

New Clark Avenue Middle School named after Morris H. “Morrie” Seigal

Staff Report

The City of Chelsea and the Chelsea School Committee would like to recognize and acknowledge that the Clark Avenue Middle School has been dedicated to Morris H. “Morrie” Seigal and will be forever designated as the Morris H. Seigal Clark Avenue Middle School.

The Chelsea School Committee recommended this dedication by vote on February 7, 2019. However, due to COVID-19 in May, the formal dedication of the school is postponed.

Morris Henry Seigal was a lifelong resident of the City of Chelsea and his contributions to the Chelsea Public Schools are to be commended.

Morris Henry Seigal lived his 92 years as a lifelong resident of Chelsea. He graduated from Chelsea High School before going on to receive his undergraduate degree from Salem State College and his graduate degree from Boston University. Seigal served a three-year tour in the U.S. Army during WWII, including 18 months of com-



Morris H. “Morrie” Seigal.

bat service in the South Pacific. During his 36-year career in the Chelsea school system, Seigal was a teacher, master’s assistant for grades 1-6, submaster at the Williams School, and lastly the headmaster at the Mary C. Burke School. He also served as president of the Chelsea Teacher’s Union for several years. Morris served for 29 years on the Chelsea School Committee, elected in 1983 and was twice elected as School Committee Chairman. He was a youth director at the

Young Men’s Hebrew Association (YMHS) for 21 years and also served as the assistant director of Camp Menorah. Mr. Seigal sponsored the motion that led to the Boston University/Chelsea Partnership which resulted in the construction of four new schools in Chelsea. He was instrumental in the motion that resulted in the naming of these schools after Chelsea residents who had lost their lives while serving their country.

Philip Russo announces candidacy for 16th Suffolk District State Rep.

Philip Russo has announced his candidacy for the State Representative race. The following is his statement:

My name is Philip Russo and I am writing to let you know I am running for the 16th District State Representative Office. Due to restraints from Coronavirus I was unable to receive the necessary signatures by the deadline and was unable to make the ballot, although I am running as a "STICKER" candidate in a WRITE-IN campaign.

Voters should have a choice on who gets to serve their community.

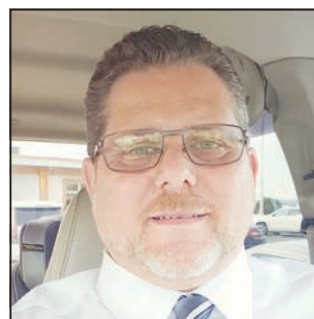
Having lived in Revere for over 30 years and currently running a small business in Saugus, which was originally based in Chelsea, I have come to realize that our communities have drastically changed. The cost to live in our cities and towns have increased and placed a

hardship on many families. This is something that compels me to run for office - we can do better in Revere, Saugus, and Chelsea.

My focus is on the future of our district.

In 2012 I met my wife Lisa and we married in October of 2013 at St. Anthony's Church in Revere MA. We are blessed to have 2 beautiful children, who remind me every day of how important strong leadership is for their future, all our children's futures - this is my main reason for running for State Representative. Being a business owner, union carpenter, and entrepreneur, I know how important it is to be honest and I pledge to always be the voice to speak for the people.

I Philip Russo am a conservative Republican who will be a true voice to represent all the people. I am running on an America First



Candidate for State Rep. Philip Russo.

Agenda- Education, not Indoctrination. Defend our Police, not Defund them. I am Pro-life and want to work on infrastructure and housing. I believe in God, Family, and Country.

Please Join me on Sept. 1, 2020 at the polls. Request a Republican ballot and place the enclosed sticker or write in my name, Philip Russo, in the space designated on the ballot. The position will read; Representative in General Court, Sixteenth Suffolk District.

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GreenRoots has hosted several candidates’ forums in the past, but this was the organization’s first effort on Zoom.

“We did have [virtual] conversations with Sen. Ed Markey and Congressman Joe Kennedy, but they

each spoke individually, but they didn’t want to be on air at the same time,” related Bongiovanni. “So this is the first time that we had a candidates’ forum with candidates from two separate districts doing this completely virtually.”

GreenRoots is a community-based organization dedicated to improving and enhancing the urban environment and public health in Chelsea and surrounding communities.

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Said MyRWA Scientist Andy Hrycyna, “Measuring is important and you measure what is important. It’s important to measure the progress and to look ahead. Forgotten in the effort are other important words and they are collaboration and partnership.”

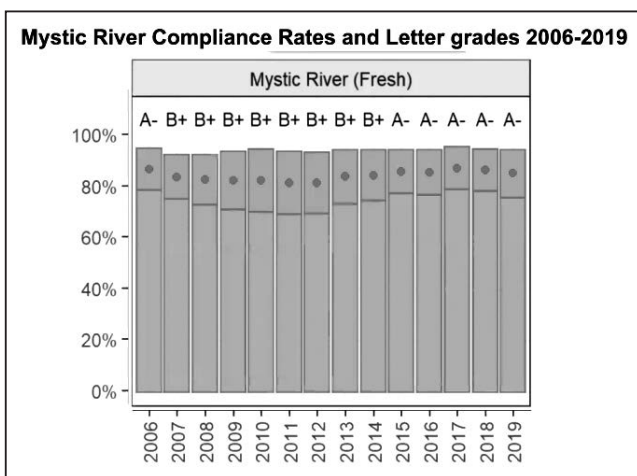
While the more suburban areas of the watershed, such as in Arlington and further up are rife with pollution and bad grades on the report, those in the urban areas like Everett and Chelsea have steadily improved precisely because of that collaboration.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said they have been working closely with Chelsea, the MWRA and the MyRWA for some time to stop illicit sewer hookups and Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs), which are very time-consuming and expensive to fix, but something both communities have done well to help the waterways.

In Everett, DeMaria has made the long-forgotten Everett waterfront a major priority of his administration for several years. One thing they are currently doing on the Island End River that will further improve it is daylighting the stream by the Boston Market Terminal, and the new owner of the terminal has plans to fix the culvert for the River under that property. Chelsea is working close to put in new drainage on their side as well, he said.

“Our goal is to have active recreation all along the waterfront – not only the Mystic and Malden Rivers, but also down there at the Island End,” he said. “I’m excited by this report today. People might think this wouldn’t excite me, but having a clean waterfront is extremely exciting to me. I’m committed.”

Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino, and Hrycyna, pointed out the Island End had been at a failure rating consistently for years, but something ma-



jor changed in 2018. That, Hrycyna said, was reflected in the analyzation of bacteria counts year over year.

“In 2018, something happened here that is reflected in our bacteria sample data,” said Hrycyna. “The values can be seen going down suddenly in 2018. We think we know why.”

Ambrosino said they traced most of the improvement back to two significant illicit sewer connections that were going directly into the Island End. One of them was a large apartment building that had its sewer connected to the drainage pipes.

The second was a large-scale produce operation at the New England Produce Center that had an illicit sewer connection into the stormwater drainage – also flowing directly into the River.

“From what my public works folks tell me, that was the equivalent of taking out 30 single-family homes with illicit connections out of the Island End River,” Ambrosino said. “The second connection from the Produce Center only took out more of that pollution...Both of these improvements made a difference here. We’ve worked very cooperatively with Everett and Mayor DeMaria in looking at the Island End River on climate resilience too...This is a very important place for climate resilience, particularly with the Produce Center there, which is the second largest processing

center in the U.S. We definitely expect to do more collaborative work with one another in the next five to 10 years.”

In Chelsea, the next major obstacle to tackle is Mill Creek, which received a ‘D-’ once again. The Creek on the border of Chelsea and Revere has been rife with issues for years, but Ambrosino said they want to focus on that.

“Our next target is certainly Mill Creek,” said Ambrosino.

Other notable grades for Everett and Chelsea:

- Chelsea Creek – A
- Mystic River (Fresh Water before the Dam) – A-
- Mystic River (Salt Water after the Dam) B+
- Island End River – B
- Malden River – C

MyRWA Director Patrick Herron said most of the waterways in Everett and Chelsea are safe for boating and recreating, but he said using the grading is not the best way to decide what is the safest day. He said MyRWA has a real-time boating safety feature for most of the waterways on their website.

“What we would say is that as these are urban areas and we still have more work to do to improve conditions, we advise folks to avoid recreation on the water during the 48 hours after a major precipitation event,” he said. “We provide a recreation tool that predicts bacteria conditions on a ‘daily’ basis to help people make these informed decisions on recreation.”

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way as well. Meanwhile, the Fourth and Broadway bus stop will be widened and improved for those waiting there. The project is expected to cost \$570,000, and there is an online public meeting about the upcoming construction on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m.

One of the keys, Maltez said, is to make sure the Chelsea Police and City officials enforce the dedicated lane, which will not be separated with dividers or other traffic posts. He said that will be key, and that the Police are on board with it.

“That was one of the

first challenges we wanted to take on,” he said. “Enforcement is going to be the key...We want it ticketed and enforced. The red paint we believe will make a difference. We’ve seen it work in two places, including City Hall and Park Square. Having the red paint tells people not to go there. Just the red paint itself is a deterrent.”

He also said they have begun to add more short-term parking zones along Broadway, and Train said they looked at frequent double parking spots and tried to home in on those areas for the short-term parking.

Those five-minute zones were unveiled along Broadway two weeks ago, and have been working well initially.

The Broadway bus and bike lane could also tie in to other routes too.

Maltez said for the bus aspect, there has been talk at the state level about adding a dedicated bus lane to the Mystic/Tobin Bridge. There is also a dedicated

bus lane included in the re-design of Rutherford Avenue and the North Washington Street Bridge in Charlestown. With all those pieces working together, it could mean a seamless and quick ride to downtown Boston from Bellingham Square, he said.

“The Route 111 in particular would have a dedicated bus lane from Bellingham Square all the way to Boston if that dedicated lane come into effect on the Tobin in the future,” he said.

Train said the bike lane aspect would tie into upcoming lanes on Williams and Beacham Streets, as well as a planned bike lane on Upper Broadway to the Revere line.

Looking to the long-term future, Train said there is a much larger project being designed with MassDOT to fully revamp downtown – including new utilities, sidewalks, paving, traffic signals and new public spaces. That has an estimated start date of 2025.

LET IT FLY SCHOLARSHIPS


In the photo above, Kyle Umemba and Cesar Castro present Let It Fly Scholarships to two of the five recipients from the Chelsea High Class of 2020, Limilson Tavares (Millsaps College) and Joel Vidal (UMass Boston). Local businessman Juan Gallego generously matched one of the scholarships. Although the popular Let It Fly Basketball Classic did not take place this year due to COVID-19, Kyle and Cesar still raised the funds to provide five scholarships this year.




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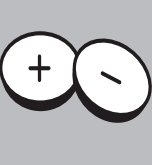
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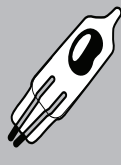
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Rep. Ryan, colleagues provide an update on continuing legislative session

Staff Report

Following a decisive vote in July to extend the formal legislative session, the House remains at work on bills vital to the Commonwealth this month.

During the ongoing Massachusetts 191st General Court’s 2019-2020 session the House has passed emergency legislation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as major legislation relating to education, transportation, and climate change.

This action to extend the session followed the passage of major legislation relating to the COVID-19 State of Emergency that included provisions to extend unemployment benefits, protect public health, and institute landmark provisions for remote voting in the House and mail-in voting for local, state and federal elections held in 2020. The emergency legislation also included one of the strongest moratoriums in the country protecting tenants and homeowners from eviction and foreclosure and creating opportunities for restaurants to serve alcohol, beer and wine for carry out service.

For the first time in the history of the Commonwealth, the House voted on emergency rules to establish procedures for remote voting. These temporary changes enabled the House to vote on items requiring formal votes (such as a measure facilitating the postponement of the tax deadline) while reinforcing public health and safety.

“I’m proud to be a member of a body dedicated to moving forward in times of crisis,” said State Representative Dan Ryan. “Working together with our Senate colleagues and a Republican Governor, we have continuously been able reach consensus to deliver for the people in Massachusetts when they need it most. There are a few more important pieces still in conference,

but, I have faith we will get done what needs to be done.”

Amid a difficult fiscal climate, the House also voted to keep Chapter 90 level-funded at \$200 million for key repairs for the maintenance and upkeep of municipal roads and bridges in Massachusetts. As part of a sweeping economic development bill, the House passed legislation to legalize sports betting, provide supports to small businesses and at-risk populations and make investments in affordable housing. In recognition of the House’s commitment to a safe, accessible, and reliable transportation system, the House also approved an \$18 billion investment in the Commonwealth’s transportation infrastructure.

