned for Rutherford Avenue and the North Washington Street Bridge in Charlestown – there is no such accommodation on the bridge. That often means buses headed over the bridge have a smooth ride, then get bunched up on the bridge. Having a potential bus lane or managed lane concept could

Tegin Teich, executive director of the MPO, and MPO researcher Scott Pe-

terson said their role is to study the possibility of adding a managed lane of some type – whether a bus lane or an HOV lane – to the bridge. They will study the potential positive impacts, but also study whether such a change could simply divert traffic to adjacent roads – such as in Everett or East Boston.

Peterson said they do this using computer modelling that has been in place for more than 20 years, though updated constantly.

“MassDOT came to us to try to understand how this change to the Tobin Bridge would result on bus service – the 111 route to be specific,” he said. “If you have bus lane dedicated on the Tobin Bridge, would you decrease trip time and would people be enticed to take that mode share.”

He said they would study a bus lane concept and an HOV (two or more people in a vehicle) concept.

Teich said they will have a better understanding of what might happen if the change is made after the study.

“Running those models allows us to establish and see the potential reaction,” she said. “It allows us to think and understand what a re-purposed lane would mean.”

One potential they will have to look at is if it would mean increased congestion in the general traffic lanes, thus pushing people and traffic elsewhere.

The first phase of the study will be this Friday, with the MPO beginning to collect data and to bring on a consultant. The second phase of the study, involving the HOV lane concept, will take nine months to complete.

MassDOT said the discussion started due to the taking of the lanes on the bridge for construction over the last 18 months. It made sense to study whether new lane usage could benefit the public before restoring those lanes in 2021.

In other, more residential or regional roadway – such as in Everett and in Boston – bus lanes have been shown to save up to 12 minutes on a transit trip due to not getting stuck in congestion.

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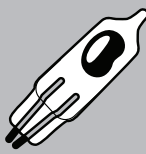
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CHANGE MILITARY BASE NAMES IMMEDIATELY

If you're like us, then it truly has been a revelation in these past few weeks to learn that U.S. military installations throughout the South were named in "honor" of Confederate heroes in the Civil War.

Whenever we would hear the name, "Ft. Benning, Georgia," for example, we never gave it a second thought. However, it turns out that Henry Benning was a general in the Civil War who led a number of campaigns against the North.

In short, he sought to destroy the United States -- so how does a guy like that get a U.S. military base named after him?

Well, the short answer is that Benning was an avowed racist who wanted to destroy the Union so that the South could maintain slavery.

Here's what he said at the Secession Convention in Virginia in February, 1861: "If things are allowed to go on as they are, it is certain that slavery is to be abolished. By the time the North shall have attained the power, the black race will be in a large majority, and then we will have black governors, black legislatures, black juries, black everything. Is it to be supposed that the white race will stand for that?"

It was not a coincidence that almost all of the military bases in the South are named after Confederate war heroes who, like Benning, also were notable for the roles they played in advocating for slavery before the Civil War and for white supremacy after the Civil War, including one general who was a founder of the Ku Klux Klan.

Almost all of these military installations came into existence during WWI and WWII when the U.S. was mobilizing millions of Americans from all around the country. The naming of the bases for Confederate war heroes was a concession to southern political leaders, who wanted to send the message that although the South had lost the Civil War, their belief in white supremacy nonetheless had prevailed.

And why did the military and Northern political leaders placidly go along with such a disgraceful tactic? The short answer is that racism was (and is) endemic in our country from North to South and East to West. During both WWI and WWII, the entire U.S. military was segregated, something that did not change until 1948 when President Harry S. Truman desegregated our armed forces.

These military base names are not merely a vestige of slavery, they also represent the entire history of our country's racist past.

The sooner they go, the better.

A DEPRESSING THOUGHT – SUMMER IS HALF OVER

The summer of our discontent -- the summer that hasn't been -- is just about half over. June has come and gone and we are just past the midway point of July, which means that there are only seven weekends left until Labor Day.

The arrival of summer has been a blessing for just about all of us during this pandemic. We can go outside and enjoy the fresh air (which, by the way, has been the cleanest it has been in decades in our area thanks to the reductions of emissions from automobile, jet aircraft, and cruise ship traffic).

Although our gyms have been closed, we can run, walk, bicycle, and swim for exercise. Our children can go outside and be children. And for those who simply like to relax, the beaches and our boats have been a welcome respite from our months of lockdown.

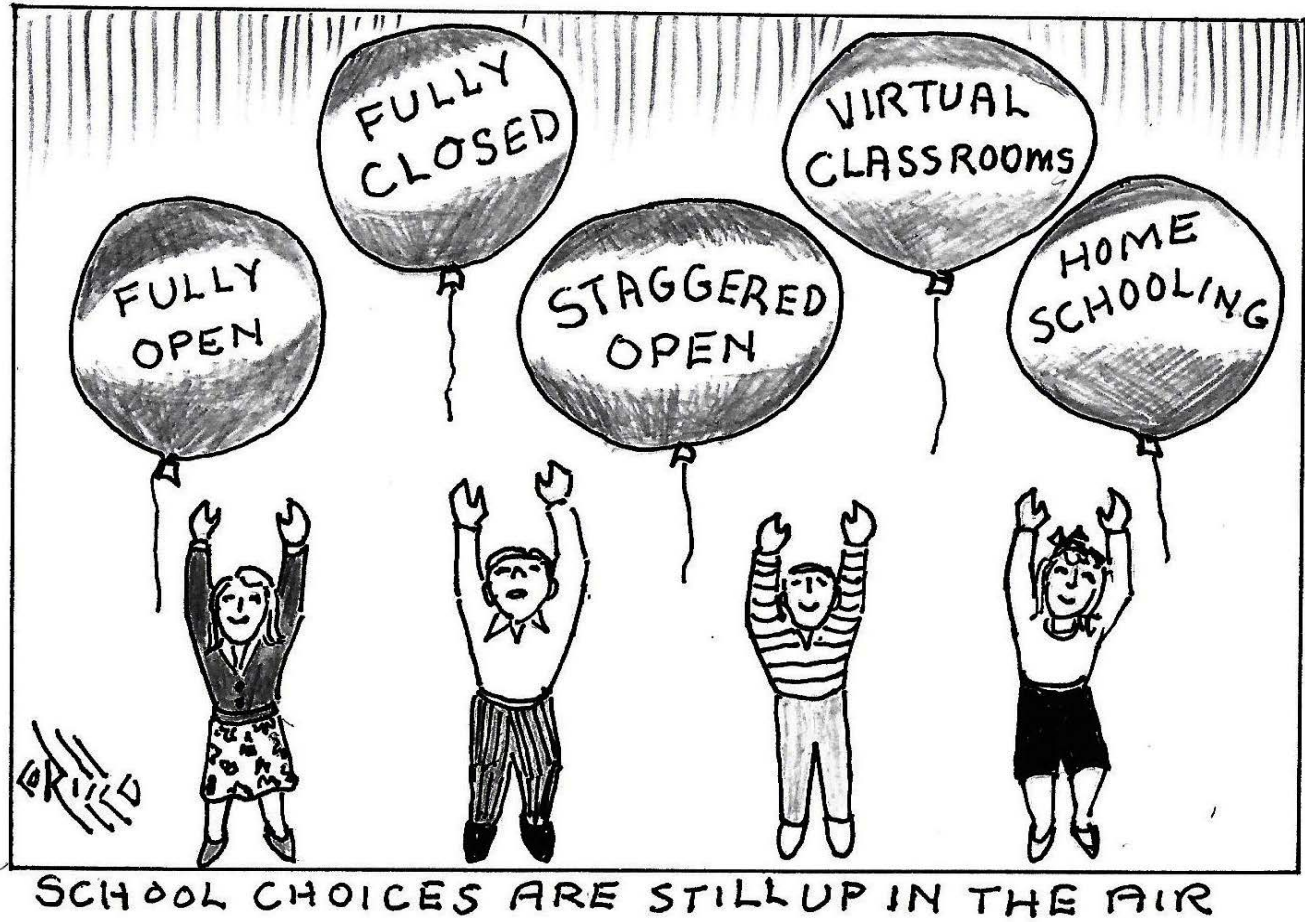
But if we look beyond these next seven weeks, the future does not seem to be very pleasant.

The lockdowns and quarantines that first began in mid-March were ameliorated by the imminent arrival of spring weather. But as the weather soon begins to turn colder and stormier after Labor Day, and the days grow shorter, our outdoor activities will be limited.

The phased reopenings this summer have been difficult enough, but as the weather turns for the worse, we fear that so too, will our mental and physical health worsen. The winter of 2020-21 promises to be the most challenging of our lifetimes on many levels.

So as we enter the second half of the summer season, let's make the most of the weeks we have left -- always with masks and social distancing -- to create memories for ourselves and our children that will bolster us for the difficult days to come.

Forum



GUEST OP-ED

Declaration of racism as a public health emergency

By Tom Ambrosino

Whereas, racism is threat to public health and safety, and is a paramount social determinant of health, shaping access to the resources that create opportunities for health, including public safety, housing, education and employment, and is a persistent barrier to health equity for all residents of Chelsea; and

WHEREAS, in addition to having an independent influence on the social determinants of health, racism in and of itself has been proven to have broad-reaching and direct negative impacts on individual health outcomes; and

Whereas, structural and systemic racism and the resulting health disparities more adversely affect the physical, mental and overall health of person of color; and

Whereas, racial justice is the creation and proactive reinforcement of policies, practices, attitudes and actions that produce equitable power, access, opportunity, treatment, and outcomes for all people regardless of race; and

Whereas, in order to be effective in instituting the change required to achieve racial justice, we must start within our local communities by addressing racism that contributes to disparities among social determinants of health; and

Whereas, all agencies of City government must commit to addressing the impact that racism has had on the lives of all of our neighbors as well as its impact on the overall health of our City and to taking concrete steps to eliminate structural racism in education, housing, public safety, health care and other areas of society; and

Whereas, all Chelsea residents are welcome to join in this work to create a City where all resident live fulfilling lives free of racism, poverty, violence and other systems of oppression; and

Whereas, the Chelsea City Council approved on June 29, 2020 an Order expressly requesting that the City declare by Executive Order racism as a Public Health crisis in order to highlight the need for imminent attention to this work;

Now therefore, I, Thomas G. Ambrosino, City Manager of the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, do hereby declare that, in the City of Chelsea, racism constitutes an emergency and a public health crisis. And, in recognition of this declaration, I hereby commit to the following:

1. That the City of Chelsea will work to institute changes in our policies and

practices across all municipal departments to address institutional racism and the impacts of racism on the social determinants of health;

2. That, in identifying the problems and solutions to systemic racism, the City will engage historically marginalized communities and fully support community-driven responses;

3. That, when solutions are identified that the community believes will empower them to tackle systemic barriers to justice and racial equity, the City will support and fund such solutions; and

4. That, in addition to its local efforts, the City will advocate at the state and federal level for policies and funding opportunities that directly combat systemic racism.

