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A number of painted murals and Wheat Paste murals will be going up all over Chelsea's downtown area this month to help bring people out and celebrate a new story of the community. The effort by Chelsea Prospers started on Sept. 19 and will continue through early October. All in all, 14 artists will be working, and more than 40 residents will have contributed in some fashion as well. Here, Chelsea teacher and muralist Demetrius Fuller's music-themed piece has taken shape on the back of Apollinaire Theatre.

Colorful murals to delight the city-scape this month

By Seth Daniel

More than 14 artists, two coordinators and a host of contributing residents will be part of a massive painted and wheat-paste mural effort throughout the downtown area this month – and effort that started

last weekend and continues full speed at numerous locations.

Chelsea Prospers Director Mimi Graney said that Coordinators Carolyn Lewenberg and Amanda Hill have brought in a great group of artists and some very interesting concepts

to decorate the City's downtown area and some of its parks as well. The effort began Sept. 19 and has continued all week and will conclude in October, they said.

"It's building on the work that was done last year on Division Street in

particular," said Graney. "It won't be a total jarring transformation, but it's definitely going to bring a lot of excitement and lighten up the alleyways. Part of why we will be focusing on Division Street

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Chelsea Schools to debut Online Learning Centers

Start at CHS on Sept. 28

By Seth Daniel

Students have literally been knocking at the doors of Chelsea High School (CHS) to try to get back to school over the past week, and in response to an overwhelming need

from parents who have to be at work, the district will begin an Online Learning Center program at various schools in the district.

The schools will create their own program for middle school and high school students, and For Kids Only will expand

to handle any elementary needs, Supt. Almi Abeyta said.

The program will fit in with remote instruction – there will be no teachers teaching students in classrooms. Instead, students will be able to come to the school in larger spaces and

log into remote learning from the school location. The Center will be staffed by district personnel, but not teachers, and they will be able to help with technical issues or other basic questions.

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Ryan ready to help communities get back on their feet

By Seth Daniel

This year's Primary Election was one to remember, and with State Rep. Dan Ryan prevailing in the vote – and no challenger on the ballot in November – he said he is thinking about his next term and noted it will be all about getting Charlestown and Chelsea back on their feet after COVID-19.

Ryan prevailed over Chelsea Councillor Damali Vidot in the Sept. 1 Primary vote, winning Charlestown handily but losing the Chelsea vote and winning overall by about 1,100 votes. However, unlike previous re-election campaigns, the new term will be anything but typical. In fact, he said, many of the goals he might have typically had will need to be put aside for the next term.

"It's really going to be about just getting my two communities that I represent back up on their feet," he said. "That's my goal. We all know the story of how hard Chelsea was hit and we need to achieve the same structure we had in Charlestown and bring some normalcy back to where it was before COVID-19. Chelsea was headed in a good direction before COVID-19, but I think COVID-19 also showed us the structural issues that exist in our urban areas and that we have to address. Both communities have pretty large public housing re-developments going on. We have to do a lot of work making sure those are done right. We're re-inventing public housing in Charlestown and Chelsea. Regardless of COVID-19, I think we need to move forward on those projects."

Most of the work to be done, he said, will be making sure basic needs are met for residents in

Charlestown and Chelsea – such as housing foreclosure/eviction prevention and making sure essential workers can safely get to their jobs. Those aren't grand plans for a newly elected representative, but Ryan said that's the work that is going to be required for his district.

"The biggest thing we need to do is to make sure we are being safe to get our numbers down so we can get people back to work when it's safe to do so and then keep people in their homes," he said. "There is a lot of work to do on that. The primary issues I've been working on for the last six years are really going to have to be put on the back burner."

One of the major concerns he said he has is with downtown areas in Boston and Chelsea – and how the changes in work dynamics are going to affect businesses there and workers who go there for jobs. He said the delegation in the State House has

already been informally talking about these issues since COVID-19 hit, and he expects them to be more prominent moving forward.

"It looks like this is going to bring a huge societal shift," he said. "I don't think downtowns will be completely empty, but I think businesses and workers that go there will be affected...What I think eventually we'll be dealing with is downtown businesses that are the day-to-day services – the sandwich shops, the stores and the bars – they're going to take a big hit if the economy doesn't come back."

Ryan, reflecting on the election process, said it was a very hard campaign to define and to carry out. With COVID-19 hitting just after he had announced his re-election campaign, there was a lot of uncertainty about how to proceed. First, he said he took a pause, and then

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Councilors fund Diversity and Inclusion office

By Cary Shuman

The City Council voted Monday night by an 11-0 margin to create a diversity, equity, and inclusion office at City Hall.

Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson and District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown originally proposed the order to launch and fund (\$252,000 for two years) a diversity and inclusion office. Brown amended the motion to include "equity" in its title. Importantly City Manager Tom Ambrosino strongly supported the proposal and once again drew significant praise from speakers for his leadership and accessibility on the issue.

Prior to the Council's historic vote, Chelsea Black Community President Joan Cromwell led a group of Chelsea residents who again enthusiastically voiced their support for an office of diversity and inclusion. Many speakers stressed the importance that the vote be unanimously.

Kenneth Umemba was again brilliant and pow-

erful at the microphone in his impassioned speech. Beverly Martin-Ross and the Rev. Dr. Sandra Whitely delivered remarks that were well-received remarks from the audience. Jennifer Hassell, who cited her multi-ethnic background, expressed her love for the city over the decades of residency here. Her daughter, 23-year-old Jaylen Hassell, was also very effective in delivering her message of hope and optimism.

Robinson, dean of Chelsea city government, asked to address the Council before the vote.

"I like to thank my colleagues who have been in this since June and finally we're to the point where we're able to vote on this measure tonight," began Robinson.

The long-time community leader then gave a brief summary of the credentials that the city's first-ever diversion and inclusion officer should possess.

"We're looking for a

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Three-alarm fire on High Street prompts heart attack in man

By Seth Daniel

A three-alarm fire at 21 High St. on Sept. 18 challenged firefighters, but also caused the elderly homeowner to exit the house and collapse in cardiac arrest – which he later died from at CHA Everett hospital.

Around 4:30 p.m., Fire crews and Cataldo Ambulance arrived on the scene to see fire coming from the structure and the man on the ground outside. Cataldo Ambulance im-

mediately transported the 74-year-old gentleman to CHA Everett. He was later sent to Beth Israel Hospital where he died. His name is being withheld.

Chelsea Firefighter fought the stubborn fire for several hours, and were finally able to bring it under control.

Fire Chief Len Albanese said the property owner was not in the house when they arrived, and that his heart attack could have been caused by stress or exertion.



PHOTO BY MIKE LAYHE SR.

A three-alarm fire on High Street Sept. 18 caused the homeowner to have a heart attack outside the home. He was rushed to the hospital but later passed away.

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State issues fine for Vidot campaign misstep with DPW Director

By Seth Daniel

The state Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) issued a ruling against the Damali Vidot for State Representative campaign this week for a misstep in the endorsement of DPW Director Fidel Maltez, but Vidot alleges the complaint on the matter is a pattern of harassment against her by Council President Roy Avellaneda.

OCPF fined the campaign \$350 for the violation, with \$125 of it going to the state and the other \$125 going to a charity of choice. The problem revolved around an endorsement on Vidot’s campaign Facebook page. The endorsement came from DPW Director Fidel Maltez and his wife, Maria Belen Power. While non-elected public employees can endorse candidates, they cannot do so with a solicitation for contributions. Under the picture of Maltez was a link and a solicitation for contributions.

“The campaign finance law states that non-elected public employees may not ‘...directly or indirectly solicit or receive any gift, payment, contribution...or promise of money or other thing of value for the political campaign purpose of any candidate for public office...’ Non-elected public employees may, however, endorse candidates for public office, but only if the endorsement is not part of a solicitation for contributions,” read the letter from OCPF.

During the OCPF inquiry, Maltez said he was not aware his endorsement would be used for fundraising and did not agree to that.

Vidot said it was a misstep that came when

the campaign received 10 similar endorsements, mostly from elected officials – who are permitted to raise money for another candidate. She said they should have removed Maltez’s link for fundraising, but forgot to do so by mistake.

“I can promise we didn’t get any money as a result of that post,” she said. “I was going to go through the whole process with them, but after the election we decided just to resolve it. That’s how we came up with the idea. It isn’t a big deal. I don’t want to minimize it because there is a rule and we broke that rule through a misstep and we acknowledge it.”

Maltez told the Record he was glad the issue was resolved and that it was stated he had no idea that the endorsement would be used for fund-raising.

“I am happy to see this issue resolved,” he said. “It was clearly an unintentional misstep by the campaign. As OCPF stated, my endorsement of a candidate is within my right and I am proud to be an active participant in the community we have chosen to live in and raise our kids in. When my wife and I decided to endorse Damali, we were doing so as individuals who live in this community and support her, not within our professional capacity... The issue was not with our endorsement, but rather the accompanying text on the post. I had conversations with OCPF and was happy to hear from them that there was nothing we did wrong.”

