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## Historic vote set for Sept. 21

Council hears residents' call for office of inclusion and diversity

By Cary Shuman

The City Council will vote whether to launch an office of inclusion and diversity at City Hall after hearing several residents speak out in favor of the proposal at Monday night's meeting. The Council's vote will be at the Sept. 21 meeting which has been pushed up one week due to the Yom Kippur holiday on Sept. 28.

Councillors Leo Robinson and Calvin Brown had originally made the official order that city officials and community members "develop plans to address unconscious bias and systemic racism" and also to discuss the possibility of creating an office of inclusion and diversity in the city.

Chelsea Black Community President Joan Cromwell, a lifelong Chelsea resident, was the first to take the podium and state her strong support for the funding and opening of an office of inclusion and diversity.

"Our calling here today is a telltale sign that the conversations on racial bias and systemic inequities are necessary for our city to truly reflect as an All-American city," said Cromwell. "It is quite disheartening that residents have to come here, not so much as to tell that racism exists in our community, yet more so that we are here to advocate, solicit, and rally for your vote on creating an office for diversity and inclusion in city government."

Cromwell reflected on a Chelsea Young Adult Alliance June 7 rally at City Hall during which "we stood in solidarity condemning the inequity and injustice long endured for generations in our nation by Black and Brown people and their families."

"I end with asking you to unanimously vote yes for the office for diversity and inclusion," said Cromwell. "This is not a Black issue, not a White issue, not a Brown issue, it's not an Asian issue – it's all of our issue in this community and that's what we stand for."

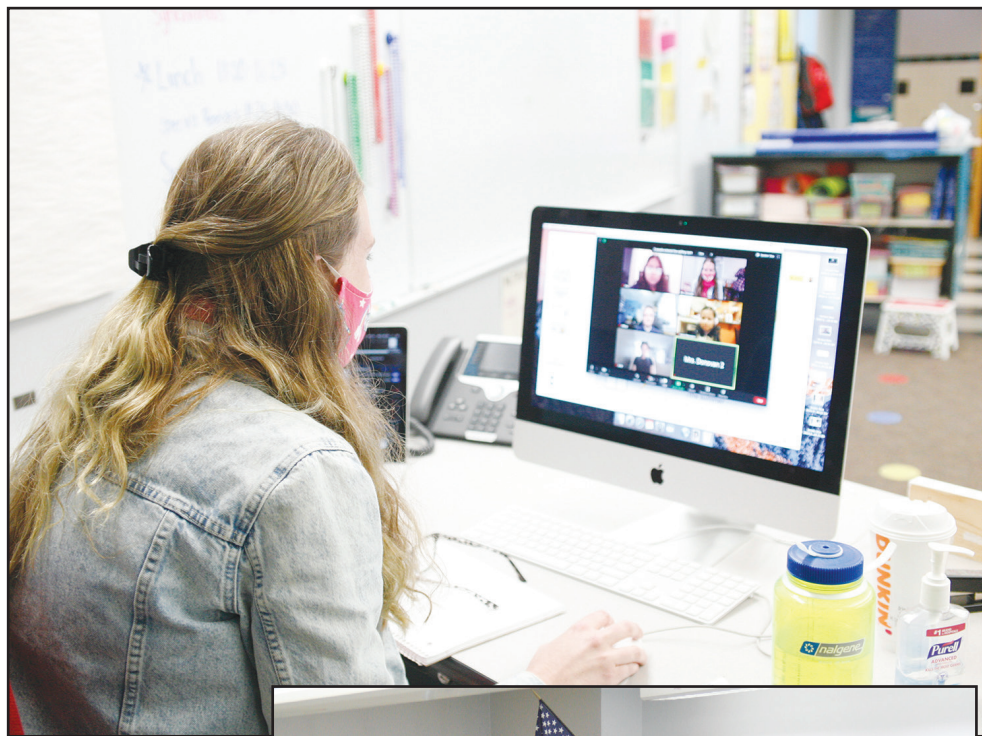
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## SCHOOL TIME



An empty classroom and a computer screen greeted students and teachers across the Chelsea Public Schools on Wednesday morning, Sept. 16, on the first day of school – which came fully remote. Here, 3rd grade teacher Colleen Donovan at the Kelly School welcomes students on line with Supt. Almi Abeyta by her side as the empty desks stare back at them. Meanwhile, Donovan interacts with students on Zoom, welcoming them to the first day of school and asking everyone to write about – or draw about – their summer. See Page 7 for story and more photos.



## Last Cup Tito's Bakery closes its doors after 45 years in business

By Seth Daniel

Unfortunately, there's no way to say 'Hola' without eventually saying 'Adios,' and while Vicente 'Tito' Avellaneda and his wife, Isabel, said hello to the community 45 years ago at the opening of Tito's Bakery on Broadway, this summer they have

sadly had to say good-bye as they closed the store so they could retire.

On Aug. 8, Tito's Bakery served its last Bulkie roll, it's final cup of joe and the last sandwich and pastry on Broadway – a bakery that has stood the test of time and has changed with the tastes and the population of the

city over the years.

"So much time, so many things in between in those 45 years," said Tito in an interview on Tuesday.

"When my father opened up in 1980 here, he was the first Latino business established on Broadway," said his son,

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Tito's Bakery closed its doors this summer after 45 years in business on Broadway and a lifetime of memories created in the coffee shop and bakery. Here, the Avellaneda family is shown with Vicente 'Tito' and Isabel Avellaneda – including sons Roy, Nikolas and Cristian – in a before and after picture.



## A Little Quiet

Sound barriers go up on Chelsea Curves

By Seth Daniel

Cars and trucks from the North Shore have riled through the Chelsea Curves for decades just 20 or 30 feet above thriving neighborhoods and schools in Chelsea – with no end to the noise and soot spilling over into those neighborhoods and schools, until now.

Large metal sound barriers have gone up on the Chelsea Curves this week as part of the larger contract to rehabilitate the viaduct that runs above Chelsea from County Road to the Mystic/Tobin Bridge. It ends a fight going back decades whereby residents and City officials have tried to get sound barriers up to block out the highway noise and other highway issues – including motorcycles and cars occasionally plummeting over the edge of the highway to the ground below.

So far, the installation

has met "quiet" approval.

MassDOT Spokesperson Kristen Pennucci said the "solid snow barriers" were part of the overall Chelsea Curves contract and would remain in place afterward permanently – essentially buffering the noise and soot that Chelsea has dealt with for decades.

"MassDOT's contract for this project includes the installation of a solid snow barrier on the east side of the Route 1 Chelsea work zone and portions of this barrier are now in place," she said. "This barrier is a permanent structure which will remain after the project concludes."

Council President Roy Avellaneda has long called for these barriers, but to no avail. MassDOT was apt to place them in suburban communities, but would never consider doing so in Chelsea or below.

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The new snow/sound barriers on the east side of the Chelsea Curves project promise a much quieter and cleaner situation under the bridge for residents.

