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CHS coach Restiano launches fundraising effort for residents

By Cary Shuman

Chelsea High coach Gena Restiano was president of her class, a team captain, and scored 1,000 points in her spectacular basketball career at Revere High.

Restiano is now leading in another important way, having established a GoFundMe effort to help Chelsea residents as they deal with financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The drive is called 'City of Chelsea' and I've raised \$1,655 to-date through some local donors such as the City Council and the School Committee," said Restiano. "I want people to donate because the City of Chelsea is struggling right now."

Restiano said she did some research for the drive and determined that a large percentage of Chelsea's population is employed as essential workers. "A lot of people have lost their jobs because of COVID-19," said Restiano.

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Gena Restiano.

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Physician assistant Gaylen McCann (photo above), from the Dept. of Surgery, and Critical Care Nurse Carla Cerrato (below) were the first two CHA Everett employees to be vaccinated for COVID-19 on Saturday. The hospital received vaccine shipments on Thursday last week, and began their effort to vaccinate priority workers over the weekend.



CHA Everett vaccinates first employees Saturday

Bv Seth Daniel

The CHA Everett hospital in Everett received the first shipments of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID19 vaccine on Thursday, Dec. 17, and began vaccinating workers at the hospital on Saturday.

The CHA Everett has been one of the major front-line hospitals in the fight against COVID-19 since last spring, with it being right in the middle of three high-risk communities like Everett, Chelsea and Revere. Workers in the Emergency Department and the ICU have been caring and coordinating care for patients over the last several months with no vaccine protection, so the arrival of the first of two shots was an historic occasion.

The first two at the hospital vaccinated simulta-

being right in the middle neously on Saturday inof three high-risk communities like Everett, Chelsea
and Revere. Workers in the
Emergency Department and the ICU have been neously on Saturday included Physician assistant
Gaylen McCann of the
Department of Surgery,
and Critical Care Nurse
Carla Cerrato.

CHA Everett plans to vaccinate hundreds of prioritized employees – mostly those dealing directly with COVID-19 patients – in a coordinated and organized effort over the next few months.

Major zoning changes planned in downtown and Prattville areas

By Seth Daniel

A major zoning package with wide-ranging changes from Prattville to downtown Chelsea cleared the Planning Board last week, and will head to the City Council at the beginning of next year for consideration.

The package passed muster with the Planning

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Board last Tuesday, Dec. 15, except for one piece from the Administration which sought to create a parking district downtown.

One of the more heralded changes was proposed by Council President Roy Avellaneda to the zoning in Prattville on the Parkway. That zoning change seeks to alter the existing zoning, which is a residen-

tial district in what is mostly commercial businesses on the highway (Rt. 16).

Avellaneda said he sees his proposal as tidying up something that should have been done long ago. Because every commercial use there is non-conforming due to the residential zoning, everyone has to go through a process just to

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Due to The Holidays trash will be delayed by one day.

Avellaneda asked to amend his Campaign Report

By Seth Daniel

City Council President Roy Avellaneda has been asked to amend his Campaign Finance Report by the state's Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF) due to two infractions of the law that involved an endorsement letter from the Chelsea Homeowners Association in the 2019 City Election.

He was not fined by OCPF for the discrepancies, but asked to re-file the report with the proper accounting.

Avellaneda characterized it as an accounting error, and one he quickly fixed. Councillor Damali Vidot criticized Avellaneda for the error, saying it shows that the Homeowners Association is just a front for developers and Avellaneda, who is a real estate agent.

The letter from OCPF came on Dec. 9 and cited him for inaccurate disclosure and excess in-kind contributions. For the first infraction, the endorse-

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Chelsea ICU nurse the first to get COVID-19 vaccine at MGH

By Seth Daniel

When Belza Betancur went into work last week, she had no idea she would make history as one of the first people in the country – and the first in the MGH system – to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

On Wednesday morning, as a priority health care workers in direct contact with COVID-19 patients for months, the Chelsea resident volunteered to be the first and got her first-round vaccination at the hospital during her shift. It was a moment for her that seemed long-awaited, but soon the historic nature of it began to dawn on her.

"At Mass General, they have a lot of diversity, so they wanted someone

that represented the Latino population specifically because we've had probably 70 percent of our patients that are of Latin background," she said. "I wasn't expecting it at all, but I was humbled and thrilled...It was a big moment. I don't know if I still understand the full impact yet of it being history, but I was honored because of all we've gone through. It is history. We've had pandemics before, but maybe not to this extent...I feel I now have a responsibility to make sure people do get vaccinated and give us a chance to end this. We all need to get back to a normal life. It was a historic moment, and I feel that way about it too."

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SANTA, AND MRS. CLAUS, VISIT CHELSEA



A big hello from Mrs. Claus during the annual Santa visit through Chelsea. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Eg a Happy New year

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For Betancur and her co-workers at the Blake 12 ICU unit at Mass General's main campus, the vaccine could not come soon enough as they have spent the last 10 months caring for COVID-19 patients to the best of their ability. The challenges were monumental, but it was something she said she signed up for.

"This is what we signed up for," she said, noting that she also cared for several injured people in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon Bombing in 2014. "I care a lot about people's health and doing my best for them. It has been very challenging... With me, since all this happened, I have a headache every day when I come home from work. It comes with the job and it's okay because at the end you see patients recover and you hear good news and they send you pictures. It makes you encouraged and we feel it's all worth it."

Betancur came to Chelsea from Colombia, and got an Associates' Degree in nursing from Northern Essex Community College. Then, while working at various medical facilities, she graduated from Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire. After stints at Elliot Hospital in New Hampshire, and at Beth Israel Hospital, she began working in the ICU at Blake 12 in 2012.

When the pandemic hit last spring, Betancur said they often felt like they were in the bowels of the Titanic being thrown back and forth. She recalls April 11 as one of the most difficult days. On that day, they had to set up an expanded, temporary ICU unit. All of the equipment was there, but it wasn't the same and became very difficult to take care of the surge of patients. It was at that time they were no longer just taking care of one patient, but two at a time.

Or there was the time when a man from the community showed up early in the pandemic sick with COVID after having been required to go to work cleaning an office building.

"One of his co-workers had COVID-19 because they were cleaning buildings and he couldn't miss work and then he got COVID-19," she said. "He ended up in the (ICU). People had to go out there and go to work and no one knew about the protocols we know about now. I wish we had known the things we know now in the beginning of all this."

And so it is why Betancur and all of her colleagues have been waiting for the day the vaccine arrived, and why she jumped at being the first person vaccinated. She said she is confused by the skepticism in Chelsea, and said people need to educate themselves about it and make an informed decision based on the science and not hearsay.

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"I'm surprised by that and it makes me sad," she said. "We were looking forward to this vaccine coming since it started. I feel like the more you know about the vaccine, the more at ease you feel about it. I was nervous at one point, but I educated myself on it and read three or four articles and understood what the science was behind it. I worried it was made so quickly, but now I understand it... They have been working on this type of vaccine for decades. It just so happens we are now using that technology for the virus."

Betancur reiterated that she not only felt the history of the moment, but also feels the weight of convincing others in Chelsea to get the vaccine if they might be skeptical - or simply just to put them at

She said she will get the second "booster" shot in about 21 days, and they say it takes three weeks to build up full immunity. Still, she will take the precautions that she has been taking for the past 10 months. Until about 70 to 80 percent of the population is fully vaccinated, it is suggested that people continue to wear masks and follow the safety protocols. She will do that, but said she looks forward to a day when people don't have to wear masks in Chelsea - when you can go into a restaurant on Broadway at ease and without being six feet

"Imagine the we don't have to wear masks?" she said. "It is the right thing to do right now. You have to protect yourself, and by doing that you're protecting others too. In my case, I thought more about the community and protecting my patients as well."

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aside for them as a 'Conti-

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receive the vaccine this

soon," she said. "I planned

to receive the vaccine at a

Community Health Cen-

ter in my district later in

2021. Members of Con-

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the end of this week from

the Attending Physician

that doses would be made

available to us as part of a

my family and my doc-

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move forward with this

opportunity to receive the

Despite getting the vac-

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ley said she remains con-

cerned about equity in the

health care system and

said it is up to leaders and

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Registered ICU Nurse Belza Betancur, of Chelsea, claps her hands in job after being the first person in the Mass General Brigham system to get the COVID-19 vaccine last week. Now, she said she feels responsible for encourag-

Chelsea veterans receive winter coats from **Home Depot and Ocean State Job Lots**



Chelsea Police Officers Sam Mojica and Joanne O'Brien are shown with workers and residents of the North Bellingham Veterans Home. From left, Katrina Boswell, Medjina Occean, US Army Veteran Fred Leedham, Officer Mojica, US Army Veteran James Romiglio, Officer O'Brien, US Navy Veterans David Kneeling and Joe Broxton, and Residential Supervisor David Sykes.

Last Wednesday the 10 resident Chelsea veterans that reside at 8 Grove Street received a visit from Chelsea Police Officers Sam Mojica and Joanne O'Brien, delivering 10 bright orange buckets widely recognized as the symbol of the local Home Depot. These buckets were filled with a winter coat and PPE supplies as well as treats and water.

Thanks to a combined effort of Home Depot, Ocean State Job Lots, the NE Patriots Foundation, Massachusetts State Police and other veteran focused organizations this gift was made possible to veterans across the Commonwealth.



CPD Officer Sam Mojica holds up one of the new winter coats these veterans will receive.

Heading Home responds to call for help in partnership with BHCC

temperatures dropping and the impact for a good night's sleep in a warm bed continues to rise. In response to a call from multiple state agencies and in conjunction with several key partners, Heading Home has stepped up to launch and oversee a 48-women's only overnight shelter located at Bunker Hill Com-

munity College (BHCC). "We are honored to be in partnership with Bunker Hill Community College to offer overflow shelter for women experiencing homelessness in Boston. It is an honor to come together with public, private and non-profit leaders to solve some of our city's greatest challenges," said Danielle Ferrier, CEO of Heading Home.

The opportunity for BHCC to host this tempoand learning is online due to the pandemic.