In keeping with the House’s ongoing commitment to protecting public health and safety, the House passed health care legislation to facilitate the use of telemedicine as well as strengthen community hospitals. The House also passed legislation aimed at eliminating racial inequities in maternal health that have resulted in women of color dying of pregnancy-related causes at more than double the rate of white women. Under a policing reform bill, the House voted to establish a certification process for police, creating an independent and empowered oversight board, and codifying restrictions on use of force measures. The House also voted to protect public sector employee rights and to approve campaign finance reform.

In building on the House’s history of leadership in climate change policy, the House passed legislation setting a statewide 2050 net zero greenhouse gas emissions limit, establishing environmental justice population criteria, increasing statewide renewable energy requirements, and bolstering green programs for underserved populations.

In keeping with the House’s commitment to the

Commonwealth’s most vulnerable and at-risk children and families, in May, the House announced the formation of its Early Education and Care (EEC) Recovery Advisory Group. The group is tasked with helping address the challenges facing childcare in this new and changing landscape, and established the EEC Public-Private Trust Fund, creating an infrastructure to foster public-private and philanthropic efforts for childcare providers, including providing \$500,000 for technical and small business support during the recovery process. In July, in response to growing concerns about the significant drop in reports of child abuse and neglect during the COVID-19 crisis, the House also passed legislation to strengthen oversight policies and operations at the Department of Children and Families.

Helping to protect the most vulnerable children and families in the Commonwealth prior to the onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the House voted to lift a decades-old family welfare cap to extend cash benefits to the 8,700 Massachusetts children and their families who had previously been excluded. The House also passed legislation creating a care registry to protect persons with intellectual or developmental disability from abuse. To address the complex health and wellness needs of the Commonwealth’s 1.4 million children, the House led efforts this session passing comprehensive legislation to ensure increased access to services and a more holistic approach to children’s health and wellness supports.

The House acted to address climate resiliency by advancing a \$1 billion investment – known as GreenWorks – over the next 10 years to help communities across Massachusetts adopt technologies that cut greenhouse gas emissions, fortify infrastructure, and reduce municipal costs.

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\$18,141 raised, and finished July raising \$21,804.

The story of their fundraising – though both have shown the ability to raise funds well – is quite different.

Ryan had not posted his detailed donors for July by press time, as it isn’t due until Aug. 24. However, for June, 58 of his 127 donors were from Charlestown (53) or Chelsea (5). That’s 46 percent of that month’s donations coming locally and mostly from Charlestown. For May, 28 of his 73 donations were local, making for 38 percent coming locally. He told the newspaper he is having some fundraising events this week, and believed his contributions in total would work out to be about 50 percent local, and 75 percent being those who have donated in previous campaigns.

“When it is all said and done most of my contributors, all of my endorsements and the vast majority of my support will be from my district, with ties to my district or are people I’ve worked with on issues impacting my district,” he said. “There is no national or statewide movement behind me. I’m homegrown.”

For Vidot, there does seem to be more of a national and statewide voice when it comes to monetary donations, and that’s likely because of the endorsements from statewide groups.

In July, Vidot had 214 donors, and 28 of them were from Chelsea (20) or Charlestown (8), which equals out to 13 percent of local money. For June, the campaign had 161 donors and 33 were from Chelsea (28) or Charlestown (5), which equals out to be 20

percent local money.

“I’ve run for City Council three times in Chelsea, and now once for State Representative of Charlestown and Chelsea, and each of my campaigns have been grassroots and people-powered,” said Vidot. “I am so grateful for the donations that have come in from across the state, and even a few from different corners of the country. This campaign, because it’s all occurring in the midst of a pandemic, has certainly made us be more dynamic with how we engage donors. The number of young people, first timers, and longtime supporters donating tells me our movement is strong, and it is growing. It’s a clear sign that people want to see their voices amplified.”

She said the issues of environmental justice, housing justice, and government transparency aren’t exclusive to the 2nd Suffolk, and these issues have long been ignored by those in power.

“My campaign, in coalition with community leaders, local elected officials, and organizations that have endorsed me, is presenting an opportunity for us not just to ask for a seat - but to build our own table made up of leaders who will center the needs of working families and the most marginalized,” she said. “We are building a bridge to empowerment and prosperity for all.”

The candidates also differ in monetary terms regarding which side of the Mystic/Tobin Bridge their local money comes from. For Vidot, her local donations are mostly from Chelsea, and for Ryan, his local donations are mostly from Charlestown.

When it comes to spend-

ing, both have had brisk expenditures, with Rep. Ryan leading in spending and Vidot holding her money at least through the end of July.

Ryan spent \$4,228 in May, then \$7,878 in June, but then spent \$19,041 in July. That came mostly on campaign strategists and printing costs.

In June, Vidot spent \$590 and in July, her campaign spent \$8,241. Like Ryan, the bulk of those expenditures were on campaign strategists and on printing costs.

In all, the race for the 2nd Suffolk district has distinguished itself with large amounts of local, state and national money rolling in, and campaigns that are using that money to further their strategy in an unprecedented, COVID-19 campaign season.

Prattville/Revere state rep. race shows less fundraising

The state representative race unfolding in the Prattville area of Chelsea, which encompasses a district made up mostly of Revere, is also seeing some brisk fundraising and expenditures.

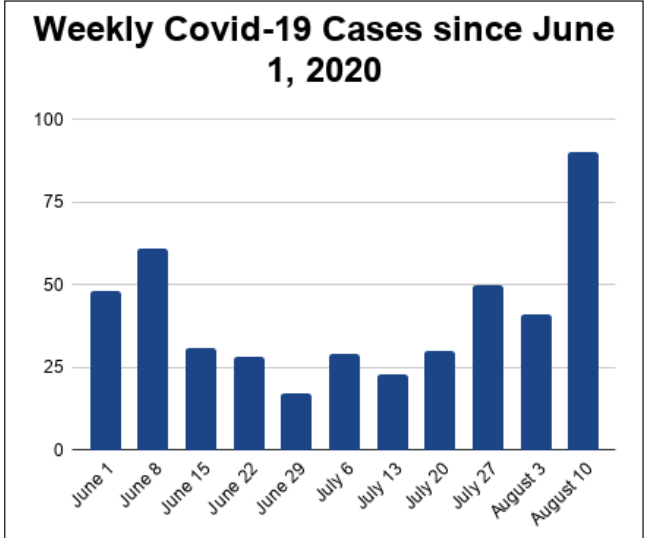
It is an open seat.

Candidate Jessica Giannino, a City Councillor in Revere, has \$42,680 on hand after a banner month of July where she raised \$24,458. In July, she spent \$15,621 on the campaign as well.

Candidate Joe Gravellese now has \$4,884 on hand, but raised \$8,761 in July. He spent \$6,092 on the campaign in the month.

That race will also be decided on Sept. 1 in the Democratic Primary.

NEWS Briefs BY SETH DANIEL



COVID-19 CASES ARE ON THE UPTICK

Confirmed positive cases in Chelsea are on the rise for the week Aug. 10-16, with 90 cases reported in that week. That’s up from 40 reported cases in the week prior.

For Aug. 18, there were nine new cases reported, and Chelsea is said to have a higher rate of infection compared to other places.

“Our greatest weapon in this pandemic is to put safety first at all times, through physical distancing, face coverings, frequent hand washing and cleaning, and prompt medical care and self-quarantine when sick,” read a statement from the City. “Stay vigilant, stay informed, and stay safe, and together we will get through this.”

POP UP FOOD PANTRIES TO END ON AUG. 29

The City’s pop-up food pantries will conclude operations on Aug. 29, in favor of the new Chelsea Eats food debit card that is open to all qualified Chelsea residents and can be used at stores in the area.

Until then, pop-up pantries will take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at:

- Mondays, Quigley Park, 25 Essex St.

- Tuesdays, Bellingham Hill Park, 115 Bellingham St.

- Wednesdays, Washington Park.

- Thursdays, Chelsea Square, 2nd Street.

- Fridays, Mary C. Burke Complex, 300 Crescent Ave.

MAIL-IN VOTING FOR SEPT. 1 PRIMARY

State Primary early voting ballot holders, don’t forget to return ballots to City Hall. Those voting by mail can return them the following ways:

- Mail the ballot to City Clerk’s Office, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway Chelsea, MA

- Drop it off at the City Clerk’s Office,

- Deposit it in the ‘Green Mail Drop’ box at City Hall (Washington Street side). This green mail dropbox receives all payments and all other city business documents, including Vote-by-Mail application (deadline to return 8/26) and 2020 Early Voting Ballots

The deadline to drop off early voting or absentee ballots is 8 p.m. on Sept. 1.

CHELSEA LIBRARY ADDS MUSEUM PASSES BACK

Reserve a pass for the day it will be used by calling: 617-

466-4350. One pass per family per day - You must have a Chelsea Public Library or MBLN library card to borrow passes.

•Boston Harbor Islands: Two-for-one discount ferry pass, each valid for up to 4 people. Available seasonally on weekdays only. ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE and are TIMED ENTRY TICKETS - Visit www.bostonharborcruises.com/harbor-islands/ to make your reservations

•Mass Parks Pass: This pass is a vehicle hang tag. Free parking for 1 vehicle at state park facilities that charge a parking fee; pass must be returned within 2 days - Please visit www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-state-parkscovid-19-update-for-park-regulations.

•New England Aquarium: Discounted pass; will let up to 4 people in for 50% off admission. Pass is date specific and must be redeemed over the phone or onsite for a TIMED ENTRY TICKET. Pass may be discarded after being presented to the museum. Please visit www.neaq.org for more information.

•U.S.S. Constitution Museum: Free admission for up to 9 people. Pass must be returned within 2 days. Museum pass MUST BE REDEEMED ONLINE FOR A TIMED ENTRY TICKET prior to visiting. Note: museum is currently open from Thursday - Sunday. Visit <https://ussconstitutionmuseum.org/tickets/>

•Zoo New England (Stone Zoo & Franklin Park Zoo): Discounted pass; \$9 per adult and \$6 per child up to 6 people. MUST BE REDEEMED ONLINE FOR A TIMED ENTRY TICKET prior to visiting. Ticket must be presented at zoo via mobile or printed. Please visit <http://www.zoonewengland.org/franklin-park-zoo/re-opening-faq/> for zoo regulations.

32BJ SEIU endorses Joe Gravellese

32BJ SEIU - a large regional service workers union representing over 175,000 working people including cleaners, custodians, maintenance workers, airport workers, food service workers, railroad workers, and factory workers - has endorsed Joe Gravellese in his race for State Representative in the 16th Suffolk District (Revere, Chelsea & Saugus).

“I’m proud to have the endorsement of the hard-working members of 32BJ SEIU,” said Gravellese. “Custodians, factory workers, food service workers -- these are the essential people who deserve more from their govern-

ment, who deserve a new and better deal.”

“The working people who power this economy deserve champions who don’t just want to continue the status quo, but want to really dig in and change broken systems. I’m proud to have the endorsement of 32BJ SEIU, and look forward to working with them to build a post-pandemic future for communities like Revere, Chelsea, and Saugus that is fairer, more just, and more humane for all our residents,” he continued.

32BJ SEIU is currently active in the campaign to expand earned paid sick time for essential workers

during the pandemic; access to testing and personal protective equipment; and strengthened federal protections for those struggling during this economic crisis.

32BJ SEIU has also endorsed Ed Markey for US Senate in the upcoming Democratic primary on September 1, along with Joe Gravellese for State Representative. 32BJ joins a wide range of unions backing Gravellese, including seven building trades organizations, two teachers’ unions, the National Association of Social Workers, and Revere DPW Workers Union Local 880.

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The project has been long in the making and planning started under former City Manager Jay Ash in conjunction with the state Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

“The Upper Broadway project has been in the works a long time,” said Maltez. “What started on Monday is the full replacement of all water and sewer infrastructure on Broadway. We started at City Hall. We are going to replace all water pipes and all sewer pipes to the Revere line. If we encounter lead pipes, we’ll replace them. If we encounter damaged infrastructure, we’ll replace it. This part of the project is going to take two years.”

That work is being farmed out to Aqualine, a water and sewer work company that

has done work on Essex and Webster Streets recently.