## CHELSEA CREEK MURAL



Susana Carella puts some purple paint of the Chelsea Creek mural – with the Creek in the background – during the annual Night on the Creek event for GreenRoots. The event was a little different this year, with small groups of supporters reporting to the outdoor event by appointment. GreenRoots Director Roseanne Bongiovanni said they were very excited to be able to do an in-person event and connect with their many friends and supporters. See Page 6 for more photos.

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Council President Roy Avellaneda. “Now to say you are a Latino-owned business on Broadway is anything but unique. Honestly, the transition of Chelsea can be tracked through the display case in my father’s bakery. When he started he had coffee rolls, cheese Danish, Bulkies, frozen dough, figure eights and half-moons. That was what was selling back then and what people wanted. The display case now has been filled with Mexican bread and a lot of Salvadoran pastries and tres leches. It’s completely different. It shows how the product transitioned with the clientele.”

Beyond the great products in the past and present, though, is the loss of community that was sparked by Tito’s. It was a place where neighbors gathered, where they spoke Spanish and they spoke English and caught up with each other. It was also a familiar place people who had left Chelsea would come back to and enjoy fond memories. That, for the Avellaneda family, is the greatest loss.

“The sadness that is felt by so many as a whole is because Tito’s wasn’t just a bakery, but it was a community and the first stop for many who came to Chelsea,” said Roy. “It’s where you got the Chelsea Record, El Mundo, Planeta, The Vocero. You went there to catch up with neighbors and the news. You went there for job leads, or a potential apartment rental. It was as much a bakery as it was a community center for residents, especially those who were immigrants.”

Tito told the Record he became a baker at an early age when his mother brought him to a baker in Rosario, Argentina. He had been rambunctious and to keep him out of trouble, she figured he could learn to bake. And he did.

After compulsory military service in Argentina at the ages of 18 to 20, he opened his first bakery in Argentina. There, he had a coffee shop and bakery, but would also sell his goods to local stores in the area to broaden his reach – something he actually perfected at Tito’s many years later (though not many know that, he said).

He first came to the United States and was working as Kasanofs Bakery on Blue Hill Avenue in Boston – a Jewish bakery where he learned to make many of the breads that became such a treat on Broadway and also where he learned to make his Bulkie roll, often served with cream cheese.

However, he had come on a tourist visa, and was eventually sent out of the country. The baker’s union, however, sponsored him so that he could get his Green Card and he returned to the U.S. free and clear and went back to Kasanofs. On the side, to make extra money, he would often work at the pizza shops and make their dough for them.

That’s where he got acquainted with the Falzone family, who now own John’s Pizza on Central Avenue. Tito worked with Giovanni Falzone at his Chelsea bakery and eventually they became partners; Tito ran the bakery/



Tito Avellaneda in his bakery several years ago, making bread in the tradition he learned at a very young age.

coffee shop and Giovanni ran the pizza side. Eventually Tito bought him out and started Tito’s Bakery in Chelsea Square.

After a good run there, he needed to expand to branch out into his wholesale business and create a reach for the Tito’s brand beyond Chelsea.

“My father was not just operating in Chelsea with the coffee shop and bakery,” said Roy. “He was putting a lot of product on the wholesale market that was being sold in the bodegas and Latino supermarkets in Boston. That growth required an expansion.”

That is where Tito said a great friendship between himself and the Chelsea Record newspaper began. Late Record publisher Andrew Quigley owned the current Tito’s location and stored rolls of paper for the Record there. Tito had expressed an interest in the building, but so had others. Despite better offers, Quigley decided he would rather give a break to a hard-working baker

from Argentina.

“If there’s anyone to talk about why Tito’s Bakery opened and grew, it’s Mr. Quigley,” said Tito. “If anyone gets any credit for the location and the success, I have to give a lot of credit to Andrew Quigley – the owner of the Chelsea Record at the time. Mr. Quigley saw all the hard work I had been doing down the street for some time and he recognized my potential and hard work and wanted to give me a chance. He told me, ‘I’m getting some better offers, but I think I’m selling it to the better guy.’”

From that time, forward, the business took off. Many in Chelsea were regulars, including staff members at the time from the Chelsea Record. Over time, more and more came to the bakery – even those that had left.

He said he loved the variety he had at Tito’s, and was hard pressed to say what his favorite item was. In the end, he said he enjoyed the ‘Butterflies.’



The ladies at the front counter in the first days of Tito's Bakery, including Emma Presto. Hundreds of residents over the years were employed by the bakery, including several generations of some families.



Isabel Avellaneda in the front café early in their run.



The official ribbon cutting photo from the Chelsea Record in 1980 shows then-mayor Joel Pressman with Tito and family and other Chelsea dignitaries of the time.


However, Roy said he believed it was the tremendous variety of breads he served that were his favorites. That included the well-known Bulkie that he had learned to make so long ago on Blue Hill Avenue.

“When he started in the 1980s, there was still a Jewish population in Chelsea and that was a popular item,” said Roy. “To the last day, he was making the Bulkie rolls and cream cheese. That was even popular with the Central Americans that came in and loved the sandwiches because of the Bulkie roll he used that he learned to

make so many years ago at Kasanofs Bakery.”

Tito, now 74, and Roy both said that it wasn’t so much COVID-19 that closed down the bakery, but it did hasten the decision.

“He’s been working since he was 14 and he deserves a rest and that’s the plan,” said Roy. “It’s a fitting end. There were questions about whether COVID-19 was behind the decision, but not so much. COVID-19 probably pushed along the decision. The real reason is he needs to enjoy his life now.”




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## Fourth Street off-ramp daily closures begin September 21

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“(Everett) Mayor (Carlo) DeMaria expressed concerns about the gatherings,” she said. “I, too, express the same concerns, but I too have to trust the people because we have to get our kids back in school.”

oped information led has led to the identification of an involved participant. Chelsea detectives are actively working the case and searching for that suspect. A warrant will be filed for multiple charges this morning in Chelsea District Court. We are withholding any other information at this time as to not hinder our efforts to locate that individual.

starting to see what the finished project will look like,” he said. “The installation of the snow/sound barriers in some places is a welcomed sight. I’m looking forward to when the project is completed and residents near the S Curve get to enjoy the reduced traffic noise levels.”

The snow/sound barriers are also being installed on the west side of the Curves too on the approach to the Mystic/Tobin Bridge to protect the Williams School and the neighborhood below.

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For additional information please contact: Amanda Muniz, Food and Nutrition Director, muniz-amanda@chelseapublicschools.com

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GOOD LUCK -- AND THANK YOU -- TITO AND ISABEL AVELLANEDA

From the time that Vicente “Tito” Avellaneda and his wife, Isabel, opened their business, Tito’s Bakery, 45 years ago, Tito’s has been an integral part of the fabric of our community, a gathering place where residents from all walks of life enjoyed a cup of coffee, a pastry, and conversation.

From its beginnings in 1975 in Chelsea Square, Tito’s soon became a favorite spot for the lawyers, police officers, courthouse employees, and members of the general public who came to the Chelsea District Court.

When Tito’s relocated to its present location at 333 Broadway in 1980, its customer base expanded, as did its wholesale business, and soon Tito’s bakery products were being distributed to nearly every bodega and Latino supermarket in the Boston area.