"As an essential hub of community service and learning, our College is in

a unique position to make their own for the night. Ina difference for our vulident Pam Eddinger.

The operation opened December 3, 2020, as an overflow option for several Boston shelters and residents, as well as for others who need a safe and clean space to sleep. As we had hoped, clients are returning night after night based on their experiences. positive Most nights we have at least 15 guests, reaching 30% capacity or more. In Partnership. Heading Home is honored to be joined in this effort with a number of partners, in addition to MEMA, including:

•Allied Security - security

•Arbor Associates staffing

•<u>Deployed Resources</u> mobile laundry

•<u>MBTA</u> – transportation

•Spinelli's - food

•A Dignified Approach Women are welcomed into BHCC's sun-filled gymnasium, offered toi-

letry kits, personal lock-

ers, and a space to call

is headed by Gladys Vega.

dividual lockers are proof COVID-19 settling nerable residents during vided, as well as showin on the poorest in our these extremely difficult ers and laundry. MBTA community, the demand times," said BHCC Pres- buses bring clients to and from the shelter (3:30 p.m. arrival and 7 a.m. departure) - and a team of caseworkers and security ensure that the location remains drug-free and in compliance with the COVID-19 protocol. Hunger typically accompanies homelessness, so clients enjoy a warm meal at the end of the day and breakfast before leaving in the morning. Additionally, guests have been enjoying activity kits during their stays.

> Staff continues to be moved by guests' levels of exhaustion - yet the appreciation they show for a warm bed, delicious meal, and a chance to shower is palpable. Heading Home remains grateful for our partnerships in this effort to bring safety and security to women in our community.

•Ways to help If you would like to

help the women's shelter, Heading Home has shared their Amazon wish list, and online donation page.

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ship and will be attending

Davidson College. "She's

'continuity of government plan,' a measure put in rary shelter was possible place during national crias most of the teaching ses. After consulting with

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A former Suffolk University basketball player, Restiano said that her mother helped inspire her goodwill effort.

to La Colaborativa, which

"She saw Chelsea's plight on the news and suggested a project that would assist local families during the holidays," said Restiano, adding that she will forward the donations to hear that one of her from the GoFundMe drive basketball players, Victo-

CHS Director of Athletic Amanda Alpert has been assisting in the fundraising project. Restiano said some of her CHS senior basketball players are promoting the 'City of Chelsea' GoFundMe Restiano was excited

ria Stutto, had received a

IAABO-certified basket-

ball referee.

an amazing student," said Restiano. "She's not just

a good athlete, but she's a great kid, too." Restiano is hoping to return to the basketball court with her team soon. She also coaches varsity softball at CHS and is a

Congresswoman Pressley receives early vaccine

On Saturday, at the direction of the Office of Attending Physician Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley received the

COVID-19 vaccine. Pressley said she got the Pfizer vaccine and was feeling well, and encouraged everyone in her district to get the vaccine when it comes available to

"Today, I received my

first dose of the Pfizer COVID 19 vaccine. I am feeling well and encourage everyone in our community to take the first opportunity available to receive the vaccine in the weeks and months to come," she said. "I am grateful to the

scientists, researchers, and frontline healthcare workers who have worked tirelessly over the last several months to develop a vac-

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ment from the Chelsea Homeowners Association came for Avellaneda and Councillors Naomi Zabot and Melinda Vega-Maldonado, as well as Candidate Mark Rossi. Avellaneda's Committee had a letter printed up at a cost of \$1,620 and sent out to 2,000 homeowners. The other endorsees were to report their portion of the expenditure as an in-kind contribution, and Avellaneda was to report it as a full payment to the printer.

"Your Committee should not have disclosed this activity as direct expenditures to the other candidates' Committees but, rather, as a single expenditure to Sterling Printing in the total amount paid directly to that company for the mailing," read the OCPF letter. "The three other Committees, who were aware of the mailing, should have then reported the portion of the mailing allocable to them as in-kind contributions from your Committee. Your Committee's year-end report included only \$500 paid to Sterling Printing for the Chelsea Homeowners Association mailing. The actual invoice for this mailing, however, was \$1,620.05. Your Committee under-reported this expenditure by \$1,120.05."

The excess in-kind contribution came for the mailing benefitting Candidate Rossi, as OCPF determined the contribution amounted to \$742 for him, and Avellaneda was only allowed to make a donation of up to \$100 inkind to him. The amount of contribution for Vega-Maldonado and Zabot was \$67.50. The remediation to fix the finance report was for Rossi to pay the Avellaneda Campaign \$642, and for the other two councillors to report the \$67.50 on their reports as in-kind contributions.

The letter indicated that there would be no fine and that the Avellaneda Committee had quickly fixed the problem, but when faced with such things in the future, it should reach out to OCPF for guidance.

"Because we expect that the appropriate remedial action has been or will be taken, and because we believe that this letter will ensure future compliance with the campaign finance law, OCPF has determined that no further action will be taken at this time," it read. "Should your Committee wish to send a mailing in conjunction with other committees in the future, you should contact our office for guidance."

Councillor Vidot – who has taken criticism from Avellaneda for a few of her OCPF violations – said the matter was serious and if she can be criticized, so should Avellaneda.

"The Homeowners Association has advocated against affordable housing," she said. "Some of that group has been very classist - that if you're a tenant you don't have a voice in the City. Of course we want more homeownership, but we have to deal with what's here...This proves to me the Association is a developer front organization.

"That is the type of politicization of these processes that undermine the integrity of the organizations," she continued. "We're playing politics and I haven't even mentioned he's a real estate agent. It's about puppeteering outcomes and undermining the communi-

Avellaneda said the matter was simple housekeeping issues that involved accounting changing one ledger item to another. He said when the Homeowner's Association endorsed he and the others, he asked if they could send out a letter. Instead of the organization doing it, Avellaneda and the other candidates produced it, with approval, and sent it out.

"I should not have in my report written it as an in-kind donation to these Committees," he said. "I should have written the cost in my expenses to Sterling Printers. It was simply an accounting adjustment switching it from one line item to another on the ledger...It wasn't like I was hiding contributions or not reporting expenses or donations. I will go on record again and say they looked at me and there was very little here. She has been fined time and again. She failed to report and entire fundraiser at the Merritt Club that had expenses and donations."

He said in the past, Vidot has been the beneficiary of a similar letter sent out in 2015 to benefit multiple councillors and candidates. He said Vidot ought to think about re-filing her reports from back then to reflect an accurate accounting. He said there are likely similar issues with that letter, issues like the ones he just fixed.

Vidot said those who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones alleging Avellaneda has long targeted her with OCPF complaints.

"It's karma," she said. "He said in 25 years there was only one City Councillor that had violated these Political Finance rules. Now, I guess there are two."

Countered Avellaneda, "If she wants to play that game and make me look like a bad guy, it falls flat and I'm amused by it all... At the end of the day, there have been 38 City Councillors that have served and she still remains the only one to be fined by the (state) OCPF."

SCHOOL UPDATES

DISTRICT UPDATES

•The ELPAC team had a great meeting this week. EL teachers, coaches, parents, and even some kiddos joined us for a zoom meeting. It was wonderful and helpful to hear parents talk about their experiences with remote learning this year. This was a connection that is valued beyond measure.

•Supt. Abeyta and Rev. Sandra Whitley met up this week to begin planning the Martin Luther King Jr. Annual event in January. Stay tuned for event information coming

•The MCB Complex Holiday Shop team put together gift card bundles to support our families during the holiday season this year. More than \$8,500 worth of gift cards has been distributed to more than 90 elementary families. We would like to extend a very special thank you to the many staff members, families, and friends, who contributed gift cards and funds, including the union members of Teamsters Local 25, for their generous contribution of Target gift cards. Holiday Shop Team: Yolanda Valles, Johnny Giraldo, Julie Forry, Jenn Dobbins, Meghan Murphy, Sharon Romeo, and Laura Hubert.

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were measuring the snow

windows. There was more

snow than we predicted.

Some students predicted

that the snow would melt

a little bit by the after-

noon. Some predicted it

would all melt by the af-

ternoon. Some predicted

it would remain the same.

When Ryan and Ms.

Mounia went out at

1:35pm, they measured

again and found out that

the snow was still 12inch-

es deep, the same as it was

HOOKS SCHOOL

UPDATES

Friday, first grade teacher

Ms. Paladino's students

practiced being mindful

by playing close attention to detail and follow-

ing the steps to a guided

owl drawing. The class

thought this was a great

drawing for our Hooks

grade class students are

learning about "Informa-

tional How To Writing."

Students were given the

task to build a snowman

and record themselves

giving clear directions

using transitional words

(first, next, then, and last).

Students did a wonder-

ful job and are looking

forward to teaching their

family how to build a real

Chelsea High winter concert online starting Dec. 22

now available this week.

•In Ms. Johnson's first

Spirit Day.

•During Mind Up on

in the morning.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

•Ms. Canniff and Ms. Sophia's Class enjoyed pajama day and spirit week last week.

•Miss Maddie's classroom had a guest appearance from a student's parent and he surprised the class by singing holiday music and playing the gui-

Capobianco's class had the best time during Spirit Week. Hat day, drawing with Ms. Carey, pajama day, frosty the snow man.

BERKOW-ITZ SCHOOL **UPDATES**

•Ms. Cabigting's Social Communication 2nd Grade Class, with the help of parents who were able to assist, went outside with their rulers and yardsticks to measure the snow fall last week. They went out at around 9:45am to take the first measurement of how deep the snow was and to experience the first snow of this school year. Those who could not go out were watching their

for the whole class. The snow storm. class made predictions of how much snow there was by looking from the

EMPTY BOWLS. Supt. Abeyta shows off her artistic hand

painted mugs sold by the Chelsea Empty Bowls Project

that helps fund the Chelsea Hunger Network. The event

unique, hand-painted bowls and mugs. All proceeds will

directly support the Chelsea Hunger Network. All orders

are for pick-up only and cannot be shipped. More can be

found on the annual project at Chelsea-hunger-network.

has gone virtual this year, and folks can shop now for their

•In Ms. Derleth's, first grade class during Read to Grow, we read "Winter is Here" by Kevin Henkes to celebrate the first snowstorm of the season. Students took pictures of themselves on the Chromebook and dressed themselves up in winter accessories.

snowman during our next

KELLY SCHOOL UP-DATES

•Kelly School students have been having tons of holiday fun in music class by performing rhythms using everyday objects (found sounds) as percus-

CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

sion instruments.