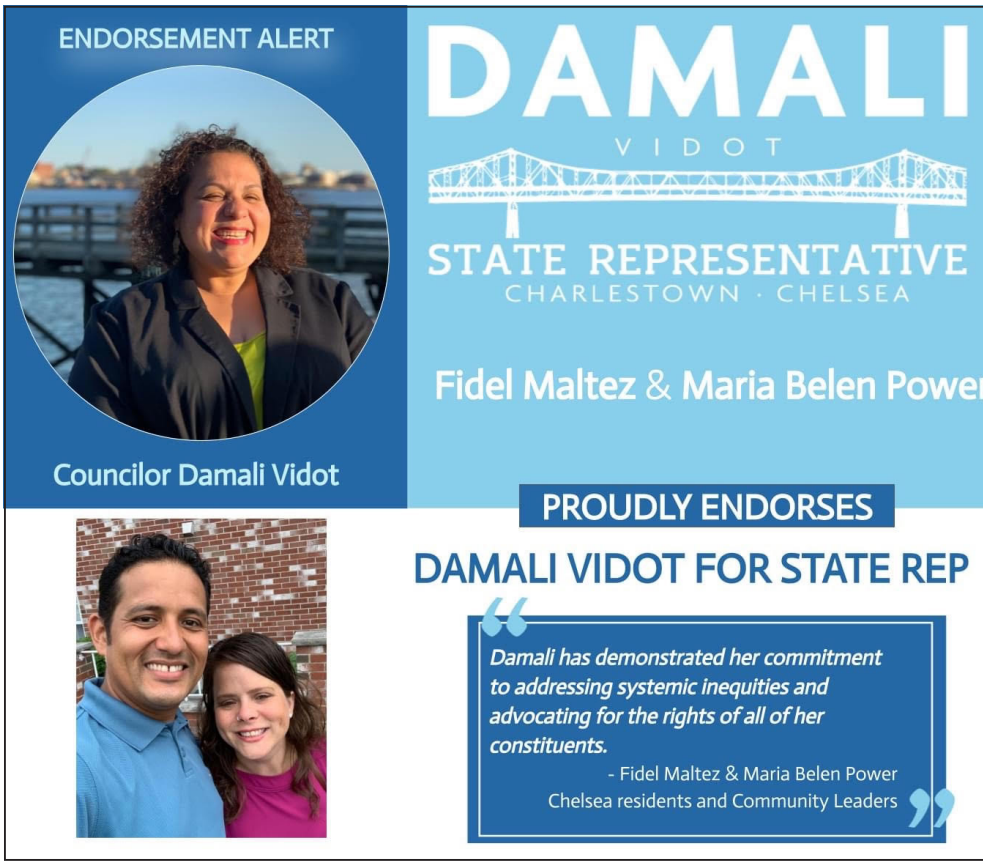
All that withstanding, Vidot said she sees the complaint as an ongoing form of harassment by Council President Roy Avellaneda. She said she was told he made the com-

plaint and it follows with what she called a trend.

“The problem here isn’t so much the misstep,” she said. “The problem here is when you have people like Roy Avellaneda weaponizing state agencies to stifle grass-roots movements. It is definitely scary. I’ve had Police and Fire yelling and screaming and threatening me. Honestly, I’m tough; I grew up in Chelsea, but you don’t know what’s driving the other person. I don’t even want to talk about OCPF; I want to talk about white men harassing women of color when they see themselves losing power to someone like me.”

Avellaneda said he took great offense to having the finger pointed at him, noting that many people saw the misstep and many pointed it out to the City Solicitor in Chelsea and the OCPF. He said it wasn’t just him, and he actually heard about it from others that complained. He also pointed out this was her second misstep.

“First of all, it was made clear to me that complaints were made to the City and to the City Solicitor first,” he said. “So, it wasn’t just OCPF and not just to me. Members of the community – residents – saw the incident and recognized it right away as a violation and raised it to me. Now, whether it’s a street crime, drug activity or trash violations or anything, Councillors get all sorts of complaints. It’s our duty to pass them on to the police, if that’s it, or in this case a state agency. The fact is this is the second time Ms. Vidot has violated campaign finance. My message back to her is don’t break the law and there is no weaponization by anyone. She has said she would run first-class



An example of the graphic used by the Vidot Campaign with DPW Director Fidel Maltez in violation of Campaign Finance Rules.

campaigns, but here we are seeing more violations. Furthermore, in the 25 years of City Councillors, there have been 30 members serve and no one else has ever been charged once, let alone twice, with a violation. She’s done it twice in four years.”

Avellaneda also said the first violation came when,

he said, she was trying to hide donations from developers.

“She loves to control the story and only wants to talk about her misdeeds in her methods,” he said. “The reality is she’s already been charged \$1,200 for hiding campaign donations from her supporters because she didn’t want

them to know that she was taking money from a developer...and here we are again with another mistake by her campaign. My integrity has been questioned by here time and again, and I want to ask people to look at who is doing things by the book and who isn’t.”

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the work of the State Legislature picked up and he described it as being one of the busiest and hardest few months of his career.

“I didn’t really start campaigning until June,” he said. “We were so busy unemployment cases and getting PPE to places that needed it and getting food to the elderly, there wasn’t time for it. When we started, it was by telephone and Zoom meetings. When I saw people walking around more and going to the coffee shops and supermarket and getting out, I started on my own street in Charlestown where people know me. Gradually I worked my way out in Charlestown and Chelsea. For the most part, I got a good reception. Nobody told me they didn’t

want me at the door...The majority thanked me for coming out and doing it.”

He said he found that there was a much higher turnout than expected, largely driven by mail-in voting, early voting and other unique aspects of this election process. He said he believes that the turnout was balanced on mail-in voting, and it is likely here to stay in some form.

“Going forward post-COVID, we’ll have a good process in place and much more efficiencies like everything else,” he said.

Now, back in the legislature, Ryan said it will be his job this coming term to make sure places like Chelsea and Charlestown get their fair share of funding to put things back in

order. That will be particularly critical in Chelsea and parts of Charlestown hit harder by the virus and the downturn in the economy.

“We have to make sure that Gateway Cities and urban areas get a weighted share of the monies,” he said. “Do we have a better argument now? Yes. But I think we were moving that way already. The Student Opportunity Act was a good step to help these urban cities and towns. I don’t think COVID exposed to us anything we didn’t know, but it gives us more of an immediacy to move where we were going.”

State Rep. Ryan will be inaugurated into his fourth term in January.

Police investigating another shooting this week

Staff Report

Chelsea Police are actively investigating a shooting on Wednesday morning around 1:50 a.m. on Burma Road – a shooting where a 27-year-old man was hit in the lower leg.

Police responded to the scene and discovered an unidentified person had

shot eight 9mm rounds in the area, and the 27-year-old man was on scene with a gunshot injury to his calf and ankle.

Several police units and detectives saturated the area along with a MSP K-9 and were unable to locate any suspect at that time. Police are working on a video from the area, and the victim did not

have much information on scene.

He said he heard shots, was hit in the leg, and saw someone in a blue hooded sweatshirt in the distance running off to Normandy Road.

The victim was expected to be re-interviewed and shell casings will be sent to ATF for analysis.

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CHELSEA FUNERAL FUND

For the dignity of loved ones who have passed, the Chelsea Funeral Fund provides up to \$1,700 in financial assistance for cremation or burial. The fund is for Chelsea residents in need, regardless of religious affiliation, and is managed by Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church. To inquire, contact Reverend Edgar Gutiérrez-Duarte at 671-884-3300 or at vicar-sanlucas@aol.com.

RAFT PROGRAM RENTAL ASSISTANCE

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

- Your immigration sta-

tus does not matter.

- You may be eligible for RAFT if you have not been, or will not be, able to pay rent, mortgage payments, or utilities due to COVID-19.

- You must be in contact with your landlord or property manager (RAFT funds are paid to them).

- If you are not on the lease, you can provide your landlord’s contact information to confirm that you are a tenant.

- If you need help to cover your security deposit (for first or last month’s rent), you can specify the unit you plan to move into, even if you have not yet signed the lease.

- You are not eligible if you are in an Emergency Assistance Shelter.

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

WATER LEAK ALERTS


The City of Chelsea is offering a free service to

residents to help efficiently manage water usage and lower monthly bills. The service also notifies residents if usage indicates a possible leak. Register for this service at <http://chelsea.aquahawk.us> or call 617-464-4041 for more information.

FREE WATER METER REPLACEMENT


The City of Chelsea’s DPW is continuing its water meter replacement program for both residential and commercial customers. As part of this effort, meter service technicians from the DPW may be visiting a property to remove the old meter and replace it with a new meter. All DPW meter service technicians travel in marked City of Chelsea vehicles and have City of Chelsea identification badges. Whenever a water meter technician visits a property, one should ask to see the City issued ID. Installation of a new meter will typically take less than 30 minutes. The

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WINTER SURVIVAL: MASKS AND FLU SHOTS

The testimony of Dr. Robert Redfield, the head of the Centers for Disease Control, before a U.S. Senate subcommittee last week regarding the need for every American to wear a face mask in public to thwart the spread of Covid-19 was stunning for its sheer simplicity.

“A face mask is the most important and powerful public health tool we have,” said Redfield. “If we did it for six, eight, or 10 weeks, we could bring the pandemic under control. We have clear scientific evidence they work, and they are our best defense. I might even go so far as to say that this face mask is more guaranteed to protect me against Covid than when I take a Covid vaccine.”

Dr. Redfield’s statement provided Americans with the most direct and easiest-to-understand medical advice that we have heard in our lifetime from any health professional regarding any illness or disease.

Face masks have been shown in the past to be effective against the spread of airborne illnesses. During the 1918 flu pandemic, American cities that required their citizenry to wear face masks in public had much lower incidences of the flu and much lower death rates from that deadly disease than cities that did not require the use of masks.

The other significant thing we can do for our individual and collective health this winter season is to get a flu shot as soon as possible. Although flu shots typically do not have 100% effectiveness, they nonetheless can provide significant protection against the flu for most Americans, thereby reducing to a large extent the number of persons who might require medical treatment and hospitalization.

We also would note that there is substantial evidence that flu shots also provide protection for the heart, although it still is not completely understood why.

Together, masks and flu shots offer our best chance to avoid the so-called “twin-demic” this coming winter. Indeed, if everyone masks up and gets vaccinated (as well as stays home when they are sick), this could be the healthiest winter our nation ever has experienced.

COVID IS THE LEADING KILLER OF FIRST RESPONDERS

Recently-revealed statistics have brought into sharp focus the deadly and tragic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic upon our nation’s police and firefighters.