Maltez said the work will continue through the winter and wrap up in the fall of 2021.

That part of the project was always the obstacle to working on the roadway, as no City officials wanted to embark on roadway work without digging up the ancient and aging water and sewer pipes.

The breakthrough was getting \$10 million in federal funding for the project and \$4 million in MWRA Loans and grants. The MWRA portion will include \$3 million in grants, and only \$1 million in loans. That funding brought the project much more into focus and will end up costing the City very little for such a major project.

The second part of the

project will be more visible and will incorporate the federal funds from MassDOT. That will focus on the sidewalks, drainage and paving of Broadway.

“At that point, there’s going to be a separate project that will replace all of the sidewalks, install all new drainage and repave the street – all of it from City Hall to the Revere line,” he said. “Once that happens, we’re also going to have a dedicated bike lane in both directions from City Hall to Revere.”

That roadway work will start in 2023, and will likely wrap up in 2025.

“These are both big projects and will take a long time, but they’ll really change our city I believe,” said Maltez.

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SAVE THE U.S. POST OFFICE

The unprecedented efforts to undermine the operations of the U.S. Postal Service by President Donald Trump and the Republicans are not even a thinly-veiled attempt to make sure that mail-in voting in the November election during this unprecedented pandemic will fail.

Trump’s suggestion that mail-in voting can easily be manipulated, or “rigged,” is absurd on its face. Five states, including Washington, Oregon, and Utah, have been conducting their elections for years by mailed-in ballots -- and they have been doing so without a hitch or any hint of manipulation.

However, even if we take Trump at his word that he is trying to “reform” the Post Office, why did he wait to do so until more than halfway through his fourth year in office and appoint as the Postmaster General a millionaire hack campaign donor who has absolutely zero experience in the mail delivery industry?

The U.S. Postal Service from its inception has been a national treasure that other nations have tried to emulate. We hope that the Congress is able to come together to save our Postal Service, an institution that literally is a lifeline for millions of Americans and provides a tremendous service for the entire country.

NEW STIMULUS BILL IS DESPERATELY NEEDED

As we all have learned by now, the so-called Executive Order (if any of it is even legal) recently issued by President Donald Trump two weeks ago amounts to all talk and no action.

It does not stop any evictions of tenants anywhere in the country.

The extra \$400 per week of unemployment benefits (on top of whatever an unemployed person may be receiving from the usual unemployment stipend) is subject to each state kicking in \$100 of the \$400. Given that every state already is facing huge budget deficits because of the pandemic, the Executive Order amounts to what in the private sector is referred-to as a poison pill.

As for the temporary elimination of the Social Security tax -- which is only paid by employed persons -- that sum will have to be repaid in the future by each taxpayer and business. So what good is that?

The moratorium on interest on student loans may be able to go into effect, but the Executive Order extends that benefit only to September 30.

The House passed an extended relief bill in May that included funds for states and municipalities, as well as maintaining the additional unemployment benefits of \$600 that were included in the first pandemic legislation.

The Senate refused to take up the House bill until the deadline approached -- and then asserted that the House was unwilling to compromise.

With an average of 1000 Americans dying daily from the coronavirus and the economy still in a shambles, the country cannot afford political gamesmanship. Action is needed -- and fast.

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A commitment to transparency

By Joe Gravellese, Candidate for State Representative

My campaign was recently endorsed by Act on Massachusetts - an organization dedicated to increasing transparency in our historically secretive state government. They endorsed me in part because I am one of dozens of candidates around the state - but the only one in my race - to sign the State House Transparency Pledge.

The Transparency Pledge commits me to making all of my committee votes available to the public. Most important votes at the State House happen in committees. But these committee votes are not required to be made public - meaning voters don't know how their legislator is voting, one way or the other, on key bills.

I'm committed to changing this by 1) posting all of my own votes publicly, and 2) pushing for rule changes to require everyone to do so.

The Pledge also commits me to standing for a public roll call vote on bills I co-sponsor. Legislators often sign on as "co-sponsors" to bills to show that they support them, but there are bills that more than half of the Legislature has signed

on to that still never even get an up-or-down vote. The Transparency Pledge pushes to change this.

It's common practice to try to dodge difficult votes that may drum up opposition in your district. I think that if you really believe in something, you'll make the case directly to your constituents about why it's important, and accept the consequences of your vote one way or the other.

I also support Act on Massachusetts' push for rule changes that would require that the public and legislators be given more time to review bills before voting on them.

I worked as a staff member at the State House, and I saw up close the absurdity of the budget process. A massive budget amendment would be released that contains hundreds of funding items worth millions of dollars, and legislators would have just a few hours to review this before voting on it. This needs to change.

Act on Massachusetts is also pushing for term limits for key leadership positions. Right now, too much power is concentrated in too few hands.

My commitment to transparency extends beyond the Pledge. I've committed myself to being up front with the voters about my intention to truly be a

full-time representative. That means holding no other job while serving.

Legislators are allowed to hold other jobs, and most do. There's no rule against it, and there's nothing inherently wrong with it. But I didn't get into this race for the salary, I got into it to make change - and that requires a lot of hard work and long hours.

I would also resign from my volunteer post as the chairman of the City of Revere's Scholarship Committee if elected. In that role, I have to vote on who is awarded scholarships by the City. It may create the appearance of a conflict of interest if I have to vote between a student who is in my voting district and one who isn't. To prevent such a conflict, I will give up this position. Voters deserve clarity on these types of questions before they cast their vote.

Throughout this campaign, I've tried to be transparent with you about my priorities. I've hosted town hall events where I've spoken about issues, and opened the floor up for questions. I've publicly answered hard questions about where I stand on certain bills. I've filled out many questionnaires from endorser groups asking about my stances, so I've posted one publicly on my

website for you to review.

If you vote for me, I can't promise that we will agree 100% of the time, on every issue. I can promise that I will always be honest with you; I will always be willing to talk candidly with you; I will always hold myself to the highest standards of transparency; and I will always work tirelessly on behalf of the people of this district.

I worked at the State House. "The way things are" isn't because the people who work there now are bad people. They're not. They're doing the best they can to make things better within a broken system. But all over Massachusetts, there are candidates running who want to change that system, who don't accept "but we've always done it this way" as an answer.

If you are looking for continuity with the way things have always been done, I am probably not your candidate. But if you're looking for something different from business as usual, I hope to earn your vote on September 1.

Joe Gravellese is running for State Representative in the Democratic Primary in the 16th Suffolk District (Revere, Chelsea, Saugus). Election Day is September 1.

LETTERS to the Editor

I SUPPORT DAMALI VIDOT

To the Editor,
We are living through a crisis, and the people in charge have failed us.

Gov. Charlie Baker has decided that business interests matter more than people's lives, and the Legislature has only taken half-measures that don't reflect the gravity of our situation. At the height of the pandemic, Councilor Damali Vidot's letter that forced Governor Baker to finally send help stands out as the brightest spot in our City's leadership. She is not willing to wait, and that sense of urgency is why Councilor Damali Vidot must be elected our next State Representative on September 1.

As a Chelsea School Committee member, the reopening of our schools has been front and center

for me in the last month, and Damali understands that investing in our youth is investing in our future. She has pledged to fight for full funding to our schools by making sure millionaires, billionaires, and huge corporations pay their fair share. Meanwhile, our state government has left us to fend for ourselves, and they ask that we do more than before with fewer resources. In one of the wealthiest states in the U.S., they say there is insufficient money for expenses related to COVID-19. I disagree and Damali disagrees. We need someone who will put our students first and do whatever it takes to pay for their education. That person is Damali Vidot.

Councilor Damali Vidot will also fight for your right to vote. The COVID-19 election bill that was signed into law was a weak attempt at making our election

safer. Our representatives voted against a comprehensive plan to guarantee safe in-person voting. They chose to spend more money sending voters a ballot application instead of just sending the ballots. And they said that if the postal service takes a little longer than usual and your ballot arrives late, your vote won't count. Our representatives could have done better but they failed us, because their priority is winning re-election and not protecting your right to vote. Throughout her career, Damali has pushed to get people who haven't voted before to exercise their right, and she will always be on the side that makes it easier for you to vote.

The State House won't fight for extending the eviction moratorium to make sure you don't lose your home. Damali will fight for you to have a roof over

your head.

The State House won't invest in fixing the T and making it free for riders. Damali will fight for you to have a safe, reliable, and affordable way to get to work.

The State House won't protect the environment with the urgency our climate crisis requires. Damali will fight for you to have clean air and water, so you can live a healthy life.

We don't need a steady hand. We need bold leadership. We need big ideas. Councilor Damali Vidot will fight for you and me, and will improve people's lives and put public safety first. She has my vote, and so I ask that you join me in voting for Damali Vidot for State Representative on September 1.

Roberto Jiménez-Rivera
Chelsea School
Committee Member

GUEST OP-ED

DA Rachael Rollins statement on bail and the bail fund

By DA Rachael Rollins

(The following statement is in regard to the release of a convicted sex offender and rapist in Dorchester through the efforts of the Massachusetts Bail Fund in July. The DA’s office has brought charges against the man for allegedly raping and kidnapping another woman shortly after being bailed by the Massachusetts Bail Fund.)

To the Editor,

Each one of the over 25,000 cases we handle a year is unique and the Office examines many factors in determining how best to proceed in each case. The decision to request bail or move for dangerousness is one of many that requires a careful consideration of what best serves the victim. And to be clear, the alleged rapist isn’t the victim in the case. The person raped is.

Dangerousness under s. 58A requires an evidentiary hearing. There are important victim-centered reasons for not requesting such a hearing and instead requesting

bail. Further, the dangerousness statute only allows defendants to be held without bail for a limited period of time, after which they are eligible for release on bail, and only permits prosecutors to request a dangerousness hearing during an arraignment.

What I find interesting about the Bail Fund’s recent behavior of posting higher bails for violent serious crimes - like the alleged rape recently committed by a convicted sex offender and rapist - is that any incentive for good behavior by the alleged offender is removed. When a family member or friend posts bail, there is an added pressure on the defendant. Any violation, whether a new offense or not showing up in court, could result in that family member or friend losing their money that was posted for bail. That’s how the bail statute works. The Bail Fund isn’t a friend or family member of the accused. There is no discussion on the ride home of ‘what the hell are you doing?’ or

‘what in the world have you done?’ There is no pressure applied to the accused by the Bail Fund. Rather, their mantra is ‘Free Them All.’

If this office made a decision to request bail and not a dangerousness hearing to spare the victim of a rape any additional trauma, I can absolutely live with that decision. But bailing out a convicted sex offender and rapist, and then going home, is the act of a coward. So is not making a statement after you make a decision like that. The Bail Fund bailed out Shawn McClinton and he is now accused of raping someone else, in Boston. I would have so much more respect for the Bail Fund if they had bailed him out and then let him stay in one of their homes. Because that’s what family members and friends usually do when they bail a loved one out. Not bail them out, set them loose on a community they don’t live in, and drive back to the safety of their homes.

Rachael Rollins is the Suffolk County District Attorney.

GUEST OP-ED

School reopening plans

By Thomas Scott and Robert N. Baldwin, Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS)

Across the Commonwealth, school districts are beginning to announce their plans for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Some communities are choosing not to reopen school buildings, opting instead for full distance learning for all students. Other communities are moving forward with a “hybrid” model, in which some groups of students alternate between in-person learning and distance learning, in order to ensure physical distancing in schools.

Neither of these approaches is being met with universal acclaim. Superintendents and School Committees find themselves caught between the impassioned viewpoints of two opposing camps. They are hearing from parents who advocate for at least some return to in-person schooling, in part because of fears about the long-term effects of students being out of school, without the supports and interactions they need to thrive. They’re also hearing from constituents, including many teachers’ union leaders, who insist that school buildings should remain closed altogether to protect students and staff and to prevent the spread of the virus.

Many of the 275 members of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS) were eager and hopeful to have their School Committee approve a hybrid model. Especially in communities where the COVID-19 infection rate is low, many superintendents are confident that schools can make the necessary adjustments to resume in-person instruction while protecting the health and safety of students and staff. These district leaders have worked diligently with local task forces throughout the

spring and summer to craft reopening plans that adhere to state guidelines and “follow the science.” While so many other states across the country cannot even consider reopening schools as the infection rate continues to soar, Massachusetts is in a very different position. Many Superintendents believe that the health and safety measures they will put in place – especially the redesign of schools to ensure physical distancing, along with requirements for face covering, hand-washing, symptom screening, and rigorous cleaning and sanitizing protocols – create the conditions to begin reopening schools incrementally and responsibly.