•Manegabe Buijri, a National Honor Society Member, worked with NHS Arlington group on a food drive to give food for the pantry of St. Luke's in Chelsea. On Dec. 11, they delivered more than 20 bags of food and donations for further food pur-

chases. CHS •The Concert Band and Cantare are proud to present their first ever virtual winter concert. The concert will debut on YouTube on Tuesday, December 22, at 9:30 a.m., after which it can be streamed on demand.

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locate there.

Avellaneda said that leads to vacant buildings and unreasonable expecta-

"This is the third one I've done and the fourth zoning change I've proposed in four years," he said. "this is the third rezone change I've advocated for in terms of business uses...The reasons behind this one is simple. The zoning doesn't allow for what exists there. In a couple of corner storefronts, they are left vacant because they lost the ability to transfer a non-conforming use to another non-conforming use. By properly zoning this for what they have there which is retail businesses – we're allowing that to happen."

He said the owners of the popular Tombo 22 Restaurant on the Parkway had troubles opening up because of this, and the old bottling plant cannot find a tenant and was just rejected by the Planning Board for a church.

"The zoning makes no sense," he said. "No one down there will take down a convenience store and build and single-family home and live on Rt. 16. No one is going to knock down the rug store and build a two-family." City Manager Tom Am-

brosino said he agrees with the change, but pointed out his administration did not

suggest it. "I think it makes sense

that area, which is com-

mercial in nature, ought to have some commercial zone," he said. "We've never pressed too hard in the past because of neigh-

borhood concerns." Some of the other zoning changes offered by the administration are more far reaching.

•Two high-profile changes recommended by the Planning Board include allowing marijuana businesses to locate stores and delivery-only locations in more zoning areas including the downtown business district. Delivery-only businesses would also be able to be an accessory use in any residential zone, and as a permitted use in several of the commercial zoning districts including the Naval Hospital Residential and Com-

mercial districts. •In another land-use change – one that Avellaneda proposed in part several years ago - Ambrosino said they are looking to spur development on the waterfront area of the Chelsea Creek. There, they would replace the Waterfront Industrial Overlay District with a new Port District and Waterfront Upland District. The change would also create a Waterfront Improvement Trust Fund, and virtually institute a type of Master Plan for the entire

area – including new land-

scaping requirements, new

Special Permit criteria and

the principal uses for those

areas – which mostly lie on

the west side of Marginal

Street. •The changes would also increase density in the two largest residential districts, which many see as appropriate, both Ambrosino and Avellaneda said. These would decrease the minimum lot sizes in the Residential 1 district, and decrease the minimum lot size and the minimum useable open space requirement in the Residential 2 District (R2). The R2 district is one of the largest in the entire city, and includes the neighborhoods on Bellingham Hill, as well as the Orange/Addison areas.

•Finally, another change would include creating a new Mixed-Use Overlay District for the area at Everett Avenue, the railroad and the Everett City Line. This district allows for much taller buildings and is seen as an accommodation to allow the re-development of the Stop & Shop to file its project in Chelsea. That project was filed in Everett earlier this year and went through a tremendous amount of review there, and has now been fully approved.

The matter moves from the Planning Board to the City Council for a final vote into law, but Avellaneda said he didn't expect a vote until early February - noting there is a great deal to discuss when

it comes to some of the

classmates live as they

Staff Report

Anyone looking to

brighten up this strange

holiday season should

look no further than the

online performance of the

Chelsea High Performing

Arts Department - who

have produced a holiday

Marujo, David

Garmendia, Luis A

video presentation that is

The CHS Performing Department will present their first-ever virtual winter concert, featuring the CHS Cantare and CHS Concert Band.

The 15-minute family friendly concert makes an

excellent addition to plans for the last day of school before winter break, and it will premiere on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 9:30 a.m.

After that point, it will be viewable on demand. The link to the concert is: https://youtu.be/ t3c2LqyuhAI.

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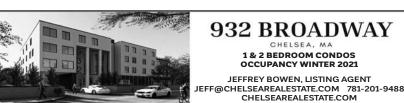
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THE TRUE SPIRIT OF **CHRISTMAS**

The Christmas season usually is the most wonderful time of the year.

But Christmas, 2020, is anything but wonderful.

We are undergoing a degree of hardship unlike any that we have experienced in our lifetime. More Americans are dying each and every day from the coronavirus than perished in any of our wars or on 9/11. As the cumulative death toll inexorably continues to climb, the total number of Americans who will have been killed by the virus likely will exceed all of the combat deaths in all of our wars against a foreign enemy.

The death count from the pandemic only tells part of the story, however. Those who have survived a bout with the virus face an uncertain future because of the serious long-term health effects on their vital organs.

The burden that has been placed upon our doctors, nurses, and other front-line workers has been enormous and continues to grow as the virus relentlessly attacks our populace and fills our hospitals to overflowing.

In addition, the economic impact of the pandemic has been profound for the millions of Americans who have lost their jobs, their businesses, and their homes. Millions of Americans, including one in five children, do not have enough to eat. The lines of cars at food banks stretch for miles.

For our nation's young people, the virus has disrupted their lives to such an extent that economists say the effects upon their education and future job prospects will linger for years to come.

The pandemic has eviscerated the usual holiday celebrations that bring together family, friends, and colleagues, adding to the mental health and anxiety issues, especially for older Americans, that are a by-product of the constant stress in our lives.

But amidst all of the chaos and danger that society is facing, this holiday season has provided us with an opportunity to discover a new-found appreciation for the things that really matter in our lives.

With the usual holiday frenzy of parties, gift-shopping, vacations, and other self-indulgent pursuits no longer viable, we have a unique opportunity to reflect on what is really important: The health and safety of ourselves and our loved ones, as well as the urgent need to assist those who find themselves in dire straits this holiday season.

We hope that all of our readers will heed the warnings of our public health officials and that those with the means to do so will help the vast numbers of our less-fortunate fellow Americans.

If we do these things, we will come to a true understanding of what the Christmas season really is all about.

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GUEST OP-ED

Our Christmas Spirit

Dr. Glenn Mollette Years ago, our church group was out Christmas caroling. We weren't far from the church and our leader led us out to the back of Mr. Castle's house to sing to he and his wife. His wife came to the door and greeted us with a smile and was gracious. We sang to her when suddenly through the window we saw her husband appear in the family room with a big towel around his body. He obviously had just gotten out of the shower. He came into his family room unknowing that 20 carolers had all eyes on him. Several of the women began to chuckle. I just knew we were all about to see something we had not planned on. Sitting down on his sofa

he put his feet up and was

preparing to relax. The

volume of laughter from a

couple of his adult friends

grew louder when Mr.

Castle looked up and saw

us. He immediately made an "Oh no" expression while shaking his head a bit and jumped up and departed to another part of the house. We sang to his sweet wife and moved on down the street with a new visual that I still remember to this day. I'll always remember what a good spirit he and his wife had and that we all left feeling uplifted by them.

This week I walked to the back of a local nursing home to look through a window to see a friend. Ms. Southard is 99. My wife and I visited in her home recently. She was agile, mentally sharp and dancing around like she always does. Her attitude always lifts us up. She did say on that very day we were there, "I don't want to end up in a nursing home. "I told my son I don't ever want to be in one," she said. Two weeks later while closing her curtains she made an awkward step, fell and broke

her leg. Surgery was required and also rehabilitation. Her insurance plan would not pay for her to go to the local rehabilitation hospital but instead put her where she never wanted to be, a nursing home.

I found out from a nurse which room she was in and how to find the right window to look through. The nurse said she would meet me at the window and let Ms. Southard know I was there. I dreaded what I might see but wanted to wish her a Merry Christmas. Knocking on the window I was delighted that she was sitting up and started laughing and waving at me. We exchanged Merry Christmas the best we could yelling through a window. While I almost wanted to cry seeing her there, I was so encouraged by her good spirit.

The spirit of Christmas is inside you. This spirit is greater than you and I and

pulls us through the awkward and the very difficult times of life.

The Christmas season we celebrate is one of hope and celebration. The story of Jesus is the story of God's hope coming to us in the little baby a long time ago. 2020 has certainly been a year we've needed hope.

2021 is going to be a better year. Vaccines for Covid-19 are coming. May your spirit be rekindled. Share your spirit with others and may the year ahead be one of the best ever for us all.

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



Doctor, Morgan Brister, Nurse for South End Community Health Center, Dr. Mothusi Chilume, Family Medicine Director, Karina Mendoza, Nurse, Testing, Dr. Jaime Gallegos- Salazar, Infectious Disease Director and Adult Medicine Doctor, and Courtney Senechal, Employee Health Nurse Manager.

EBNHC received and administered the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

EBNHC received and administered the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to its first staff this morning just shorty after it arrived. The first three employees

to receive the vaccine are

pictured here along with members of Health Center Management looking The Health Center will continue to vaccinate its staff beginning with those in the front lines

treating COVID-19 patients and other clinical staff most at risk and hope to proceed with other staff as they receive more vaccine. EBNHC is preparing for what it will take

to vaccinate those most at risk in the community once we enter into that phase and eventually all that they serve.

that our residents in Chel-

sea can afford; thus, this

could be bringing down

it has to do with the levels

of service, and the basic

services are very limited

issues here have to do

with the level of service

that residents have," he

said. "If you have Com-

cast Essentials, then the

speed can be quite limit-

ed. We are thinking about

some long-term solutions

for this issue, but we don't

have any great ideas for

short-term fixes beyond

purchasing more and bet-

study touches on so many

things now that COVID

has changed the way the

world works, learns and

ways to share this," he

said. "There is going to be

more and more demand

for high-speed, reliable

internet. Businesses will

be increasingly looking

at this when they make

decisions on where to lo-

cate. There may be com-

panies that no longer need

15,000 sq. ft. downtown

for an office, but may be

able to use 5,000 sq. ft. in

an inner suburb. But they

might not get the same in-

frastructure there as they

got in downtown Boston.