Tom Ambrosino is the City Manager of Chelsea.

GUEST OP-ED

Generational responsibility: My plan to support senior citizens

By Joe Gravellese

I believe in generational responsibility. This means we all have the obligation to make the world a little bit better for the next generation. It also means we have the obligation to support senior citizens as they age. Fulfilling our generational responsibility to the young and to the aging requires shared sacrifice, but it is the right thing to do.

Earlier this year, I rolled out my policy for investing in youth. Today, I introduce my plan for supporting senior citizens if elected as your next State Representative on September 1.

•Health care costs

One of the biggest issues facing all generations, but especially seniors, is healthcare costs.

In November, the State Senate passed a bill to create more transparency around drug prices, and cap the price of critical medication like insulin. The House should pass similar legislation, and if elected, I will support it.

There are bills pending that I have previously spoken in support of, which would allow for the import of lower-cost prescription drugs from Canada, and for the bulk purchase and distribution of medications with widespread public health benefits.

Another needed bill, supported by the Massachusetts Nurses Association, is the Hospital Profit Transparency and Fairness Act. Big hospitals receive taxpayer funds, but shirk their responsibility to the community by closing hospitals in poorer areas, shuttering services, and raising prices. Right now, the public has no way of knowing how much these ever-expanding hospital groups are spending on things like marketing and executive salaries. This bill would require hospitals to be transparent about their holdings and their spending, and claw back public funds if they are spending egregiously on expenses that don't improve the health of patients.

•Housing

While housing costs are often framed as an issue for my generation, they are increasingly squeezing seniors, too - especially seniors on fixed incomes. Seniors who rent are seeing rents swallow up their incomes. Seniors who own will not feel the benefit of increasing property values, but do feel the pain of property taxes.

Massachusetts attracts smart and successful people from all over the country. This is a good thing, but

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How many friends do you have?

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

How many friends do you have? Thousands? If you are on Facebook you may have close to 5000 friends and tens of thousands of more “friends” via Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat or various other social media connections. Are you really connected? Can you really call these social media friends, “friends?”

How many of these people do you talk to or have ever had a verbal conversation, in person or on the telephone? How many of them have you met or would like to meet? In most cases if your social media “friends” wanted to meet you and visit you it would scare you to death. Although, I know a little bit about most of mine and in most cases I think I would probably enjoy it. If I wouldn’t enjoy it then why have that person in my circle of “friends?” The larger the number of people you have in your social media circle the less likely you are to know much if anything about them and then you have to ask yourself “why?” Most people would never have that much time to talk on the phone with all

their social media friends. I receive friend requests everyday but seldom accept many because often they are from people who I’m clueless about. Why do I want to know what they are doing or what I’m doing if I don’t even know anything at all about the person?

There is a verse from scripture that says “A friend sticks closer than a brother.” Often in life you discover your friends aren’t who you thought they were but often are the people you might never imagined. A true friend steps in when the others have walked away. All you need to do is fall on your face, make some mistakes in life and you’ll lose the majority of your “friends.” They’ll disappear. The handful of people who stay with you or show up to help you will become the greatest people in your life.

I once heard someone say, “The person who loves God most is at his post when all the others have walked away.” It’s true with a friend. A real friend will be there regardless. How many people do you have in your life who will come to you if you are 200 miles

away and your car is broke down? Who will try to wire \$500 to you if you are in a distant town and lose your wallet?

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How many friends do you really have?

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

Councilor Vidot urges residents to vote safely and vote by mail for Sept. 1 primary

At-Large Chelsea City Councilor and Candidate for State Representative of the Second Suffolk District, Damali Vidot, recently recognized the Massachusetts Legislature and Gov. Charlie Baker for developing and implementing the Commonwealth’s first-ever vote by mail program. Today, she’s urging residents of the Second Suffolk District to vote early, to vote safely, and to vote by mail for the September 1 primary election.

Councilor Vidot reflected on the importance of the vote by mail program given the new and challenging hazards presented by COVID-19: “I want to recognize the Massachusetts Legislature and Governor Baker for introducing the Commonwealth’s first-ever vote by mail program. In Chelsea, the hotspot of COVID-19, and in Charlestown, this is an essential measure that will ensure that everyone has access to voting—the most fundamental right of our democracy.”

At the height of the COVID-19 outbreak in Massachusetts, Chelsea quickly emerged as the vulnerable hotspot in the state. The infection rate and deaths surpassed even the hardest hit boroughs of

New York City at the time. While Charlestown’s infection rates were the lowest among Boston neighborhoods, the impacts to residents, businesses, and to community continue to be deeply felt by all.

As a result, Councilor Vidot is urging residents to “vote safely and vote by mail to ensure that your voice is heard and counted. At a time when there is still much uncertainty about the path forward, we must ensure that the residents of Charlestown, Chelsea, and the Commonwealth have their right to vote protected.”

Earlier in July, Governor Baker signed a bill authorizing vote by mail for the first time in the history of Massachusetts. Residents who were registered to vote by July 1 will receive, or should have already received, an application for an absentee ballot to vote in the September 1 primary election in which Vidot is running for State Representative. In order to request a ballot, voters must promptly return the application to their local election office if choosing to vote by mail. The deadline to apply for a ballot is Wednesday, August 26 - although voters are strongly encouraged to do so sooner to ensure they

receive a ballot in a timely fashion. Once a ballot is received, voters should fill it out and return it promptly using the included prepaid postage.

The deadline to apply for a ballot is Wednesday, August 26 - although voters are strongly encouraged to do so sooner to ensure they receive a ballot in a timely fashion.

People who have not received a ballot application may fill out an application online through the Secretary of The Commonwealth’s Office and email or mail a signed copy to their local city clerk’s office.

Councilor Vidot has been an effective leader throughout COVID-19, organizing with her community to secure PPE, food and financial assistance, and housing stabilization funds as part of a large-scale emergency response to the crisis. At the center of her work, Vidot’s leadership is “firmly rooted in community, and in ensuring that hard-working families have a seat at the table to build their own future.” Voting by mail, she continued, “is a critical step in our ‘new normal’ to ensure that everyone’s voice is included as we look to build an equitable future together.”

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those doing well here need to invest in the health and well-being of the rest of the Commonwealth. Closing tax loopholes, reversing tax cuts on the very wealthy, and shoring up the Community Preservation Act can help us invest in our decaying stock of public and subsidized housing, which many seniors and veterans rely on to have a safe home. We also need to enact policies that will ensure that seniors and people with disabilities have a place to live. Chelsea has an ordinance requiring a percentage of new development be affordable, and it’s time Revere does the same - with a focus on housing for seniors and veterans, like the project on Shirley Avenue that has provided a supportive home for those who have served our country. Additionally, in Revere, Mayor Arrigo successfully pushed for the adoption of a 10% residential exemption for low-income seniors. While a State Representative does not control this, I would use my platform to urge that this be expanded to 20%. Seniors would also benefit from legislation to legalize “in-law” apartments. Allowing for the legal creation

of small units to house an aging aunt, Nonna or Papa keeps families together and creates affordable housing that fits within the context of existing neighborhoods.

•Mobility

Massachusetts must ensure mobility for seniors, who may struggle to get to grocery stores, churches, and other public buildings.

This is why my platform for fixing public transportation is so important, as for many seniors, the bus or the train provides an essential connection to the community.

Additionally, we must strengthen the future of paratransit programs like The RIDE. One idea already being piloted is partnering with ride sharing services for “on-demand” accessible rides. Something else we should consider is splitting The RIDE’s budget away from the T, and funding the RIDE separately as an essential service for seniors.

•Building community for seniors

One of the heartbreaking things about COVID-19 has been seeing senior centers shuttered. While senior centers across the district are doing their best to stay connected through online programs, we’re seeing

more than ever how vital these community-building programs are.

When senior centers eventually reopen, they need continued support. I will make sure support for elder services is at the top of my list of funding requests for Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus, and fight to keep these facilities safe and vibrant. Additionally, I will urge Mayor Arrigo to ensure that the long-discussed concept of a new, multigenerational recreation center for both youth and seniors comes to fruition as part of the Suffolk Downs development.

Investing in youth and seniors is part of our generational responsibility, and we need more elected officials who take this responsibility seriously - not just in their words, but in their policies. You can count on me to be a champion for generational responsibility if you vote to send me to the State House on September 1.

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

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Kathleen M. Murphy to succeed Daniel J. Forte as President/CEO of the Massachusetts Bankers Association

The Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) Board of Directors announced last week that Kathleen M. Murphy will become the next President and CEO of the Massachusetts Bankers Association: one of the leading state banking associations in the country with a diverse membership of banks in both asset size and charters. Ms. Murphy joins MBA after 20 years as President and CEO of the Maryland Bankers Association and leading the Maryland banking industry, comprised of community, regional and nationwide banks at a time



Kathleen Murphy will succeed Daniel Forte as the new president and CEO of the Massachusetts Bankers Association, as he will retire in October.



of significant economic, legislative, regulatory, technological and demographic change. Prior to the Maryland Bankers Association, Ms. Murphy served at the American Bankers Association, Washington, DC as

Director of the Community Bankers Council, representing this key constituency group before federal policy makers, regulators, media, community groups and other external partners. She currently serves on the ABA Foundation Board of Directors, the Independent Community Bankers of America Large Community Bank Council, the Maryland Coalition for Financial Literacy's Executive Committee, and is former Chair of ABA's State Bankers Association Alliance. Ms. Murphy will succeed Mr. Forte who has led the MBA as President

and CEO since 1997, having joined in 1985. During his tenure, the Massachusetts banking landscape changed dramatically as bank modernization legislation created parity for all bank charters, large and small: creating one association with a united voice on Beacon Hill and in Washington, DC. Issues have ranged from interstate banking, mutual bank governance, commercial bank access to the Federal Home Loan Bank, Dodd-Frank, and countless regulatory reforms. The Massachusetts Bankers Association rep-

resents approximately 135 commercial, savings, cooperative, and federal savings banks and savings and loan associations with approximately \$380 billion in local assets, 72,000 employees across Massachusetts and New England, over 2,000 banking locations, more than 4,500 ATMs, and donate more than \$105 million annually to social agencies and charitable organizations across the Commonwealth. For more information, visit www.massbankers.org.