Despite these precautions, some communities ultimately will decide, as some already have, that even a partial reopening is not worth the risk, and begin the year with all students learning from home. In those communities, Superintendents will work with teachers’ unions to design and implement distance learning plans that reflect lessons learned last spring about what worked well and what needs improvement. Districts will have to find creative ways for students and families to “meet” their new teachers, even if not in person, to establish relationships at the start of the school year. Districts operating fully remote models also will have to devise strategies to serve students with the greatest needs, particularly students with disabilities, English learners, children living in poverty, and others who were not fully engaged in distance learning from March to June. Challenging questions remain about how schools can provide additional services remotely to address students’ social-emotional needs, especially their mental and physical health.

There is no shortage of opinions about what is the “right” way to approach the new school year. A quick

scroll through any social media feed highlights the vast divide on this issue, with proponents from both sides growing increasingly fervent every day. While superintendents have urged State officials to provide more clear direction for school opening, unless State officials change their position in the days ahead, these decisions are left solely in the hands of the superintendents and school committees. Therefore, each Superintendent has a weighty responsibility to cut through the noise, examine the facts, weigh the pros and cons, and recommend a plan that best protects and educates the students in their community. Ultimately, each proposal must be approved by the School Committee, but even their decision is not final unless the terms are negotiated with the local teachers’ union. All of this occurs while the public health situation – and the response to it – remains a moving target.

Whatever the outcome in each community, the new school year can begin successfully only if everyone involved commits to working together for the benefit of students. In the remaining weeks before students resume learning, we have a critical opportunity for parents, educators, union leaders, and community partners – regardless of the model they each wanted to see adopted – to move forward with a shared sense of purpose. We are living in imperfect times, to say the least, so while no plan can achieve a “perfect” result, let’s all strive to be creative, open-minded, resilient, and unequivocally determined to get our students back to learning.

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GUEST OP-ED

The urgency of the moment

By Senator Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07), and Roseann Bongiovanni, Executive Director, GreenRoots, Inc.

Today, we acknowledge the 200th day since the first reported COVID-19 death in Massachusetts. This public health emergency is unprecedented, but it’s hard not to see the stark parallels between this crisis and our climate crisis – the science denial that has stood in the way of making progress, the systemic racism that leads to disparate health outcomes, and the bold, urgent action we now must take to save lives and save our planet.

As elected officials and activist leaders, we know that the central lessons from our battle against COVID-19 are parallel to those from our fight against the climate crisis. And the effective solutions will share key markers—based in science, informed by those most impacted.

There is no addressing the coronavirus pandemic without accepting the historic and ongoing burden of this country’s systemic racism. People of color, particularly African-Americans, Latinx, and Native American populations, are getting sick and dying of coronavirus at disproportionately higher rates. Hundreds of years of redlining and lending disparities, hiring discrimination, divestment in neighborhoods of color, and more, mean that today, Black Americans are getting sick and dying of coronavirus at disproportionately higher rates. Many tribal nations are struggling to keep their members safe without adequate access to running water and health care resources. Gripped by fear and xenophobia stoked by Donald Trump and in low-wage jobs with no paid leave, Latinx and immigrant communities like Chelsea, where more than two

percent of the population has now tested positive for COVID-19, are being overwhelmed by the virus.

We must also acknowledge the role that environmental injustice plays in this global pandemic. Research has linked higher levels of air pollution to higher rates of infection from the coronavirus, leaving communities of color and poor communities – which are more likely to be exposed to polluted air – more at risk. Communities like Chelsea and East Boston are so severely impacted by COVID19 precisely because of their continued exposure to industrial polluters. Chelsea Creek hosts 100 percent of Logan Airport’s jet fuel, 80 percent of New England’s heating fuel, road salt for more than 350 communities and many other noxious uses. It is no surprise that Chelsea and East Boston residents have among the state’s highest rates of asthma, hospitalizations for pulmonary and cardiac diseases, and cancer rates. And that makes it no surprise that years of systemic environmental racism have resulted in Chelsea’s astronomically high rates of COVID19, the highest in the state.

To tackle problems of this magnitude, we need bold action now. A coordinated rejection of the status quo and a decision to act today will save lives in the long run. By addressing historic environmental injustices and centering these same communities in the decision making around climate solutions, we will save the lives of our neighbors and prevent future generations from bearing the brunt of future public health disasters. COVID-19 has made painfully clear the desperate need for broader systemic reform – including a safety net that provides health care and economic security to all. That same systemic shift is exactly how we can bend

MGC puts any expansion of gaming on hold after Everett’s ‘high-risk’ designation

By Seth Daniel

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) has put a pause on any expansion of gaming into Roulette, Craps or Poker for the moment, with the backdrop of Gov. Charlie Baker’s pause on re-opening and the status of Everett as a ‘higher-risk’ community due to some recent, modest upticks in COVID-19 cases.

Encore Boston Harbor had been testing a very involved prototype of plastic and Plexiglas that they felt would allow patrons to safely be able to play stand-up games like Roulette and Craps – that amidst the backdrop of CEO Matt Maddox this month saying there is more demand at Encore than they can meet due to strong state restrictions. That prototype had been mentioned several times by Encore, and they had high hopes for it, but the MGC regulators and Commissioners felt now was not the time.

“In light of COVID-19, we don’t feel it would be appropriate to add new games,” said IEB Deputy Director Loretta Lillios. “We’re going to continue looking at it. They have seen pretty good compliance, but it’s something we’ll bring back to you at a later date...We’re mindful of the governor’s new announcement. From the IEB’s perspective, it seems expansion of operations at this time...would not be appropriate.”

Commissioner Enrique Zuniga said he agreed that the MGC should take things slow and follow the lead of Gov. Baker – who on Tuesday last

week declared Everett and neighboring communities ‘higher risk’ than the rest of the state.

“I think there was an assumption we would let health data inform all we did and we would continue to monitor the situation around us,” he said. “While reopening appears to have gone very good with occupancy levels and adherence to the guidelines, it is still important to monitor public health data. Everett and Chelsea were identified recently as communities where there was an uptick and they are important places to monitor. I think it’s prudent to continue the way that we are now.”

Added Chair Catherine Judd-Stein, “At this point, it just wouldn’t be prudent to expand and we need to get this right.”

The news was disappointing to Encore Boston Harbor, certainly, though the company said nothing publicly. From the opening, the resort has hoped to be able to lead the nation in returning profitable games like Roulette and Craps – though their emphasis has been on public health and safety first. Still, they have indicated that demand will dictate any decisions on expansion, and Maddox said in an investor call two weeks ago that there is more demand at Encore Boston Harbor than they can meet with the restrictions. Brining back more games, and creating that demand, would be a key to bringing back the more than 1,400 employees that are still furloughed from the resort.

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our carbon emissions curve and help avoid the worst climate impacts. This is exactly what the Green New Deal calls for – a transformation of our economy and our democracy, with the ideals of justice, equity, and science entrenched in every policy we create. When we change how our energy is produced and used, we make our shared responsibility to cut down our individual carbon footprint easier and fairer.

That’s why in early July, we wrote a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) demanding the agency rapidly deploy mobile air monitors. We succeeded. A month later, the EPA committed to temporarily installing mobile air sensors in Chelsea and has committed to a permanent monitoring station if concerns are found.

Assessing Chelsea’s air quality is an important first step. Addressing Chelsea’s air quality, however, will require partnerships between government officials and local communities as well as bold action.

We have a duty to put the lessons we’ve learned to work toward achieving our dream of a better world. The choices we make during the response to the coronavirus will shape society and policymaking for decades to come. We must make the right choices. We wouldn’t be in our lines of work—government, public service, activism, organizing—if we weren’t optimists at our cores. We believe in the coalition of communities calling for change. Policy is not abstract; it is about who thrives, and who has clean air to breathe. And we know that our movements are deeply connected. We must act swiftly for climate justice while fighting for an equitable recovery from this pandemic. Relief and justice cannot come quickly enough.

ENUES

Not surprisingly, the MGC released Gross Gaming Revenues (GGR) for July and it was slim pickings compared to the months before COVID-19, but at the same time it wasn’t a total disaster.

It was the first release of revenues since March, which was shortened by the closure of casinos in the state due to the onset of COVID-19. The July revenues were shortened by two weeks as they were only allowed to open on July 12.

One of the highlights in the numbers was the slot machine numbers. Despite having far fewer machines due to social distancing on the gaming floor, the GGR for slots was \$16.2 million with a hold of just 7.95 percent. That’s a similar hold to before the pandemic, and it’s only about \$6 million off from pre-pandemic slot GGRs. That was a major highlight, also considering that the Coin-in was down to \$204.5 million – which was more than \$100 million shy of what was normal at Encore earlier this year.

Clearly, the downfall was the table games, which are restricted tremendously by COVID-19 regulations. They came in at \$10.7 million in GGRs, which is about one-third of some of the best GGRs Encore had pre-pandemic.

In total, the Slot and Table GGRs were about 50 percent of what existed before COVID-19, at \$26.977 million. Some of the best months at Encore saw total GGRs at \$54 million.

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Elsy Sanchez named Project Onramp Summer intern for Frequency Therapeutics

Life Science Cares announced today that Elsy Sanchez has been named a Project Onramp intern for Frequency Therapeutics. She is one of 37 Massachusetts college students gaining professional experience at life science companies this summer as part of the biotechnology workforce development program, designed to help bridge the opportunity gap for underserved and minority students while building a pipeline of local and diverse talent in the life science industry.

Sanchez, 21, grew up in a bi-lingual household in Chelsea, Mass. where her parents settled after immigrating to the United States from Honduras years prior. As a child, she always had a passion for math and science as formulas were easy for her to understand. Now a rising senior at Salem State University, she mentors young people helping them to transition from high school to college as she works to earn a degree in Biology with a minor in Spanish and Chemistry. Sanchez will be the first in her family to graduate from college and, upon graduation, she plans to pursue her goal of improving the health of people from diverse, underserved communities, and to work doing biomedical research.

“Being a first-generation student has many challenges because most of the time I’m not aware of the different opportunities and careers,” says Sanchez. “During my internship, I have had mentors within the company that have helped me create a base for my career. Because of this experience, I know I can help others if I go into research or work in a Biotech company. I always wanted to be a doctor or physician’s



Elsy Sanchez.

assistant, but by doing research and potentially helping to create a drug, I will be helping a lot of people.”

As a summer intern at Frequency Therapeutics in Woburn, Mass., Sanchez is supporting the company across nearly all functions, including contributions to research and development, business development and corporate affairs. All of her work is being done remotely.

“Elsy has been a tremendous contributor for us this summer at Frequency,” said David L. Lucchino, CEO of Frequency Therapeutics and immediate past Chair of MassBio. “Project Onramp is about creating the future of our life science industry in Massachusetts. I have no doubt that, should she choose to pursue a career in life sciences, Elsy’s dedication and passion for the health of others will lead to a bright future for her and for any company or organization in her professional career path.”

Lucchino helped to launch the Project Onramp program during his tenure

as Chair at MassBio.

“Working at Frequency has exposed me to professional opportunities I had never before considered,” Sanchez said. “It’s been eye-opening to learn about the complexity of biotech organizations and the many disciplines that need to come together in order to develop new medicines. It is clear that this path that will allow me to have an impact on patients’ lives and has validated my plans to enter this field after graduation.”

Frequency is a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on harnessing the body’s innate biology to repair or reverse damage caused by a broad range of degenerative diseases. The company’s lead clinical candidate, now in phase 2a study, uses a small molecule approach to potentially restore hearing function to millions around the world with sensorineural hearing loss.

Created and sponsored by four of the nation’s leading life science organizations headquartered in

Massachusetts – MassBio, MassBioEd, Life Science Cares and the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, Project Onramp matches undergraduate students with paid summer entry-level internships, which often lead to full-time employment. Also supporting the program is Bottom Line, a non-profit committed to building strong connections for first-generation-to-college students.

“Project Onramp is a platform through which students seeking careers in the field can access valuable hands-on experience through internships at local biotechnology companies they otherwise may not have access to,” says Sarah MacDonald, Executive Director for Life Science Cares. “For many participating students, this is their first experience in the workforce. For participating employers, this is an opportunity to open doors

for young people, many of whom are first generation or first to go to college in their families, into a growing and thriving industry.”