At least 101 police officers have died from Covid-19, and it is estimated that this figure represents only half of the Covid-19 deaths among police officers. This compares to 70 officers who have died in the line of duty from accidents and felonious attacks.

For firefighters, deaths from Covid-19 likewise have exceeded fatalities from other service-related causes.

These statistics clearly demonstrate that our public safety personnel put their lives and health on the line just by showing up for their jobs. They do not have the luxury of working remotely from the comfort of their home, as so many of us are able to do these days.

The work of first responders always has been difficult enough, but the added layer of the risks posed by Covid-19 has increased their line-of-duty danger exponentially -- and makes us even more grateful for the job they do in our communities each and every day, 24/7/365.

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AUTUMN NOW IS HERE, LEAF PEEPERS WILL APPEAR

GUEST OP-ED

Fix our medical insurance dilemma

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Give all Americans the option to buy into Medicare. I've paid into Social Security and Medicare my entire life. I'm still paying to be on plan B and supplemental coverage. I also pay for prescription insurance. I often feel like a coffee coupon from McDonald's would pay for about as much medicine as my prescription card pays.

I no longer pay over \$1600 a month in medical insurance but I still pay about \$450 a month even with Medicare. Nothing is free.

Americans should have the option to buy into Medicare especially if medical insurance will not cover them and they can't afford the sky rocketing premiums. It's also time to get rid of medical supplements and prescription cards. Make Medicare a single payer of the doctor's visits, prescription costs and all the above.

The government has

more power to control the cost of big pharmacies and hospital costs. Most medical providers have "one price" but then the "price" they will accept from Medicare. Under President Trump Hospitals will have to display their secret negotiated rates to patients starting in January, 2021. This gives you the option to shop around.

I'm all for having medical insurance available. Make it available from state to state. Make it easy for Americans to buy from pharmacies in Canada. Let senior Americans at age 55 buy 20-year term medical insurance plans if they would prefer to do so. Some Americans have no idea how desperate other Americans are when it comes to medical treatment.

Why make it so hard for Americans who do not have access to healthcare? Let them buy into Medicare. If they are unemployed or disabled then give them the Medicaid option. However, this is

just more bureaucracy. This system needs to become one.

It's also time to make 60 the age that retired Americans go on Medicare. In your late fifties and early sixties Americans have to start going to the doctor more. A friend of mine is waiting until she turns 65 and has Medicare so she can have a badly needed surgery. She needs it now. If she could buy into Medicare she could go ahead and move forward with her needed surgery.

We also need to turn the age back to 65 for collecting full Social Security benefits. American men die by the time they are 76.1 years old. Many die much younger. This is very little time to enjoy retirement. Sadly, many Americans aren't having much of a retirement in their golden years. Many are working longer and spending less time doing what they had hoped to do.

The government wastes our Social Security contributions. They've spent

trillions on foreign wars. They now tell us Social Security has to be reduced by 25% in a few years. Rich political leaders want to push the age until 70 for you to collect your Social Security. This is not working for the American people. We are working longer with the prospects of collecting less. On top of this, older Americans are having to pay more of their dwindling retirement dollars for medical bills.

Bringing our troops home and spending less money in Iraq, Afghanistan and on rebuilding foreign nations is a start. We can and we must fix our medical insurance dilemma.

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in particular is that was an area with a lot of quality of life challenges. We want to encourage people to go there and not to avoid it.”

Hill said it’s about making art accessible to everyone and creating connections in these areas of the city.

“Public art has a sense of excitement,” she said. “From my point of view, doing work in cities – the idea of making space equitable for all and when we do these projects out-

side in public, there are so many crossovers that are valuable. You may neighbors down the street you’ve never talked to and now because of this you are able to meet one another. When you pay some attention to these spaces, you have more eyes on the street and they become safer.”

Lewenberg said the murals will be a safe way to re-connect with people after so much time spent inside or away.

“It’s a great way to engage the public in a way we haven’t been because we could not connect with each other,” she said. “We’ve been working in a virtual space and the recognition we’re still neighbors and we’re in community with each other is important...It’s a way to reconnect the community and of healing one another.”

Graney said none of the murals are related to COVID-19, but some do carry messages about what the community has gone through. Mostly, she said, it’s a renewing of the story of Chelsea.

“There was a lot of investment in public art here a couple of generations ago and that tells an older story,” she said. “What we want is for the people here today to tell their story.”

Already, Demetrius Fuller has begun an interesting musical themed mural on the back of the Apollinaire Theatre.

On Wednesday, artist Trippylandia (Gisell Builes) were on site at O’Neil Playground painting a space-themed mural.

Also on Wednesday, Anna Duggan began putting up a wheat-paste mural (which lasts about six months) on the side of Roca.

There will also be wheat paste pieces on Cherry Street as well, including a Bird mural collage that Lewenberg has created with the assistance of numerous residents who have submitted bird photos or drawings.

Painted murals will appear on the side of Rincon Restaurant with ‘Hola Mi Gente’ by Yenny Hernandez, and a Cuban themed mural on the back of Caribbean Liquors by Chelsea’s Max Pro. Kim Barzola will paint a mural on the side of the new El Dorado Café, and the Sirens Crew – a group of six women – will create a large mural on the back of North Suffolk Mental Health’s building facing Division Street.

Chelsea’s Edwardo Chacon will paint ‘Chelsea Tropical’ on Cherry Street, and Molly Scannell will paint large murals dedicated to Chelsea’s Chick Corea and another to ‘Chelsea Heroes.’

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TEMPLE EMMANUEL HOLDS ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES



Temple Emmanuel in Chelsea conducted Rosh Hashanah services with a limited number of members of the congregation in attendance and others viewing the services on Zoom. In the photos, Rabbi Oksana Chapman (above) and Temple President Sara Lee Callahan (below) deliver their respective addresses wishing the members a Happy and Healthy New Year and thanking them for their continued support of the Temple during these challenging times of the coronavirus. The Walnut Street Synagogue also held its Rosh Hashanah Friday and Saturday.



CHS AD Alpert announces that fall sports season is canceled

By Cary Shuman

Chelsea High Director of Athletics has announced that the fall sports season has been canceled and moved to the “Fall 2” season in February, 2021.

Chelsea is considered to be in the state’s COVID-19 red (higher risk) zone and it was deemed that playing sports in this environment would be unsafe and could lead to the spread of the coronavirus.

The CHS football, soccer, cross country, and volleyball teams will compete in the “Fall 2” season. Pre-season practices would be held in February and games would

be played in March and April. Cheerleading is also considered a high-risk, contact sport and its season has been moved to the Fall 2 category.

While other leagues such as the Greater Boston League (Everett, Revere, Malden, Medford, and Somerville), voted as a group to cancel their entire fall season, Chelsea was in the unique position of being an independent school and having its own decision to make about fall sports.

“The hope now is that we’ll be able to have a basketball season and indoor track season, along with our fall and spring

sports, but it all depends on the city’s [coronavirus] numbers and we have no control over that,” said Alpert.

Alpert said she hopes to schedule games in the Fall 2 season against GBL schools, Boston City League schools, and the Lynn schools (Classical, English, and Tech).

“The spring season will go through the end of June whereby it usually ends in early June,” said Alpert.

All of Chelsea High’s current coaches have indicated that they hope to return for the 2020-21 seasons. Alpert said all coaching positions are open every year and the

current coaches have to re-apply for the positions.

Alpert has been working at her office inside Chelsea High School. The personable and highly respected administrator is beginning her fifth year as director of athletics.

“It’s sad that our kids aren’t able to play sports because the rate of infection is so high, but it’s something that that I don’t have control of and the School Department doesn’t have control of – the orders are coming from the state and the MIAA about whom is allowed to play,” said Alpert.

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Pet photo pointers

or is a ham who loves to be the center of attention. With camera-shy critters, you have to use a full bag of tricks to capture a great photo.

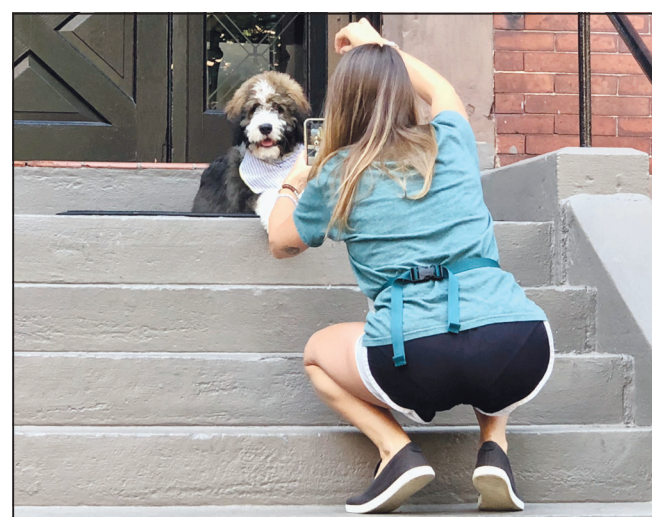
Planning the Photo

If you hope to take a special photo, say for your pet’s birthday or a holiday card, plan ahead. A second person might help. They can distract the animal with a toy or treat or keep it safe while you sit or lie on the ground to get an eye level view.

Background is important. Find a light colored background for a dark dog. Our little white dog shows up best on a dark background. Look at the photos you already have of your pets to see what background works best for them.

Have treats, toys, and something that makes a funny noise on hand to capture your pet’s attention when you are ready to shoot. We’ve used squeakers, giggle toys, and made funny sounds the dog doesn’t usually hear, or say a favorite word like treat or cheese. Be sure to have that cheese or treat on hand to reward your model. This will help train your dog or cat to look forward to and cooperate with photos.