State continues to advance solar progress with incentive program updates

Staff Report
The Baker-Polito Administration announced final updates to the Commonwealth's Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target (SMART) program after filing emergency regulations in April. As a result of a robust stakeholder and public comment process, the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) implemented revisions to land use regulations and grandfathering provisions in order to balance increasing the development of solar energy production in Massachusetts with protecting the Commonwealth's natural resources. This next phase of the SMART program promotes the continued growth of solar in the

Commonwealth by doubling the program capacity to 3,200 megawatts (MW). "Massachusetts' solar industry plays a critical role in meeting our clean energy and climate goals, and today's updates to the SMART program reflect our continued leadership in advancing solar energy and reducing emissions," said Governor Charlie Baker. "The updated program will support twice as much solar capacity while encouraging thoughtful solar siting and increasing protections for the Commonwealth's most important natural resources." Massachusetts continues to be a national leader in solar, with over 105,000 projects and 2,700 MW installed across the state. On April 14, 2020, the Baker-Polito Administration filed emergency regulations related to the SMART program with the Massachusetts Secretary of State. Regulations went into effect immediately on April 15, 2020. The filing of the emergency regulations commenced an extensive three-month process of stakeholder engagement, public comment, and virtual tutorials. Notable updates to the regulations included expanding the capacity of the program by 1600 MW to 3200 MW, expanding eligibility for low-income projects, promoting solar paired with storage, modifications to protect the Commonwealth's natural resources, and several changes aimed at diversifying the types of projects.

"The next phase of the SMART program showcases our commitment to both protecting the natural resources of the Commonwealth as well as advancing the adoption of clean energy," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "Protecting our natural environment is important to meeting our ambitious net zero emissions target while increasing resilience to climate change impacts throughout the state." Key changes to the program since the April 2020 filing include updates to the land use eligibility and expanded accommodations for solar projects that were previously in development. As in the April filing, the DOER continues to pro-

hibit development on land classified as Priority Habitat and Core Habitat. DOER modified the regulation to allow projects sited on Critical Natural Landscape if the project is qualifying under the first 1600 MW of program capacity. As in the April filing, DOER prohibits development on land classified as Critical Natural Landscape if the project is qualifying in the second 1600 MW of available capacity. This change strikes a balance between protecting key endangered species habitat and continuing clean energy development. The SMART program, which launched in September 2018 and is administered by DOER, promotes cost-effective solar development in the Commonwealth through an incentive

paid directly by the utility company to the solar generation owner. In January 2019, DOER began the review of the program regulations once the program reached 400 MW of solar projects. "These updates to the SMART program will ensure that our clean energy industry maintains stability in the short term while advancing key energy and environmental objectives long-term," said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Patrick Woodcock. "Additionally, the many other updates to the program will allow for Massachusetts to maintain its national leadership role in the solar industry while protecting the Commonwealth's natural resources."

One Chelsea Fund, greenroots receive support from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ("Blue Cross") recently announced its latest COVID-19 relief efforts. This round of support largely focuses on contributions to city-specific relief funds in hard-hit communities and partnering with local food relief nonprofits in response to the growing rate of food insecurity across the Commonwealth. Support in Chelsea includes:

- A contribution to the One Chelsea Fund, which is providing critical support for community members who have been hardest hit by the pandemic.
- A new partnership with Lovin' Spoonfuls and FLIK, Blue Cross' food service vendor, engaging cafeteria employees from our Hingham and Quincy offices to prepare 1,000 meals per day to donate to local communities in need. Lovin' Spoonfuls, which focuses on bridging the gap between food abundance and need, picks up the prepared meals each morning and distributes the meals to more than a dozen orga-

nizations in Chelsea, East Boston, Greater Boston, Quincy and Waltham.

- Re-allocating previous funding with Greenroots Chelsea, an organization that is coordinating breakfast and lunch pickups for school-aged children and grocery deliveries for older adults.

"This contribution to the One Chelsea Fund will provide invaluable financial relief to Chelsea families who might otherwise have to make a painful choice between rent, food, medicine or other basic needs," said City Manager Tom Ambrosino.

The work in Chelsea is part of a broader statewide effort by the company to increase food access as need continues to surge. According to data cited by anti-hunger organization Project Bread, pre-COVID-19, one in 11 Massachusetts households faced hunger, which amounted to 9% of residents. As of March, data showed that 38% of people in the state were food insecure and the rate continues to rise.

- Increasing support for Project Bread and their COVID-19 response efforts working with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and many schools and community partners to provide families with access to school meals while schools are closed.
- Funding of World Central Kitchen's Frontline Foods South Shore and Off Their Plate initiatives, which provide hos-

pital and community health center clinicians with food from local restaurants that have been impacted by the COVID crisis.

- Partnering with food pantries such as Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry, which serves Greater Chicopee, and other smaller, local food pantries in communities across Massachusetts.
- Re-allocating funding for existing food-related partnerships as organi-

zations shift their efforts to COVID-19 response. Examples include Mill City Grows in Lowell, the Downtown Pittsfield Farmers' Market, the Springfield Schools' Weekend Backpack Program, and more.

- Launching an employee food assistance program where Blue Cross associates can pick-up free meal kits once a week to feed a family of four.

Markey and Pressley call for rapid deployment of more air monitors in Chelsea

Staff Report
Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) and Representative Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) wrote to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urging it to rapidly deploy mobile air monitors in Chelsea. In addition to serving as a major industrial hub for the region, recent demolition work left parts of Chelsea coated in thick dust. Chelsea has the highest rate of coronavirus cases in the state, and recent studies have linked increased coronavirus mortality to long-term exposure to airborne particulate matter. Despite the long-term sources of pollution and disproportionately high community rates of asthma, heart disease, lung disease, and

cancer, there is no permanent air quality monitor in Chelsea, while nearby Boston has three permanent air quality monitors. "The short-term pollution exposure from demolition dust represents a potential new health issue, but residents have been living with the unjust and cumulative burden of multiple pollution sources for decades," write Senator Markey and Congresswoman Pressley. "The demolition and construction work in Chelsea provides a clear and pressing need for local air quality monitoring, as residents do not have an accurate measure of the local air quality or potential hazards to their health. Without a better collection of data in this community, local, state, regional, and federal officials cannot respond

appropriately to dangerous inequities in air quality." Chelsea residents have been exposed to dangerous pollution and chemicals from several sources. Chelsea Creek is the storage site for most of the road salt for the New England area, 70-80 percent of the region's heating fuel, and 100 percent of the jet fuel used by Logan International Airport. Additionally, more than 37,000 trucks drive in and out of Chelsea each day in order to stop at the nation's largest produce center. The EPA's Toxic Release Inventory found that in 2015, two thousand pounds of waste product were expelled into the air by petroleum storage facilities in Chelsea, including lung-irritating toluene and the carcinogen benzene.

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systemic racism,” he said. “It is inherent bias. I accept that and I have publicly acknowledged that...The City declared racism as a public health emergency. That is a recognition that there is systemic bias in institutions and they need to be addressed.”

Beyond that, the Councilors and the youth had unilaterally called for a new Office of Diversity and Inclusion – and Ambrosino committed to that and to providing a budget for the office this fiscal year.

“I am in full support of that and it will be a positive step forward to have that office here at City Hall,” he said.

He proposed that the new office directly report to him and the City Solicitor, though it had been called for as a department within Human Resources by the youth. He said he would likely be able to hire the director by November, and would ask the Council to approve \$200,000 from Free Cash at the next meeting to start the work.

“I envision this office will initially be for Fiscal Year 21 one person,” he said. “We will have a director of Diversity and Inclusion. It’s not a low-wage job. It’s a highly skilled job with a highly-skilled person and will be like any other high-level department head.”

Over time, he said there could likely be more staff to help the director.

Some of the other calls in the letter and by the Council included inherent bias training for all City employees, and also an assessment of where City government is at right now in regards to diversity.

Councillor Damali Vidot said that would be a good starting point.

“I would like someone to come in and give us some perspective from outside on how these systems perpetuate in way we don’t see ourselves,” she said.

Ambrosino said that would likely be the first task of any director of the new office.

He said within the package he will send to the Council in September for consideration will be a budget that includes money for a director, for procuring an assessment of City Hall and City government, and for the beginnings of inherent bias trainings.

He said there would have to be a “robust” number going forward for the office to conduct trainings – as he doesn’t expect this to be an initiative that fizzles, but one that continues on and grows.

Councillor Robinson said that is exactly what he is looking for, something that perseveres. He and the

Council called for a Task Force that would be “organic” and coming from the community rather than City Hall. He said the Task Force would be called on to make sure these initiatives stick around for the long run.

“That’s important to me that we put things in place now,” he said. “We need to have a Task Force to make sure it’s around and working for several years and not just put in place and goes away in a year.”

There was agreement that the Task Force on Racism be established, and that it would not be appointed by City Hall or anyone in the current power structure. The details of that will continue to be defined as time goes on.

Vidot said she hoped it would be made up of black, indigenous and people of color, and would act similarly to an Independent Civilian Review Board.

Ambrosino also said he would be looking to also address a call from the Young Adults implement racial equity in City Budgeting, and to promote better engagement in the community on the City Budget and expenditures.

The first is something that would be done internally, making sure all expenditures by department heads are seen through an equity lens. The second piece he said would be on him, and he committed to having budget teaching sessions in January to help the general public to first understand how municipal budgeting works – what can and cannot be done. It’s something he does already for new members of the City Council every two years.

He said if the Council approves his request in September, the new Office could be running by November.

“If the Council adopts this appropriation in September, we could probably have a director on board in early November,” he said.

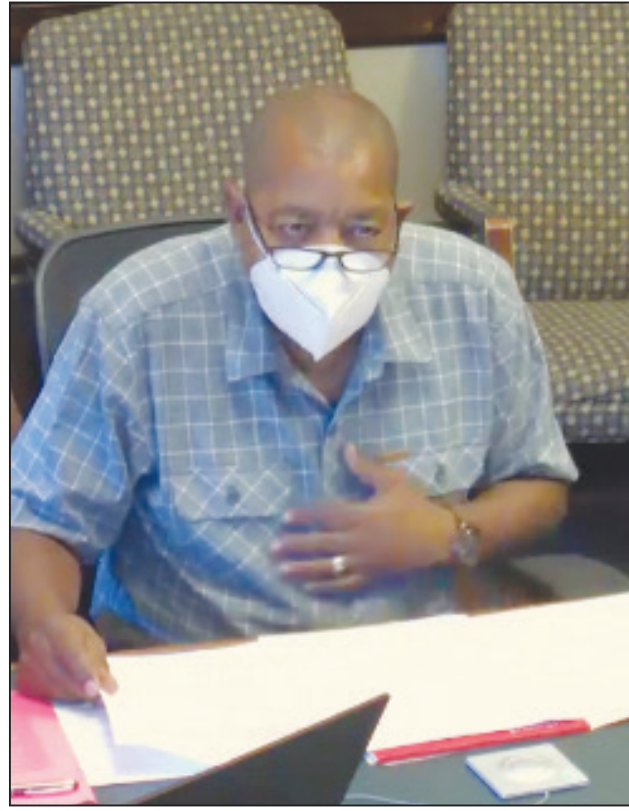
The Young Adult demands are numerous, and Tuesday was just a start, but Kyle Umemba said it was a good start. He said it meant a great deal to hear the proposal for the director, and also a budget allocation with it. That, he said, means it has been taken seriously and is real.