Since its establishment in 2019, Project Onramp has placed more than 50 students in well-paid internships with top companies statewide. The program is funded in part by the State Universities of Massachusetts. For more information, visit: www.projectonramp-ma.com.

Life Science Cares (LSC) is a collective effort of the life science industry connecting companies with nonprofits that improve the lives of people living in poverty in Greater Boston and Philadelphia. In Boston, LSC harnesses the sector’s human and financial resources from companies and supports a portfolio of 27 nonprofit organizations. LSC’s partner organizations work to address basic survival needs (food,

shelter, improve education, and develop job skills that increase long term economic sustainability for the community’s most vulnerable neighbors. For more information, visit: www.lifesciencecares.org.

MassBio’s mission is to advance Massachusetts’ leadership in the life sciences to grow the industry, add value to the healthcare system, and improve patient lives. MassBio represents the premier global life sciences and healthcare hub, with 1,300+ members dedicated to preventing, treating, and curing diseases through transformative science and technology that brings value and hope to patients. Founded in 1985, MassBio works to advance policy and promote education, while providing member programs, events, industry information, and services. For more information, visit www.massbio.org.

Chelsea seeks applicants for youth commission

Staff Report

The City of Chelsea is accepting applications for its Youth Commission. Members will advise and assist the City Council, the School Committee, and the City Manager in the development of policies, programs, and delivery of services for the health and welfare of Chelsea’s youth and their families. The Youth Commission is comprised of 11 members each being ap-

pointed to the position for a one-year term beginning in September, 2020. Interested applicants must be Chelsea residents between the ages of 13 and 20 and currently enrolled in high school. Members will be appointed by the City Manager with the approval of the City Council.

Ideal members of the Youth Commission have a solution-focused attitude and are passionate about making an impact on their community. Members

meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month and attend additional meetings as needed. Youth interested in being considered for the Commission need to fully commit to making a difference in our community. Applications are available online at <https://tinyurl.com/chelseayouth-commissionapply>, in Spanish at <https://tinyurl.com/solicitudchelsea>. For more information call 617-466-4073 or email youthcommission@chelseama.gov.

Chelsea residents to participate in Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

Chelsea residents to participate in Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way presented by Hyundai

Bryan Riemer, Sarah Rosenthal, and Cristina Salabao will “Walk Your Way” for the iconic fundraising walk for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to support all forms of cancer

Chelsea, Mass.—Three residents from Chelsea will choose their own route on October 4th for the annual Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Participants are encouraged to walk wherever they choose: around their neighborhood, a local hiking trail, a treadmill, or anywhere else they are comfortable.

Bryan Riemer, Sarah Rosenthal, and Cristina Salabao, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in virtual programming during the Walk that aims to recreate the most

inspiring elements of Walk day. While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon® course, it will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The event has raised more than \$145 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 30+ year history.

“While we can’t see everyone in person this year, we are excited for the virtual programming which will give participants the opportunity to support breakthroughs in cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute,” said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. “Together, from a safe distance, we will take critical strides in the journey to conquer cancer.”

This year’s event will

have a lower fundraising requirement (\$100 for adults and \$25 for those 12 years old and younger) and everyone will pay just a \$5 registration fee. Each walker who registers will receive a bib, and medal and the first 5,000 walkers to register will receive a commemorative Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

Anyone interested in additional information can reference the Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way frequently asked questions or can send an email to JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.harvard.edu. Funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Boston Athletic Association has supported the Jimmy Fund Walk since 1989, and Hyundai has been the presenting sponsor since 2002.

To register to walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. You can also download The Jimmy Fund Walk App in Charity Miles. The app will allow you to track the miles you walk leading up to, and on Walk day, create a team and walk with your friends, family, and teammates, share your miles and activities via social media to boost fundraising, and see important Walk day news, content, training and fundraising challenges.

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Chelsea Waterfront Ambassadors having a busy summer

By John Lynds

Two Chelsea youth that are working as Waterfront Ambassadors have been participating all summer in a nature-inspired art project in the neighborhood.

The Waterfront Ambassadors, a summer youth employment program run by the Trustees Boston Waterfront is a summer team that consists of 11 Ambassadors.

Among these 11 Ambassadors are the two Chelsea teens, Brittany R. and Rabab B., who have spent the summer documenting some of their favorite places in and around Chelsea.

The teens photos have been aimed at capturing some of Chelsea’s unique and beautiful spaces.

Running through mid-August, the Chelsea youth are collaborating with and learning from a variety of partner organizations doing work across Boston, exposing the teens to a variety of potential career paths.

“Our Waterfront Ambassadors are an engaged group of local high school students, who are finding unique ways to explore and learn about the power of open space planning and development around the city,” says Managing Director of the Boston Waterfront Initiative Nick Black. “They are focused on what it means to design with access and equity front-of-mind, and are learning from landscape architects, artists, and community members from around the City.”

In early August teens had the opportunity to speak

with Michelle Moon and landscape architect María de la Luz Lobos Martínez to learn about the benefits—and challenges—of building open, green space in a developed area.

“We focused on the Winthrop (greenway) extension,” explained Program Manager Sarah Plotkin. “The Ambassadors were then tasked with creating their own surveys for the Greenway and to share them with friends to see what feedback they might get, which they really enjoyed.”

Other guest speakers this week included Jason L. Burrell, a local resident and associate at the law firm Mintz, who spoke with the teens about setting goals, and his career journey; Trustees Director of Coast Tom O’Shea who detailed the organization’s coastal strategy and resilience projects underway; and Trustees Boston Community Gardens Engagement Manager Michelle de Lima, who gave the group a virtual tour of the Nightingale Community Gardens in Dorchester.

“The Ambassadors enjoyed learning about the different plants that were being grown and how community gardens operate,” said Plotkin. “A high point was getting to talk to one of the local gardeners who was working her plot at the time, and learning about her creative way of using shredded paper to help her plants grow instead of mulch.”

Brittany said she really enjoyed working with Speak for the Trees that aims to increase the tree



Among the 11 Waterfront Ambassadors for the summer of 2020 are the two Chelsea teens who have spent the summer documenting some of their favorite places around Chelsea.

canopy in urban areas.

“We worked in collaboration with Speak for the Trees on the Tree Benefits Project,” said Brittany. “We had to go on out to our neighborhoods to measure and identify trees. Later, we had to research their benefits to write them on the sidewalk with chalk, to remind others of why trees matter. It was interesting to see the reaction of people living in those areas because I felt like it was a part of a greater change. Although I was pushed out of my comfort zone, the result was definitely worth it.”

Rabab said he took part in a rock painting project in the area.

“It was a fun experience where we all were able to be creative and think about ways to spark some joy into our neighborhoods,” said Rabab. “This definitely sparked some joy in my neighborhood as all the

kids stopped by to stare at the Patrick rock and even ask if it would be okay to add to the “collection”.

Black explained that the program had to sort of reinvent itself as the COVID-19 pandemic continues across the country.

Black said in Summer 2019, the Waterfront Ambassadors worked with key Chelsea grassroots and non-profit partners, lending a hand with local cleanups and stewardship projects.

However, the 2020 program, supported for a second summer by TD Bank’s Ready Commitment, has presented new challenges and necessitated converting to a virtual/remote work-learn structure to comply with social distancing measures.

Even with those restrictions, the two Chelsea teens are still meeting with and learning from—a variety of partner or-

ganizations including representatives from the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, Harborkeepers, the Boston Society of Landscape Architects, and other local artists, organizers, and educators.

“Getting outside and into the community was still a big focus for this year and finding a way to safely step away from the computer screen while social distancing was a challenge, but our Ambassadors have certainly risen to the occasion,” added Black. “Their projects this summer include regular, independent exploration of nearby public gardens and parks, to assess and think about what makes these places welcoming, valued spaces for the communities that surround them. Documenting their findings with photos, the teens are creating a postcard series to share their observations called ‘Greetings

from my Boston’.”

This year’s Chelsea Ambassadors are also engaging with the Boston Waterfront Initiative team to learn about the Trustees-led project to create a series of resilient, equitable parks around the City’s vulnerable waterfront. To help inform this work as part of a robust community engagement process beginning in the fall, the Ambassadors will gather open space design ideas and input from the community, with a focus on Boston youth.

“The engagement projects are the Ambassadors’ main focus of the summer,” said Black. “The goal is for each of the Ambassadors to explore their own communities with fresh eyes and learn from the many organizations and partners actively engaged with open space planning and community engagement work around our waterfront city.”

DiDomenico receives National Breakfast Hero award

Staff Report

The national anti-hunger campaign No Kid Hungry recently named Senator Sal DiDomenico as a recipient of its 2020 Breakfast Hero contest. DiDomenico was one of only six recipients throughout the United States.

DiDomenico was awarded for his sponsorship of Breakfast After the Bell legislation, which was signed into law earlier this month after being overwhelmingly passed by the Massachusetts Legislature. This bill will increase access to school breakfast to over 150,000 low-income students across the Commonwealth by making it part of the school day.

Accessing traditional cafeteria breakfast service can be challenging for many kids. Breakfast after



State Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

the bell provides breakfast in a way that is more convenient and accessible to students, resulting in more kids starting the day ready to learn.

“It is an honor to accept this 2020 Breakfast Hero award from No Kid Hungry,” said Senator DiDomenico. “We can have the best teachers, facilities, and technology in our

classrooms, but if our kids are showing up for school hungry, they simply are not ready to learn. I am very grateful for the advocacy and partnership of organizations like the No Kid Hungry campaign and Rise and Shine Coalition on our Breakfast After the Bell legislation. Together, we have helped to ensure that thousands of kids across our Commonwealth will start their days with the nutrition they need, ready to learn.”

According to No Kid Hungry, “this year’s inspiring line up of champions come from all walks of life, proof that ending childhood hunger takes all of us. Breakfast powers kids to reach their full potential, but millions of kids in need start each school day on an empty stomach. No Kid Hungry’s breakfast hero

award celebrates individuals who are changing that. By using their voices to build awareness, enacting smart policy, raising critical funds and implementing breakfast after the bell programs in schools, they have gone above and beyond to ensure all kids in America are Powered By Breakfast.”

No Kid Hungry is an active member of Rise and Shine Massachusetts, a statewide coalition of over fifty hunger-relief and education organizations advocating for state legislation that increases equitable access and participation in school breakfast.

School breakfast is an energy source for kids across the nation. Research shows that hunger has long-term ramifications on children, including lower test scores, weaker attendance rates, and a higher risk of

hospitalizations and chronic diseases. No Kid Hungry and its partners focus on

school breakfast as a critical way to end childhood hunger.

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Chelsea Young Adult Alliance offers resolutions for change in policies and practices

Letter from the Chelsea Young Adult Alliance:

Today, the Chelsea Young Adult Alliance publicly calls for change in policies and practices that uphold a system of prejudice, discrimination, and racism in education, housing, public health, and public safety. We call on city leaders to dismantle barriers that prevent equity, uphold racist practices, and create an equal community where BIPOC are treated equitably. City leaders have an obligation to intentionally and thoroughly address systemic racism for community-building efforts to grasp their fullest potential.

We demand change and are dedicated to ensuring it comes about in the city of Chelsea and everywhere. As we continue this process, we want the voices of all of those who have felt injustice to be heard. Our direct next steps for affecting change includes the following steps:

Step 1: Create a list of resolutions for city leaders to address inequalities. These action items provide a strategy that the city can follow to ensure an equitable society.

Step 2: Meet with local leaders and politicians to conduct open conversations.

Step 3: Document personal narratives/stories from Chelsea residents (Google Form).

Step 4: Conduct a city-wide town hall conduct an open forum for Chelsea residents.

Chelsea, MA, is not an exception, and we want to provide individuals with the opportunity to share why not.

Letter to City Manager Tom Ambrosino:

Dear Mr. Ambrosino, We are writing to you on behalf of the Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) of Chelsea. Over the past several weeks, the murder of George Floyd and the coronavirus19 pandemic have exposed longstanding racial inequities in many forms in our city, state, and country.

As the leader of this community, you publicly shared your sentiments against police misconduct. You expressed your outrage at the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, along with many officers including the Chief of Police, Brian Kyes, who has “taken a knee” in solidarity with protesters showing a sign of commitment towards working for a new social justice that would be fair to all.