Municipalities may see

this as an opportunity to

cash in under this scenar-

"There are so many

conducts business.

Eichen said the MAPC

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"Most of the slow speed

Ambrosino said most of

the average speed."

in Chelsea.

Study shows Chelsea has slowest Internet speeds in Greater Boston

By Seth Daniel

In the digital highway, Chelsea's stuck in the slow lane.

A new study of median downloads speeds across the state by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) showed that Chelsea has the slowest speeds in Greater Boston, just behind Everett and exponentially slower than communities like Wellesley and Weston.

Chelsea registered an average of 35.56 Megabits per second, which was only slightly higher than Everett's 38.91. Chelsea and Everett were far below neighbors like Revere (50.38) and Malden (54.82), and exponentially slower than Wellesley (141.08) and Weston (234.46). It is, for most, confirmation of something that's been known for quite some time, and something that COVID-19 has made more apparent as students struggle with connectivity in the all-remote schooling and workers confined to their homes frequently get kicked offline. Even expensive equipment can't fix the issues, as it's likely an infrastructure problem caused by years of inequitable investment in urban areas by providers, MAPC officials said, that seems to be a trend in their study.

Ryan Kelly, Josh Eichen and Matthew Zagaja of MAPC said they took on the study to find out about things that matter to people right now - such as internet speeds. The goal is to expand on the information, add more data, and help municipalities to solve these problems so good access to something as important as the Internet isn't determined by one's zip code.

"We very quickly identified digital access as something we wanted to study," said Eichen. "It enables education, access to healthcare, the ability to fill out unemployment claims, access to housing support services and food security - all of this is online now. It's very important, now more than ever,

Speeds by Community

A sample of some of the median download speeds by community from across Greater Boston. Speeds are measured in Megabits per second.

- •Chelsea 35.56
- •Everett 38.91
- •Somerville 44.26
- •Cambridge 46.23 •Revere – 50.38
- •Malden 54.82
- •Quincy 58.26
- Medford 65.21 •Arlington – 66.22
- \bullet Newton 80.02
- •Wellesley 141.08
- •Weston 234.46

to get access.

The speed tests were accessed via an open data set from Measurement Lab, said Zagaja. While many haven't heard of Measurement Lab, it is the standard speed test used by Google. So, there is a ton of data and they analyzed those speed tests, isolated them to each zip code and ran through data from January to late November. In analyzing the data, they were able to tell if the speed test was done due to a problem with the internet that was fixed later. So, repair situations weren't included in the overall averages.

"It gives us a baseline of the numbers of individuals having an issue," he

Kelly added they not only want to help municipalities fix their digital issues, but also they want to help them gather information to know exactly what their problems are. He said many of the software companies and platforms used by municipalities have all kinds of connectivity data, and that can be asked for in contracts or agreements with those companies. Having that data, he said, will only help identify issues.

"We're also trying to empower municipalities to get their own date and improve the lives of their residents," he said.

They are also looking for all kinds of partners in addition to City government, including community based organizations, school districts, health care providers and community development corporations to name a few.

Eichen said one of the lenses of the study focuses on equity, and in many low-income urban areas, there isn't enough investment in digital access by providers. That is a trend by Internet providers to offer better service in wealthier suburban communities, a trend borne out by the MAPC data.

"MAPC as an organization has a major focus on equity," he said. "We want to encourage development and ensure that individuals don't have their economic mobility become stunted because of lack of access that is a central issue."

Supt. Almi Abeyta said she and City Manager Tom Ambrosino have been working on the issue of internet speeds for several months. She said they have had conversations with providers like Comcast and Verizon. Meanwhile, they have also been able to corral some engineers from MIT to learn how to improve connectivity and speeds.

"The City Manager has organized several conversations with Comcast, Verizon, and engineers from MIT so we can learn more about improving connectivity for our families," she said. "We have also met with other districts such as South Bend Community School Corporation in Indiana to learn from their creativity in providing internet services to students. They are actually the district that was on CNN for using Wi-Fi connections on buses. I recognize that I cannot improve connectivity for my students without working together with the City on solutions. We are grappling with this and looking for short and long-term solutions.

"...Regarding the slow speed in Chelsea, there are differences in regards to community demographics that may be a contributing factor for those numbers," she continued. "One of them is the type of service

VOLVO TRUCK

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A 2001 Volvo V70 crashed wagon, rolled onto its side north of the Beacon Street ramp, 9:09 a.m., on Friday. The driver was a 33-year-old Chelsea man. EMS responded for nonlife threatening injuries, but his condition was not immediately available after transport.

\$700k 'Accelerating Climate Resiliency' grants to fund 11 local projects

POLICE Briefs BY SETH DANIEL

Eleven cities and towns across Greater Boston will soon be putting more than \$1 million to work addressing climate change through local projects, thanks to a new round of grant funding announced this week.

The program, "Accelerating Climate Resiliency," gave more than \$700,000 in the latest round of funding, part of a partnership between The Barr Foundation and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) in Boston.

Locally grants awards will go to the Chelsea 'Neighborhood Grid' Energy Resilience effort; and the Malden River Works project for Waterfront Equity and Resil-

Grants range in size from \$50,000 to \$150,000 per municipality and are designed to drive long-term transformative change by investing in impactful, short-term local projects. "We are so pleased to be partnering with these communities and their local teams to be promoting climate resilience with an eye toward social equity, and can't wait to see how these come together to

shape a regional strategy," said Rebecca Davis, Deputy Director of MAPC.

"The City of Chelsea is excited to participate in the MAPC's Accelerating Climate Resilience Program. Through this program the City will be able to design and install a battery storage system at our Police Station, one of our most critical buildings. We will also work on energy efficiency programs in several affordable housing buildings in the City. This will bring significant short term and long-term benefits to our community,' said Chelsea City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino.

Every grant recipient will also become part of a new "community of practice," which will convene grantees as a group every other month to discuss challenges or barriers to implementation that they may be encountering, and will also offer a companion public lecture series. Speakers from across the country will come to the Boston region to talk about advancing innovative solutions to climate change, eventually in person, but beginning virtually in 2021.

Let's

Leaders endorse Michelle Wu's 2021 Boston mayoral bid

A dozen municipal leaders from across Greater Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts announced their support for Boston City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu's mayoral campaign, including Chelsea Councilor Judith Garcia. The leaders listed be-

low have endorsed Michelle Wu's mayoral bid in support of Boston's potential to be a catalyst for systemic change across the state and the country. •Watertown Town Councilor Caroline Bays

•Quincy City Councilor Ian Cain •Somerville City Coun-

cilor Ben Ewen-Campen •Chelsea City Councilor Judith Garcia

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Board Member Raul Fernandez

Select

- •Everett City Councilor Stephanie Martins
- •Pittsfield City Council-
- •Lowell City Councilor
- or Helen Moon

•Malden City Councilor Ryan O'Malley •Newton City Councilor Holly Ryan

•Cambridge City Councilor Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler •Cambridge City Coun-

cilor Quinton Zondervan On Tuesday, December 15, these elected officials joined Wu for a virtual event to discuss the power of local government and the need for a regional

vision and partnership to solve our deepest challenges, such as housing, transportation, climate, and closing the racial

wealth gap.

"I'm grateful and proud to stand with these friends and trailblazers who share a fierce belief in the power of cities to lead," said Michelle Wu. "From housing, to transportation, climate change, and closing the racial wealth gap—we need regional vision and partnership to solve the

inequities our communi-

ties are facing."

Said Councillor Garcia, "I am thrilled to endorse Michelle Wu for Mayor of Boston," said City Councilor Judith Garcia. "Michelle has proven to be a relentless advocate for those who have been unseen and unheard for too long. She understands the urgency of this time and I cannot think of a better person to lead Boston forward." In September, Michelle

Wu launched her mayoral campaign for bold, urgent leadership to build a Boston for everyone. Michelle is a mom of two young kids, a daughter of immigrants, and a

fierce believer that we can solve our deepest challenges through building community. As a Boston City Councilor, Michelle has worked in coalition to deliver bold, systemic change and redefine what is possible through activ-

ist city leadership.

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HERE COMES SANTA, FOR HIS ANNUAL VISIT THROUGH CHELSEA, WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.

Last Saturday afternoon, Santa visited the many children of all ages of Chelsea, courtesy of the combined efforts of the Chelsea Fire and Police Departments. Public safety being the upmost concern this year in many ways, Santa and Mrs. Claus made their way through the streets of Chelsea on top of their favorite ride, Rescue 1, escorted by the Chelsea Police.

Thanks to the dedication of the Fire and Police Departments, their crews and officers, elected officials. the Chamber of Commerce and other volunteers this event is made possible every year for the children to get into the holiday spirit.



Chelsea Fire Chief Mike Mascucci and Councillor Leo Robinson.



Santa and Mrs Claus with their friends from the Chelsea Fire and Police Departments, Cataldo Ambulance Services,



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Telemedicine appointments are being scheduled in Pediatrics,

primary care provider? Did you miss an appointment that needs to be rescheduled? If so, call 617-569-5800 to schedule a telemedicine appointment. This is especially important if you have a chronic or a behavioral health condition.

Do you need to schedule a telemedicine appointment with your

You should be treated if needed, especially during this public health crisis. We're here to keep you healthy!





Chelsea's Resuce 1 has the task of driving Santa and Mrs. Claus across Chelsea, bringing the holiday spirit to all, with the Chelsea Police escort paving the way.

Malden Catholic on track for unprecedented growth in 2021

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, Malden Catholic High School has successfully provided live and remote interactive curriculum taught in a Hybrid model throughout the fall and the school has hosted over 400 potential Class of 2025 families in-person for socially distanced small group presentations and tours. As a result, Malden Catholic has received an increased number of applications to date for the 2021/2022 school year and is anticipating dou-

ble-digit growth in enroll-

ment. MC is currently over

660 students and is expected to reach over 730 students in 2021.