Meanwhile, he said in the next two weeks he will be scheduling a Town Hall for residents to tell their stories and be heard.

“We will be setting up Town Hall meeting because we have heard there is a request to get community voices out there,” he said. “There will be an agenda and we will document these stories and narratives.”



The meeting on Tuesday featured an order by the City Council and a demand letter from the Chelsea Young Adult Alliance.



Councillor Leo Robinson called for Tuesday’s meeting with other councillors, and it ended with some tangible results from the administration to curb systemic racism at City Hall.



Jayda Umemba, of the Young Adult Alliance, said it is important to document stories and narratives of overt racism and systemic racism in Chelsea at the Town Hall.



Kyle Umemba, a leader in the Young Adult Alliance, said they will be having a Town Hall in the coming weeks. He also said the pledges by City government were a good first step.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he pledged to create an Office of Diversity and Inclusion this calendar year and could have a director on board with a budget by November.



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Judith Hanly

Her friendly face was beloved by patrons of several local supermarket deli counters

Judith A. (Stratos) Hanly passed away unexpectedly in her home on Friday, July 17. She was 65 years old.

A longtime resident of East Boston, she was born and raised in Chelsea, the beloved daughter of the late Peter and Viola (Sag-gese) Stratos. She attended Our Lady of Grace Pa- rochial School, graduated from Chelsea High School and worked briefly for the Commonwealth of Mass. with the Office of Finance.

Judith married Gerard J. Hanly and raised two daughters. A stay at home mom and beloved home- maker for several years, she later returned to work outside of her home as a Deli Clerk at several local supermarkets; Cerretani's in Revere, Wild Harvest in Saugus and lastly at Shaw's in Revere before retiring. She was always a friendly face and beloved by many store patrons.

In her life time, Ju- dith enjoyed reading and time spent at the beach, she loved watching foot- ball, following the New England Patriots and TV crime shows. She was the beloved wife of 44

years to Gerard J. Hanly, devoted mother of Kristyn Hanly, Jennifer Polsonetti and her husband, Michael, cherished grandmother of Ella, Emilia and Michael Polsonetti, all of East Bos- ton. She is also survived by her aunt, Pauline Lyons and her husband, Lloyd



of Winthrop as well as by many loving cousins and extended family members.

Visiting hours will be from the Welsh Funer- al Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Saturday July 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Memorial Mass at 12 noon in Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea. Re- latives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, prac- tice social distancing when greeting the family, pay their respects and exit the funeral home to allow other guests to enter. We encour- age family and friends who wish to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sym- pathy card to visit; [www. WelshFuneralHome.com](http://www.WelshFuneralHome.com) Should friends desire, con- tributions in Judith's mem- ory should be directed to Dana-Farber Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226

Ernest Sacco, Jr.

A kind and gentle soul

Ernest L. Sacco, Jr. of Revere died on July 8 at the age of 57.

Ernie was a proud mem- ber of the Triangle commu- nity in Malden for many years, having participated in Impact and Ablevision. He was a kind and gentle soul who could forever be found with a smile on his face. He was always ready and willing to help others. He will be missed dearly by all of those lucky enough to have known him.

The devoted son of the late Ernest Sr. and Fran- ces (Limoli) Sacco, he was the dear brother of the late Kenneth J. Kennedy and adored uncle of Lisa Ken- nedy and Brigit Kennedy, both of Revere; cherished nephew of John Limoli and Jennifer Sclafani. Ernie is also lovingly survived by many cousins and countless friends.

Due to the ongoing re- strictions with COVID-19, all services will be held pri-



vately and under the direc- tion of the Paul Buonfiglio Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ernie's memory to Triangle, Inc., ATTN: Development, 420 Pearl Street, Malden, MA 02148 or at <https://triangle-inc.org/donate/> . To share a memory or condo- lence, please visit [www. buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com) .

Barbara Eisenberg

City of Revere retiree

Barbara (Levine) Eisen- berg, 90, of Chelsea, for- merly of Revere, entered Eternal Rest on July 16 af- ter a brief illness. Born in Boston, she was a resident of Revere for many years. Barbara was a retired City of Revere employee.

She was the devoted wife of Carl Eisenberg, dear sister and sister-in- law of the late Melvin and Edith Levine, the late Al- bert and Gertrude Eisen- berg and Evelyn and the late Harry Beder; beloved aunt of Ilene and Jonathan Cutler, Dianne and Bur- ton Gesserman, Dr. Jerold Levine, Rhonda and Scott Marks, Dr. Mitchell Press- man and late Carol Jacques,

Ruth Pressman and late Peter Pressman and the late Kenneth Pressman and the cherished grandaunt of many grandnieces and grandnephews.

Due to current health conditions, services were private. Expressions of sympathy in her memory may be donated to Dana Farber Institute, 10 Brook- line Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445 or Hebrew Senior Life 1200 Centre St. Roslindale, MA 02131. For online condo- lences, go to: www.gold- manfc.com

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Eleanor Rachel Williams

Retired Massachusetts State Social Worker

Eleanor Rachel of Med- ford entered into eternal rest at Massachusetts Gen- eral Hospital on July 17 surrounded by the compas- sionate staff of the MGH ICU and her immediate family via ZOOM, as well as supported in prayer by many who loved her. She was 88 years old.

A retired Social Worker for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance, a loyal Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and a proud Red Sox Fan "since 1946," El- eanor was the daughter of the late Newton O. and Ger- trude A. [Carey] Williams, sister of the late Dennis E. Williams and wife of the late William R. Lamphier.

Eleanor was the beloved mother of the Rev. David Dismas with whom she made her home, Lee (Lam- phier-Spatafore) Berrier and her husband, Jerry, of Malden, and grandmother of Rachel Spatafore and her fiancée, Joan Klinke, of Athol. She is also sur- vived by her stepson, Rob- ert Lamphier and his wife, Elizabeth; her devoted niece, Annemarie Russell



and her dear friend, Annette Scoppa.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and with gen- uine concern for the peo- ple Eleanor loved most, a private committal service was held. A public Cele- bration of Her Eternal Life in Christ will be scheduled when it is safe to hold large gatherings.

Contributions in Elea- nor's memory would be sincerely appreciated to ei- ther Sacred Heart Southern Missions, Attn: Father Jack Kurps, PO Box 190, Walls, Mississippi 38680, or to her son's mission: Saint Nich- olas Ministries, Attn: Rev. David Dismas, PO Box 560095, West Medford, MA 02156-0095.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Weir-Mac- Cuish Funeral Home, Mal- den, MA.

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Patricia Beck

Dec. 5, 1942 – July 8, 2020

Patricia M. Beck, a long- time Medford resident, passed peacefully into the arms of her Lord on Wednesday, July 8.

Patricia was born in Chelsea on December 5, 1942, one of seven chil- dren of the late Joseph C. Glennon Sr. and Mabel R. Glennon.

Raised in Chelsea, she attended Williams School and Chelsea High School. Patricia worked at Digital Equipment for 20 years be- fore retiring. She also drove a bus for North Reading Transportation for several years, driving special needs people.

A member of the Sports Car Club of America during a brief time in her life, Patricia enjoyed home crafts, knitting, crocheting and challenging herself completing crossword and word search puzzles. She also enjoyed traveling.

In addition to her par- ents, she was predeceased by her former husband Charles L. Beck, Sr. She was the devoted mother of Paul C. Beck of Virgin- ia and Charles L. Beck Jr. and his wife, Lora J. (Bar- il) Beck of Medford; (cher- ished grandmother of Ma- son Abel Beck of Virginia and Cassandra I. Beck; loving daughter of the late



Joseph C. Glennon Sr. and Mabel R. Glennon; dear sister of Joseph C. Glen- non Jr. of Arkansas, James H. Glennon of New Hamp- shire, Arthur A. Glennon of North Carolina, Cora E. Madrid of Massachusetts, Martha P. Sommers of Flor- ida, Ruth A. Donnay and her brother-in-law, Robert Donnay of Virginia. She is also survived by many friends from around the world.

Visiting hours were held at the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea on Tuesday and private committal services were at Woodlawn Ceme- tery.

Should friends desire and in lieu of flowers, con- tributions in her memory may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, PO Box 127, Waban, MA 02468

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Moratorium on evictions and foreclosures extended to Oct. 17

Staff Report

Gov. Charlie Baker ex- tended the pause on evic- tions and foreclosures for 60 days, until October 17, through the authority granted to the governor by Chapter 65 of the Acts of 2020, An Act providing for a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures during the COVID-19 Emergency, which was signed into law on April 20.

This law's limitations on evictions and foreclosures have allowed many tenants and homeowners impacted by COVID-19 to remain in their homes during the state of emergency, and this ex- tension provides residents of the Commonwealth with continued housing security as businesses cautiously re- open, more people return to work, and the state collec- tively moves toward a "new normal."

The moratorium was set to expire on August 18.

Tenants are strongly en- couraged to continue to pay rent, and homeowners to make their mortgage payments, to the extent they are able. To assist low-income households in making rent and mort- gage payments, as well as support landlords needing these rent payments to pay expenses, the Baker-Polito Administration launched a new \$20 million, statewide fund, the Emergency Rent- al and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA) program, on July 1.

This funding comple- ments the \$18 million cur- rently available through the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition

(RAFT) homeless pre- vention program, which can also be used for rent or mortgage payments. In each program, landlords or mortgage lenders receive payments directly from the RAFT administering agen- cies.

During this 60 day ex- tension, the Administration will consult with the court administrators and oth- er stakeholders regarding programs and policies to help tenants avoid evic- tion when proceedings re- sume.

The law suspends most residential and small busi- ness commercial evictions, as well as residential fore- closures. It does not relieve tenants or homeowners of their obligation to pay rent or make mortgage pay- ments. The law also:

- Prevents landlords from sending notifications to resi- dential tenants that threat- en eviction or terminating of a lease;

- Limits court actions on non-essential evictions;

- Relieves tenants, both residents and small com- mercial, from late fees and negative credit reporting;

- Allows landlords to use "last month's rent" to pay for certain expenses, though not as a replacement rent payment, and only with proper notification of tenant;

- Requires lenders to grant a forbearance for up to 180 days if a homeown- er experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 submits such a request; and

- Allows for alternative payment agreements be- tween lenders and borrow- ers regarding forbearance payments.

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Baker-Polito administration announces new housing choice communities

On July 16, the Baker-Polito to Administration announced the inclusion of eight new communities in the Housing Choice Communities program and the re-designation of 56 Housing Choice Communities.

Included in the designation were Everett, Chelsea and Boston.

This brings the total number of current Housing Choice Communities to 74 across the Commonwealth. This program is designed to recognize communities who have made substantial progress towards housing development goals and for the implementation of housing best practices to encourage sustainable development. The Housing Choice Designation is part of the Baker-Polito Administration's strategy to produce 135,000 new housing units by 2025 to meet the high demand of housing across the state.