We in the Chelsea black community have no illusions that the moment for action is now. The call is clear – we must stand in unison to condemn and arrest racism and the violence that it so often leads to. As the leader of Chelsea, it is your duty to promote and foster the belief; that all classes, races, ethnicities, and identities deserve the best, that “black lives matter,” and “all lives have equal value” as ordained by God Almighty, as encapsulated in the Equal Employment and Opportunity Council (EEOC) Act of 1972 (Pub Law 92-261).

Today, we call for change in policy that is ingrained in the legacy of slavery in areas such as education, housing, public health, and public safety. As a community, we can and must intentionally address systemic racism. The time is here and now. We have put together a comprehensive plan for policy reform that addresses racial inequities and strongly believe swift implementation of these innovative resolutions will sustain our commitment and solidarity as one Chelsea.

Best Regards,

Jayde Umemba
Chelsea Young Adult Alliance
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Chelsea Young Adult Alliance
Kyle Umemba
Chelsea Young Adult Alliance
Joan Cromwell
Chelsea Black Community President

Resolutions for Chelsea City Manager to Address Systemic Inequities

Cities, municipalities, police departments nationwide, and even The United States Congress are looking at reform proposals that bridge the gulf, not “gaps that may exist to prevent fulfilling the mission” this moment calls to stop discriminatory and systemic exercise of inequities that permeate through the fabric of this community and throughout society in general.

True, the demands of this moment are still being formulated, however, they are tied by a common thread. They come with a charge to challenge and rethink notions of what it means to be fair. And to rethink everyone’s obligation to be a party to that struggle. To be not merely not racist, but actively anti-racist. To be an active participant in building something more just...

(shared words by Adrian Walker)

It is in the vision that all stand united against being divided in the face of police brutality on innocent and law abiding citizens of Chelsea, which the task force recommends...

1. The City Manager will officially acknowledge the systemic inequities against minorities within the city of Chelsea, MA, and across the nation.

2. Introduce Director of Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) division within the City of Chelsea Human Resource Department. D&I should oversee the mobilization and actualization of housing, public health, and action plans for public safety

3. Include racial equity requirements under the city’s annual budgeting process. This program would require each city department to annually establish policies, practices, and community engagement strategies designed to confront systemic discrimination and advance equity.

4.The city of Chelsea should reevaluate citizen-led committee(s) and decisions and outcomes made by city boards and commissions, to ensure decisions are proper, equitable, and representative of city demographic

5.The city of Chelsea should develop strategies to increase the level of civic engagement in Chelsea’s annual budgeting process. Any strategy should focus on improving the overall level of engagement between Blacks and the City Council regarding fiscal related decision-making processes.

Public Safety: Resolutions to Address Systemic Inequities

1. The city of Chelsea should constitute an independent or autonomous citizen-led Police Oversight Committee with subpoena powers, and should consist of residents of Chelsea. The committee should provide policy guidance, budgetary recommendations, and civilian oversight of the Chelsea Police Department. Within predefined parameters, the committee should oversee the mobilization and actualization of the Resolution to Address Systemic Inequities listed here.

a. The Police Oversight

Committee, City Manager, City Councillors, and Police Chief should conduct a quarterly review tracking progress made on the Resolution to Address Systemic Inequities listed in here...

2. The Chelsea Police Department should provide annual report on:

a. Arrest data, disaggregated by race, sex, disability, religion, age

b. The use of force data, disaggregated by race, sex, disability, religion, age.

c. The diversity within the police department at a hierarchical level

3. The Chelsea Police Department should provide residents with full visibility into ALL police complaints and records of misconduct. The City Manager and Chief of Police, should work with The DA’s office to prevent officers who are terminated with cause in other districts from getting rehired in the city of Chelsea

4. The Chelsea City Manager should work in tandem with the Chelsea Chief of police, and the Suffolk County DA’s Office, to ban and prohibit law enforcement based on racial, religious and discriminatory profiling

5. The City Manager should hire a third-party auditor to annually review city-related departments (outside of Education) that accrue expenses greater than \$10 Million over five consecutive years, to efficiently manage “non-essential” costs and reallocate revenues from wasteful expenses to deserving social services, new public safety systems, and towards police reform initiatives

a. Following the audit, the City Manager should consider using a third-party independent consultant to establish a socially equitable ratio of spending and reinvestment activity for identified departments.

6. The Chelsea Police Department should expand upon current laws enacted towards Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act. The Chelsea Chief of Police should make it mandatory for law enforcement officers in the city to undergo mental health evaluations semi-annually, and increase their overall usage of peer mentoring programs

7. The Chelsea Police Department should create law enforcement development and training programs to develop best practices and require the creation of law enforcement accreditation standard recommendations based on President Obama’s Task Force on 21st Century policing

8. The Chelsea Police Department should redistribute funds from the Civil Asset Forfeiture program towards youth recreational programs in the city

9. The Chelsea Police Department should review its current practices, and immediately ban and prohibit policies and practices that involve Choke-holds, Carotid-holds, and No-knock warrants in the city of Chelsea

10. The Chelsea Police Department should immediately make it mandatory in the city of Chelsea for police and law enforcement officers to fund and use dashboard and body worn cameras at all times and when in patrol in the city of Chelsea

11. The Chelsea Police Department should require a semi-annual Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) sensitivity training provided by a Third-party agency (minority-owned business). Each police officer would be required to have annual recertification upon completion of the D&I training

12. The Chelsea Police Department should reform qualified immunity

so that individuals are not barred from recovering damages when police violate their constitutional rights.

13. We expect the City Manager to establish standardize review process for address claims on discrimination filed by POC officers. It’s imperative that city leadership should create a protection program immediately to protect the privacy and integrity of any reporting process.

14. Our citizens expect leaders in Chelsea to be on the record in support of Marijuana Diversion programs and support of misdemeanor bail reform. The city should reduce its reliance on court fines and jails as a revenue source.

15. In general, you should change police use-of-force policies and emphasize de-escalation training suggested through these initiatives.

Education: Resolutions to Address Systemic Inequities

We expect the city of Chelsea to be fully responsive and compliant to EEOC Act of 1972 (Pub Law 92-261), whereby a level, fair and equitable playing field exists at all new employment and promotions within the Chelsea school system, at the Chelsea City Hall offices, The Chelsea Fire departments, and the Chelsea Police Force rank and file.

Like other municipalities and agencies, the city of Chelsea should be in total compliance at all times with the mandates of Equal Employment Opportunity Act designed to prohibit job discrimination. Therefore, we expect you, the City Manager, to provide the required leadership to ensure full and unabridged compliance of this law; by providing immediate funding to promote internal checks and balances or policies that assure the rules are the same for ALL applicants and employees at all city establishments.

We expect your Office of Human Resources to create an Equal Opportunity and Outreach group. A new division to offer periodic workplace learning and professional development opportunities to city employees including at the barest minimum workshops on developing cultural competence, bystander awareness, unconscious attitudes/implicit bias, and inclusive communications. Measures that address marginalized identities.

Mobilization

1. Develop a strategic Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan, led by a dedicated Steering Committee (made up of community members, students, families, teachers, and administration) to build a diverse multicultural competent and healthy institution.

Begin with multicultural competence self-assessment.

2. Allocate essential financial, personnel, and technical resources required for implementation of the action plan.

3. Introduce Director of Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) under the Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) Human Resources Department to oversee the mobilization and actualization of the Education: Diversity and Inclusion action plan.

Current State

4. Provide a report on employee headcount by race and ethnicity at all staffing levels, including data on promotions. This report should separate Teach For America (TFA) educators vs non-TFA educators. but include breakdowns for other teacher pipelines such as Teach for America, City Year, etc.

Provide detailed insight on the BIPOC pipelines of

employment.

Provide detailed insight on the retention of Black staff.

Provide detailed reporting on diversity across leadership positions. Each school will identify the number of faculty annually promoted to leadership positions by ethnicity.

Faculty, Administration, and Staff

5. Implement annual professional development training on multicultural competency, diversity, de-escalation methods, restorative justice, and trauma for all staff. Prioritize the reallocation of continuing education units (CEU) towards the topics mentioned above.

6. Eliminate Student Resource Officers within schools.

Reallocate the SRO budget towards funding for social workers, school psychologists, and translators.

7. Increase overall headcount of Black Full-time equivalents (FTEs). Provide current and prospective Black staff with comprehensive professional development opportunities and pathways to increase long-term retention.

Increase the number of alternative certification programs (traditional certification programs are often in under-performing colleges and produce an overwhelmingly white teacher workforce)

8. Increase educator salary to incentivize Black educators to teach in CPS.

9. Establish and standardize a review process for addressing discrimination claims filed by BIPOC educators.

Draft written protections for Black educators.

Draft written consequences to where racial discrimination, bias, attacks, etc. become fireable offenses that are not protected by union contracts.

Students

10. Connect with CPS students of color and listen to their experiences and what they would like to see change at CPS.

Create forums and leadership roles that allow for students to offer their perspectives on the current state of schooling and what they would like to see change in those environments.

11. Establish a Black Student Mentor Program. Establish Black Student Affinity Groups that create safe spaces for students to come together (beginning in early education through high school).

12. Conduct climate surveys to gauge how students are impacted by racial injustice and how they perceive incidents and topics pertaining to race are addressed in their school environment.

Establish an open door policy for students to disclose perceived racial injustice. Collect, record, and analyze data so as to ensure remediation and create prescriptive recommendations to ameliorate learning environments.

13. Reevaluate detention and in-school suspension framework and incorporate a Restorative Justice approach.

Curriculum

14. Reevaluate Chelsea Public School (CPS) curriculum and professional development program. We will provide a further detailed action plan that identifies how to reevaluate the resources being leveraged in the current curriculum.

Early education: Reassess toys, content, curriculum, and environment to ensure that all aspects display diversity to promote equitable learning. This includes, but is not limited to: books and stories that are incorporated into classroom time, dolls and pup-

pets used for classroom activities, and posters/art used to decorate classrooms. This diversity should also include different family dynamics, disabilities, and gender identities. We will provide a further detailed action plan that identifies how to reevaluate the resources being leveraged in the current curriculum.

15. Incorporate Black (+LGBTQ) speaker series to discuss topics such as: education, art, professional development, discrimination/racism (middle school - high school).

Public Health: Resolutions to Address Systemic Inequities

The task force views Racism as a public health crisis. Health inequities at their very core are due to racism. As the vulnerability of the city’s overall health continues to increase, the city should RECREATE a Public Health Department that is proactive, responsive and equipped to undertake numerous public health crises. This task force asks that The Department of Health and Human Services address the following:

1. Make publicly available diversity data on the makeup of the local board of health. Diversify the Board of Health to include youth perspective and to be more representative of the racial and ethnic composition of Chelsea.

2. The Board of Health should provide quarterly reporting; defining up to date health data that clearly define impacts on communities (racial, ethnic, geographic locations)

3. Diversity and Inclusion Officer will oversee the implementation of disparity reduction strategies. Designate HR’s Diversity and Inclusion officer, who shall have supervisory oversight and implement disparity reduction strategies. Where such personnel is nonexistent yet, create and fund one

4. The Department of Health and Human Service must recruit a reflective diverse workforce that is more representative of the racial and ethnic composition of Chelsea.

5. Evaluate community concern regarding leadership of overall management of public health care organizations in the Department of Health and Human Service.

6. To promote the wellness of all, we recommend that Department of Health and Human Service establish a more collaborative relationship with community-based organizations in Chelsea

7. The city of Chelsea should make more effort to increase community-based education in promoting preventive and pre-screening measures to combat chronic illnesses which is widely recognized to disproportionately impact black and people of color.

8. Publicly advocate against decades of environmental racism, and demand economic compensation to mitigate health effects from public and private sectors. Implement citywide net zero strategy to decrease air pollution.

9. Encourage MGH Chelsea and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Care-Chelsea network to hire more black and brown practitioners to combat the disproportionate impact of health disparities and promote communication and trust.

Housing: Resolutions to Address Systemic Inequities

1. The City Manager should conduct and publish studies that determine impediments to fair housing, that examine racial barriers

RMV announces 2020 low plate lottery

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has announced that applications for the 2020 Low Number Plate Lottery are now being accepted online at Mass.Gov/RMV using the Online Service Center. Applicants must apply by September 6 and, if selected for a low number plate, will be notified after the drawing takes place later in September.

This year, there are 100 plates available through the low plate lottery. Some of this year's low plate characters are 751, 7660, 6P, 12K, K5, B35 and V35.