Don’t forget the lighting. Outside, try for the golden hour. That’s the time shortly after sunrise or before sunset, when daylight is redder, softer, and more flattering to man or beast. Days with clouds and flat light create fewer



Stairs are one way to take a photo at a dog’s eye level. This pup is named Farmer and his attention was captured by the photographer behind his photographer.

shadows and are better for photography than bright sunny days.

Inside, try to dim or raise room lights and use shades or a piece of cloth to adjust the daylight coming through windows. We never use a flash because it can scare the animal and seldom results in a good photo.

Portrait or Action

Great portraits of dogs and cats are often those taken at eye level. This means that either the photographer has to get down or the animal has to get up. We’ve used comfy chairs, park benches, stairs and stone walls to raise up small subjects.

For action photos practice taking high speed bursts on your camera or phone. These will give you more choices as you edit photos of your cat at play or your dog running on the beach.

Safety and Comfort First

Any time you are photographing an animal, try to be aware of both their comfort level and safety. Back when most of our photos were taken with big Nikon DSLR cameras with three inch lenses focused on a pup’s face, we had many dogs afraid of our camera. With research we learned that some dogs see the lens as a big, threatening eye staring at them. Phones are less scary.

You won’t see photos of our dog Poppy without a leash attached to us or a solid object unless she is inside. She’s a terrier and can never be trusted off leash in the open. While you are concentrating on taking a photo, your dog may spot a squirrel, another dog, or a favorite person and be gone in a flash.

If you think through the photo you hope to capture and have all the treats, toys, and camera settings ready, you’ll be able to take a great photo quickly and safely.

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APPRECIATION:

SJC Chief Justice Ralph Gants
was a friend to Chelsea

Staff Report

The sudden passing of Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) Chief Justice Ralph Gants came as a shock to most in Chelsea on Sept. 14, as he was a frequent visitor in his tenure and had a distinct interest in making justice through the courts accessible to Chelsea residents.

Ramirez, his son Michael, and his daughter Rachel and their chihuahua Tig, all of Lexington. He is also survived by his brother Attorney Fred Gants and his family of Madison, Wisconsin. He was predeceased by his parents Gustav Gants and Helaine Dreyfus Gants.

Ralph Gants was born in New Rochelle, New

York, later was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Massachusetts and Chief of the Public Corruption Unit before joining the Boston law firm formerly known as Palmer & Dodge LLP, where he practiced law until he was appointed to the Massachusetts Superior Court by Governor William Weld. He taught at Harvard Law School, New England Law | Boston, and Northeastern University School of Law.

Among his awards and honors were the 2017 Massachusetts Bar Foundation Great Friend of Justice Award, the 2016 Haskell Cohn Award for Distinguished Judicial Service, the Boston Bar Association Citation of Judicial Excellence, and the Suffolk Law School Public Service Award. He also was awarded honorary Doctor of Law degrees from New England Law | Boston in 2015, and the University of Massachusetts School of Law - Dartmouth in 2016.

When sworn in as Chief Justice, he said that one of the highest forms of praise his parents could give was to say that a man was a “good guy.” He gave this example, “Jonas Salk created the vaccine for polio but he was a good guy.” In that very sense, Chief Justice Gants, irrespective of all his great academic, legal and judicial achievements was a “good guy.” He was a person of true kindness and compassion.

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Right to left: Rev Sandra Whitley, City Manager Tom Ambrosino, Youth and Young Adult Coalition Brian Le and Jenny Le, Chief Justice Ralph Gants, Chieuly Le (mother of Brian and Jenny Le), and Chief of Police Brian Kyes.

diciary speech, Chief Justice Gants spoke about the principle from Judaism that every person has a duty to “heal the world.” He worked hard every day to do his part to heal the world. He cared deeply about the people who had never been given a fighting chance in this world – the poor, the uneducated, the victims of hatred and discrimination, immigrants, refugees and people being evicted from their homes.

In the wake of the Marathon bombing and the carnage and death it caused, misplaced and misguided anti-Islamic

sentiment seized certain corners of this area. Chief Justice Gants asked to address the leaders of the Islamic community at the Islamic Society of the Boston Cultural Center to reassure them that the U.S. Constitution and the Massachusetts Constitution protected them from discrimination and acts of hatred.

Chief Justice Gants was passionately dedicated to fairness and justice. As Chief Justice, ensuring equal access to justice was always at the top of his agenda. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is an appreciably better and

more just place because of his life.

In his compassion, his respect for all human beings irrespective of their origins, and his devotion to equal justice for all people, Ralph Gants, who was taken from us with such painful suddenness, lived a life that was a testament to the nobility of the human mind and spirit at their best.

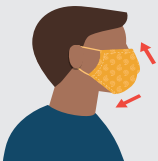
The Gants family has held private remembrances and will hold a public memorial event in the Spring. A fund to honor his memory will be established.

How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Mask

Accessible: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

WEAR YOUR MASK CORRECTLY

- Wash your hands before putting on your mask
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- Do not place a mask on a child younger than 2



TAKE OFF YOUR MASK CAREFULLY, WHEN YOU'RE HOME

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place mask in the washing machine
- Wash your hands with soap and water



Personal masks are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, both of which should be saved for health care workers and other medical first responders.

For instructions on making a mask, see:

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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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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CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF
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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.**

Las pequeñas empresas que califiquen pueden ser elegibles para préstamos de hasta \$20,000. Se concederá prioridad a empresas propiedad de minorías, mujeres, y veteranos, así como a pequeñas empresas en riesgo inminente de desplazamiento.

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Baker urges Massachusetts residents to get a flu shot this year

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker held a press conference at the CVS on Washington St. in Roslindale on September 17 to urge Massachusetts residents to get a flu shot this year.

Baker received his flu shot as well.

“With respect to the flu, every fall, public health officials urge people to get the flu vaccine,” Baker said. “This year, that mission is more important than ever. As we continue to fight COVID-19, it’s critical that we do everything we can to minimize the impact of the flu and other respiratory illnesses. This will keep people

healthy and help maintain capacity in hospitals in other healthcare facilities in case there is another surge associated with COVID-19.”

He said that about a month ago, healthcare workers in the state began having discussions with the Baker-Polito administration about “what it would mean to have the flu land at exactly the same time as a second surge for COVID-19,” he said.

He explained that it would be “incredibly difficult” for healthcare workers to manage large cases of the flu with a potential surge in COVID-19 cases, so the state is requiring that all children attend-

ing school or college get a flu vaccine. Those who are homeschooled or are exempt for religious or medical reasons do not have to be vaccinated, but everyone else is highly encouraged to.

“We have an 81 percent positive vaccination rate for elementary school kids,” Baker said. “We can do better and we should.”

He said that precautions such as social distancing, washing hands, and wearing masks has “had a noticeably positive impact” on the number of traditional respiratory illnesses such as strep throat and ear infections.

Baker stressed the importance of remaining vig-

ilant as the weather gets colder and people start to be inside more.

“First and foremost, it is easy to get a flu shot and we are here to remind everyone that it is a very good thing to do this year to get a flu shot,” Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders said. “Every year, thousands of people of all ages are affected by the flu and it results in many hospitalizations and some deaths.”

She said that there were more than 40,000 positive cases of influenza reported to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health during the 2019-2020 flu season, as well as 55,000 hospital emergency department visits and 6600 deaths.

“Vaccines save lives and this is more important than ever as we head into a flu season that

overlaps with a potential COVID-19 resurgence in the ongoing pandemic,” Sudders said. “...Many flu symptoms are very similar to those of COVID-19, and preventing the flu will not only save lives, but it is good public health as it preserves critical hospital medical resources to deal with the COVID pandemic.”

Sudders said that Massachusetts has the highest rate of pediatric flu immunization in the country—81 percent, and this year, it is the first state to require the immunization for K-12 and college students.

“As students return to in-person learning, whether that is now or in the future,...this vaccine requirement provides an additional and necessary layer of protection and safety for teachers, stu-

dents, staff, and families,” Sudders said.

She added that the state has worked to ensure there will be enough vaccine for residents. During the past few years, the state has purchased around 900,000 doses annually, but this year, the Department of Public Health will receive 1.156 million doses of the influenza vaccine, which she said is a 28 percent increase.

There is also a new public awareness campaign that will inform people about the importance of getting a flu shot that will be rolled out next week in English and Spanish across a variety of platforms.

“Our goal,” Sudders said,” is to remind you to protect yourself and your family from illness this season by getting a flu shot today.”

Jenifer Lee LaSala named Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Emerging Leaders graduate expanding her brand in Boston and Worcester

Staff Report

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Jennifer Lee LaSala – a Chelsea High graduate - the 2020 Young Entrepreneur of the Year for Massachusetts and New England.

LaSala founded her first business in 2011 when she was 17 years old, as a senior at Chelsea High School, after taking an entrepreneurship class and winning the business plan competition.

Jennifer Lee’s Shoppe started as a bakery, now also specializing in allergen-friendly and vegan, meals and treats.

“We’re excited to recognize the achievements of Jennifer Lee LaSala as this year’s MA and New England Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Jennifer has built a strong following since the early age of 17 and is continuing to

demonstrate true entrepreneurial skills with navigating today’s challenging Covid environment,” said SBA Massachusetts District Director, Robert Nelson. “Her unique story of perseverance and adaptability is inspiring, and we look forward to following the success of the business as she continues to expand.”

LaSala has never taken out a bank loan or credit card for the business.

She started completely bootstrapped, selling products at Revere Beach, farmer’s markets, and other events.

In 2016, Jennifer Lee’s opened in a 120 sq. ft. stall in the new indoor Boston Public Market located in Haymarket, outgrowing it immediately and moving into a 250 sq. ft. stall five months later. In February, LaSala moved once more to a bigger 420 sq. ft. space, where the company has begun wholesaling.