"Malden Catholic is committed to educating the whole person and we were able to rise to the occasion during the pandemic. At MC, we have created an experience that has been as close to a traditional school year as possible," stated Headmaster John K. "Throughout Thornburg. these challenging months, our entire community has maintained a strict Culture of Health, we successfully he has had no interruption

executed a Hybrid Model

with best-in-class technology for optimal classroom instruction and provided active programming for our students over the past few months with 15 virtual clubs and events." Thornburg added, "As a highly responsive educational institution, and we believe that our quick adaptation to exceptional live and virtual academic learning formats has sparked our admissions growth."

in his education. He is at

"Our son is a Junior and he has had an amazing year with strong academics, and

in his cohort and is fully engaged. He is working even harder this year than in years before," stated Kevin and Missy Barrett. "The school has done a fantastic job navigating COVID!" Malden Catholic admissions applications will be accepted throughout De-

school two days per week

cember 2020 and Malden Catholic encourages students to apply from the surrounding communities. The list of accepted students will be announced on February 1, 2021.

HERE COMES SANTA, FOR HIS ANNUAL VISIT THROUGH CHELSEA, WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON.



Santa and Mrs Claus wave to the many boys and girls along their route last Saturday afternoon.



CPD Officer JoAnne O'Brien with the guests of honor, Santa and Mrs. Claus.



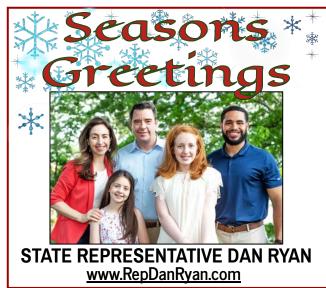
Mrs. Claus is shown with Natalie Pardo, and from Cataldo Ambulance Service, Ariana Sarro and Lindsay Yost.



Santa and his friends, Jim Perisie, Fire Chief Mike Masucci, Councillor Leo Robinson and Fire Captain Mike Gurska.



Myles Mojica with Santa and Mrs. Claus and his dad, CPD Officer Sammy Mojica.



Wishing each and all a Merry Christmas and a Year to look forward to in 2021!

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

EXELON DONATES COATS TO EPS

EVERETT - As part of its continued support of the Everett Public Schools, Exelon Generation has graciously donated 300 winter coats to our students through a collaboration with Operation Warm. This is the third consecutive year Exelon has made this generous gesture to provide warmth to hundreds of children. The coats will be distributed to students throughout the district, under the direction of principals and assistant principals, over the rest of the holiday sea-

"We're pleased to help Everett Public School students dress warmly for our cold New England winters," said Archie Gleason, General Manager, Northeast Region, Exelon Generation. "On behalf of our district, my sincerest thanks to Mr. Gleason and the employees of Exelon Generation for this thoughtful and timely donation," said Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani. "These are very challenging times, and we are grateful for Exelon helping us endure them. These coats will certainly brighten the holidays for our students."

Operation Warm is a national nonprofit that creates brand new, high-quality coats for children in need. Every child, regardless of their economic situation, deserves a brandnew coat. They partner with compassionate individuals and organizations across North America to give the gift of warmth, confidence and hope to millions of children in need. Operation Warm believes a brand-new coat is more than a coat, promoting self-esteem, school attendance and outdoor play. To learn more about Operation Warm, visit OperationWarm.org.

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EVERETT HIGH WINTER SPORTS SEASON ON HOLD

EVERETT - The start of the Everett High School winter sports season is being delayed hold due to the increased number of coronavirus cases in the

The School Committee voted 8-0 last week to allow EHS winter sports teams to begin practices as early as Dec. 15, but the Board of Health recommended against proceeding this week. School officials are hoping that the coronavirus case numbers will stabilize and the season can get underway sometime in January. Everett High Director

of Athletics Tammy Turner was set to participate in a GBL athletic directors' meeting Wednesday to discuss the winter sports season and other related topics.

PIERS PARK LOOKS TO FUTURE

East Boston- In his masterpiece "The Great Gatsby," F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote "So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past". The last lines of the novel were a metaphor of a burning desire to row against the flow of a current --even

when it seems pointless.

In this era of COVID we can relate to the ending of Gatsby as many are trying to row against a negative current even when it seems useless to do so.

Some have had success while others have not, but nonprofits like Piers Park Sailing Center (PPSC) are weathering the storm and continue to row against the current--hopeful that the pandemic will be over and the world will return to normal soon.

"We have been a strong community through highs and lows," said PPSC Executive Director Alex De-Fronzo reflecting on this past sailing season and looking forward to next year. "Masked up, our students socialized, learned together, had fun together, and grew together."

However, pulling off the program was a big challenge this year and it seemed the entire program was operating in those last lines of Gatsby.

"We went from a 1:6 staff to student ratio to 1:2 and many of our usual routines went out the window," said DeFronzo. "Our staff did it all with grace because one thing you'll find in every Piers Park Sailor is the ability to adapt and persevere." The Sailing Center had

45 instructors on staff this summer with 26 teen instructor trainees.

"We had 180 Harbor Explorers and 140 Science of Sailing students this past summer as well," said DeFronzo. "That's a community of 391, where in a normal year we would have more than 2,000."

Now into the cold season PPSC is getting ready to run an in-person learning pod for high need students in partnership with Maverick Landing Community Services. This will allow students who are at home learning remotely to get the extra help they may need through the learning pod.

However, all this comes with a cost, and DeFron- the necessary work prozo is hoping for additional community support as the pandemic continues to rage in Boston.

"Even though that's less than 20 percent of the enrollment of a normal year, our youth program cost more to operate in 2020 than it did in 2019," said DeFronzo. "We plan to come back strong again in 2021. An inclusive harbor isn't going to happen by itself – we need your help. Please join in and support what we are doing at Piers Park with a charitable gift today. Your past support was essential in the recovery and strengthening of our programs over the last four years. Building an inclusive community on and around the harbor is a team effort and we are asking for your help."

Donations to the Sailing Center can be made at https://piersparksailing. org/donate. "The 2020 CARES Act

allows you to deduct up to \$300 in charitable contributions even if you don't itemize your taxes," explained DeFronzo. "If you do itemize, the CARES Act also increases limits on charitable deductions."

A generous matching gift made by the Piers Park Sailing Center Board of Directors and by Elizabeth and David Basile means that the first \$5,000

raised through this campaign will be doubled.

STATE AID TO FIGHT COVID 19

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East Boston

Boncore and Representative Adrian Madaro joined their colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature to pass the state's \$46.2 billion Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) budget.

Within the state budget is direct aid to an East Boston agency that has been helping the community during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic by addressing food insecurity among residents.

At a time of widespread food insecurity in the neighborhood due to the COVID, Boncorea and Madaro announced \$50,000 in funding for the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen. The earmark will allow the soup kitchen to continue their work providing essential food and nutritional aid to East Boston residents.

"Throughout COVID-19 pandemic, the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen has been on the front lines serving those in need," said Boncore. "The \$50,000 secured for the Soup Kitchen will allow them to continue these critical efforts and remain a welcoming, inclusive presence in our community." Boncore added that

as the state continues towards recovery from the COVID pandemic, the FY21 budget provides critical funding: including relief for those most impacted by the public health crisis.

"Despite the fiscal difficulties caused by the COVID-19 emergency, I am pleased that the legislature has passed a budget which has avoided any major cuts and preserves funding for critical programs across Massachusetts, including those right here in East Boston," said Madaro. "As many in East Boston continue to suffer from food insecurity, funding for the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen ensures that it will be able to continue viding food to local fam-

In addition to COVID support the state legislature approved funding to support students and families at East Boston High School.

The budget calls for full funding for Mass Insight. This will allow Mass Insight to continue supporting Advanced Placement and STEM Programming at the High School. Last month, these programs earned East Boston High School the Josh Boger Innovative School of the Year Award from the Massachusetts Biotechnology Education Foundation.

"In addition, students at East Boston High School affected by virtual learning will continue to be fully supported in their AP and STEM programming as a result of the Mass Insight earmark," said Madaro. "I was proud to vote in favor of this budget and I look forward to seeing it signed into law."

The budget now goes to Governor Baker's desk for his signature.

CAL'S NEWS **CONTINUE** WINNING STREAK LYNN - The answer to

the mystery of who won the \$1 million prize in the Ultimate Millions Instant Ticket Game that was sold at Cal's News is: Michael Chol Ater.

Ater received his first of 20 annual checks from the

Mass State Lottery, opting

FIRST SHIPMENT



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The BMC supply team walking the first shipment of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID19 vaccine to the pharmacy on Monday morning. The first deliveries of vaccine will be administered to front-line medical workers on Wednesday morning.

for a yearly payout over one lump sum.

"We're very excited," said Barry Calvani of Cal's News after learning of the winner's name from the Lynn Journal. "I know Michael well and I'm very happy for him. I want to see him step out from behind the curtain. Everybody has been asking me, 'Who was it? Who was it?"

Calvani said the Lynn Journal was the store's "good luck charm," having published a recent, frontpage story in the newspaper that Cal's News hadn't sold a \$1 million ticket since the Instant Ticket Games began in 1974.

"Had I known that all it would have taken was an interview with the Lynn Journal, I would have done it many years ago," jested Calvani.

The winning ticket at Cal's was the seventh prize of \$1 million or more in the city this year (see accompanying chart). One store, the 7 Eleven, 50 Western Ave., sold a \$4 million Instant ticket and a \$1 million Instant ticket this year.

"I love to see the Lottery players win, that's what drives sales," Calvani. "In my store, I have people who are regulars and some who haven't been in the store for awhile. And now the search is on for \$1 million winner No. 2 at Cal's. Lottery players are superstitious by nature and now there's a large percentage of people who think Cal's is now a quote, unquote, "lucky store."

Mass Lottery Assistant Executive Director and Communications Director Christian Teja said each store that sells a \$1 million ticket gets a one percent bonus, meaning that Cal's News will receive a \$10,000 bonus.