Applicants should note that there is no fee to apply. However, should the applicant be selected as a winner, there is a fee that will be required, as the fee is required of all new license plates, as well as a standard registration fee.

Customers are encouraged to visit the RMV's website or follow @Mass-RMV on Twitter for upcoming details on the drawing, including the date, time, and location of the event. In addition, appli-

cants will be sent a notification via email. The lottery results will be posted on the RMV website.

Lottery Rules and Eligibility Requirements:

- Only one entry per applicant will be accepted, regardless of the number of active registrations the applicant has.
- An applicant must be a Massachusetts resident with a currently active, registered, and insured passenger vehicle.
- Companies/corporations may not apply.
- MassDOT (Registry of Motor Vehicles, Highway, Mass Transit, and Aeronautics) employees, including contract employees, and their immediate family members are not eligible. ("Immediate family member" refers to one's parents, spouse, children, and brothers & sisters.)
- Requests for specific plate numbers will not be honored. Eligible applicants will be considered for all plates listed. Plates will be awarded in the order in which they are listed on Mass.Gov/RMV.
- An applicant's registration and license cannot be in a non-renewal, sus-

pending, or revoked status at the time of entry, the time of the drawing, or the time of the plate swap. As such, an applicant must not have any outstanding excise taxes, parking tickets, child support, warrants, or unpaid E-ZPass/ Fast Lane violations.

- Online entries must be completed by Sept. 6.
- By law, lottery winners must be announced by Sept. 15. Lottery results will be available on the RMV website: Mass.Gov/RMV
- All winners will be notified by the RMV in writing with instructions on how to transfer their current registration to their new lottery plate. Winners will have until Dec. 31 to swap their plates. Unclaimed plates will be forfeited after Dec. 31. Plates will be registered to the winning applicant only.
- All plates remain the property of the RMV even after registration.
- All information received, including names of all applicants and the list of winners, is subject to release in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records law.

DiDomenico honored by the JCRCI and MAJF

Staff Report

Senator Sal DiDomenico was recently honored as a 2020 Legislative Reception Award recipient by the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and the Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations (MAJF). The Legislative Reception is an annual event that serves as an opportunity for leadership of the Jewish community to engage with state public officials and to advocate for their public policy and budget priorities, including standing with immigrants and refugees, criminal justice reform, economic justice and education. While this year's Legislative Reception was cancelled in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, DiDomenico recently accepted the award from his home.

"It is an honor to receive this award from the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations," said DiDomenico. "Throughout my career, I have strived to lift up our Commonwealth's most vulnerable, and I always know that I have trusted partners in JCRC and



State Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

MAJF. Whether it be fighting for justice for our immigrant and refugee community, providing support to low-income families, or working towards economic justice for all, I am always proud to stand with JCRC and MAJF. I am deeply grateful for their partnership and advocacy over the years, and I would thank them for this recognition."

In selecting him as a 2020 Legislative Reception Award recipient, the JCRC and MAJF stated: "From his first term, Senator DiDomenico has been a trusted partner on many of our key priorities, most specifically the charge to provide a ladder to economic op-

portunity for all people. He was the Senate lead sponsor on the recently enacted "Lift the Cap on Kids" legislation to ensure that families in poverty have access to needed supports and has led efforts to provide job training opportunities for immigrants and refugees."

JCRC is a coalition of organizations and individuals that represents and advances the values, interests, and priorities of the organized Jewish community in greater Boston. Their government affairs work is centered around advancing the Jewish community's shared priorities by securing public funding and advocating for broad-ranging policy change on issues from civil rights to human services, economic opportunity to safety and security, and the protection of democratic values. The Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations is a statewide government affairs office that strengthens the relationship between the Jewish community and elected officials, advocates for issues of concern to the community, and helps its members access public funding to provide services to its clients.

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to housing, and develop comprehensive blueprint to dismantle racism and bias, when they exist, in the local housing market (rental & ownership)

2. The city should develop more affordable housing, rents and ownerships that are truly affordable to members of the Chelsea community. (based on the true average median income (AMI) of Chelsea residents

Strong efforts should be made to protect existing affordable housing in the city. The City Manager should increase and appropriate more funding for affordable housing for all low income members in the Chelsea community

3. The City Manager should track and keep records of vacancy rates in large-scale apartment complexes and develop creative ways to repurpose vacant units to help combat incidence of homelessness and housing insecurity in Chelsea

4. The city of Chelsea should devise creative ways to conduct fair and unbiased advertisement to fund and promote affordable housing for Chelsea citizens

5. The Planning and Development division at the Chelsea City Hall should be mandated to monitor and ensure that developers uphold the terms and conditions of their contractual agreements to develop affordable housing units in

mixed-income buildings

6. The city of Chelsea should revise its current policies and update requirements that promote a more diverse and inclusive workforce with better job opportunities for BIPOC in the housing segment

7. City leadership should increase the support of the local Community Land Trust to increase access to affordable housing, wealth building, and economic mobility for Blacks.

8. Preserve and protect all Public Domain within the city of Chelsea from private companies (parks, schools, libraries). The city should recreate and update accessible maps that could also be accessed digitally, and highlight those Public Domain spaces earmarked for the public

9. The city of Chelsea needs new programs to address and combat banking and mortgage industry practices of predatory and racial discrimination in mortgage lending, to members of the Black community, minorities, and people of color.

10. Work more closely with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), ICC, and other regional players to address housing inequities experienced by Black people and BIPOC.

11. Launch Anti-Displacement Fund to support Blacks and People of Color who are more disproportionately displaced by gen-

trification. We recommend that the city create funding to promote this initiative through Linkage / Transfer Fees, and from such other funds collected from city developers

This fund can be created by implementing Linkage/ Transfer Fees.

Funds should be collected from developers to support this initiative.

12. The city of Chelsea should begin to regulate bank-owned properties. New city ordinances should be required to hold banks accountable everyday bank-owned homes, dwellings and properties remain blighted. Revenue generated should be used to service new affordable housing programs and initiatives

13. City leadership should devise new initiatives for rent-to-own housing for Chelsea citizens. Without exceptions, the City should refuse and bar any developer, who refuse to be noncompliant with the program requirements to provide affordable units to qualified low income from operating in the city of Chelsea.

14. The public requires openness and transparency regarding the allocation of Community Fund. The city manager should have full oversight over resources committed into the Community fund and make fair and balanced determination where the funding gets allocated

Older adults need to take caution with prolonged sun exposure

During these warm summer days, we enjoy being outside more than ever. However, those of us who are sun worshipers put ourselves at risk long before there was much talk about the connection between sun exposure and skin cancer.

For older adults, much of the damage to our skin was done before we were out of our teens. Thirty and 40 years ago, we used creams to treat painful sunburn, but we never thought about preventing it in the first place. Unfortunately, those glorious days in the sun can cause serious illness in the future.

Prolonged sun exposure results in a breakdown of fibers in the skin that ultimately can lead to facial sagging, mottled pigmentation, an increased risk of bruising and tearing, dilation of small blood vessels, wrinkles, and pre-cancerous and cancerous skin le-

sions. It's easy today to see that all the hours spent in the sun were detrimental to our health. Continued exposure continues the risk.

When outside in the sun for a good length of time, individuals are encouraged to wear a hat, cover up by wearing long sleeve shirts/pants, and most importantly, apply sunscreen with a SPF of 30 or greater to all exposed skin, and try to avoid being in the direct sun when it's at its strongest, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Dermatologists (skin doctors) encourage old-

self-exams regularly. You should look for moles/growths that are "patriotic"—red, blue, or white. You also should look for changes in the size or texture of the moles/growths. During your annual physical, your doctor should be made aware of any suspicious lesions.

Despite the damage the sun can cause us, you can still enjoy outdoor activities as long as you cover up and wear sunscreen!

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CPPA endorsements for Sept. 1 Democratic Primary races

Chinese Progressive Political Action (CPPA) is excited to announce its endorsement of five candidates for the Massachusetts Democratic Primary Election on September 1.

- U.S. Senate: Ed Markey
- State Rep. 2nd Suffolk: Damali Vidot

Chinese Progressive Political Action (CPPA) endorsed candidates that demand an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Now more than ever, it is essential that our elected officials work to invest in stable, affordable housing, a healthy environment, strong workers' protections, and equitable economic relief and healthcare. CPPA is proud to endorse candidates that listen to and work alongside community voices in their commitment to the public good.

CPPA decided endorsements based on a detailed questionnaire that surveyed candidates on key community-centered issues, their plans and priorities should they be elected, and their track record and background in their communities. We are thrilled to be endorsing a progressive slate of candidates in both congressional and state-level races.

We support Markey because he has been a steadfast advocate for progressive change, and we know he will continue to be a champion for environmental justice in the national response to climate change.

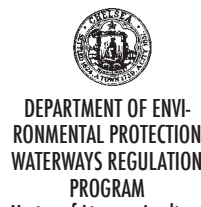
On the state level, CPPA supports Damali Vidot for the Massachusetts State Government, as she is committed to working for community-led justice through policies like rent control, driver's licenses for all,

and keeping our criminal justice system responsive to community needs.

Marisol Santiago, Chelsea School Committee member and workers' rights activist, said: "We are so impressed by Damali and her deep involvement in the community. Chelsea and East Boston are COVID-19 hotspots; we need someone with Damali's understanding of the needs of working people in Chelsea and Charlestown to get us out of this crisis. She will bring this unique perspective to the State House, and help the legislature find effective solutions for issues like affordable healthcare, environmental justice, and housing justice while staying grounded in the priorities of her district's residents."

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM

Notice of License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91

Waterways License Amendment Application Number W20-5821-N

Applicant: 257 Chelsea Creek LLC

Project Location: 245-257 Marginal Street, Chelsea Creek DPA, Chelsea, Suffolk County

Remote Public Hearing: September 3, 2020 at 2:00pm (<https://zoom.us/j/91843784503>)

Public Comments Deadline: September 23, 2020

NOTIFICATION DATE: August 20, 2020

Public Notice is hereby given of the Waterways Application by 257 Chelsea Creek LLC to amend Waterways License No. 4981 to renew the 10-year temporary license term for airport-related parking and to reconfigure points of public access on filled tidelands of Chelsea Creek within the Chelsea Creek Designated Port Area (DPA) at 245-257 Marginal Street, Chelsea, Suffolk County. The Department has determined that said parking facility is a Nonwater-Dependent Temporary Use in a DPA. The required Public Hearing for this application will be conducted remotely via Zoom on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 2:00pm, which is an online platform for video and audio conferencing and mobile collaboration. Prior to the meeting you can download and sign up for an account for this free software at <https://zoom.us> on your phone, tablet, desktop or laptop computer. It is recommended that you test connectivity and functionality in advance of the meeting. To participate in this Remote Public Hearing please use the following link at the scheduled time/date: <https://zoom.us/j/91843784503>

MassDEP Waterways Program will conduct this hearing in order to receive information to be used in its decision on whether to grant a Waterways License pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91. The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways Application received by Wednesday, September 23, 2020 (Public Comments Deadline). Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten (10) citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five (5) citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located. Additional information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Waterways Program. Project plans

and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically by request to frank.taormina@mass.gov. If you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (617) 292-5551 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options. Please be advised that the MassDEP Boston office is currently closed to the public and the Waterways Program Staff are working remotely. It is recommended that documents and correspondence be filed electronically with the email address specified above when possible; documents should not be hand delivered to One Winter Street, Boston, MA until further notice.

8/20/20

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2020-11

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, September 8, 2020 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of: Elba Rojas

For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to establish a church which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for number of off-street parking spaces at the premises known as: 10 & 20 Wesley Street and 360 Revere Beach Parkway

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 Friday, September 4, 2020 by noon. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: <https://www.chelseama.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cases-2020>

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LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2020-12

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, September 8, 2020 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of: Nicole Dunn

For Special Permit and Variance for the construction of a twelve (12) unit residential dwelling structure with a commercial unit on the first floor which does not meet the current minimum zoning requirements for side, rear and front yard setbacks, lot size, number of off-street parking spaces, exceeds maximum density, height and number of floors at the premises known as: 926 Broadway

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 Friday, September 4, 2020 by noon. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: <https://www.chelseama.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cases-2020>

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2020-13

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, September 8, 2020 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of: Admiral Hill Associates Limited Partnership

For Special Permit seeking approval for the use of a courier office with incidental storage which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for number of off-street parking spaces at the premises known as: 38 Auburn Street & 143 Williams 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 Friday, September 4, 2020 by noon. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: <https://www.chelseama.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cases-2020>

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No. 2020-14

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, September 8, 2020 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of: Jose Galdamez and J and J Senior Services Transportation, LLC

For Special Permit seeking approval for use of a section of the existing parking lot for the parking of vehicles to an off-site entity at the premises known as: 936 Broadway

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 Friday, September 4, 2020 by noon. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: <https://www.chelseama.gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cases-2020>

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Community Action Programs Intercity, Inc. (CAPIC)

Request for Proposals for HEARTWAP PROGRAM

CAPIC seeks proposals from heating contractors who can provide heating system efficiency modifications. Such modifications may include clean, tune and evaluations, repairs and retrofits, as well as heating system replacements. Asbestos abatement contractors are also needed to remove asbestos from residential heating systems.