“Every day, I realize how far the bakery has come from a small little dream I had in high school, to having two

locations, and plans of expanding further,” said LaSala. “Without the help of NFTE (Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship) during my senior year of high school, and then taking the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small business program, Vistage, and SBA Emerging Leaders Program, I would not be where I am today.”

In 2019, LaSala completed the SBA’s Emerging Leaders program as part of the Worcester cohort, expanding again to a second location in the new Worcester Public Market.

LaSala was nominated by Alison Berglund, Instructor for the SBA Emerging Leaders Initiative.

LaSala was honored virtually at the annual SBA Massachusetts Small Business Week Awards event on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Rescheduled from May, National Small Business Week will be a 3-day virtual conference from Tuesday, September 22nd to Thursday, September 24th.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction Look-Ahead: September 20 – October 03, 2020

FOURTH STREET OFF-RAMP: There will be daily closures of the Fourth Street off-ramp beginning on Monday 9/21 and ending Friday, 9/24. The closures will take place during the day from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ROUTE 1 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

- ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND:** Approaching the Tobin Bridge from Boston, the work zone begins in the left lane. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.)
- ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND:** Approaching the Chelsea Curves from the North Shore, the work zone begins in the left lane before the Carter Street off-ramp. 2 of 3 travel lanes will be open during daytime hours (5 a.m.–10 p.m.)
- AFTER THE CARTER STREET OFF RAMP,** the South Bound lanes are split with a work zone in the middle. Traffic can travel in either side of the work zone.
- TRAFFIC SHIFT** Adjacent to Chelsea High School: On Wednesday, 9/23, at 9 p.m. through Thursday, 9/24 at 5 a.m., Route 1 northbound traffic will be shifted to the east to allow southbound traffic to be shifted to the median area. This will allow for a contiguous south-

bound work zone with southbound traffic pushed to the left with right lanes between them.

- FULL LANE CLOSURE** of Route 1 Southbound: From Monday, 9/28 through Friday, 10/5, there will be full overnight closures of Route 1 Southbound (towards Boston) from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. From 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. there will be two southbound lanes available. To continue southbound during the closures, exit Route 1 at Carter Street, take Carter Street to Everett Avenue, turn left on Everett Avenue, and then turn right onto the Everett Avenue on-ramp and rejoin Route 1 south.

LOCAL STREET CLOSURES

- **ARLINGTON STREET** will be temporarily closed during the nighttime on Friday 9/25, and Monday 9/28 (7 p.m. – 7 a.m.).
- **CARTER STREET** will be temporarily closed during the daytime on Tuesday 9/29, Wednesday 9/30, and Thursday 10/1.

WORK HOURS

- Most work will occur during daytime working hours (7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) on weekdays. Some work will take place on a 2nd shift (2 p.m. – 1 a.m.) and overnight hours (9 p.m. – 5 a.m.) and on Saturdays (7 a.m. – 7 p.m.).

DESCRIPTION OF

SCHEDULED WORK

- ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND:** Bridge deck and gutter repairs continue in the left lane over the Tobin Bridge. We will continue to remove bridge deck and install new bridge deck through the Chelsea Curves.
- ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND:** Removal of existing bridge deck and installation of new bridge deck will continue through the Chelsea Curves.
- **UNDERNEATH ROUTE 1:** Repair and paint steel, installation of snow fence, mill and repair deck, installation and bolting of diaphragm, installation of seal joints, installation of curb, driveway, and wheelchair ramps.

TRAVEL TIPS

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

The contractors are coordinating with local event organizers and police to provide awareness and manage traffic during events. For your awareness, there will be no events at the TD Garden during this look ahead schedule.

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Rita Tentindo

Dedicated wife, mother and daughter

Rita M. (Citro) Tentindo of Revere died peacefully at home on Sept. 15 surrounded by her family and with her husband of 70 years by her side. She was 92 years old.

Born in East Boston to Italian Immigrants, Micheline and Carmine Citro, she moved with her family to Chelsea where she grew up with four brothers and attended St. Rose and Shurtleff Schools. She left school after 9th grade to support her family.

She met George Tentindo at her 21st birthday party. They married in 1950 and with their three children moved to Revere in 1959. Although she lived in Revere for 58 years, she was a Chelsea girl at heart and told many colorful stories of her youth here. In 2017, she and George moved to Lexington to live with their daughter.

Rita was a dedicated wife, mother and daughter caring for her family throughout her life. She and George raised their children and created a loving and beautiful home on Victoria Street in Revere. She was known for her delicious and creative cooking, making Italian dishes by instinct and often using the fresh tomatoes that grew in their garden. She enjoyed gardening and collecting antique glassware and china. Throughout her life, she worked outside the home as a seamstress and waitress. Having missed so much of her education herself, she placed extra value on education for her children.

Rita had a vibrant personality, a gregarious nature and was extremely social. She was not afraid to chat up anybody. She had a generous heart and supported many charities. She was resilient and resourceful, traits born of hard work and sacrifice.



She is survived by her husband, George of Revere, their three children: Dr. Christine Tentindo of Marblehead, Vincent (and Marylyn) Tentindo of Marblehead; and Nancy (and Daniel Finkelman) of Lexington; five grandchildren: Michael Tentindo (and Ajisa Liti) of Boston; Mark (and Jaleesa) Tentindo of Marblehead; Will Tentindo of Los Angeles; and Amy and Sarah Finkelman of Lexington; and two great-grandchildren Hunter and Amelia Tentindo of Marblehead. She is also survived by her brother, Romolo (and Jennie) Citro of Burlington; her godson, Thomas (and Gina) Maniscalco of Danvers; and her dear friend, Janet Maniscalco of Chelsea.

Due to the current spike in Covid-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and local officials, funeral services will be privately held for the immediate family under the direction of the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere, Ma 02151. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Please sign the guestbook or share a memory at: www.buonfiglio.com. At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made in Rita's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

Alan Bruce Orloff

Educator and copywriter

Alan Bruce Orloff, 71, of Chelsea, passed away on Sept. 16 at Tobey Hospital.

Alan was the son of Saul and Ruth (Ross) Orloff and was born in Boston on August 9, 1949. He received his academic scholarship to Clark University, received a Master's Degree in English, taught at Salem State College and also worked as a copywriter.

In his free time, Alan enjoyed listening to music and collecting various

items.

He is survived by two brothers: Steven Orloff of East Sandwich and Stuart (Sharon) Orloff of West Newbury as well as three nephews: Joseph, Michael and Samuel.

A service was held at Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home, 154 MA-6A, Sandwich, MA on Sunday, September 20. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Alan's name to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Leslie Alan Hicks

3/27/1929 — 9/12/2020

Leslie Alan Hicks, known to everyone as "Les," a longtime resident of Everett, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 12 at the age of 91. He died peacefully at his home in McKinney, Texas with his loving family by his side.

Les was born on March 27, 1929 in Everett, and grew up in Chelsea and Boston with eight brothers and sisters. He was a resident of Woodlawn Avenue, Everett.

For most of his wonderful life, Les was a skilled construction craftsman who gladly volunteered his skills to all who needed his professional workmanship, advice and help. Those that benefitted from his generosity included his family, his many friends and the Catholic Church. He and his wife Sophie freely donated their time to the Outreach program at Our Lady of Grace Church for many years.

He was also a master fisherman and spent much of his time sharing his love of the sport and his knowledge with his friends at Horn Pond in Woburn.

Les married the love of his life, Sophie Hicks, in 1952 and always called her his beloved wife for 67 years before she passed in October of 2019.

He raised his two daughters, Karen Bourque (Paul Bourque) and Susan Clapp (Dave Clapp), to become strong, selfless and caring mothers and grandmothers. The impact "Papa" had on his grandchildren, Brian and his wife, Katie Bourque of Simsbury, CT, Leslie Groves and her husband, Craig and Eric Bourque and his wife, Shannon, all



of McKinney, Tx, Stephanie Omobono and her husband, Mark of Burlington and Kimberly Clapp, of Boston and his great grandchildren: Landon Stevenson, Carson Stevenson, Harper Bourque, Sophie Groves, James Omobono, Thea Bourque and Brooks Bourque, cannot be put into words. He was simply the most kind and caring man they had ever known.

While the love for his family and friends was second to none, his love for sports was nearly as great. He was a dedicated fan of all Boston sports and one of the longest and most passionate of Red Sox and Patriots loyalists.

Les will forever be known by his family and friends as the model father, grandfather and great grandfather. He always put others ahead of himself and had a positive impact on everyone he met. He will be missed, but more importantly, remembered by all who had the pleasure to know and love him.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on October 3 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church, 194 Nichols Street, Everett. Attendance at the burial will be limited to immediate family only at Glenwood Cemetery, Everett.

Carl Christie, Jr.

Retiree of former Revere Memorial Hospital and West Lynn Creamery

Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Funeral Mass on Monday, Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere for Carl W. "Sonny" Christie, Jr., who passed following a long illness on Friday, Sept. 11 at Boston's Brigham & Women's Hospital. Interment will be held privately. Due to the pandemic, visiting hours are respectfully omitted. Attendees are to report directly to St. Anthony's Church, masks must be worn at church and social distancing maintained.

Born in Chelsea, he was a lifelong Revere resident and a member of the graduating Class of 1968 of Revere High School.

Early on, as a young man, while still a student at Revere High, he worked for the former Revere Memorial Hospital until the hospital closed. He then began a 15-year career with the former West Lynn Creamery as a Truck Driver.

Carl "Sonny" never married and remained with his parents until their deaths at which time, he made his home with his sister, Lee C. Nugent-Rorie.