The journey of Tito and Isabel from their home country of Argentina to Broadway Chelsea is a classic American success story, paved with hard work and perseverance. For those of us at the Chelsea Record, including our long-time publisher, the late Andrew P. Quigley (who enjoyed a cup of their great coffee every morning), who were regular patrons of Tito’s when the Record was located just around the corner at 18 Fourth St., we marveled at the countless hours that Tito and Isabel put into their business (and we ourselves were working all hours of the day and night in those days when the Record was a daily newspaper).

The Avellanedas and their three sons, Roy, Cristian, and Nikolas, also became an integral part of our city. Oldest son Roy has served on the City Council (of which he currently is the President) for many years and Cristian is a Chelsea firefighter.

We know we join with all of our readers in wishing Tito and Isabel the best in their retirement -- and in thanking them for the warm memories of Tito’s Bakery that will last a lifetime.

APOCALYPSE -- NOW

The photos of the wildfires in our western states that have incinerated entire communities and that have turned daytime skies to night by their heavy smoke have illustrated the dramatic effects of climate change upon the daily lives of millions of Americans.

Record heat has accelerated the effects of dry conditions, leading to the record-setting wildfires out west.

Yes, climate change undeniably is happening here and around the globe.

Last January, it was the bushfires in Australia that similarly wrought havoc and destruction in that part of the world.

An article in the New York Times on Monday began this way, “The effects of global warming in the Arctic are so severe that the region is shifting to a different climate, one characterized less by ice and snow and more by open water and rain, scientists said Monday.”

More ominously, that same article discussed the perils of climate change facing the world from another source, the melting of the Antarctic glaciers at the bottom of the world.

“Another study released Monday suggested that two Antarctic glaciers that have long been of concern to scientists over their potential to contribute to sea level rise may be in worse shape than previously thought.”

From east to west and north to south, climate change is posing an existential threat to life as we know it.

There is still time for us to reverse, or at least halt, the impending doom that awaits us if we take immediate action to limit greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.

But we need to act soon, because it will not be too long before it will be too late.

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GUEST OP-ED

Turn the page

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Fall season officially begins September 22 this year. For every season there is a change. Most of us like the seasons especially if we can have four of them.

I like the fall as the weather seems more stable in our part of the country. For our neighbors in California they are desperate for anything that will bring rain and an end to the devastating fires. This has been a cruel, harsh time that we pray passes by and ends very quickly for California.

On the east and gulf coast there is always another looming hurricane this time of year. Flooding and devastation have already occurred in Louisiana with the potential of more to come.

Every season brings the possibilities of pleas-

ant weather but also severe weather. Very much like our lives every season brings change because we have no choice but to deal with the change. When snow comes, we adapt and enjoy the change.

Our lives are like seasons - change comes. If we are fortunate, aging occurs. Children grow up. Our vocational lives and dreams change, mature, flourish or become a distant memory. Our lives are like an interesting book. Your life is probably very interesting if you were able to write out the whole story. Maybe you should write about your life? Write it out for someone later to read about. If you decide to do so write about the hard times as well as what you want everyone else to know.

Whenever you read or write a book it requires turning the page or writ-

ing a new page. You can't finish the book if you stay on the same page. When our parents die, we have to turn the page. When we bury a spouse or loved one, we have to turn the page. When we change jobs or careers that require transition it's tough but we have to turn the page. When children grow up and move away or no longer have time to be with us then we must turn the page.

A good friend is selling his lovely home. I can see that's it a tough time emotionally as he has invested so many years into where he lives. He and his wife are moving into a smaller condominium. He loves his beautiful yard but he knows it's time to turn the page as their age and health have changed.

The one difference between reading a book and life is that you may not

finish reading the book but we all finish life. You either turn the pages of life or in time they are turned for you. The worst decisions we make are no decisions. We procrastinate. We delay paying into retirement. We delay a health test. We put off what we dread and it doesn't make it better.

Live a good life. Make decisions. Turn the page and keep going. Don't get stuck on the same page in the same chapter. Run your race. Finish your course. Turn the page.

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NEWS Briefs

BY SETH DANIEL

EMERGENCY SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

The City of Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications from Chelsea-based Small Businesses (50 or fewer employees) for Emergency Assistance to aid with expenses related to the Covid-19 crisis. One million dollars in funding for this assistance has been provided by the Chelsea City Council. Applications will be accepted until 1 p.m. on Friday, September, 25 2020. For the program information and application, please revisit Emergency Small Business Assistance Program.

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Due to the current public health situation certain museum passes are currently unavailable for use - we strongly suggest that you visit your desired museum's web page for up to date regulations and requirements prior to your visit.

DOWNTOWN SHORT TERM PARKING

The City of Chelsea is implementing short-term parking zones designed to aid restaurants, retailers, and small businesses during the reopening process under COVID-19 restrictions. There are 17 locations across the city now available. Signs marked “Grab & Go Zone” were posted this month. The rules of these zones are as follows:

- 5-minute spaces are distributed throughout the city near local businesses
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- Parking Enforcement will monitor compliance

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CHELSEA GREENROOTS ORGANIZATION OLDS ANNUAL NIGHT ON THE CREEK EVENT

The Chelsea GreenRoots organization held its annual Night on the Creek event, in social distance format, with small groups of supporters trickling in throughout the afternoon and evening by appointment. There was a great food, a chance to visit with others and a community mural in English and Spanish.

GreenRoots has been one of many organizations in Chelsea that have put their typical mission aside and pivoted to responding to COVID-19. They have been critical in helping to administer the One Chelsea Fund to residents throughout the pandemic.



Anna Victoria Power-Maltez learns how to paint a mural from her father, Fidel Maltez.



Jeff and Caroline Ellenbird with Ivy and Leo.



Laura Brockington and Sylvie Raymond.

PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL



Marisol Guerriero painted the mural during the Night on the Creek.



One of the participants is silhouetted while painting and the Chelsea Creek in the background.



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Maricela Escobar, Sara Arman, Maria Belen Power and Yaritza Morales Gonzalez, all of GreenRoots, welcomed guests to their parking lot for the celebration on what turned out to be a gorgeous evening.



# Remote Control: Schools ready and able to welcome students remotely

By Seth Daniel

Calm and quiet is the last word to describe most First Days of School in Chelsea over the years. The schoolyards and courtyards and entrances to almost every school on a normal year would be brimming with activity – exciting kids screaming and parents speaking scores of different languages to each other as they caught up on news of the summer.

There would be sliding down the slide. There would be games of tag. There would be lines to squeeze into the front door and head off to the first day of the new classroom.

None of that was in play on Wednesday morning as the school term started. It was calm and quiet. The schoolyard was empty, the slide was fenced off and had a ‘No Trespassing’ sign on it, and the corridors of the schools were empty.

But there was an excitement somewhere in the air and a gratitude from the multitudes that could only be heard in front of a computer screen as thousands of Chelsea Public School students logged on to their first day of remote learning – a day defined by the continued COVID-19 stranglehold gripping the city and the nation in 2020.

“There’s a fair amount of relief because there was so much that went into getting ready for this first day of school,” said Supt. Almi Abeyta. “We’ve delivered ChromeBooks and had Trust visits and have prepared all summer intensely for this first day. Now it’s finally playing out, but it’s so different. I’ve been in education many years and not having the physical drop off and excitement out here is different. There is joy to be found though is seeing teachers reunite with kids – even remotely.”