To request a proposal package contact Giancarlo DeSario at (617) 884-6130 x1125. To be considered for selection all proposal packages must be received by CAPIC, 100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14, Chelsea, MA 02150 by 4 PM on Friday, September 28, 2020. This notice is subject in all respects to the Terms and Conditions of the Request for Proposal package. Minority contractors are encouraged to apply.

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LEGAL NOTICE



Re: El Xiolo, Corp. d/b/a El Xiolo, 425 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea, MA

Chelsea Licensing Commission

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Conference Room, 500 Broadway,

Chelsea, MA, to consider revoking, suspending or modifying the All Alcohol-Beverages on Premises Consumption License and the Amusement & Entertainment License of El Xiolo, Corp d/b/a El Xiolo at 425 Eastern Avenue for violating City of Chelsea Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations, Section 2.15(a) prohibiting violating of State Laws and by violating the Governor's COVID-19 Orders No. 33, 37, and 43 and the Director of Labor Standard workplace specific safety standards for restaurants to address COVID-19 by permitting dancing and not practicing social distancing and failing to clean and sanitize tables between seating and failing to serve food with alcohol. Police Reports 20-405-AR and 20-1902-OF are attached.

CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION

Naomi Libran

Licensing Administrator

8/20/20

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CITY OF CHELSEA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY OPERATIONS

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked "EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY OPERATIONS". Request for Proposals will be available on or after August 19, 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 "EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY OPERATIONS" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 9:00 AM on September 3, 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.

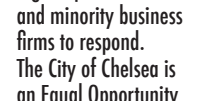
This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

Dragica Ivanis

Chief Procurement Officer

8/20/20

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Jolo Can, LLC d/b/a Harbor House Collective, 80 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea, MA

Chelsea Licensing Commission

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Conference Room, 500 Broadway,

Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for an application of a Retail Marijuana Establishment and Manufacturing and Cultivator to Jolo Can, LLC d/b/a Harbor House Collective, 80 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea, MA.

CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION

Naomi Libran

Licensing Administrator

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LEGAL NOTICE



Re: May Inc. d/b/a Mandarin Buffet

1100 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA 02150

Chelsea Licensing Commission, August 27, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Conference Room at 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider an Amusement and Entertainment License application to May Inc. d/b/a Mandarin Buffet at 1100 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA 02150.

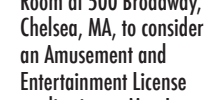
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Naomi Libran

Licensing Administrator

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT

PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court

24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU20PP1352EA

Estate of: Maria Santa Falzone

Also known as: Maria S. Falzone, Maria Falzone

Date of Death: 05/28/2019

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Adam E. Moskowitz of Washington, DC requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Adam E. Moskowitz of Washington, DC be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/17/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 06, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate

8/20/20

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Three Stars MLA, LLC. d/b/a Michael G's Restaurant

1066 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA 02150

Chelsea Licensing Commission, August 27, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a continued public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Conference Room at 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider a New Wine and Malt Beverages License (On Premises) application for Three Stars MLA, LLC. d/b/a Michael G's Restaurant at 1066 Revere Beach Parkway, Chelsea, MA 02150.

CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION

Naomi Libran

Licensing Administrator

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LOWERING RENEWAL FEES FOR 2021 SECTION 12 (LIQUOR) LICENSEES

Notice is hereby given that the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Conference Room, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider revoking, suspending or modifying the All Alcohol-Beverages on Premises Consumption License and the Amusement & Entertainment License of Tu Casa Corp. d/b/a Tu Casa Restaurant at 403 Broadway for violating City of Chelsea Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations, Section 2.15(a) prohibiting violating of State Laws and by violating the Gover-

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CITY OF CHELSEA

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS

SHARED STREETS AND SPACES INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking bids for "Shared Streets and Spaces Intersection Improvements".

Invitation for Bids will be available on or after August 19, 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 "Shared Streets and Spaces Intersection Improvements" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 10:00AM, Thursday, September 3, 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.

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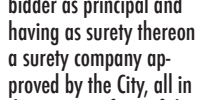
This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M.

Dragica Ivanis

Chief Procurement Officer

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LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Tu Casa, Corp. d/b/a Tu Casa Restaurant, 403 Broadway, Chelsea, MA

Chelsea Licensing Commission

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nor's COVID-19 Orders No. 33, 37, and 43 and the Director of Labor Standard workplace specific safety standards for restaurants to address COVID-19 by permitting dancing and not practicing social distancing. Police Report 20-1900-OF is attached.

CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION

Naomi Libran

Licensing Administrator

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NOTICE

In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on July 7, 2020, the Commission voted to approve the following Regulations:

To install a removable rubber speed bump at 70 Shawmut Street during the summer months, annually.

To remove two metered parking spaces and to post two "15 Minute Parking" signs in front of 21 Fifth Street.

To post "30 Minute Parking, Monday thru Saturday, 7am to 7pm" signs at four (4) parking spaces located between 173 and 181 Washington Avenue (on the odd side).

To post a handicap sign at 29 Tudor Street.

To post a handicap sign at 38 Hancock Street.

To post a handicap sign at 78 Spencer Avenue.

Jeanette Cintron White

Parking Clerk

8/20/20

LEGAL NOTICE



CHELSEA TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held via video conference on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding a request to amend the current daytime parking restriction on Forsyth and Gardner Street with a Two Hour Limit Parking Except Resident Permit from 8 am to 6 pm.

If you wish to have a comment read during the hearing, please email Rsantiago@chelseama.gov on or before September 7, 2020 by 12:00 p.m. The meeting will not be open for public attendance.

Per Order

Chief Brian A. Kyes

Chairperson

8/20/20

DiSilva Fruit donates 300,000 lbs of fresh produce to Chelsea Collaborative Food Pantry and other organizations

DiSilva Fruit, an Arrowfarms company, believes it's more important than ever to help your neighbors. Supporting food security in the local community is one of the company's long standing priorities, and with the Covid-19 pandemic leaving so many more families vulnerable to hunger, the company has risen to meet the challenge. Since April 2020, the Chelsea-based, family-owned company has donated fresh fruit and vegetables to Boston-area food banks, charities, and community centers, in excess of 300,000 pounds. Working with three main partners – Chelsea Collaborative, Muslim Community Link, and Food Link – DiSilva Fruit, with support from sister companies Gold Bell and Arrowfarms, has contributed all types of fresh produce, from potatoes and vegetables to specialty fruit and organic items.

The company has taken special care to support the city that it calls home, as Chelsea has the highest incidence rate of COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts. Of the 300,000 pounds of food donated, 200,000 pounds has gone to Chelsea Collaborative, who has used DiSilva Fruit's produce donations to help stock its pop-up food pantry. In addition to food resources, Chelsea Collaborative works to support residents facing evictions and disseminate critical information about COVID-19.

"Chelsea Collaborative does amazing work for the community," says Nelly Czajkowski of DiSilva Fruit. "We are so proud to be able to contribute to the health and well-being of so many families by providing

access to wholesome food. It's more important than ever to support our neighbors and we'll continue to donate healthy, fresh food throughout the crisis via our wonderful community partners who are working so hard to distribute these vital resources."

Chelsea Collaborative's food pantry began operations in March after the state initiated lockdown measures. During the first week, food was distributed from the front porch of Executive Director Gladys Vega's home. The pantry has since moved its location three times to accommodate the number of families they are serving. They consistently feed 11,000 families per week. The food pantry endeavors to provide families with healthy and culturally appropriate food, that anyone can receive –

no questions asked. While the organization focuses on the Chelsea community, families frequently come from all over eastern Massachusetts and even as far as Springfield to get food. Since lockdown ended and reopening measures began, the food pantry has not seen a decrease in the number of families needing food. They expect to continue the service for the foreseeable future.

"We really appreciate all the produce DiSilva Fruit has sent over the past

four months. We've been able to step up and provide food for those in need in our community thanks to partners like them," says Tanairi Garcia of Chelsea Collaborative.



Volunteers prepare and box the fresh produce that was donated to the food pantry.



MBTA increases bus service for most Chelsea routes on Aug. 30

By Seth Daniel

The MBTA announced a new, COVID-19 informed fall bus schedule, and it means more service than current levels on virtually every route in Chelsea while cutting back on suburban and downtown Boston routes that are seeing sharp declines in ridership.

The news came during a Thursday, Aug. 13, meeting online where the MBTA announced their Fall schedule, and also announced major changes to service as the Authority starts to see more ridership emerging in low-income, communities of color where there are lots of essential workers.

Seems Chelsea and many surrounding communities fit the bill – particularly the Route 111 bus that was one of the busiest routes during the pandemic and continues to rebound quickly in ridership.

"The big takeaways are that ridership has recovered more quickly on our bus routes compared to other modes," said Kat Benesh, MBTA chief of operations strategy, policy and oversight. "Fortunately, bus ridership dipped less during the early months of the pandemic and is recovering more quickly."

She said that bus ridership systemwide in mid-July was at 40 percent of pre-COVID numbers. However, some buses have recovered much faster, or never really lost great deals of ridership. Those routes included those that went to medical centers, that served low-income communities with lots of essential workers, routes near grocery stores and communities with geographic obstacles like the Mystic/Tobin Bridge.

The Route 111 has already rebounded to 42 percent of pre-COVID ridership, one of the leading rebounds in the entire system.

It is in those areas where service will increase to levels greater than before COVID-19, and in Chelsea that will include Bus Routes 111, 112, 116, 117, and Silver Line 3.

"One of the most important things we can do is eliminate crowding," said Benesh. "One of the things we are prioritizing is adding service to routes that need more capacity versus giving less service to some areas that are seeing less ridership."

Some of the major beneficiaries of this plan was Chelsea's major 111 Route over the Tobin Bridge – as well as key routes in Boston's Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan areas.

There was no shortage of praise for the route, and it was also used as an example during the meeting.

"The Route 111 is an example of one of the more durable routes," said Benesh. "It's a route where we did not see ridership decline as deeply as it did in other bus routes. We also see that ridership is rebounding to higher levels, not quite to pre-COVID levels, but higher relative to other routes."

The new plan will include 456 trips per day, which is more than the levels prior to COVID-19 shutdowns. On March 16, before shutdowns, there were 373 runs per day. During the pandemic, that scaled down to 300 per day, but went up to 447 trips a day on June 22. Now, in the fall schedule, it will bump up even further to 456 per day.

Some of the major cutbacks are to routes in the suburbs where people are working from home and are more likely to have a car. Also cut from service are many of the Express buses from the suburbs that mostly handled commuters that now no longer come into the city.

Other routes include inner-city services that mostly served commuters, like the Silver Line 2 route in Boston. At the same time, the Silver Line 3 service that ends at Market Basket on the Chelsea/Everett line will be restored to near pre-COVID levels, but isn't seeing as strong ridership as other buses due to the continuing lag in the airport business.

The new Fall schedule is to take effect on Aug. 30 and 31, but there is room to adjust routes after three months – around November.

The key route changes in Chelsea are below:

- Route 111 (Woodlawn to Haymarket) Regular weekday schedule resumes with more service than pre-COVID. Saturday trips added.

- Route 112 (Market Basket Chelsea to Wellington via Chelsea Street) - Regular weekday schedule resumes with more service than pre-COVID.

- Route 116 (Bellingham Square) Regular weekday schedule resumes with more service than pre-COVID.

- Route 117 (Bellingham Square) Regular weekday schedule resumes with more service than pre-COVID.

- Silver Line 3 (Chelsea/Everett to South Station) - Weekday schedule resumes with nearly pre-COVID service levels.



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