"Sonny" was the beloved son of the late, Carl W. Christie, Sr. and the late Doris A. (Dolan) Christie,



the cherished brother to Lee C. Nugent-Rorie and her husband, Dennis S. Rorie and Martin J. Christie and his wife, Margaret, all of Revere, Doris A. Jaeger and her husband, Dennis and William C. Christie and his wife, Michelle, all of Cape Coral, Florida and the late Richard F. Christie. He is also lovingly survived by his sister-in-law, Doreen A. Christie of Revere, seven faithful nieces, four caring nephews and many grandchildren and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave., Salem, MA 01970.

The staff at Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals of Revere is honored to have assisted the family in the completion of funeral arrangements. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioand-smith.com.

Anna Burke

Oct. 23, 1956 — Sept. 17, 2020

Anna M. (Badowski) Burke passed away on Thursday, Sept. 17 after a brief illness in the peaceful surroundings of her home with her loving and caring husband at her side. She was 63 years old.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the beloved daughter of the late Kazimierz "Charlie" and Stella (Botka) Badowski, Anna attended school in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1974. After graduation she began working with Kayem Foods and remained there for the next 30 years. For the last 15 years, Anna worked as a lab technician for DiLuigi Foods in Danvers.

She was married to Michael E. Burke and together spent the past 21 years together sharing their lives while caring for their pets and traveling. A resident of Chelsea for most of her life, she and Michael made their home in Middleton for the past 20 Years. Her life was devoted to work and home.

In her life time, Anna enjoyed bowling from a young age and belonged to various leagues at Chelsea Square Alleys. Most recently she enjoyed visiting many craft fairs shopping for all things dog related.

In addition to her parents, Anna was also predeceased by a nephew, Stephen Badowski and her mother-in-law, Caroline A. Burke.

She is survived by her beloved and devoted husband of 21 years, Michael E. Burke and she was the dear sister and sister-in-law of Frank C. Badowski of Middleton, Robert Burke and his wife, Phyllis



of Scituate, Nancy Burke Edward Burke and Patricia Burke, all of Chelsea, cherished aunt of Kimberly and Dan Kocur and Christina Culgin; adored great auntie of Colton and Lyla Kocur, beloved niece of Al Botka of Chelsea and loving cousin of Frank Ciulla and his wife, Cathy. She is also survived by many friends, extended family members and her canine companion, "Riley."

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Saturday Sept. 26 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, practice social distancing when greeting the family, pay their respects and exit the funeral home to allow other guests to enter. A Prayer Service for the immediate family will follow the visitation at 2 p.m. We continue to encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card by visiting links below:

DONATIONS: Should friends desire, contributions in Anna's name may be made to the MSP-CA-Angell Memorial, 350 S. Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02135, MSP-CA-Angell

Francisco Pena

Chelsea High School Custodian

Francisco Pena, 61, passed away on Friday, Sept. 18 at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Born and raised in Queserita, El Salvador, he was one of twelve children given to Domingo DeJesus Peña and Felicita Interiano. Francisco received his early education in El Salvador and was inducted into the El Salvadoran at an early age.

He married Maria Pineda and began to raise his family in El Salvador.

Seeking a better life for his young family, he came to the United States, settled in Chelsea in 1985 and labored for the next five years to reunite his family with him. A Chelsea resident for over 30 years, Francisco worked for the past 23 years with the Chelsea School Dept as a High School Custodian.

In his lifetime, he enjoyed gardening around his home, growing flowers to beautify his home and growing a large bounty of vegetables for his family and friends. "He didn't give away his harvest because he grew too much, he grew too much so he could give it away."

He will forever be remembered for his giving heart, devoted to home and family, and always ready to help anyone in need.

He also delighted in



fishing and time spent outdoors enjoying all that nature had to offer.

The loving son of the late Domingo DeJesus Peña and Felicita Interiano, he was the beloved husband of 41 years of Maria R. (Pineda) Peña, devoted father of Wilfredo Peña of Revere, Marvin Peña and his wife, Kenia of Saugus, and Jose Peña and his wife, Veronica of Dracut; cherished grandfather of Josue Peña, Emily Peña, Camila Peña and Lucas Peña; dear brother of Marcos Tulio Peña, Jorge Peña, Delia Peña, Mario Peña, Marina Peña, Misael Peña, Santiago Peña, Dolores Peña, Maria Cruz, Gregorio Peña, and David Peña.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea. We continue to encourage family and friends who wish, to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card visit: www.WelshFuneralHome.com

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Paula Hatfield

35 Year employee of KAYEM Foods

Paula Hatfield, 59, of Everett, formerly of Chelsea, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 20 after a brief illness with her loving and caring sister, Carol by her side.

Born and raised in Chelsea, she was a beloved daughter of the late George F. and Emma F. (Kehoe) Hatfield. Paula attended school in Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1980. She worked for KAYEM Foods for over 35 years. Her life was devoted to work, family, home and her pets.

Paula enjoyed gardening, attending concerts, Red Sox games and watching the Patriots play.

In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by two brothers; Philip Kehoe and Richard Hatfield. She was the loving sister and sister-in law of Robert Hatfield of Chelsea, Judith Hatfield of Dover, DE, her twin brother, Paul Hatfield



of Chelsea, Carol Manzo of Everett and Yvonne Kehoe of Revere. She was the cherished aunt of Jennifer, Robert, Jr., Eric, Stephanie, Meghan and Tabatha and the adored great aunt to several grandnieces and nephews and the dearly beloved friend of Roseann Gill, Chuckie Garvey, John Tracy and Geanne Lacroix. She is also survived by several extended family members and friends.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Monday, Sept. 28 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and will be immediately followed by graveside services at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, 185 Lake St., Peabody at 12 Noon. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. All attendees are required to wear face coverings, practice social distancing when greeting the family, pay their respects and exit the funeral home to allow other guests to enter.

Should friends desire, contributions in Paula's name may be made to the MSPCA-Angell Memorial, 350 S. Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02135, MSPCA-Angell or to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN, 38105. www.stjude.org/donate

Anthony Lanci, Sr., 74, of Chelsea passed away on September 18 from a heart attack while battling his house fire.

Tony was born in Caldari, Italy, immigrated to the United States in 1955 and was a lifelong resident of Chelsea. He was a baker, master carpenter and a jack of all trades.

In Tony's younger years, he enjoyed karate and succeeded in achieving 3rd degree black belt status. He was an avid Harley Davidson and classic car collector. He nurtured his family, helped every neighbor, rescued animals and could grow a garden anyone would be envious of. He was a hero who died the same way he lived, with passion and vigor. Tony. The Man. The Myth. The Legend.

Tony was the beloved son of the late Malvina Palermo and Vincenzo Lanci. He is forever loved and survived by: Robin Raymondi, his longtime love of 18 years; children: Gina and her husband, David; Anthony and his wife, Kathy; Michael and his



spouse, Melissa; Lindsey and her husband, Eli and stepsons, Blane and Bobby; grandchildren: Kailey, Milana, Liana, Michael, Christian, Nicholas, Kayley, Steven and David; sisters: Mary Spathanas of Holbrook and Gabriella Hamilton of Chelsea; and

many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held in the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere today, Thursday, Sept. 24 from 2 to 6 p.m. followed by a private Prayer Service for the immediate family only. Due to the current spike in Covid-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and local officials, we are limited to 25 people at a time in the funeral home. Social distancing will be enforced and masks are required. Please make your visit brief to allow others to pay their respects.

To place a memoriam in the Chelsea Record, please call 781-485-0588

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NOTICE OF TIER CLASSIFICATION MASSDOT PARKING LOTS B, C & K ARLINGTON STREET AT ROUTE 1 INTERSECTION, CHELSEA, MA RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-0035857

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as TIER II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On September 15, 2020, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation filed a TIER II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Mr. Rick McCullough, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division, 185 Kneeland Street, 9th Floor, Boston, MA, 02111, (857) 368-6100. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-0035857 at <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/porta#/search/wastesite> or at MassDEP, 205B 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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CITY OF CHELSEA
PUBLIC HEARING
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PERSONS

The City of Chelsea's Department of Housing and Community Development will hold a virtual Public Hearing on October 8th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The public may remotely attend this public hearing by accessing it via web or phone using the instructions below. The purpose of this public meeting is to discuss the City's request

to the Department of Housing and Community Development for a budget amendment and program amendment for the FY'2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which were allocated under the FY'2018 Mini-Entitlement Program by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Public feedback relative to the City's proposal is respectfully requested. The City hereby proposes the creation of a new MicroEnterprise Grant Program (Activity 5N), in order to support low- and moderate-income small businesses adversely impacted COVID-19 pandemic. The City proposes, through an FY'2018 budget amendment and program amendment, the transfer of \$90,000 from the FY'2018 First Time Home Buyers Program (Activity 4D) to the FY'2018 MicroEnterprise Grant Program (Activity 5N), resulting in the elimination of the FY'18 First Time Home Buyers Program. The City maintains funding in its FY'19 CDBG Program to run a First Time Home Buyers Program. Additionally, the City proposes the transfer of \$17,500 in Program Delivery - Contract Services (Activity 4A) to MicroEnterprise Program Delivery - Contract Services, whereby Activity 4A funding will be decreased. Interested parties are welcome to attend and provide public input. Furthermore, the City will amend the FY'2018 Environmental Review Records to address the proposed project, if approved. Join WebEx Meeting <https://chelseama.webex.com/chelseama/j.php?MTID=m8c310c8f1f61498a3ee2c5fba084f9a7> Access by video Meeting ID: 133 944 8403 Password: e4RXURpkG82 Access by phone +1-415-655-0001 US Toll Access code: 133 944 8403 Alex Train, AICP, Director of Housing and Community Development 9/24/20, 10/01/20 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATIONS FOR BIDS VOKE PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS

The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking bids for "Voke Park Playground Renovations". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after September 23, 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 "Voke Park Playground Renovations" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 10:00AM, Thursday, October 8, 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

be available on or after September 23, 2020 by contacting Dylan Cook, 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 "Solar Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon Installations" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00AM, Thursday, October 8, 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