That’s where this year’s theme of ‘Relentless Love’ comes in to the picture, she said.

“Our staff has worked so hard to prepare for today,” she said. “Our teachers have been so dedicated and creative in their craft. We are ready for school year 2020-



What would have been a busy playground outside the Burke Complex full of the laughter of children was fenced off and marked with a ‘No Trespassing’ sign.

2021. We’re exercising our theme for the year ‘Relentless Love!’”

The district has negotiated with the teacher’s union to require teachers to come into the buildings and teach from their classrooms two times a week, but several teachers have a preference of being in the classroom instead of at home.

One of them on Wednesday was Colleen Donovan, who has taught third grade at the Kelly School for eight years. Unlike any other first day, the opening bell rang and no one was in the classroom. Everyone was online though.

“Welcome third grade!” she said with a huge smile as she waved to a tic-tac-toe board of students on the Zoom class.

In the music room, Kelly Music Teacher Rebecca Vinci chose to teach from the school as she lives nearby and has her preferred setup of musical instruments and a piano at the school. She said teaching this year is going to be challenging and require innovation.

She said she plans to make music class very active as she worries about the kids sitting in front of a screen too much.

“The kids are going to be on the screen a lot so I want them to get up and move and be active when they make music,” she said. “We’ll be doing a lot of body percussion and singing and dancing.”

She said she is even working towards getting the beloved annual musical up and running and in place for an online performance. That, like other things, is going to take some more planning.

“There are a lot of things I’m still working on,” she said. “I still have to figure out how to do band, but we have some time.”



About 28 students were able to do their remote learning in Centers at the Burke Complex with For Kids Only. The idea of Learning Centers for remote students is being looked at in Chelsea and other districts too. Here, Supt. Almi Abeyta joins Ricky Baez of FKO and students Amani Joseph Castilho and Julius Menendez Alex before logging on.



‘Even from six feet apart, we will teach you from all our hearts’ read the bulletin board inside the Kelly School Wednesday morning during the first day of school. Here, Supt. Almi Abeyta joins Kelly Principal Lisa Lineweaver and Asst. Principal Jody Klein.



In her eighth year of teaching in Chelsea, Colleen Donovan had no students to welcome back to the classroom on Wednesday, but plenty to welcome back on Zoom.



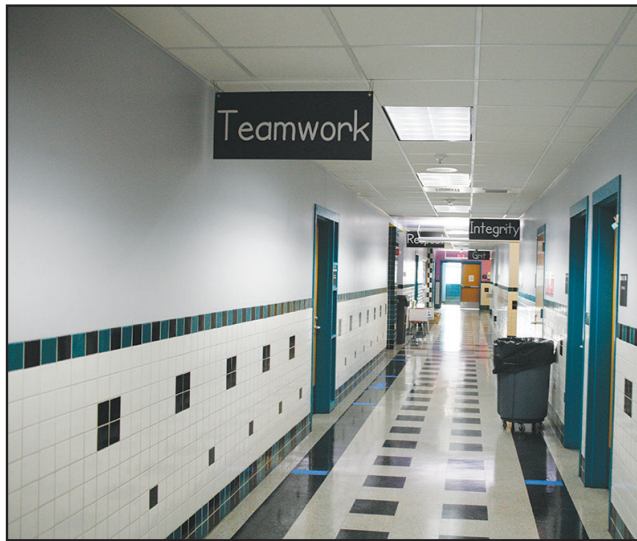
Kelly School Music Teacher Rebecca Vinci chose to come into the school building to teach remotely this fall because she lives close, and she enjoyed the music setup she had in her classroom. She said teaching music is going to be an adventure in innovation this year.



The courtyard in front of the Kelly School and Sokolowski School was empty on the first day – a place that would have been shoulder-to-shoulder activity with students, parents and teachers on a normal first day.



The Burke Complex is outfitted with signs for social distancing and arrows to help children maintain one-way corridors when they do return for in-person classes.



What would have been hallways full of activity on the First Day of School were empty and quiet – with teachers and administrators instructing children remotely.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PLANNED

EAST BOSTON - A developer filed a Letter of Intent with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to create a 190-unit, mixed use development on Bennington Street near Wood Island MBTA station.

According to the letter filed with the BPDA the developer, named only as Redgate, is looking to transform a 50,000 square foot lot at 355 Bennington St. into a six-story building containing approximately 190 multifamily dwelling units, ground floor retail, accessory parking, and amenities and services for building residents.

The site, that currently houses a single-story commercial business and paved lot, is bounded by Bremen Street, Bennington Street, the Martin A. Coughlin Bypass Road, and Excel Academy Charter School.

Redgate plans to demolish the existing building and construct the new six-story building.

"We anticipate submitting a Project Notification Form within the next 30 days, and we look forward to working with your staff, elected officials, community members, and the Impact Advisory Group that will review the Project," wrote Redgate's attorney, Matthew Kiefer.

The project has already received some backlash from community members.

Longtime activists like Mary Berninger pointed out that when Massport built the passive park on Neptune Road just across the street from the proposed Bennington St. project, they told the community that benches and other amenities could not be included due to the park's location under Runway 15/32's flight path.

"Six stories directly near the approach to a runway?," said Berninger. "The community couldn't even get permission for a couple of benches at the Neptune Road Buffer Park because "points of public assembly" are forbidden in that area."

Also, the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals recently rejected a similar large-scale project on Bremen Street just down the street from Redgate's proposal.

Citing a lack of greenspace coupled with the size and scope of the project, the ZBA unanimously rejected the proposed project at 282-302 Bremen St. that would have brought 145 additional units to Eastie.

### EAST BOSTON'S MOTHERS OUT FRONT RECEIVES CITY GRANT

EAST BOSTON - The East Boston chapter of the national Mothers Out Front movement received a Love Your Block mini-grant from the City of Boston. The grant provides funding for neighborhoods throughout Boston to organize clean-ups and beautification projects.

Mothers Out Front, a movement that encourages mothers across the nation to fight for meaningful environmental mitigation to ensure a liveable climate for children, will use the funds to build a community living wall for its residents.

According to Mothers

Out Front's (MOF) Sonja Tengblad the community living wall will help educate the residents about the need for good air quality as the current air quality is poor due to the proximity of Logan Airport.

Tengblad said the community living wall is Inspired by London's carbon sequestering moss walls.

"Mothers Out Front East Boston designed a community art build to both empower and educate East Boston about air pollution," said Tengblad. "Designed by MOF member Danielle Marie Emond, this Green Living Wall will spell the word "Aire" (air) using peat moss cups adhered to a chain link fence. It will be in Spanish not only to represent the neighborhood, but to illustrate how unfairly burdened people of color are by air pollution, and will include multilingual signage educating passersby about our air quality."

Eastie artist Sury Chavez will design a sidewalk art project alongside the wall, giving families and community members more opportunities to participate. MOF volunteers will then host school groups and other visitors over a three-week period once it is up, facilitating discussions about air pollution, health, and climate change."