The newly designated communities are: Amesbury, Belchertown, Medfield, Middleborough, Newburyport, North Attleborough, Salem, and Sunderland.

Between 2015 and 2019, this year's 64 Housing Choice Communities built 73 percent

of all new housing units in Massachusetts. This designation affords Housing Choice Communities access to an exclusive, competitive capital grant program, and points on applications to nine other state capital grants, including MassWorks, MassDOT Complete Streets, EEA Community Investment Grants, and more.

Communities that receive this designation have either produced at least 500 new housing units or saw an increase of 5 percent or more in new housing units from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019, or, alternatively, produced at least 300 new housing units or saw an increase of 3 percent or more new housing units from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019 and met 7 of 14 Housing Choice Best Practices, two of which must be related to affordability. Most communities in today's announcement have increased their housing production by 5 percent or more or have built over 500 new units since 2015.

Many of the Housing Choice Communities are implementing best practices to

produce new housing. Over 70 percent of the 2020 Housing Choice Communities now make it easier to build new multi-family housing through by-right zoning or a robust special permit pipeline of approved projects. Many others have invested Community Preservation Act funds in local projects, often in combination with local Affordable Housing Trusts to support new affordable housing development in the future.

The administration's Housing Choice Initiative, which was announced in December 2017, is a package of technical assistance for communities, the Housing Choice Communities (HCC) designation, new capital grant funding, and pending legislation. An Act to Promote Housing Choices. This initiative complements the investments made by the Department of Housing and Community Development in affordable housing production across the state, and supports local government actions to meet the demands of a growing and aging population in Massachusetts.

The legislative proposal An Act to Promote Housing Choices, which was also filed

as part of the Administration's economic development legislation in March, will advance new housing production and promote equitable access to opportunity by enabling cities and towns to adopt certain zoning best practices related to housing production by a simple majority vote, rather than the current two-thirds supermajority. While this legislation will lower the voting threshold to change zoning for communities in the Commonwealth, it does not require cities and towns to make any of these changes. With the proposed simple majority threshold, municipalities that pursue rezoning efforts, including those enabling transit-oriented or downtown-oriented new housing, would gain approval if they achieve more than 50 percent of the vote, as opposed to the current supermajority of more than 66 percent. Massachusetts is currently one of only a few states to require a supermajority to change local zoning. The legislation does not apply to the City of Boston, which has its own zoning regulations.

Zoning changes that promote best practices for housing growth that would qualify

for the simple majority threshold include:

Building mixed-use, multi-family, and starter homes, and adopting 40R "Smart Growth" zoning in town centers and near transit.

Allowing the development of accessory dwelling units, or "in-law" apartments.

Approving Smart Growth or Starter Home districts that put housing near existing activity centers.

Granting increased density through a special permit process.

Allowing for the transfer of development rights and enacting natural resource protection zoning.

Reducing parking requirements and dimensional requirements, such as minimum lot sizes.

This legislation also includes a provision, added by the Joint Committee on Housing last session, that would reduce the voting threshold for a special permit issued by a local permit granting authority to a simple majority vote, for certain multi-family or mixed-use projects with at least 10 percent affordable units in locations near transit, or in centers of commercial activity

within a municipality.

The Baker-Polito Administration has shown a deep commitment to increasing the production of housing across income levels. Since 2015, the administration has invested more than \$1.1 billion in affordable housing, resulting in the production and preservation of more than 18,000 housing units, including 16,000 affordable units. In 2018, Governor Baker signed the largest housing bond bill in Massachusetts history, committing more than \$1.8 billion to the future of affordable housing production and preservation. The Baker-Polito Administration has also advanced the development of more than 14,000 mixed-income housing units through the successful MassWorks Infrastructure Program, reformed the Housing Development Incentive Program, and worked with communities to implement smart-growth development and planning efforts.

The following are 2020 local Housing Choice Communities: Boston, Chelsea and Everett.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2019-08

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of: Acquisitions Division LLC or Nominee For Special Permit and Variance to establish ten (10) additional residential units by constructing a third floor above the existing commercial and residential space which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for rear and side yard setbacks, usable open space and number of off-street parking spaces at the premises known as:

45 Market Street
All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. Any comment or request to join must be submitted by Monday, August 10, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA. 7/23/20, 7/30/20

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2020-09

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of: Chasen Failla For Special Permit and Variance for the conversion of an existing residential structure from a one (1) family to a two (2) family structure which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for open space and number of off-street parking spaces at the premises known as: 80 Park Street
All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. Any comment or request to join must be submitted by Monday, August 10, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA. 7/23/20, 7/30/20

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2020-02

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With reference to the application of: SDTJ, LLC c/o Steven Piazza For Special Permit and Variance to construct a wholesale food warehouse which does not meet the current minimum zoning requirements for frontage, rear yard setback, height, minimum distance between access points, number and setback dimensions of off-street parking spaces at the premises known as:

45 Market Street
All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. Any comment or request to join must be submitted by Monday, August 10, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA. 7/23/20, 7/30/20

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2020-10

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Webex video conferencing on: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Juliana Catherine Real Estate Investment, LLC For Special Permit and Variance for the conversion of an existing two (2) family residential structure with first floor store into a three (3) family residential structure which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for lot area, usable open space and number of off-street parking spaces at the premises known as: 88 Washington Avenue
All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. Any comment or request to join must be submitted by Monday, August 10, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the Office of the City Clerk, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA. 7/23/20, 7/30/20

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LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA PUBLIC HEARING TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS

The City of Chelsea's Department of Planning and Development will hold a virtual Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 29th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The public may remotely attend this public hearing by accessing it via web or phone using the instructions below.

The purpose of this public meeting is to discuss the City's request to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a budget amendment and program amendment for the FY'2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which were allocated under the FY'2018 Mini-Entitlement Program by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Public feedback relative to the City's proposal is respectfully requested. The City hereby proposes the creation of a new MicroEnterprise Grant Program (Activity 5N), in order to support low- and moderate-income small businesses adversely

impacted COVID-19 pandemic. The City proposes, through an FY'2018 budget amendment and program amendment, the transfer of \$90,000 from the FY'2018 First Time Home Buyers Program (Activity 4D) to the FY'2018 MicroEnterprise Grant Program (Activity 5N), resulting in the elimination of the FY'18 First Time Home Buyers Program. The City maintains funding in its FY'19 CDBG Program to run a First Time Home Buyers Program. Additionally, the City proposes the transfer of \$17,500 in Program Delivery - Contract Services (Activity 4A) to MicroEnterprise Program Delivery - Contract Services. Interested parties are welcome to attend and provide public input. Furthermore, the City will amend the FY'2018 Environmental Review Records to address the proposed project, if approved. Public comments may be submitted directly to the City by contacting Alex Train, AICP, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, via email at atrain@chelseama.gov or phone at 617-466-4192 by 6:00 p.m. on July 29th, 2020. Join WebEx Meeting <https://chelseama.webex.com/chelseama/j.php?MTID=m3fd9a1b878faf3401f18bb-c0596525c0> Access by video Meeting ID: 133 252 0479 Password: YavC7Ck6TC3 Access by phone +1-415-655-0001 US Toll Access code: 133 252 0479 Alex Train, AICP, Assistant Director of Planning & Development, City of Chelsea 7/23/20

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
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617-788-8300
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
DOCKET No. SU20D0082DR
Arely Hernandez vs. Jovan Hernandez Ramirez
Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B. Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.

original petition is on file with the court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/30/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 16, 2020 Felix Arroyo, Register of Probate 7/23/20

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It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before the return day of September 15, 2020. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Date: July 15, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court 7/23/20

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SECTION 00100 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Chelsea, Massachusetts (Owner) Sealed bids for construction of Light Pole Replacement, Contract No. 2020-280, for the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, will be received at Room 204, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 until 11:00 a.m. prevailing time, on August 6, 2020, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of work shall include, but not be limited to, demolition and disposal of existing poles; furnish and installation of new concrete poles, new decorative poles, handholes, arm, conduit, luminaire, and wiring; coordination of work with the electric utility and electrical inspector; and surface restoration. The scope shall include approximately eight light pole replacements in Period 1 and four light pole replacements in each of Period 2 and Period 3. The contract duration shall be three years. 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>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Fiber Optic Network Testing and Upgrades" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 10:00AM, Thursday, August 11, 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

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 holidays excluded after the opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids. CITY OF CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS BY ITS CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. Reading, Massachusetts 7/23/20

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CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATIONS FOR BIDS FIBER OPTIC NETWORK TESTING AND UPGRADES

The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking bids for "Fiber Optic Network Testing and Upgrades". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after July 22, 2020 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@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 "Fiber Optic Network Testing and Upgrades" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 10:00AM, Thursday, August 11, 2020. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in

the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea." The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids 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 bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 7/23/20

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CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOOD CARD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for "Food Card Program Management Program". Request for Proposals will be available on or after July 22, 2020 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Food Card Program Management" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 9:00AM on Thursday, August 6, 2020. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 7/23/20

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THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. The bids are to be prepared and submitted at www.biddocsonline.com. Tutorials and instructions on how to complete the electronic bid documents are available online (click on the "Tutorial" tab at the bottom footer). The City of Chelsea - Public Schools, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from General Contractors for the Williams Middle School Kitchen/Cafeteria Renovation Project 2021-203. The Project consists of: 1. The Project involves The Williams Middle School Kitchen / Cafeteria Renovation Project includes providing new foodservice equipment, flooring, ceiling, walls, finishes, furniture, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical work. The work is estimated to cost \$1,000,000.00. Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work - General Building and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime Update Statement (Form CQ 3). General Bids will be received until August 20, 2020 at 11:00AM and publicly opened, forthwith online. Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until August 06, 2020 at 11:00AM and publicly opened, forthwith online. Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement. SUBTRADES
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SAINT JOSEPH
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FOURTH QUARTER
HONOR ROLL

Kaylie Gonzalez '23 (Chelsea) was named to the honor roll and Headmaster's Circle at Saint Joseph Prep in Boston. All A's are required for this honor.

RESIDENTS
NAMED TO DEAN'S
LIST AT BOSTON
UNIVERSITY

Four Chelsea residents have recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Spring Students recognized for this honor include: Daniel Diggins, Aura G. Flores-Canelas, Diana Hercules, Zuleyka D. Hernandez.

Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load as a full time student.

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. Consisting of 16 schools and colleges, BU offers students more than 250 programs of study in science and engineering, social science and humanities, health science, the arts, and other professional disciplines, along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and insti-

tutes integral to the University's research and teaching mission. With more than 33,000 students, BU is the fourth-largest private university in the country and a member of the American Association of Universities (AAU), a nonprofit association of 62 of North America's leading research-intensive institutions.

LOCAL STUDENTS
GRADUATE BU

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 6,927 students in May 2020.