"It's always exciting when a store sells a million-dollar ticket, especially when it's their first," said Teja. "And even more exciting when they've been in business for such a long, long time like Cal's." Teja said a new set of

Instant Ticket Games will be launched in January. There are currently five ongoing Holiday Instant Ticket Games. "Holiday tickets always

make great gifts," said Teja, noting that all recipients must be 18 years of age or older.

Teja noted that the Lottery's Lucky For Life twice-weekly (Monday Kelley. and Thursday) game will become a daily game beginning in July.

KEEFE

REVERE - In a pow-

right decision to step back FRUSTRATED OVER and reflect and plan a path ONLINE LEARNING

forward.

erful statement that reverberated in the educational community into the weekend and on to this week, City Council President Patrick Keefe expressed frustration with students still being unable to attend classes in person at Revere

Keefe's remarks, made at a joint meeting of the Revere City Council and Revere School Committee Friday, were apparently not well received by some Revere teachers, two of whom expressed their discontent during the meeting broadcast live on Revere TV.

During the meeting two parents did seem to concur with Keefe that the overall remote learning experience did not meet the exceptionally high standards for which the highly acclaimed Revere school system is known. The parents cited a lack of information and updates being presented to parents by school administrators during the remote-learning process. Mayor Brian Arrigo, Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly, Public Health Director Lauren Buck and Mayor Arrigo's Chief of Staff Kim Hanton participated in the meet-

Keefe said the issues was personal to him in that he [and his wife, Jennifer] have two children enrolled in the Revere schools. He prefaced his remarks by stating that "I know for 100 per cent certainty that everyone on the School Committee, especially the superintendent [Dr. Dianne Kelly], and all of the faculty and the teachers have done an unbelievable job thus far. They have worked unbelievably hard."

But then Keefe lowered the boom.

"I believe education is essential to our children, but as a parent I'm frustrated where we currently stand for eight months and I feel helpless, a person watching my children deteriorate" said Keefe. "Just imagine how the other 8,000 families in Revere feel. "This is why I believe

it's imperative that we make some corrective action in how we are attempting to get children back into our schools," he continued. Keefe called the curric-

ulum and school system "the city's gold standard" for years, especially so under the direction of Supt.

"On March 12, that all went away. It changed when we closed the doors to everyone. And I agree that at the time it was the

"But fast forward eightplus months and to continue to even be unable to consider the concept of going back in to these former safe havens, it's not acceptable and it goes against everything these schools have stood for," said Keefe.

Keefe inferred that the blame rested on the teachers when he said, "I don't create a suggestion that there is one group to cause for this great resistance for getting back into at least partial in-person learning, although it's quite clear by many closely involved that this is the answer."

Mayor Brian Arrigo, who is the ex-officio chair of the School Committee, was the first to respond to Keefe's "perspective and frustration."

"The level of anxiety and the challenges that come along with remote learning certainly come through the screen and I just appreciate the fact that you would take the time to express those feelings as a parent, first. Your perspective is one that I value and I certainly understand the frustration that you have," said Arrigo.

The mayor said the frustration Keefe was experiencing was also being experienced by the School Committee and the superintendent of schools.

Kelly said, "I feel also, Patrick, for what you're saying and I will say that I have had a number of parents reach out who feel the same way that you do, and a number of teachers who have reached out and are really desperate to get back to the classroom and have some in-person instruction with their stu-

"I think the most responsible thing that we can do and the School Committee has been in agreement with is follow the guidelines from our medical professionals and from the Department of Education, the CDC, the Department of Public Health. Although I learned a lot more about this infection, about vaccines, about ventilations systems - I am not an expert in any of them and so we all need to rely on the people who are." Kelly said Revere has

consistently been among the communities with the highest COVID-19 positivity rates in Massachu-The superintendent said

the school system conducted a recent survey in which 3,100 families responded - which is a fantastic return. Kelly indicated that 85 percent of the parents indicated that they were very pleased

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with their children's remote-learning experience during the pandemic.

CHINA ROMA **OWNERS** HONORED ON RETIREMENT

REVERE - The City Council took a trip down memory lane Monday night, honoring Paul and RoseAnne Musto and their family for 65 years of ownership of the China Roma Restaurant and on the occasion of their retirement.

Ward 3 Councillor Arthur Guinasso, a long-time customer and friend of the Musto family, reminisced about his many visits to the popular restaurant located at Broadway.

"I go back to the days when Paul's father, Larry, was owner and doing a great job – it was quite the 'in' place in those days," said Guinasso. "Upstairs we had Ronnie Mottola with his orchestra and we had all kinds of activities. It was just a wonderful spot to go.

"But more importantly, what am I going to do, RoseAnne, on a Saturday night for my food order – you better stay in business because my family depends on you," said Guinasso. "It's a part of my home and my lifestyle because your food is absolutely excellent. We will miss you. You've carried on the Musto tradition and you did it with class. We all appreciate the hard work that you did and the great product that you put out."

Ward 5 Richard Serino read the official Certificate of Appreciation that will be presented to Paul and RoseAnne Musto.

"Although this is bad that we're losing the Chinese restaurant, I'm happy that Paul and RoseAnne will be able to enjoy a well-deserved retirement," said Serino, adding that a new Peruvian restaurant will be opening in that location on Broad Councilor-at-Large An-

thony Zambuto said that a lot of people are "very sad" about the closing of the China Roma. "I want to congratulate the Musto family on their retirement," said Zambuto. "This is truly a Revere institution that is closing."

Councilor-at-Large Steven Morabito said when he was a child, his parents would take the entire family to China Roma for holiday celebrations.

"You guys would take good care of us," recalled Morabito. "As an adult, I still walk down Suffolk Avenue and I grab my 10 egg rolls that I get from you because you have the best egg rolls in town. I wish you nothing but success.' Paul Musto thanked the

Council for the honor.

"We appreciate the honor you're bestowing upon us," said Musto. "Anthony [Zambuto], thank you. Ricky [Serino], you're the best. Steven [Morabito], keep coming for the egg rolls, we're still open. "We appreciate all

the customers that came here over the years and all our past employees," continued Musto. "My granddaughters have been working with me recently and they're doing a great job. Thank you very much."

City Council Patrick Keefe told Musto that his great aunt worked at Chi-

na Roma for many years. "You run a good business over there and you've employed a lot of great people over the years you should be proud of what you've done," said

A CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW

WINTHROP -Ten years ago, Jason Karge found himself immersed in a YouTube video that showcased a magical setting, coordinated blinking lights to the sound of Christmas music. It was a scene that stuck in his mind and he immediately added the light show to his bucket list, promising himself that he would one day put on his own show.

In February 2020, Karge officially started on his light show journey. He began watching videos and gathering circuit boards and components, most of which had to be shipped from far away. He even took an online class from a professional light show builder, where he learned how to build the sequences, and match the music to the timing of the blinking lights.

Fast forward to August 2020, when Karge took six days off from his job as a finance controller, and spent ten, 12-hour days wiring and building the set of his dream light show. He made the necessary boxes, the one main controller board and eight expansion boards.

"It involves a lot of programming. After I import the song tracks, I learn the timing and pick what colors and direction the lights should blink, based on the rhythm of the song."

His light show dream became a reality, when he launched it for all to see on Black Friday. Every night until New Year's Eve, the 40-minute show runs from 5:30pm until 9:00pm, at his home on 101 Sunnyside Ave. When his wife, and a few other residents suggested that he turn the show into a fundraiser to help others, Karge instantly knew that he wanted to focus on veterans at the local level and he made a GoFundMe page for the Winthrop Veterans Food Pantry. Viewers of the show, neighbors, and colleagues have stepped up to donate to the cause and he's already raised \$1500.

The Veteran's Food Pantry is near and dear to Karge's heart because he is a veteran himself, having served in the Army from 1998-2004.

"I still live by the Army values and I believe that veterans have to help other veterans," he said.

Originally from Houston, Texas, Karge, his wife and four children have been living in Winthrop for nine years. "Jason, like so many

others, have really come forward to help the Veteran community this year," said Rose Mazzuchelli, Winthrop Veteran Services Officer. "We are truly blessed to have Jason and his awesome light and music display to bring Holiday cheer and the magic of Christmas to all of us. About 75 Winthrop Veterans and families will receive these donations." As far has his light

show goes, Karge said that he is learning as he goes, but his favorite part about it is when he sees kids dancing on the sidewalks by the blinking candy canes and to the sounds of the synchronized show. While viewers can tune in to 91.3 on their car radios to listen to the show from inside their vehicles, he

likes to put the speakers

out on Friday nights so people can get out of their cars and have a different experience.

To donate to the Winthrop Veterans Food Pantry, please go to Go-FundMe and search Sunnyside for Light Show-Winthrop Food Bank.

https://www.gofundme. com/f/sunnyside-lightshowwinthrop-vet-food-The daily show is at

101 Sunnyside Ave, from 5:30-9 p.m.

RESIDENTS **GIVE INPUT ON** PARKING

WINTHROP - On December 9, the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) held a special meeting that allowed residents to share their input regarding the Point Shirley resident parking pilot that was executed July 10, 2020 through September 7, 2020.

The purpose of the pilot program was to stir up solutions regarding the excessive traffic on Point Shirley during the summer months. The program integrated public streets from the end of Yirrell Beach to Point Shirley and required all cars parked within that range, to display a Winthrop resident permit 24 hours a day. Visitor placards for homes within the pilot area were also required 24 hours a day. During the pilot, 230 tickets were issued in the pilot area for resident permit violations. This number includes written warnings with no fine. During the same time period, 268 resident parking tickets were issued in the rest of the town.