Tengblad said a special unveiling is planned for Mother's Day weekend 2021.

With Eastie being an Environmental Justice Community, Tengblad said MOF's Clean Air Force group has repeatedly pointed out the health inequities in the community.

"African-American

### MEET THE MARINERS, LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



The Mariners proudly display their Winthrop Little League championship trophies for the 2020 season. Front row, from left, are Michael Barron, Tony Bordonaro, mascot Nicky DiPrisco, Antonio Sullivan, and Noah Survilas. Middle row, from left, are Danny Connolly, Ricky Mackenzie, Louk Belghiti, Carmen DiPrisco, Stephen Barron, and Dax Sabin. Back row, from left, are coaches Dan Connolly, Victor DiPrisco, Jack Joyce and Greg Sullivan. Missing from photo: players Joe Dalton and Francesca Indrisano and coaches Jessica Sabin and Steve Indrisano.

children have the highest prevalence of asthma and 68 percent of Latinos live in areas that do not meet federal air quality standards compared to 58 percent of whites," she said. "More than 1.81 million Latinos nationwide live within one half mile of existing oil and gas facilities and African-Americans are 75 percent more likely than others to live near facilities that produce hazardous waste. Latinos on average breathe in 63 percent more of the pollution than they make. For African-Americans the figure is 56 percent. Non-Latino whites on average are exposed to 17 percent less air pollution than they make according to recent studies released this year."

Mayor Martin Walsh said these grants go a long way to help bring residents and communities together

to beautify even more of our neighborhoods and call attention to environmental issues in Boston.

"Through the Love Your Block program, we are encouraging residents of Boston to show their love for their neighborhoods, one block at a time," he said.

The city's Director of Office of Public Service Kaira Fox added, "Our City is going through a trying time and I am happy that programs like Love Your Block exist to bring residents not only hope but a physical change that positively impacts their surroundings. Beautification is healing to these communities and our 2020-2021 winners will create bright spots for their residents amid the adverse effects of COVID-19."

### ZONING BOARD REMOVAL WAS NOT POLITICAL

EVERETT - While some are saying the removal of long-time Zoning Board member Mike Dantone is political retribution, Mayor Carlo DeMaria this week said that couldn't be further from the truth and is actually a move over several years to diversify Boards in the City.

Last week, Dantone confirmed that he had been removed from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) after 15 years of service. A letter from the mayor dated Aug. 27 indicated his last day of service was to be Aug. 31.

Dantone said he goes to nearly every meeting, makes site visits, and has had to be involved in legal

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COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Needs Assistance

- Relief funds made available by City Council and the City of Chelsea.
- Funds can be used for rent, staff, debt, utilities and business essential activity.
- The Program has two lines of funding: Restaurant Recovery Fund, and Small Business Relief Fund.
- Application deadline is Sep 25 at 1:00pm.

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Asistencia de Emergencia para Pequeñas Empresas por COVID-19

- El Concejo de la Ciudad de Chelsea ha puesto a disposición los fondos para el Programa de Asistencia a las necesidades de Pequeñas Empresas.
- Los fondos pueden ser usados para pago de renta, nómina, deudas, y actividades esenciales de la empresa.
- El programa tiene dos líneas de financiación: Fondo de Recuperación de Restaurantes y Fondo de Alivio para Pequeñas Empresas.
- La fecha límite de aplicación es Sep 25 a la 1:00pm.

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# Abeyta participates in forum on safe reopening of schools

By Cary Shuman

Supt. of Chelsea Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta participated in a Boston Globe/Harvard Graduate School of Education conference titled: All in This Together? How to Minimize Harm in Reopening Schools [during the COVID-19 pandemic]. Boston Globe reporter Sarah Carr moderated the discussion while Sarah Dryden-Peterson, associate professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, delivered the opening remarks. Dr. Abeyta was joined at the conference by fellow panelists, Patricia Callan, a Beverly parent, Kwame Adams, program manager for the Office of School Transformation in the Boston Public Schools, and Kyhmani James, a senior at Boston Latin Academy.

James stated the importance of education in a person’s life, later expressing an appreciation for the work that all teachers do for their students. An outstanding student representative for his school in the widely viewed conference, James said the students “who should be prioritized first in the district’s plan for reopening schools should be those with greater academic needs, those with IEPs, and just overall students that need more attention that other students may need to be really been successful in the classroom.”

Before her opening remarks, Dr. Abeyta praised James’s eloquent presentation, telling him, “I recommend that you become a superintendent.”

In her opening comments, Dr. Abeyta said that her most important priority in the reopening of schools



Dr. Almi Abeyta (bottom row, middle), superintendent of Chelsea Public Schools, participated in the Boston Globe/Harvard Graduate School of Education conference on the reopening of schools for the 2020-21 academic year. Also pictured, clockwise from bottom row, left, are Kwame Adams of the Boston Public Schools, Boston Globe reporter and forum moderator Sarah Carr, Harvard Associate Professor Sarah Dryden-Peterson, Beverly school parent Patricia Callan, and Boston Latin Academy senior Khymani James.

are the safety of school staff and families.

“And the second most important thing is mental health,” said Abeyta. “I’m very concerned about mental health, so I look at my budget, I’m thinking of increasing social workers and how can we increase family and community engagement. With a full remote start in Chelsea, the critical need and the question that I have is: How do I engage my families? We need to connect better to our families.”

Abeyta told the audience that the Chelsea school district is reaching out to community members to assist students and families during the coronavirus through a initiative called “trust visits.”

“It’s bringing communities together,” said Abeyta. “We solicited volunteers for the community for roles as interpreters – former students, some School Committee members, and our local partner organizations. It’s important that we reach out to our families during this time.”

Responding to a ques-

tion from Carr, Abeyta addressed the topic of teacher safety and parents solidly in favor of an in-person return to the classroom.

“At this point in time, the reopening of schools really is controversial because you have the safety issue, which is at the forefront in my mind and you’re also thinking about education,” said Abeyta. “For a superintendent, you’re in the middle and it’s a no-win situation in any decision you make. So being in that predicament, it’s tough, but at the end of the day at least for us in Chelsea with or [coronavirus] percent positivity rates, it boils down to safety and what is going to be most safe for everybody in our community to stop the spread of COVID.”

Abeyta, representing the voice of superintendents in the forum, came across as knowledgeable, professional, and engaging during the conference, helping educators and students prepare for the safest and most effective delivery of education during these unprecedented times.

## Northeast Voke changes reopening plan

Superintendent David DiBarri reported this week that Northeast Metro Tech is changing course to follow its fully remote learning plan amid high numbers of positive COVID-19 cases in Revere.

The district had initially planned to hold a week of remote learning beginning on Monday, Sept. 14, and to transition to a hybrid learning model on Monday, Sept. 21.

“The last thing we wanted to do was to change our plan so close to the first day of school,” Superintendent DiBarri said. “However, this is the reality our community faces and nothing matters more than keeping students, faculty and staff safe. The data surrounding this pandemic is ever-changing and we have been closely monitoring the situation in Revere. Ultimately, we feel this is the best decision for our District at this time, and we’d like to thank our students,

families, faculty and staff for their cooperation and patience.”