Receiving degrees were William D. Estrada, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology;

Daniel Diggins, Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Laboratory and Clinical Sciences, Magna Cum Laude; Stacy N. Hartso, Master of Social Work in Social Work; Lisa M. Gonzales, Master of Business Administration in Business

Administration and Management; Aura G. Flores-Canelas, Bachelor of Science in Health Science; Dylan Beck, Master of Business Administration in Business Administration and Management; Also, Zuleyka D. Hernandez, Bachelor of Science

in Behavior and Health; Vanessa L. Cunningham, Master of Education in Curriculum and Teaching; Jimmy Nguyen, Master of Science in Computer Information Systems.

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LOCAL RESIDENTS
GRADUATE FROM
UMASS LOWELL

Local residents were among the graduates honored by UMass Lowell's 2020 Commencement on

Friday, May 29.

The university held a virtual Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 29 for the more than 4,400 members of the Class of 2020, which represents 45 states and 108 nations, and included 1,624 individuals who graduated with honors.

The ceremony was presided over by UMass Lowell Chancellor Jacquie Moloney, who is a two-time UMass Lowell graduate. The Commencement address was delivered by Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and the student address was by criminal justice major Rachel Record of Pepperell, who was also one of six recipients of the Trustee's Key for maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA for her entire UMass Lowell career, as well as a Chancellor's Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

The ceremony also featured special congratulations wishes for UMass Lowell graduates from Dropkick Murphys, UMass Lowell alumni TV personality Taniya Nayak and meteorologist Sarah Wroblewski; Food Network chef Robert Irvine; sports broadcasters including John Buccigross of ESPN, Kathryn Tappen of NBC Sports and Baseball Hall of Famer

Dennis Eckersley of New England Sports Network; and past UMass Lowell Commencement speakers and honorees including Oscar winner Chris Cooper and author Marianne Leone Cooper, Judy Woodruff of PBS, Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart, Steve Kornacki of MSNBC and U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan.

The main ceremony was followed by online events by each of the university's schools and colleges during which all graduates' names were read.

Local residents among UMass Lowell's Class of 2020 are:

* Brian H. Dinh of Chelsea, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

* Daniel Degene Degefa of Chelsea, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in public health.

* Omar Alejandro Gomez of Chelsea, who received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree in civil engineering.

* Candide Ahouandjinou of Chelsea, who received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree in mechanical engineering.

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LOCAL STUDENTS
NAMED TO UMASS
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DEAN'S LIST

Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the spring 2020 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

CHELSEA
Daniela Brea-Baez
Gabriela Gabriel
Thi M Le
Natalia Muniz
Katrina Newcomer
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NEWS IN BRIEF

REVERE DPW
UNION LOCAL 880
ENDORSES
JOE GRAVELLESE
FOR STATE
REPRESENTATIVE

Revere DPW Union Local 880, representing the working people of the City of Revere Department of Public Works, has endorsed Joe Gravellese for State Representative. Local 880 is a member of AFCSME Council 93.

"We are proud to endorse Joe Gravellese for State Representative," said Mike Cecere, president of Local 880. "Joe will be a champion for working people at the State House, and will always stand up for labor. He is from a family that understands the value of hard work, and he shows this in his own campaign."

"Joe was part of the team in Mayor Arrigo's office that invested in and supported the DPW, and was always a partner with us in working to make the city stronger," added Joe Lake, Local 880 steward. "We look forward to having Joe fight for labor in the legislature."

"I appreciate the support of Local 880 and the hard-working people of the DPW Union," said Gravellese. "During my time at City Hall, I saw what a difference it made not only in how the city looks, but also in the maintenance of critical water and sewer infrastructure, to invest in talent, equipment, and facilities for public works. The Mayor put his support behind public works in Revere, and we need state-level leadership with the same priorities."

Gravellese's campaign has now been endorsed by nine labor groups; in addition to Revere DPW Local 880, he was previously endorsed by the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 4, Tunnel Workers Local 88, Bricklayers Local 3, Iron

Workers Local 7, Insulators Local 6, Roofers Local 33, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, and the Boston Teachers Union.

MBTA TO RESUME
FARE COLLECTION
ON BUSES,
TROLLEYS, AND
COMMUTER RAIL

The MBTA has resumed fare collection on buses, on trolleys at street-level stops on the Green Line and Mattapan Line, and on the Commuter Rail beginning Monday, July 20.

Customers are encouraged to pay with a pre-loaded CharlieCard or CharlieTicket on buses and trolleys. Customers may also pay with cash. Commuter Rail customers are encouraged to use the mTicket app for payment or purchase the new Five-day Flex Pass on the mTicket app. The Five-day Flex Pass is a bundled fare good for any five days of travel within a thirty-day period. Fairmont Line customers also have the option to pay fares with CharlieCards at Zone 1A stations.

On MBTA buses, to avoid overcrowding, operators have the discretion to bypass a stop. If a customer with a disability is able to be identified while waiting at a stop to be bypassed, the bus operator alerts the Control Center, will notify that individual that the stop is being passed due to crowding, and will alert the customer to the approximate time of the next available bus that can accommodate them.

Customers should continue to make efforts to distance and are reminded that face coverings are required while onboard vehicles and within the MBTA system.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

DeMARIA MARRIES COUPLE ON CAPE

EVERETT - It was supposed to be a weekend getaway for Mayor Carlo DeMaria and his family on Cape Cod – a break from the long haul of COVID-19 – but a day on the beach turned the mayor into a rev-erend.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria reported last week the incredible story of his week-end getaway where while on the beach in Cape Cod on Saturday, he was able to help two strangers, who are surgeons from Cape Cod Hospital, to get married when their minister couldn't make it.

Dr. Matt Kalliath and Dr. Naomi Wiens were about to be married on Saturday in a sunset wedding on the beach in West Yarmouth. As the time came to start the ceremony, panic set in when they couldn't find the minister. Soon, they found that the minister wasn't coming due to a last-minute emergency.

Now, with the sun setting, their wedding was in crisis mode.

Wiens set out for the beach, and while in her wedding gown, began searching for anyone who might be able to marry them. Wiens's mother also set out trying to find some stroke of luck.

She found the luck in DeMaria.

After explaining the situation to the mayor, they asked if he would step in and marry the couple so that the show could go on. DeMaria told her he would love to help, but he didn't have the authority as mayor to marry anyone.

All was not lost, though, as DeMaria said he would

call Gov. Charlie Baker and find out if there was any way he could get temporary authority as Justice of the Peace.

As luck would have it, Gov. Baker answered and told DeMaria he could grant him special authority for the day to marry the couple. So, Gov. Baker did grant the permission and the bride, groom and the mayor headed over to the altar for the wedding.

The wedding took place as planned, and Baker even called the couple afterwards to congratulate them.

It was an unbelievable turn of events, and one that DeMaria said was an incredible experience – though absolutely unexpected.

On Tuesday afternoon, Kalliath and Wiens held a special luncheon in Mashpee to thank the mayor, and present him with a special gift.

It was a welcome turn of events, because the couple had already been forced to cancel their big wedding plans due to COVID-19. Instead, they had planned to have the smaller, sunset wedding on the beach. When that began to fall apart, they were distraught.

Now, all is well, and the happy couple tied the knot – with the help of Mayor DeMaria – and Kalliath is preparing to join Cape Cod Hospital.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TO WORK ON POLICY BOOK

EVERETT - Supt. Priya Tahiliani has met with several students who were upset over public inappropriate Tweets allegedly posted by an Everett High

teacher in June following the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the protests and vigils that followed across the country – including in Everett and Boston.

Those Tweets were detailed in a story in the Independent last month, and Tahiliani told students recently the district condemns the Tweets, is working on discipline for the incident, but most importantly, is working on clear policies that will allow termination of an employee that isn't conforming to the value statements of the district.

The situation with the teacher was not covered under any such policy, and his speech was protected through his Constitutional rights and an unclear social media policy that Tahiliani said is being reformed.

"I share your frustration as you constructively and thoughtfully react to tragic national events as well as this specific incident here in Everett," she wrote. "The social media comments made by one of our teachers were insensitive, hostile, and failed to comprehend the driving forces behind the protests that were held in the wake of the murder of George Floyd.

"While we condemned these posts and are still in the process of imposing progressive consequences, I am aware that we have not implemented the particular consequence you seek," she continued. "In our attempts to build a district we are all proud of, we cannot bypass or ignore the protections that are afforded to all individuals, be they as citizens of our country or, in this case, as a member of the school community."

She said what can be

BEATING THE HEAT IN WINTHROP



Shown above, this Winthrop family beat the heat with a boat ride on the harbor. Shown right: when you don't want to carry food to the beach, delivery is a new norm.



done is "institute long term sustainable changes" that address the systemic and institutional racism that plague the nation and the school district. She said the district is working on long-term changes to put in place clear policies that ensure those working for Everett Public Schools with follow the core values of the district both professionally and privately.

"While we all retain our first amendment right, now is the time to make both the statement and the policies that, in the future, ensure that our district reserves the right to terminate those who demonstrate views that are grossly unaligned with the values we know to be right and just," she said. "I am neither frustrated nor intimidated by having these difficult dialogues."

Supt. Tahiliani thanked the students for bringing the Tweets to the attention of the public, and pushing the public schools in Everett to have conversations about the subject.

"I am proud that the district is finally discussing these subjects publicly," she said, noting that the district has been implementing a three-phased Elevating Equity for Everett plan. "I firmly believe that you, our young leaders, are the strong voice we need in advocating for change to denounce institutional racism. As a school district, I thank each and every one of you for being a positive change agent in this work. This conversation is just beginning, and this work is only at its initial stages. We have a long way to go, but I feel confident we will get there."

DATA SHOWS PPP SAVED JOBS

EAST BOSTON - Data released by the U.S. Department of the Treasury showed that the federal Paycheck Protection Program, or "PPP", was able to save thousands of jobs in East Boston during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The data was released by the Treasury's Small Business Administration (SBA) and showed that 46 small businesses in Eastie benefited from the program by receiving more than \$150,00 in loans.

These 46 businesses were able to save 1,943 local jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic when many businesses were forced to scale back significantly or close all together.

The data also showed 377 Eastie businesses that received SBA loans less than \$150,000 were able to

save 1,497 local jobs.

"Small businesses are the driving force of American economic stability, and are essential to America's economic rebound from the pandemic," said the SBA in a statement.

Places like Zumix, Angela's Cafe, East Boston Central Catholic, and Little Folks Community Day Care Center all received PPP loans from the SBA. Some like Zumix, Central Catholic and Little Folks were forced to close in March due to the pandemic and others like Angela's Cafe were forced to cease dine-in service until late June.

The SBA said they released the data as a key aspect of the SBA's Values Transparency program.