The following streets were incorporated in the program:

- Bay View Ave excluding the parking lot adjacent to Coughlin Park
 - Elliot Street
 - Grand View Ave
 - Hale Ave Maryland Ave
 - Otis Street • Pebble Ave
- Shirley Street from Petrel Street to its southern terminus
- Siren Street
- Tafts Ave
- Townsend Street
- Triton Ave
- Undine Ave Whittier Street

The public hearing resulted in a variety of feedback, mostly from Point Shirley residents. Mary Mahoney, resident of 891 Shirley Street, questioned why Yirrell Beach was taken out of the pilot. "The residents who live

on Yirrell Beach lose their parking spots in the summer months, and it's only fair that residents who pay taxes get a spot in front of their house.' TSAC committee mem-

ber, Mike Diluiso shared that the public safety committee decided that it wasn't fair to restrict access to a public beach. Mahoney also brought

up the idea of charging a five dollar fee for out of towners, similar to how Nahant Beach manages their parking spaces in the summer months. Josephine Fatta, resi-

dent of Bayview Ave, had mixed feelings on the pilot program. "On a number of occa-

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sions I noticed that there were no tickets being issued during beach days, which is why I felt the effect of a lot of people trying to park on my street. I'd have to call the police department, and give out license plate numbers, makes and models of the vehicles belonging to people who don't live in town. I think the study went differently, depending on what street you live on."

The dead-end streets closest to Deer Island were a concern for some residents. The biggest burden being the high amount of vehicles driving down Maryland, Townsend, and Otis (all dead-end streets) and turning around in driveways. With kids playing on those streets, the excess traffic was a concern.

The committee agreed that if the program is enacted, there will likely be more signage directing drivers and indicating the permit required areas. Because this was a pilot, the Town didn't invest in permanent signage, and relied on the digital sign for communication. The committee also shared that they would have to establish protocols for residents hosting summer gatherings. Due to the timeframe of the pilot, in the midst of a pandemic, small gatherings were nearly non-existent, however; the committee is well aware that they will need to tackle the additional parking that will come along with summer barbeques. This is something that will be addressed in the future.

Tyson Gregor, who lives on Brewster Avenue, suggested that the town partners up with Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) to open up more options that

will increase the access at Deer Island.

"I like seeing people at the beach and parks," said Gregor. "I'd rather work on a different solution than restricting parking."

Diluiso said that the committee is relying on the input from people who live in the affected area, and he will be gathering communication from residents until December 23. When all information is analyzed, the committee will present their recommendation to the Town Council.

"If this was to become permanent/seasonal want to present it to the council so they have time to do what they need to do, before the start of the summer season."

Chelsea Nursing Home staff give back to the community with food, coat drive on Dec. 18, at which point food and coat drive is their

Eastpointe, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center serving Chelsea and surrounding communities, today announced that its employees – who have performed heroic deeds in service to residents during the COVID-19 pandemic have launched a canned food and winter coat drive to benefit those in need in the community, and have nearly filled up an activity room with the donated The drive will conclude

the items will be distributed to local charities. The public is welcome to leave donations at the door at Eastpointe, at 255 Central Avenue in Chelsea. "These employees are

dedicated, caring and selfless," said Michele Figucia, Administrator at Eastpointe Rehabilitation. "Despite all of the hardships, the exhausting shifts and the challenges they faced, they were eager to find a new way to help our community. This

way to continue giving back - even though they have already done wonders for the residents in their care."

Eastpointe is a 195-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation center in Chelsea, Mass. operated by Pointe Group Care. The center offers comprehensive short-term rehabilitation for patients transitioning home and long-term skilled care. For more information, visit www.adviniacare.com.





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Baker announces \$49 million in grants for over 1,000 small businesses

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Charlie Baker announced on Monday that 1,158 small businesses will be receiving a total of \$49 million in first-round grants as part of the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program, operated by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation.

Baker said that in October, he announced a "\$774 million comprehensive economic recovery plan with a \$50.8 million Small Business Grant Program to be administered by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation."

The state did not immediately provide a list of those receiving grants in the first round.

These grants "prioritize businesses owned by underrepresented entrepreneurs and those that were unable to access the federal protection program or other federal or state aid," Baker said.

Additionally, "100 per-

cent of the recipients are minority-owned, women owned, veteran owned, LGBTQ owned, or owned by individuals with disabilities," Baker said.

He said that overall, there were over 10,000 applicants who requested more than \$500 million in relief, so "the funds for the first round clearly didn't cover the ground associated with those who applied."

Baker also announced that the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation received "an additional \$17.5 million in small business relief for this year's budget that we just signed," and about \$9 million for small business technical assistance and grants. He also said that the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation will take another look at the "existing pool of applicants" to award a second round of funding, and no new businesses can apply.

Additionally, a \$107.4

million supplemental budget bill was recently filed by the Baker-Polito administration, calling for \$49.4 million "to fully fund the economic recovery and small business relief plan included in the Administration's revised FY21 budget proposal and support the unique needs of small and minority- and women-owned businesses across the Commonwealth," according to the state, and a bill currently before the Legislature would add additional substantial investments in small businesses," the state said.

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito said that "our small businesses have had a challenging, tough, complicated, and hard year, but through it all, they have demonstrated resilience and patience."

She said these grants will cover expenses related to "payroll and benefit costs, mortgage interest, rent, and utilities.'

Polito said that of the recipients, 94 percent of the businesses are minority owned and 76 percent are women-owned, and "more than one third operate in gateway cities" that have been hit especially hard, both economically and by the pandemic.

"We're so pleased to be able to notify more than 1100 Massachusetts small businesses that they will be getting needed support to help them cover expenses, support their workers, keep their doors open, or, finally, help them reopen," said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy. "As we've said before,

those who are already at a disadvantage before the pandemic have suffered disproportionately as a result of this crisis," he continued. "Accordingly, today's awards are going to business owners that have faced higher barriers to accessing help from previous programs."

He said that 262 of the grant recipients are personal care providers, 217 are restaurants, and nearly 100 are retailers.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Baker said that as of Sunday, there were 4,162 new cases of COVID-19 in the state, 1919 people are in the hospital with the virus, and 287 are in the

He said that the "uptick in cases and hospitalizations that started after Thanksgiving has slowed slightly, but not enough by any means." He said that another

surge could follow the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays if the guidelines are not followed, and "...we'll be in serious danger of overwhelming our healthcare system," he added. He said that his admin-

istration is "currently reviewing additional steps that we can take to try to minimize the impact of all of this. We continue to need everyone to think really hard about the consequences of the actions that they take throughout the rest of this holiday season."

He said that "we simply can't afford to have another spike" following the holidays "when we're still dealing with the spike that came from Thanksgiving," and said that "it's gratifying and a bit of a relief that Congress is currently in the process of finalizing a deal for another COVID relief package," which is expected to include funding for things like more unemployment relief and more testing, tracing, and vaccination resources, Baker said.

"And while we're certainly doing all we can to fight the virus and keep our economy humming, there's no question that we're absolutely in need of support from our colleagues in Washington," Baker said.

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Campus with frontage on

Summit Avenue, Hillside

Avenue, and Crest Ave-

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Case No. 2003-09 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on:

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:00 p.m. With reference to the

application of:

The Development and Marketing Group Chelsea I. LLC The Development and Marketing Group Chelsea

II. LLC The Development and Marketing Group Chelsea III, LLC

The Development and Marketing Group Chelsea, IV, LLC And

The City of Chelsea ("City") owner only with respect to certain off-site public improvements For request for modification to parking requirement previously approved by Special

Permit for Planned Development at the premises known as: 359 Beacham Street All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with John DePriest at: jdepriest@ chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the

meeting A copy of the application and petition is available for review at:

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dress in order to join the

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https://www.chelseama.

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NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2020-20 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:00 p.m. With reference to the

application of: Arthur Carbone For Special Permit and Variance for the conversion of an existing residential structure from a one (1) family to a two (2) family structure which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for lot area, open space and number of off-street parking spaces at the

premises known as: 33 Beacon Street All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with John DePriest at: jdepriest@ chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be

Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: https://www.chelseama.

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Case No. 2020-19 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zonina Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conference Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Scott Coen For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the construction of a 2nd floor deck at the premises known as: 57 Broadway #2 All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with John DePriest at: jdepriest@chelseama. gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join

the meeting. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: https://www.chelseama. gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cas-

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Case No. 2020-21 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held via Webex video conferencing on: Tuesday, January 12,

2021 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Gonzalo Artigas, Trustee **Webster Street Realty**

Trust For Special Permit for a driveway opening which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for front yard setback at the premises 132 Webster Avenue

All interested parties

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at: idepriest@chelseama.

gov. Name and address to be read during the **Public Speaking section** of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. A copy of the application and petition is available for

review at: https://www.chelseama. gov/zoning-board-appeals/pages/zba-cas-

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LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF **REAL ESTATE** By virtue of and in execu-

tion of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Jesus Barahona to Mortgage **Electronic Registration** Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan

dated August 25, 2005 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 37927, Page 74 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated June 18, 2010, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 46609 Page 92 of which mortgage HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-D, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-D is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and assigns to HSBC Bank USA, National Association. as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-D, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-D dated June 29, 2012 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 50193 rage 240, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 109 Library Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on January 8, 2021. at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

SOUTHEASTERLY by lot 48 Matthews Street indicated on said plan sixty-seven and 5/10 (67.5) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by lot A fifty and 35/100 (50.35) NORTHWESTERLY by lot 44 Matthews Street indicated on said plan sixty-seven and 5/10 (67.5) feet. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 35480 Page 043. The property will be sold subject to the redemption rights in favor of

the Internal Revenue Service by virtue of the tax lien(s) recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 61778, Page 8. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments

and liens, and subject

to prior liens or other

enforceable encumbranc-OF MASSACHUSETTS es of record entitled to THE IRIAL COURT precedence over this PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit Suffolk Probate of all easements, restric-**And Family Court** tions, reservations and 24 New Chardon St. conditions of record and Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 subject to all tenancies **ÖRDÉR FOR SERVICE** and/or rights of parties in possession. BY PUBLICATION Terms of the Sale: Ca-AND MAILING shier's or certified check Docket No. SU20W0310WD in the sum of \$5,000.00 Cecilia E. Martinez

as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order The land in said Chelsea to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder with the buildings thereand its designee(s) on now numbered 109 are exempt from this Library Street, formerly called Matthews Street, requirement); high being shown as lot B on bidder to sign written plan drawn by Joseph R. Memorandum of Sale Carr & Sons, C.E., dated upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase March 10, 1910, recorded price payable by certified with Suffolk Deeds, Book

check in thirty (30)

days from the date of

mortgagee's attorney,

the sale at the offices of

Korde & Associates, P.C.,

01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-D, Mortgage-Backed Certificates. Series 2005-D Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Barahona, Jesus, 15-