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has advised regional school districts to use a key municipality - the city or town where the majority of its students reside - as an indicator of whether or not classes should be held remotely or through a hybrid model.

The majority of Northeast Metro Tech’s students reside in Revere, which has been experiencing a high risk of transmission rates for COVID-19 recently. District officials have maintained in close contact with local public health officials to continuously monitor the situation.

Each Wednesday, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health shares the number of active cases in each town and city statewide, and color-codes communities based on rates of positive cases per 100,000

people.

Over the past two weeks, there have been 158 positive cases of COVID-19 in Revere, a decrease from recent weeks. Of all COVID-19 tests administered to residents, 5.14% over the past two weeks were positive in Revere, and the City is currently marked as a “red” community on the state’s color coded case map.

As the District follows a fully remote learning model, its leadership will continue to closely monitor the situation in Revere. Once case numbers decrease, the District may move to a hybrid model, a transition that would not happen immediately.

Northeast Metro Tech will continue to update students, families, faculty and staff as new information is available and as any decisions are made regarding changes to the district’s learning model this school year.

the Board and onto another Board if she wishes.

“That’s all I’m doing here,” he said.

To that end, he said he has nominated Le Cao to replace Dantone as part of his initiative to increase diversity and nominate Everett residents that haven’t ever served on a Board. He said he put out the request for applications and was impressed with Cao in the interview.

“I thought he was very interesting and had some good ideas about how developers can contribute, like adding to a public Wi-Fi network,” said the mayor.

## After 28 years, as determined as ever to bring Susan Taraskiewicz’s killer or killers to justice

Twenty-eight years ago this week, the body of Susan Taraskiewicz was found in the trunk of her car, which had been left outside an auto repair shop on Route 1A in Revere.

So much time has passed since then.

But the determination of the Massachusetts State Police and Revere Police to bring Susan’s killer or killers to justice is as fierce today as it ever was. Detectives have not retreated one inch, and never will, from their desire to close this case and find justice for Susan and her family.

Susan’s body was found early on Sept. 14, 1992, a little more than a day after she left her job as a ramp crew chief at Logan Airport to pick up sandwiches for her co-workers. She never returned to her Logan shift or her home in Saugus.



Susan Taraskiewicz.

After her murder, Susan’s employer, Northwest Airlines, offered a \$250,000 reward for information leading to an arrest. In 2008, Northwest was absorbed into Delta Airlines in a merger. Delta has informed Susan’s family that it stands by that reward offer. The money remains available to anyone who provides

information that allows us to bring justice to Susan and her family.

Investigators certain there are people who have this information. Whatever reasons you have had not to come forward thus far do not matter anymore. Time passes, people and motivations change. Things that didn’t seem important suddenly do, and vice versa. Fears and worries shrink away, and pale in comparison to the realization of what is right and just. It is long past time for anyone who can help this family, to bring some peace, and to do right by Susan, to step up and do just that.

The Massachusetts State Police urge anyone with information about Susan’s murder to call the State Police Detective Unit for Suffolk County at (617) 727-8817.

## Real Estate Transfers

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Nguyen, Scott	Millington Angela S	46 Addison St	\$410,000
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Keogh, Tyler C	Tran, Doan	84 Chester Ave #3	\$450,000
Hannon, James	Grace Tobin RT	23 Chestnut St #5	\$405,000
Brady, Michael W	Guidi-Lutz, Casey M	250 Congress Ave #31	\$387,000
Bussiere, David A	Urban Renewal 11 LLC	28 Hawthorne St #1	\$565,000
Acosta, Carlos E	Rivera, Maximino	94 Maverick St	\$600,000
Lage, Daniel	Highland RT LLC	98 Maverick St	\$690,000
Mancio, Marco	Morales, Jose A	123 Sagamore Ave	\$665,000
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a number of times over the years. He said he takes the job very seriously, but did not know why specifically he was removed.

Mayor DeMaria told the Independent any talk of political retribution is totally false.

“There was no politics in it at all,” he said. “I’ve been asking board members the last two years to step off if they’ve been on a Board for too long...I could care less who held a sign for Mike. Antonio Amaya is on a Board and he held a sign for Mike and I didn’t rescind him. People are welcome to vote for whomever they want and hold signs if they want.”

He said the effort is

all about diversifying the Boards to reflect the current population and make sure no one is serving too long and making decisions inconsistent with the times.

“Everyone else has been ok with it,” he said. “I do not want someone on a Board for 20 years. We had Joe DeSisto on the ZBA far too long and he ran it like it was his...We really need to increase the diversity on that Board. I don’t want people on that Board who have friendships with developers.”

He said the ZBA has recently elected a new chair in Mary Gerace, and he said he will have her run the ZBA for a few years and then ask her to step off



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# City of Chelsea launches historic COVID-19 small business recovery program

The City of Chelsea has announced the launch of a new program to provide relief to local small businesses as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Beset by an economic paralysis, small businesses are in need of flexible operational capital to weather the pandemic and provide a springboard for a sustained economic rebound.

Funded through a historic appropriation by Chelsea City Council, the Small Business Economic Recovery Program offers up to \$20,000 in financial assistance to qualifying small businesses, with

the aim of safely stimulating the local economy. The program is designed to provide direct financial relief Chelsea-based small businesses with 50 or less employees. Funds can be used for rent, utility payments, inventory, debt, payroll, and other operating expenses.

“The unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 pandemic has gravely impacted local small businesses,” stated Thomas G. Ambrosino, City Manager, “the City, through this program, seeks to support small businesses as they resume operations, adopt to new safety re-

quirements, and provide the goods and services our community relies on.”

The City, through a competitive procurement process, has contracted with the Chelsea Business Foundation to administer the program. The City has formally launched a streamlined application process, enabling Chelsea businesses to quickly apply for financial resources. The application deadline is September 25th, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.

“Chelsea City Council has acted decisively to support small businesses by funding this program,” stated Alex Train, “We’re grateful for the enduring partnership with the Chelsea Business Foundation and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce. Our new Department is committed to the successful implementation of this program, in order to promote health and safety, local hiring, and economic growth.”

The newly appointed CEO of the Chelsea Business Foundation, Carlos Matos, said, “we are committed to assisting the Latino and small business of Chelsea and we are thrilled to be able to help them as the City’s administrative partner. This program will go a long

way to assisting businesses throughout the city impacted by COVID. We stand ready to help business, so that they can continue to provide the valuable services and products continue to fuel the local economy.”

The effort is unique in its focus on key business sectors, as well as health and safety. “As we worked with City Council to design the program, a major priority was serving small businesses and, particularly restaurants,” explained Karl Allen, Economic Development Specialist with the Department, “the program was designed to promote the adoption of COVID-19 health and safety requirements. We strongly believe public health and economic recovery can go hand-in-hand in a way that benefits the community at-large.”