"SBA is maintaining a balance between providing transparency to American taxpayers and protecting small businesses' confidential business information, such as payroll, and personally identifiable information," continued SBA's statement. "SBA is committed to ensuring that any release of PPP loan data does not harm small businesses or their employees."

LOCAL SUMMER CAMPS ARE IN FULL SWING

EAST BOSTON - Adjusting summer camp programs to comply with state regulation during the state's phased COVID-19 reopening hasn't been easy, but East Boston's four premier youth camp program providers are adapting well.

"Summer camp is in full swing at the East Boston Y at our Ashley Street location," said East Boston YMCA Executive Director Joe Gaeta. "We have taken all the necessary safety precautions laid out by the Department of Public Health in order to ensure a safe and fun summer for all our children and staff."

Gaeta said the Y is currently at capacity with 60 children and has been practicing the proper amount of social distancing and cleaning techniques daily.

"Each day the youth take part in awesome STEAM activities, physical activities, teamwork activities, and educational activities--including virtual field trips," said Gaeta. "This year we are intentional about working as much education into fun as possible to help with the 'Covid Slide.'" Each activity is a ton of fun for kids without knowing they are learning core educational building blocks at the same time."

Gaeta said being able to provide the community

with a safe place for children to be during the summer months is the Y's top priority.

"It's fun to see the kids return to some sort of normalcy given they haven't been in school since March," said Gaeta. "Staff are energetic to engage our youth each day and provide them with ample space to have a good time"

Over at Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo said while it is such a challenging summer and a difficult time for many Eastie families the kids have been having a blast.

"They are doing a great job following the rules, and we appreciate parents and guardians that are always wearing a face covering and keeping a safe distance from program areas," said DeFronzo. "Socialization is such an important part of youth development and being outside makes it as safe as reasonably possible. While we've had to forgo some of our favorite parts of the summer like lunch parties and weekly island trips we've added a few new activities like weekly Friday races right in front of Piers Park."

Now in its third week the Sailing Center's three major programs are well underway.

"We have Harbor Explorers for 6-9 year olds, Science of Sailing for ages 10 and over, and our Future Leader/Instructor Trainee teen program," said deFronzo. "All three are fully booked. Our boats and hands are collectively cleaner than they have ever been and we are going to do all we can to make it through the summer safely and with as much fun as possible."

Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Mike Triant said the club kids have been having a good summer so far.

"We have had a great camp thus far," said Triant. "This is week three for us and the kids are having a great time. I think just being out of the house and being around friends, even though it is such a limited number of people they interact with, is having a positive impact on the behavior of the kids. All the parents seem very comfortable with our processes and procedures. We are still growing and now have close to 80 kids in the camp."

Justin Pasquariello, executive director of the East Boston Social Centers, said the Social Centers took a bit longer to reopen and started summer programs on Monday.

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longer to reopen so today is our first day back,” said Pasquariello. “We reopened one early learning facility in a new location due to pending displacement from Orient Heights public housing and reopened more school age programming summer camps at 68 Central Square for the same reason and all is going well so far.”

MAGEARY RETIRES AS POLICE CHIEF

LYNN - Lynn Police Chief Michael Mageary announced his retirement from the department, effective Saturday, July 18, after 34 years of service, including 3 years as its leader. “Throughout his distinguished career, Chief Mageary has demonstrated the utmost professionalism and humility in serving the people of the city he loves,” said Mayor Thomas M. McGee. “Chief Mageary has worked to implement positive changes to the department’s policies and procedures and has been willing to speak with residents to understand their concerns about how police officers can best serve their needs. He has been an example of honorable service for all for this community to aspire to, and he will be truly missed. I have enjoyed working with Chief Mageary who has been a dependable and collaborative leader for the Lynn Police Department and the City of Lynn. I thank him for his service, and wish him the very best in his well-earned retirement.”Chief Mageary took over in 2017 and inherited a difficult budget situation. Chief Mageary made several tough decisions to disband units and cut from others. He guided the department through this financially challenging time while avoiding layoffs. During his tenure he continually advocated for additional officers as the number of officers in the department dropped significantly. Working with Mayor McGee the department was able to hire its largest group of new officers in 25 years. Chief Mageary also made improvements in technology, including new cameras for the interior and exterior of the station.

Deputy Chief Edward Blake also announced his retirement earlier this year after 34 years of service, effective July 31st. Deputy Blake joined the department in 1986 and worked in the patrol division for twelve years. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1998 and Lieutenant in 2002. Deputy Blake was promoted again in 2008 and served as the Captain of Technical Services until he was appointed as Deputy Chief of Administration in 2017. Deputy Chief Blake oversaw the Professional Standards, Administration, and Support Services Divisions. As allowed by Massachusetts Civil Service Law, an assessment center was recently conducted to fill that Deputy Chief position, the results of which will be finalized in the coming weeks.

As the senior ranking member of the department, Deputy Chief Leonard Desmarais, will be appointed by Mayor McGee as Acting Chief on a provisional basis per Civil Service regulations. Desmarais is a 32 year veteran of the department and has served as Acting Chief during a previous vacancy.

Once Chief Mageary steps down and Deputy Chief Desmarais assumes the position as Acting Chief, the process will commence to permanently fill the Police Chief position.

ARRIGO CONVENES FIRST MEETING OF NEW CABINET

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo convened the first meeting of his newly established Cabinet On Tuesday, July 14, following a structural reorganization aimed at promoting accountability and transparency in City operations and improving the efficiency and quality of services and programs for Revere residents. Cabinet members will be responsible for advising the Mayor on the various subject matters under their purview and will act as the City’s executive management team. The announcement follows a series of initiatives undertaken by Mayor Arrigo to professionalize and streamline City services.

“The establishment of a Cabinet structure is going to have far-reaching benefits for our residents as we continue to improve coordination across City departments and guarantee accountability and transparency in everything we do,” Mayor Arrigo said. “I couldn’t be more proud to have this dedicated team working every day to make our City a better place for Revere residents.”

Cabinet members include: Chief of Police David Callahan, Fire Chief Christopher Bright, Chief of Staff Robert Marra, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly, Chief Financial Officer Richard Viscay, Chief of Planning and Development Robert O’Brien, Chief of Innovation Reuben Kantor, Chief of Infrastructure and Public Works Don Ciaramella, Chief of Public Health and Human Services Kim Hanton, and Chief of Human Resources John Viarella.

CITY SEEKS PROJECT MANAGER

REVERE - Revere officials are proactively preparing for good news that may come from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), and the city will receive state funds to build a new high school.

This week Revere’s Purchasing Agent Michael Piccardi published a Request For Submissions (RFS) to begin searching for a “responsive and responsible” firm to act as an Owner’s Project Manager (OPM) in the event the MSBA gives the city the greenlight to build a new high school.

RFS applications are due before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29 and should be sent to Revere City Hall, 281 Broadway, Revere. According to the request Revere is seeking project management services for the “design, construction, addition to and/or renovation of Revere High School”.

An OPM provides independent advice on project scope, design, value engineering, scheduling, contractual matters, and more. With allegiance to neither the designer nor the contractor, the OPM will act in the city and MSBA’s best interest to manage projects from beginning to end.

According to industry insiders a good OPM can save a lot of time and money, especially on a project as large as building a new high school.

“This is the next step in the process as we move into the Feasibility Study phase of the project,” said Revere Public School Superintendent Dianne Kelly.

“This Request for Services will begin the selection of the Owner’s Project Manager (OPM) who will oversee the New Revere High School project from thinking about where it will be situated to the application of final touches on the building. We are really ex-

cited to be partnering with the MSBA in this OPM selection process.”

Kelly said choosing an OPM will be an involved process that will include reviews prior to application submission, an interview process, a weighted assessment of applicants, and then review by the MSBA team.

“We anticipate being part of their September Review Panel Meeting for final OPM selection,” she said. “It is a great step forward for the future of the Revere Public Schools.”

In April, the MSBA voted to authorize inviting the City of Revere to collaborate with the MSBA in conducting a Feasibility Study to build a new high school in the city.

Revere was one of five school districts chosen by the MSBA on April 15 with the others being the Town of Brookline, the City of Haverhill, the Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District, and the Town of Webster.

The vote by the MSBA came on the heels of a vote by the Revere City Council to approve a \$2 million appropriation to begin the Feasibility Study to build a new high school in the city back in February.

Kelly said once the OPM is chosen she expects the Feasibility Study to take about two years. In 2018 Revere Public Schools cleared a major hurdle during a MSBA board meeting when the MSBA board voted to invite Revere and ten other school districts that filed Statements of Interest (SOI) this year to take part in the eligibility process that could ultimately lead to grant money to build a new high school here.

“I am absolutely delighted that we are looking to the future,” said School Committee member Carol Tye. “In this time of adverse circumstances in almost every aspect of our society, we need to keep our promise to provide the best educational experience to our children. And that means a high school fit for the 21st Century. I am proud that the City is committed to that vision.”

RESIDENTS DISCUSS FUTURE USE OF MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE

WINTHROP - Seventy-four residents on a mid-summer last week participated in a ZOOM meeting about the future development of the old Winthrop Middle School property.

That’s a large turnout and indicative of the significant interest in the large, centrally located property on Pauline Street that sits adjacently to the Larsen Rink at the Mike Eruzione Center.

Geoffrey Morrison-Logan of the planning, design and development firm, VHB, moderated the forum, effectively keeping the discussion moving and helping to generate different ideas for the property of residential and retail, an idea that would boost the economic vibrancy of the nearby Winthrop Center business district. The construction of a new combined public safety (fire and police) building on the site was also brought to the table.

Town Manager Austin Faison was present at the meeting while Council President Phil Boncore and Precinct 5 Councillor Peter Christopher led a contingent of town officials participating in the meeting.

One resident asked why the town had been delayed in its efforts to develop the property, noting that it

was clear seven years ago that the Winthrop Middle School was going to be part of a new Winthrop Middle/High School that opened in 2016. Today Faison and town officials seem poised to advance on what would be a transformational development for the area – in fact, the next meeting on the Middle School property is slated for August.

Those who remained through the end of the meeting heard Sean Driscoll, director of parks recreation, and Debbie Kneeland Keegan, executive director of For Kids Only, propose using the property for the development of a recreation center.

Both Driscoll and Kneeland Keegan bring years of experience and expertise to the issue of having sufficient recreational and after-school programs available for youths. Driscoll has been the town’s parks and recreation director for 21 years. In fact, Driscoll’s office has been located inside the former Middle School building for the past nine years. Meanwhile, Kneeland Keegan revolutionized after-school programming with the founding of For Kids Only (FKO) that has served thousands of area youths and become a national model. She is FKO’s executive director.

Driscoll spoke about the construction of a new recreational center during the meeting and in an ensuing interview.

“There is a need for a recreational center and a gym because of the mistake that was made when they built the new high school/middle school – they only made one gymnasium – and space is tight there and you can’t do events because it’s booked with high school sports, which it should be,” said Driscoll.