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CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATIONS FOR BIDS SOLAR RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASH BEACON INSTALLATIONS The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking bids for "Solar Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon Installations". Invitation for Bids will

be available on or after September 23, 2020 by contacting Dylan Cook, 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 "Solar Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacon Installations" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00AM, Thursday, October 8, 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 9/24/20 C

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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 September 23, 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 October 8, 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 9/24/20 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION FOR BIDS EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION & TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT SERVICES The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking sealed bids to furnish all services to provide "Emergency Food Distribution & Transportation Support Services" for the City of Chelsea. Invitation for Bid documents are available on or after September 23, 2020 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website <http://www.chelseama.gov>.

gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Emergency Food Distribution & Transportation Support Services" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 8, 2020. 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. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 9/24/20 C

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NOTICE In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on September 21, 2020, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt

the following orders: Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 64, budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred by the Police Department in FY19 were not paid and are owed to the vendor, and to meet this obligation funds are required from current year FY21 Police Department Budget, that the City Council authorize the expenditure of \$295.76 from the Police Department expenditure line to satisfy the unpaid copier lease costs owed to Ricoh USA, Inc. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$252,000 from General Stabilization Fund #7020 to create an Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion funded for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$96,796.50 as a transfer from special revenue TNC Surcharge Distribution Fund #5019 from funds distributed to Chelsea from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Fund - in order to supplement the Fiscal Year 2021 DPW Streets and Sidewalks Capital Road Improvements line item - Account #0142258-583100 to be used for the purpose of roadway repair. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of

\$817,000 from General Stabilization Account Fund #7020 to the City Hall Tower Capital Improvement Project Account #55402032-58300. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk 9/24/20 C

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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 September 8, 2020, the Commission voted to approve the following Regulations: To amend the current daytime parking restriction on Forsyth Street (from Washington Avenue to Franklin Avenue) and Gardner Street (from Washington Avenue to Parker Street) with a two hour parking limit except with resident permit from 8 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday. Jeannette Cintron White Parking Clerk 9/24/20 C

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

WALK FOR ERSILIA ON OCTOBER 3

EVERETT - The Kiwanis Club of Everett announced this week that the second annual Walk for Ersilia will be a virtual 5K this year that will culminate on Oct. 3.

Last year's inaugural Walk was very well supported by the community and beyond. As a result, three scholarships; the Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo Memorial Scholarship, the Ersilia Humanitarian Award and the Ersilia Service award each \$1,500, have been endowed and were awarded for the first time this past June to three deserving Everett High graduates. Also as a result of the immense support of the Walk For Ersilia, The Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo Stabilization Program was established at the award winning non-profit organization Portal To Hope, which provides comprehensive services to those in our community impacted by domestic violence. This year we will be adding a third focus around the issue of food insecurity and will endeavor to provide financial support to our local food assistance programs.

To participate, sign up online at walkforersilia.racewire.com and walk the 5K route of choice between Sept. 1 and Oct. 1. Each runner/walker should take a picture of themselves and tag the Everett Kiwanis Facebook page and use the hashtag #walkforersilia. Random prizes will be awarded and winners will be contacted by phone or e-mail. A 50-50 raffle will be drawn live on Everett Kiwanis Facebook page at noon, Oct. 3. Tickets are \$50 and can be had by contacting Jerry Navarra at (617) 784-7718.

The annual Walk for Ersilia will be a collaboration between the Ki-

wanis, the City of Everett, Carmine, Amata and Guiseppe Matarazzo and the Cataldo Family.

"Like many other things, this year's Walk for Ersilia will be different," said Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "However, the important part is that we continue to carry out her memory and remember of the things she did for our community. She will forever be missed, but her memory will continue to be carried out by her children, her community, and my Administration."

Said Amata Matarazzo, the daughter of Ersilia, "My mother loved to give back to her community. Our goal as a family is to continue my mother Ersilia's mission in giving back to the community and several organizations. All proceeds will go to the Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo Memorial Fund which will disburse funds to numerous charities including those raising awareness for domestic violence. We are uncertain whether we will have much of an impact on the community and do as much good as she did, but we will try. We hope you all will join our family and be a part of a special event in honor of my Mother Ersilia."

For more information, go to the website- ersiliamemorialfund.org, said Amata Matarazzo.

Kiwanis Treasurer Marlene Zizza said they have announced the Angel Sponsors, and they include EverettBank, Rocco Longo, Michele & Ed Bauer, our Leader Sponsor Senator Sal DiDomenico along with Mayor DeMaria, Marlene Zizza, Gianna D'Angelo, Jim Mitchell, Vin Panzini and Metropolitan Credit Union.

To donate to the fund, send checks to:

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HOUSING PROJECTS IN EVERETT MOVING FORWARD

EVERETT - The City is preparing to put out an RFP for affordable senior/veterans housing at the former Pope John High School this month in a move to get the transformative project on upper Broadway into the hands of a developer and onto the design boards.

After a recent Zoom meeting on the matter, City officials got good input from residents and neighbors about what they would like to see there – giving them ample momentum to put out a Request for Proposals (RFP). After Pope John closed in 2018, the City moved earlier this year to purchase the 2-plus acre site to be transformed into housing targeted to seniors and veterans.

"Ultimately at the end of the month we will be putting out an RFP to put together proposal to the development community to design the building," said City Planner Tony Sousa.

They expect to have RFPs back by late October.

The canvas for the property is wide open at the moment, but Sousa

said it must be affordable housing and must have a good deal of open space included.

"We would allow for re-development of the existing school building and even the field house too," he said. "We would contemplate a demolition and contemplate townhouse units on the side street for first time homebuyers. That is a similar model to St. Theresa's... It could be low-income, first-time homebuyer properties. Other amenities would be open space and we would contemplate mixed-use for the right development. But we would really want open space to complement Wehner Park that is under construction... With that density, we're looking for proposals that keep in mind the character of the neighborhood but don't take away from the neighborhood."

He said they like things they have seen from developers like TND, Winn Development and the developer that created the Everett Co-Op (66 Main St.).

Sousa said it is exciting because any new development would inject a great deal of activity in that neighborhood, helping existing businesses and perhaps spawning new businesses.

"We are excited to get proposals," he said. "Even in this climate, there is strength in the affordable housing market with state and federal tax credits. There's definitely a demand for affordable housing. This is the mayor's vision and Pope John was his idea...It's not every day a City or Town in Massachusetts puts up its own money to buy a property and bid it for affordable housing."

- St. Theresa's Project Likely To Break Ground

The Neighborhood Developers (TND) is reportedly looking to break ground on its first affordable housing proposal in Everett – after many years of such developments in Chelsea and Revere.

City Planner Tony

BELLE ISLE ROTARY DONATES HEADPHONES FOR STUDENTS



In an effort to support local school systems and non profits, the Belle Isle Rotary Club recently purchased 300 pairs of headphones with microphones and donated 100 pairs to non-profits which will provide full day online learning support programs for children. For Kids Only in Winthrop and Revere each received 100 pairs, as well as Salesian Boys & Girls Club in East Boston. Shown above are Belle Isle Rotary Club President Michael Triant (center) with Chris Crombie and Niki Preston from the For Kids Only afterschool program. The Rotary will be having a creative fall-themed fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Savio Field in East Boston. It will feature a community wide 50/50 Cow Pie Bingo game. Never heard of it? Those who wish to participate purchase a plot in the Rotary's field that will be numbered. Whoever owns the plot that the cow chooses to use as a bathroom is the winner of the 50/50. For more information, please reach out to the Rotary or Mike Triant at 617-913-1531 or mtriant99@yahoo.com.

Sousa said despite COVID-19 slowdowns, the project has been moving forward and is just about ready for construction.

"It's all been moving forward and they expect to break ground this fall," he said.

The plan for St. Theresa's, a former Catholic church on Broadway shut down several years ago (and whose parishioners staged one of the longest vigils to keep the church open in many years), is to have 77 units of senior affordable housing in a building above a service center operated by Mystic Valley Elder Services. The plan also calls for six, new deed-restricted homeownership units for families. The townhouses would be so-called "workforce housing" and would be on the Gledhill Avenue side.

The 77 units would be for those earning 60 percent of AMI. For seniors in a one- or two-person household, that would mean anywhere between \$50,000 and \$56,000 per year.

Sousa said the units would likely be determined with a lottery, as they expect there to be more demand than supply.

"There will be a lottery and that will be done by TND," he said. "It's anticipated that would take place at the end of the year or early 2021."

He said he is excited that TND is doing their first project in Everett, and hopes there might be more.

"It's important to emphasize the St. Theresa's project is the first for TND here and they've been known for developments over many decades in Chelsea and have many projects already in Chelsea and Revere."

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to a partnership between Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Mayor Carlo De-Maria. To help along the project, both have been able to secure state and local funding to help the project along.

Sousa said the mayor has authorized using \$1.5 million in HOME funds and \$467,000 in Community Development Block Grant money. The state has committed \$500,000 to the project and the state Housing Choice program has awarded \$250,000 to Everett for use there too. There are also a number of tax credits that can be applied to the project as well.

“You put all these combined together and it helps get these projects together,” he said. We hope to be successful on this and then do it at Pope John too.”

EAST BOSTON SOUP KITCHEN MARKS ANNIVERSARY

EAST BOSTON - It started as an idea and a way to address what Sandra Nijjar saw as a growing problem in East Boston. Nijjar was seeing an ever-increasing number of homeless in and around Maverick and Central Squares. So three years ago, Nijjar recruited Pastor Britta Carlson, John Ribeiro, Jr., Lydia Edwards and Baljinder Nijjar to establish the neighborhood’s first-ever soup kitchen.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen (EBCSK) in the basement of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church on Paris Street was feeding hundreds of people a week that are both homeless or just in need of a hot meal.