Program Summary

- Citywide assistance for Businesses with 50 or fewer employees
- \$400,000 in funds is designated for restaurants
- \$600,000 for other eligible businesses
- Maximum Award for business assistance is \$20,000 per eligible business
- Funds can be used for rent, staff, debt, utilities, and other essential business activity

- Funds are structured as a forgivable, no-interest loans that are forgiven after two (2) years if the business remains in Chelsea and COVID-19 health and safety requirements are adopted
- Preferences for Woman-, Minority, and Veteran-Owned Businesses

Applications Available

- Applications period will be open from 08/31/2020 through 09/25/2020

Applications are available on-line at [www.chelseama.gov](http://www.chelseama.gov) or <https://chelseabusinessfoundation.org/chelsea-small-business-relief-program/>

All applications must be submitted by 11:59 P.M. on 09/25/20


For assistance with the application, contact Deise Paraguay at [deise@chelseabusinessfoundation.org](mailto:deise@chelseabusinessfoundation.org) to make an appointment or Contact Karl Allen, Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development, with any program questions [kallen@chelseama.gov](mailto:kallen@chelseama.gov)

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## OBITUARIES

### Richard Samuel Casino

Retired Novelty Bias Binding Head Shipper

 Richard Samuel Casino, 85, a life-long resident of Chelsea, entered into eternal rest Friday morning, September 11 at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston after a brief battle with cancer.



Born in Chelsea, the son of the late Samuel and Virginia A. (Mollica) Casino, Richard graduated from Shurtleff School and Chelsea High School, Class of 1953. He played trumpet in the Shurtleff and C.H.S. bands and was a nine year veteran of the MA Army National Guard.

Richard is a retired head shipper of Novelty Bias Binding Co. in Chelsea. He dedicated 50 years of service before retiring in 2005. Richard is a late member of the Chelsea Knights of Columbus and the Chelsea Senior Center, where he enjoyed playing bocce. He also enjoyed Wonderland, Suffolk Downs, Foxwoods and Encore. Richard was an

avid fan of the Boston Red Sox; Ted Williams was his favorite player.

Richard leaves behind his brother, Paul G. Casino of Chelsea. He is also lovingly survived by many cousins.

Richard’s Funeral services were conducted in the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea on Tuesday, September 15. Services concluded with Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. We encourage family and friends to visit [www.carafafuneralhome.com](http://www.carafafuneralhome.com) to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

### Richard O’Callaghan

Retired educator and  
Korean War Bronze Star recipient

Richard C. “Dick” O’Callaghan, a long time Peabody resident, formerly of Chelsea, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston with his loving family at his side. He was 85 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, a beloved son of the late John and Mary (DeAngelis) O’Callaghan, Dick attended Chelsea schools and graduated from Chelsea High School and Fitchburg State College. During the Korean Conflict, he enlisted in the US Army. A Bronze Star recipient, he was honorably discharged in 1957. He married his beloved Rosemary (Memmolo) on September 12, 1959. Together they welcomed and raised their three children: Lisa, Lori and Rick.

Dick began his career as a union sheet metal worker and continued on as a sheet metal instructor and teacher at the Northeast Regional Vocational H.S. in Wakefield. He retired in 2002 after 29 years of teaching and starting young men and women out on their future paths. His love was always focused on family and friends, but he especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and beautiful wife.

During his lifetime, he also enjoyed gardening, anything history related, fishing boating and travel. Always a true friend, mentor, and patriot with a gift for sharing his wisdom, knowledge, and life experiences.

He was a member of Local 17 Sheet Metal Workers Union, The Knights of Columbus Chelsea, Council 83 and the Mass Teachers Union.

In addition to his



parents, he was also predeceased by his late brother John O’Callaghan. Dick is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Rosemary E. (Memmolo) O’Callaghan and he was the devoted father of Lisa O’Callaghan Haley and her husband, Jim of Milford, Lori O’Callaghan Michaud of Chester, NH and Rick O’Callaghan and his wife, Leslie of Peabody; cherished grandfather of AJ, Shaunna, Megan, Marisa and Connor. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and extended family members and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend visiting hours at the Conway

Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home, 20 Church St., Peabody, Friday, Sept. 18, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The visitation will be followed by Graveside Services at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Peabody at 11 a.m. All attendees are required to wear a mask and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Also, there will be no register book, please sign the online guestbook at [www.ccbfuneral.com](http://www.ccbfuneral.com).

Donations in Dick’s name should be directed to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN, 38105. [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate) or the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL, 33607 <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc/donate>.

## Chief Kyes praises residents for help in recent shooting incidents

By Seth Daniel

Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes said residents are stepping up and being very helpful in at least three recent shooting incidents in the city, including one very brazen incident that happened on Tuesday night on Clinton Street.

Kyes said they are actively investigating all of the shooting events, and in the previous two – there were injuries. One shooting on Spruce Street hit a woman in the calf, and two men were stuck by bullets in the hand and arm in a shooting on Essex Street.

On Clinton Street Tuesday, Kyes said residents and witnesses – who often are reluctant – stepped up and it was very helpful to police.

“In the interest of full disclosure, oftentimes witnesses and victims are reluctant to cooperate with the police, both on the immediate scene and during any subsequent follow-up investigations based on a multitude of factors and circumstances,” he said. “That said, this was absolutely not the case Tuesday night on Broadway. Everyone on

the scene was incredibly cooperative and helpful. We hope to have more arrests and resulting prosecutions in the near future.”

The shooting took place at 6 p.m. and shots were exchanged between two or three individuals. No one was injured, but there were rounds that went into the side of a home on Clinton Street. Through an investigation and the help of the neighborhood, Kyes said they were on the cusp of an arrest.

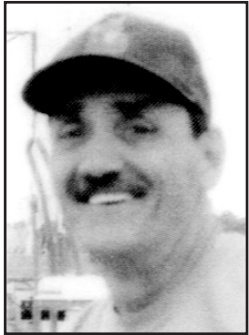
“At this time we have sought and received an active arrest warrant in the Chelsea District Court for one of the individuals that was identified through surveillance video,” he said. “We continue to exhaust any and all investigative leads to identify, locate and prosecute those additional subjects that were involved in this and other serious incidents.”

In addition, Chelsea Police have seized several firearms off the streets in the last several weeks. He said they plan to hold those caught accountable and do their very best to keep the residents of Chelsea safe during these challenging times.

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-Hawthorn Street  
-Fourth Street  
-Fifth Street  
-Central Avenue  
-Congress Avenue  
Per Order  
Chief Brian A. Kyes  
Chairperson

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LEGAL NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**  
PROJECT: 1690 Revere Beach Parkway  
LOCATION: 1690 Revere Beach Parkway, Everett, MA 02148  
PROPOSER: Everett Land Holdings LLC, c/o The Grossman Companies, Inc.  
The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before September 15, 2020. This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61-621). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Bohler, attn: Zachary Richards  
45 Franklin Street, Floor 5, Boston, MA 02110 (617) 849-8040 zrichards@bohlereng.com  
Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Everett where they may be inspected.  
The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs

will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if any environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.  
By Everett Land Holdings LLC, c/o The Grossman Companies, Inc. (Proponent)

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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, October 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Conference Room, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to reconsider the discipline issued on August 27, 2020 of the All Alcoholic 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  
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**LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA**  
Request for Proposals After School/Summer School Program for English Language Learner Students in Grades (Kindergarten (K) - 4) The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking proposals for marked "After School/Summer School Program for English Language Learner Students in Grades (Kindergarten (K) - 4)". Request for Proposals will be available on or after September 17, 2020 by contacting Dylan Cook, School Business Manager at dcook@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "After School/Summer School Program for English Language Learner Students in Grades (Kindergarten (K) - 4)" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:30 AM on October 01, 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.