Driscoll would also like to see a police and fire public safety built on the Pauline Street property.

“Instead of thinking about putting in condominiums and more storefronts, the town is in desperate need of a public safety building for our fire and police departments and I think it’s time,” said Driscoll. “You could have a nice, little setup there and use Ingleside Park as a gateway to a new recreation center and over to a new Winthrop Center,” said Driscoll. “I think it’s important to maintain Ingleside Park as a centerpiece in our town. To me, Ingleside Park is our Boston Common.”

Kneeland Keegan followed Driscoll and thanked the meeting organizers for “a well-organized” format and “allowing the opportunity for information-gathering and community input.”

Kneeland Keegan said she is developing a new FKO facility in Precinct 1.

“I agree that this is all about balance,” began Keegan Kneeland. “I feel the future of this parcel should be mixed use of residential space, retail space, and a dedicated space for youth and community access – and most of all, preserved green space.

“I feel strongly that our youth need healthy spaces to grow and thrive. It is our responsibility to provide green spaces and physical structures for open access for physical, recreational, and social opportunities for our children and youth. We should be learning some valuable lessons from COVID-19 in that our breath is vital to our existence and we are interconnected beings to our earth,” continued Kneeland Keegan.

“I fully understand the need for revenue and appreciate that, which is why there is a need for balance in the development of this parcel – however, I do now want to sacrifice our green space, nor space for our town youth and seniors for physical recreation, the arts, and social interaction. Winthrop does not have a YMCA, we do not have a Boys and Girls Club. And yes, we are very unique in this way. Why? Because we are an intimate community armed with tremendous opportunity to allow for innovative use of space. I feel the blended use of space for all of us to enjoy such things as the arts and physical activity is imperative in terms of developing this space.”

Boncore and Christopher both thanked residents for their participation in the meeting.

“I would like to thank the 74 people that joined in to the conversation with their ideas and with their comments,” said Boncore. “I picked up some valuable information and I thought some of the people were really brilliant in their thoughts. I encourage them to join one of our committees in the town and we need some volunteers.”

Christopher added, “It was really encouraging to see the amount of people who came in and were able to participate. It really exceeded anything that I would have expected. And the feedback was excellent.”

Town Manager Austin Faison called Tuesday night’s meeting “productive.”

“I thought the meeting was productive as the Town continues to make progress

towards the utilization of that site,” said Faison. “We are gaining a clearer picture of what zoning could look like, which will be the eventual result of this committee’s work. There are many conversations to be had on the topic and I’m excited that so many people in the community are engaged,”

OPENING UP WINTHROP LIBRARY

WINTHROP - While business owners start to navigate their way through the “new normal” of serving customers during the various reopening phases, public institutions are faced with the same challenges.

As of July 1, union employees at the library have been furloughed temporarily, and town manager, Austin Faison said that they are still determining the dates for the different reopening phases of the plan. The plan, which was first presented in May, annotates the various stages, from the current phase that has limited staff members and virtual and digital programming. Phase three of the plan will include the return of all staff members with limited hours and social distancing practices in place. This phase of the plan will be closed to the public, however; the library will begin accepting returns via the exterior book drop box and patrons will be able to pick up materials.

During phase four of the reopening plan, patrons will be allowed to browse items and have access to computers and copiers with time limits and during limited hours. Phase five will have the library opening with precautions and additional hours. During this phase, the library team will still need to work closely with the town to determine health and safety guidelines. Phase six will see a fully functioning library with caution regarding large group events.

“Again, the focus right now is on the health of the staff and the community,” said Faison. “We must be cautious as we consider reopening buildings and we cannot become complacent. The library is by no means permanently closed. I know that has been a rumor in Town, but it couldn’t be further from the truth. This is a temporary measure. What we are still determining are the dates that we can commit to the different phases of the plan.”

Currently, there is limited pick up and drop off through the Library Director. Virtual and digital programming is available and more will be rolled out by Aug. 1.

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Congressman Joe Kennedy III meets with Chelsea’s National Honor Society students

Staff report

Last week, Chelsea High School National Honors Society students hosted a special guest, Congressman Joe Kennedy III, in their last virtual meeting of the summer.

The group of nearly 30 students chatted with the Congressman about his race for the U.S. Senate, voting in the age of COVID-19, and about policy issues such as police reform and immigration. Kennedy met with the students via zoom while in Washington D.C. voting on key legislation.

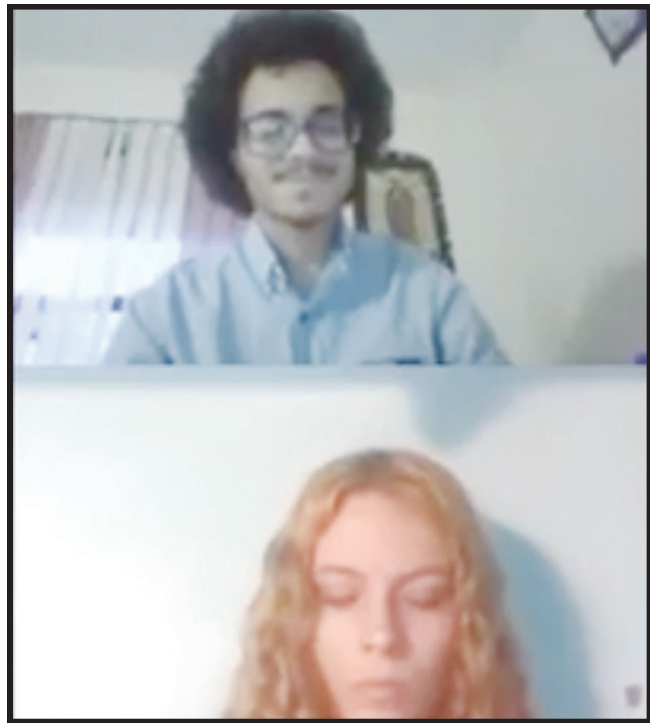
“From being forced to move all classes online to being unable to participate in things like prom and graduation week, our students have been forced to navigate uncharted terrain these last few months,” said Congressman Joe Kennedy III. “But these students in Chelsea are a perfect example of just how

dedicated our young people can be. Even in the midst of this global pandemic, they are focused on doing right by their classmates and by their community. I am so grateful to have been part of their conversation today, and I look forward to seeing the differences they make in our communities in the years to come. In their hands, I am confident the future is bright.”

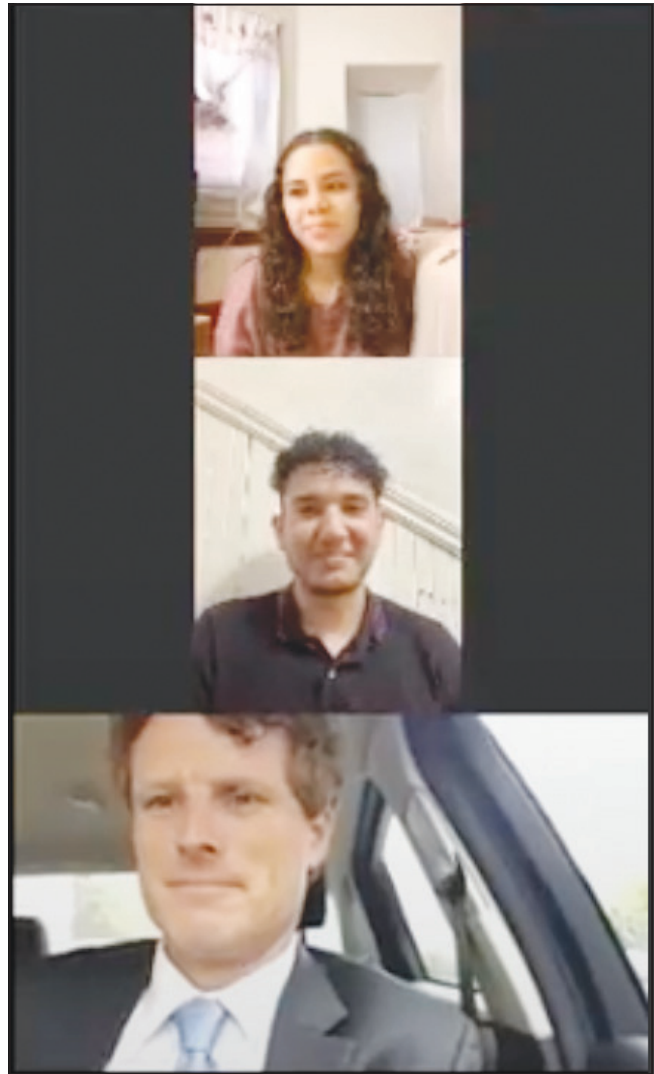
In addition to their meeting with Congressman Kennedy, this group of students has been very active in the City of Chelsea. From working to increase local voter turnout to organizing events in their community, they have demonstrated their commitment to building a better city for all residents in Chelsea.

Since entering the race for U.S. Senate, Kennedy has been a frequent presence in Chelsea visiting businesses in the Downtown area, meeting with

grassroots groups on environmental justice issues, assisting in several food pantries, raising \$30,000 for housing and food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic, and visiting recovering Covid-19 patients with gift boxes during Mother’s day.



Chelsea High National Honor Society students recently had the opportunity to discuss policies, voting, COVID-19 and more with the Candidate for U.S. Senate, Joe Kennedy III.

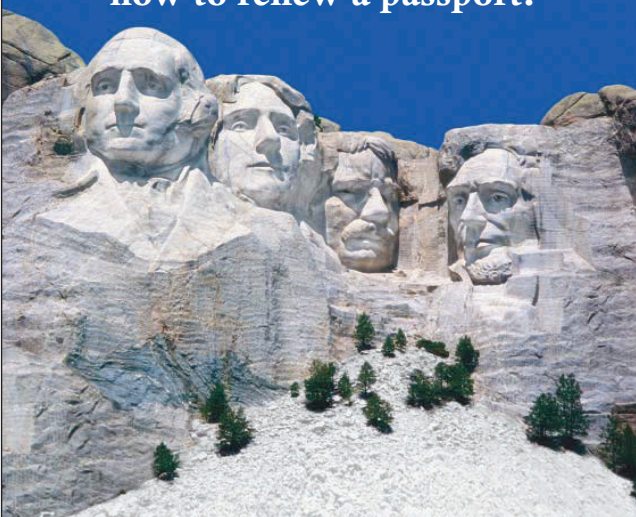


TEMPLE EMMANUEL ASSISTS CITY’S SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM



On July 20, Temple Emmanuel became one of the Chelsea summer meals program’s distribution sites. Pictured this past Monday at the site are, from left, Chelsea Salvation Army Capt. Isael Gonzalez, Martha Mejia, Nelson Aquino, Herb Selensnick and Herman Weiss, representing Temple Emmanuel, Caroline Collins of Greater Boston YMCA, and Francis Gouillart. In the back row is Jose Rodriguez.

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