However, like many organizations, the EBCSK had to shift gears and reinvent itself in this age of social distancing. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic the EBCSK was forced to stop serving hot meals on Tuesdays from the basement of the Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church. Instead, staff handed out grocery gift cards to residents and families in need.

This week marked the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen’s Fourth Anniversary and while the usual celebration and fundraising event has been scrapped due to the virus, the EBCSK volunteers are still going strong.

“Around this time last year we gathered at ZUMIX with our friends, supporters, and partners to celebrate our achievements and envision the year ahead of us,” said Sandra Nijjar. “Never could we have imagined how the year would unfold. It’s disappointing that we won’t be able to hold an event this year. One of the things we will miss most is honoring the people at the heart of our mission, those who make the soup kitchen a true community.”

While the EBCSK team can’t invite them onto an event stage this year their stories can still be shared.

“Hundreds of guests visit the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen every week,” said Nijjar. “Yes, they come for a hot meal and groceries but many guests are seeking much more than the soup.”

Nijjar said pervasive inequality and material hardship manifest in many forms.

“For some of our guests

it results in homelessness and addiction,” she said. “Our friend Victor, for example, has sought our help in finding rehabilitation for chronic alcoholism. He trusts us at the Soup Kitchen to make a connection, without judgment. We celebrate his successes alongside him, and we share his fears that the despair of being discharged back to the streets will lead to relapse. East Boston does not have a day shelter—or an overnight shelter for adults without children. Geographically isolated, with unique demographics, people like Victor don’t have a neighborhood safety net. With your help, EBCSK can continue weekly services — distributing food, clothing, essentials, referrals for treatment programs and housing — and we can plan to build a more robust program that Victor and the larger East Boston community deserve.”

NAVIGATORS TO RETURN IN 2021

LYNN - Derek January, owner and general manager of the North Shore Navigators, said the Lynn-based franchise in the Futures Collegiate Baseball League (FCBL) will return for the 2021 season.

January said it was challenging season for the Navigators organization as it dealt with the state’s strict COVID-19 guidelines that prohibited spectators from attending the home games at Fraser Field.

“It was a tough season from an ownership standpoint where we had a lot of very good players but no one got to see them play for the Navs, unless they watched our games

online,” said January, estimating that an average of more than 400 fans per game watched the games online.

January and his staff put together one of the most exciting teams in the franchise’s history. With the Cape Cod Baseball League canceling its season, several college players opted to play in the FCBL. For example, Boston College’s Sal Frelick of Lexington, a likely 2021 Major League draft pick, had an outstanding season for the Navigators batting .398 in the leadoff position.

Navigators fans no doubt would have enjoyed watching Marblehead’s Beau Dana, a 6-foot-2-inch righthander from Dickinson College who reportedly hit 97 miles per hour on the radar gun this season. Former St. Mary’s High School baseball star Ryan Turenne, who plays Division 1 college baseball at Maine, would likely have been a crowd favorite.

But there were no ticket sales at all at the Navigators’ box office.

“We had to refund all of our ticket sales,” said January. “It hurt a lot financially. The Navs averaged close to 1,000 fans per game in 2019. This was never about the money when our family purchased the team, but we wanted to make sure that we didn’t lose money and we lost a lot of money this year.”

Other supplementary sources of revenue, such as food concessions and souvenir sales, also never materialized due to the lack of spectators at games. Chomps, the Navigators’ popular mascot, was also a no-show for games due to the COVID-19 restrictions. There were no mascots this season at all FCBL

venues.

The Navigators were set to unveil their new navy blue and burnt orange uniforms this season to fans across the FCBL. January said a limited number of fans were allowed to attend games in Nashua, N.H. (Silver Knights) and New Britain, Conn. (Bees).

“We’re putting together our online souvenir store so people will be able to purchase Navs’ gear and stuff in the next couple of weeks with our new logo and new colors,” said January. “The feedback was great for our new look. Everybody loves it.”

January said the organization had formulated a comprehensive plan in the spring “to make sure the city and fans knew what to expect at the ballpark” in the COVID-19 environment. “We just never got a chance to put our plan into place,” said January.

Jack Wallace, a Navigators’ pitcher from Winthrop and Franklin Pierce University, said he was grateful to the January family for giving him an opportunity to play a highly competitive brand of baseball this summer.

“It was an honor to play for the Navigators this season,” said Wallace. “We had a great group of players and it was a first-class organization. I just wish the fans could have come out and enjoyed our games.”

A former Swampscott Little League legend who played on back-to-back Massachusetts state champion 12-year-old teams and helped Frank DeFelice’s Swampscott High teams advance to three consecutive North sectional finals, Derek January pledged that the Navs will definitely return to Fraser Field in 2021.

“We started planning for next year back in July,” said January. “We

look forward to seeing our loyal fans enjoying baseball in Lynn next summer.”

OVERNIGHT PARKING GOES INTO EFFECT OCT. 15

REVERE - The City of Revere’s new city-wide resident parking program will take effect October 15 in an effort to maximize availability of parking for Revere residents, while discouraging long-term visitor parking on residential streets and commuter parking near public transportation access points. All passenger vehicles parked on city streets between 12AM and 6AM are required to have a permit displayed on the lower left corner of their windshield by October 15 to avoid a violation.

The program will be enforced between 12AM and 6AM daily, except holidays. Citywide overnight parking stickers are valid on the street where the vehicle is registered, as well as any adjacent street, unless otherwise posted. Commuter zones remain 24-hour resident parking only and will be getting different stickers. Stickers have been mailed to residents whose vehicles are registered to a Revere address and meet the qualifications (i.e. no outstanding parking tickets, excise tax payments up to date). If residents have not received a sticker, they are encouraged to visit www.revere.org/parking to apply before October 15.

“This is a new program for the City and residents, and it will take some time for everyone to become familiar with it,” said Jim Rose, Director of the Parking Department. “I expect lots of questions as we launch this program and want the residents to know we are available to answer and assist them in whatever way we can.”

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Massachusetts AFL-CIO endorses Ed Markey for Senate

Staff report

The Massachusetts AFL-CIO today endorsed Senator Ed Markey for re-election. The role of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO is to serve as the unified voice of more than 800 local unions and 400,000 organized workers in the Commonwealth and to be a voice for all working people, those in unions, and those not yet organized.

“Ed Markey has always been a champion for working men and women,” said Massachusetts AFL-CIO President Steve Tolman. “He understands that union jobs are jobs that promote and advance all workers’ rights. Massachusetts AFL-CIO members and their families know that they have an ally on the Senate floor in Ed Markey. It is critical that we support Senator Markey’s re-election bid in November.”

“I am honored to receive the endorsement of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO,” said Senator Markey. “Unions are dedicated



U.S. Sen. Ed Markey speaking at a campaign stop in Chelsea in late August.

to ensuring that workers receive the rights they deserve – fair pay, health benefits, paid sick time, and retirement benefits. The labor movement is the backbone of our democracy, and union values are my values. The AFL-CIO of Massachusetts is fighting for its workers so that their voices can be heard, and I will always stand shoulder-to-shoulder with them.”

This endorsement builds on Ed’s strong support among unions, including the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the American Postal Workers Union of Massachusetts, Postal Workers Local #4553, UNITE Here Local 26, AFSCME, SEIU 888, SEIU 32BJ, CWA 1400, AFGE, National Association of Social Workers - PACE, CWA-201, and the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA.

The mission of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO is to improve the lives of working families—by working for economic, social and racial justice in the workplace, in communities, our state, and across the nation. Formed in 1887 as the Massachusetts branch of the American Federation of Labor, and later chartered by the national AFL-CIO in 1958, the Massachusetts AFL-CIO is a union of unions, dedicated to achieving a better quality of life for working families in our commonwealth.

TANGO THERAPEUTICS DONATES TO CPS



Tango Therapeutics donated \$10,000 to the Chelsea Public Schools this week for back-to-school backpacks for the students of the district. Shown here is Supt. Almi Abeyta accepting the donations from representatives of the company.

State Treasurer Goldberg receives Jesse M. Unruh Award

Staff report

The National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) announced that Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg was honored with the Jesse M. Unruh Award.

Utah Treasurer David Damschen made the presentation to Treasurer Goldberg.

The Jesse M. Unruh Award is named for a founding member of NAST and former California State Treasurer. This distinguished award recognizes a current Treasurer’s commitment to the association, the profession, and his or her state.

“Treasurer Goldberg truly epitomizes outstanding service to the association and the profession,” said Utah Treasurer David Damschen, “Her tireless work as the NAST President during these unprecedented times has steadied our course, as she provided truly extraordinary and timely leadership.”

Goldberg is currently serving as President of NAST. Throughout her year-long term she has successfully led the association’s efforts to support sound fiscal policies and programs throughout the country. She has advocated for increased federal

aid for states and localities hurt by the pandemic, legislation to rebuild our country’s infrastructure, increase access to financial literacy programs, enhance returning unclaimed property to its rightful owners, and grow affordable retirement and ABLE savings accounts.

“We are grateful for Treasurer Goldberg’s leadership,” said NAST Executive Director Shaun Snyder, “While COVID-19 was certainly not contemplated when she was elected NAST President, she quickly pivoted and led us through very difficult times. As a result of her skillful stewardship, we have been able to provide meaningful virtual learning and

networking opportunities for our members and have maintained and increased strong advocacy efforts, helping to shape legislation and regulations impacting public finance and the Treasurers’ constituents across the country.”

Treasurer Goldberg’s extensive business and fiscal management experience provided her with a strong foundation to effectively carry out NAST’s top priorities.

After being elected State Treasurer in 2014, Treasurer Goldberg was reelected in 2018. She is known for her deep commitment to the advancement of policies that break down barriers and create economic opportunities for everyone.



State Treasurer Deb Goldberg.

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