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(LEGAL NOTICE)  
CITY OF CHELSEA  
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS  
FIBER OPTIC NETWORK  
TESTING AND UPGRADES  
The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement

Officer is seeking bids for "Fiber Optic Network Testing and Upgrades". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after September 16, 2020 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Fiber Optic Network Testing and Upgrades" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00AM, Thursday, October 1, 2020. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea." The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M. Dragica Ivanis  
Chief Procurement Officer  
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LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**  
Suffolk Division  
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300  
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
Docket No. SU20D0944DR  
Cassandra Watson Mejia vs. Antonio Mejia—  
Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B. Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and the defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.  
It is Ordered that

defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the amended complaint herein on or before the return day of October 08, 2020. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.  
Date: August 11, 2020  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate Court  
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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  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU20P1581EA  
Estate of: Paul J. Grace  
Date of Death 08/09/2019  
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**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 10/22/2020. 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.  
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 10, 2020  
Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate  
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**NOTICE OF TIER CLASSIFICATION MASSDOT PARKING LOTS E & E2 ARLINGTON STREET AT ROUTE 1 INTERSECTION, CHELSEA, MA RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-0035858**  
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(RTN) 3-0035858 at https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#/search/wastesite or at MassDEP, 2058 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA, 01887, (978) 694-3200. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

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LEGAL NOTICE



**NOTICE**  
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on September 14, 2020, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council hereby accepts the provisions of M.G.L. c40, 5G for the purpose of creating a Special Fund known as the Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund and operating such Fund in full accordance with the state law. A copy of the order is available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White  
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Kenneth Umemba, husband of Joan Cromwell, spoke forcefully about the issue, recalling the years before Chelsea went into state receivership when some key positions in the city were filled through nepotism.

“The City Manager [Tom Ambrosino] is not asking for much,” said Umemba. “He said this office should engage employees, take a second look at practices, policies, and budgetary.”

Jayde Umemba and Kyle Umemba, leaders of the Chelsea Young Adult Alliance and their efforts responsible for the incredible attendance of 1,000 residents at the June 7 rally, also addressed the Council. Kyle quoted the great civil rights leader and brilliant orator, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in his remarks during the course of delivering his own spirited message to the Council.

“You posted, you’ve spoken about this, you’ve had meetings, you were outside with us, you guys walked with us – you walked, you talked, now it is time to act on that,” concluded Kyle.

Sharon Caulfield, who has been an extraordinary liaison for Bunker Hill Community College to the Chelsea community, said an office of inclusion and diversity “would help everybody in the City of Chelsea.”

Caulfield also praised City Manager Tom Ambrosino, stating he and City Attorney Cheryl Watson Fisher should be involved in the selection process for the positions in the office of inclusion and diversity. “We have a good city manager and I hope we can continue to have a good city manager like we have now,” said Caulfield.

Maria Belen Power, associate executive director of GreenRoots, said, “I am here to stand in solidarity and to be in support of the Chelsea Young Adult Alliance and their demands which include the hiring of a diversity, equity, and inclusion officer. Hiring a DEI officer or creating an office is a very concrete way in which this city, our community, and this City Council can put our commitments to racial equity into practice.”

Former councillor-at-large Roseann Bongiovanni, executive director of GreenRoots said the Council has an opportunity to do something very memorable for the city.

“This is what you have in front of you tonight –

you have the opportunity to make a lasting difference in this city,” said Bongiovanni, sponsor of the city’s sanctuary resolution. “This is not a controversial vote. This is something that is powerful, that is long overdue. You have the opportunity to be a model city. We have been a sanctuary city, an All-America city, we have been a Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health Award-winning city. Now you need the city that votes yes and accepts this, adopts it with pride and with joy and with enthusiasm.”

Darren Cromwell, who lived in Chelsea for 30 years, recalled his days as a youth growing up in the 1970s when he witnessed racist interactions with officials in law enforcement.

He also questioned the manner in which American History is taught in the schools, stating that “it doesn’t tell the real story.”

“We need change now otherwise you’re going to continue to raise these boys and girls, African-American, Hispanic, Latinos feeling less than and we’re going to have bigger problems. Now is the time to act on them for the office of diversity and inclusion,” said Cromwell.

School Committee member Henry Wilson said he was the first president of the Chelsea Black Community in 2013. “I keep on fighting. This [office] is something we need in our community. We need to work together, to make sure that what needs to be done for all residents of the city is taken care of the right way. What happened in the past is the past. Now it’s time to do the future.”

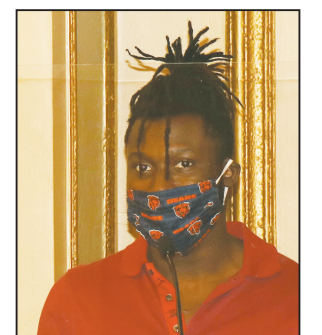
Larry Elgart expressed his support for the office of diversity and inclusion. “I wonder, how can it not be a unanimous vote? If literally, there’s anybody sitting there right now thinking about not funding this office – I challenge you to challenge yourself,

ask yourself, ‘Why is that? Is that a conscious bias? Is that a subconscious bias? Is that a lens that you see the world through? For me, that’s paradigm paralysis. Remember, people are watching. This is only a small portion of Chelsea residents. This goes way beyond this. It’s 2020, it’s not 1960. It’s today. If you don’t challenge your assumptions and stay in that paradigm paralysis, then you’ll always be exactly who you are and everybody will see that.”

Elgart’s superbly delivered and passionate speech received one of the most enthusiastic ovations of the evening, setting the stage for an historic vote by the City Council on Sept. 21.



Councillor-at-Large Damali Vidot participated in the meeting through a remote connection.



Ola Bayode addresses the City Council at its meeting Monday night.



Jayde Umemba prepares her statement to address the Chelsea City Council Monday evening.



Joan Cromwell, president of the Chelsea Black Community, addresses the City Council while speaking in favor of the new Diversity and Inclusion Office proposed for Chelsea.



Arriving with a VOTE mask is Councillor Calvin T. Brown.



Council President Roy Avelaneda called the meeting to order.



State Representative Dan Ryan visited the Chelsea City Council last Monday night and had a chat with Councillor Leo Robinson.



Joan Cromwell (standing), president of the Chelsea Black Community, collects signatures before the City Council meeting started to show support for the new Diversity and Inclusion Office proposed for the city. Signing the petition is Chelsea resident Sharon Caulfield.



Monday evening the Chelsea City Council returned the Council Chambers for their meeting after months of remote sessions due to the coronavirus.

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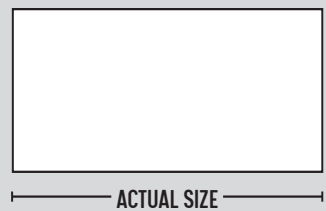
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