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Suite 3102, Lowell, MA

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monwealth and defendant(s)/respondent(s) present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant(s)/ respondent(s) has/have not voluntarily appeared in this action It is Ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) is directed to appear, plead answer, or otherwise move with April 24,2021. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Date: 3/5/2020 Hon. Brian J. Dunn Justice of Probate and

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LEGAL NOTICE **LEGAL NOTICE** COMMONWEALTH



Family Court

Request for Proposals Redevelopment Oppor-For the Lease of Commonwealth-Owned Real Estate City of Chelsea The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) on behalf of the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS), pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 7C s.36 and a vote of the Asset Management Board dated January 14, 2020, in accordance

with M.G.L. Ch. 7B, pres-

ents a redevelopment

opportunity to lease a

portion of the Soldiers

Home in Chelsea, with

an address at 91 Crest

Avenue in the City of

Chelsea. The project

contemplates leasing up

and services. The Commonwealth is soliciting proposals from parties interested in redevelopment of the Domiciliary Campus at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea. The terms and requirements of this opportunity to lease and redevelop the property are set forth in the Request for Proposals (RFP). To access a copy of the RFP, refer to the following website link: https://www.mass. gov/service-details/ soldiers-home-in-chelsea-domiciliary-campus-redevelopment or email shcdomiciliary. dcamm@mass.aov. Complete instructions for the submission of proposals are set forth in the RFP. The Commonwealth

reserves the right to reject any or all proposals it receives for any reason whatsoever. **Deadline: Proposals** must be received no later than 3:00 PM on March 5, 2021 at the **Division of Capital Asset** Management and Maintenance, One Ashburton

Place, 15th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts and will be opened at DCAMM after 3:00 PM on March 5, 2021. Carol W. Gladstone, Commissioner Division of Capital Asset Management and Main-

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Josephine Vitale

Former member of the Chelsea Senior Center and Salvation Army Volunteer

Josephine A. (Fulco) Vitale, 94, of North Andover, formerly of Chelsea, died on December 13 from complications due to Covid-19.

Born in East Boston in the family home on Gove Street, Josephine spent her first 30 years living in the Jefferies Point section of East Boston until moving to Everett in 1955 and then to Chelsea, where she resided from 1958 until, due to her health, she required supportive care found in a health care facility.

During her years in Chelsea, she was a devoted wife and mother and spent time outside of her house as a member and volunteer of the Chelsea Senior Center as well as a volunteer at the Salvation Army on Chestnut Street.

The devoted wife of the late Robert Vitale, she was the beloved mother of RoseAnna V. McMackin and her husband, Paul of Wrentham and Roberta Vitale-Nolen and her husband, Troy of Windham, NH; daughter of the late Cologero and Carmella (Lazzaro) Fulco; loving sister of Grace Navarro of Chelsea and the late Jennie Fulco, Michael Fulco, Frank Fulco, Dominica Medige, Lena Stec, Charles Fulco and Salvatore Fulco; sister-in-law of Margaret Fulco and cherished



grandmother of Parker Glasier, Laura Masterson, Robert Glasier, Sr. and Paul Masterson. She is also lovingly survived by her great grandchildren, Robert, Jr., Alec, Connor, Callum, W. Logan and Sophie, her step-grandchildren, Dan McMackin and Michelle as well as many nieces and nephews.

In light of the present Covid Pandemic, following cremation, a private graveside service will be held for her immediate family. Once Covid has subsided and it is permissible for all to gather, a Funeral Mass followed by a reception and celebration of her life will be announced. The family strongly suggests that flowers be omitted and memorial donations in Josephine's name be made to the Chelsea Salvation Army, Chestnut Street, Chelsea, MA 02150. Those who wish may send a condolence to Josephine's family at www.smithfuner-

Frances DeSantis

She will be truly missed by all who knew her

Frances (DePaolo) De-Santis of Revere passed away surrounded by her loving family on December 15 at the age of 89. Frances was a graduate of

Revere High School, Class of 1949 and went on to graduate from Fisher Junior College. She was a homemaker who took great pride in raising her three children and later on her grandchildren. She enjoyed bowling, loved to travel and will be truly missed by all who knew her.

Born in Chelsea on April 19, 1931 to the late Anthony and Lena (Belmonte), she was the devoted mother of Joseph DeSantis of Revere, Janice DeSantis and her longtime companion, Rob McPherson of Chelsea and James DeSantis of Revere: cherished grandmother of Joseph DeSantis Jr. and his wife, Erin, John, Jenae and Rachael DeSantis and adored great grandmother of Lola Bartlett. She is also lovingly survived by many



cousins

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Stephanie Evans Cormier

She rests well now finally safe in His arms

The family of Stephanie Evans Cormier is deeply saddened to report her death on December 16, 2020. She was 35 years old.

Stephanie was the daughter of Richard "Richie" Cormier of Chelsea and Janet and Kenneth Farrell of Marshfield, loving sister of Colleen Cormier and her husband, Steve Troisi of Woburn, Ryan Farrell and his wife, Emilia of Manchester, NH, and Lindsay Farrell of Marshfield. She was beloved granddaughter of Norah Trocki and the late Charles Trocki of Marshfield, the late Raymond and Evelyn Evans of Chelsea, and the late Walter and Catherine Cormier of Chelsea. Stephanie is cherished by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. We, the family, ask that you keep us in your prayers, especially her parents who will need immeasurable strength in the coming days, months and years.

Due to the pandemic, services will be limited at this time. We are planning a full celebration of her life, hopefully around her birthday in July, and encourage all to attend then. A visitation took place on Tuesday, December 22 and funeral and burial will be private.

We would like to remember her happiest days. She was a smart, fun, funny, lively child. A little mischievous. FEARLESS!! Beautiful with enviable blonde hair. She loved playing cards and took the money of many street-wise men decades older than she was at her father's kitchen table on Washington Avenue.

A graduate of Marshfield High School, she was skilled at math and a prolific writer, filling dozens of journals with her unique perspective and creative word play. Like so many



New Englanders, she loved her Dunks and spent much time cajoling friends and family to take her on a Dunkin run! We are left to wonder at what she could have accomplished given the chance.

We never suspected that the bright towheaded little girl with the sparkling smile would be robbed of all her potential at such a young age, but mental illness did just that.

Serious mental illness and the accompanying addictions are terminal illnesses, no less insidious than cancer. In her adult life, Stephanie suffered greatly, and there is not a single family member who did not do everything they could to save her. But that is not our role. Saving her was not in our power.

As Christians our faith tells us that there is only one Savior and we are comforted now that her mind is whole again and that she rests well now, finally safe in His arms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Stephanie's name to the National Alliance on Mental Illness ("NAMI"), donate. nami.org. With eternal thanks for

your love and support, The Family of Stephanie E. Cormier. To send a message of

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Ambrosino, 50-plus leaders ask State House for small biz relief

City Manager Tom Ambrosino and more than 50 Massachusetts municipal leaders – including Boston Mayor Martin Walshare calling on State House leadership to provide immediate relief for small businesses struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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on State House leadership to provide immediate relief for small businesses struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic. The coalition of 53 officials representing cities and towns throughout Massachusetts signed a letter urging the Legislature to help small businesses bridge the gap toward an equitable recovery. The call comes after several communities, including the City of Chelsea, temporarily returned to earlier stages of the Commonwealth's reopening plan this week, amid rising COVID cases and worsening hospital capacity.

Ambrosino said any further restrictions for COVID have to be accompanied with relief for businesses, and said there is strength in numbers on that request.

"I think most City lead-

ers agree that if we are seeking further restrictions to combat COVID, that must be accompanied by more economic relief for these businesses that we are requiring to scale back operations," he said. "We think the two must be done together, and we are hoping the Legislature will expedite the economic relief portion."

Added Boston Mayor Walsh, "Boston along with other cities and towns across the state continue to find new and creative ways to support our small businesses, which have faced unprecedented challenges this year, but we need our state and federal partners to leverage all the tools at their disposal to further our local efforts. As municipal leaders, we're united in our message to the state: please pass the economic development bond bill now and provide relief to small business, restaurants, and their employees at this critically urgent time."

The Massachusetts House and Senate currently have several economic relief options under consideration: an economic development bond bill which includes funding for small business grants and loans, and a supplemental budget filed by Gov. Baker which requests an additional \$49 million in small business support.

Municipal leaders are calling on the Legislature to pass these measures, and to also consider other creative funding mechanisms that would support small businesses, employees and restaurants. Of the 16,000 restaurants in Massachusetts, 3,400 never re-opened after mandatory closures in the spring, and more of them close every day as the pandemic wears on.

Small business relief funding and programs provided by the state, unlike those that might come in a federal stimulus package, could be deployed immediately. "Small businesses and

their employees are facing extreme financial distress, especially restaurants, which are facing a mass extinction, and there is every reason to believe this will get worse over the winter," said Metropolitan Area Planning Council Executive Director Marc Draisen. "Additional resources from both the federal and state government are urgently needed."

The City of Chelsea has been proactive in helping business with their own City money. Over the summer, Ambrosino and the City Council put together a program to help small businesses, including the Restaurant Relief Fund and the Small Business Relief Fund. That has been supplemented by two rounds of Rental Relief Assistance, many months of City-sponsored food pantries, and the new Chelsea Eats food debit card. All of those have been paid for by the City's local and federal dollars. Now, they are looking for the state to kick in more relief for the business community in Chelsea

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Seth Daniel contributed to this story.

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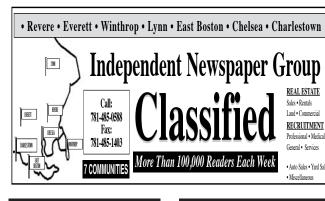
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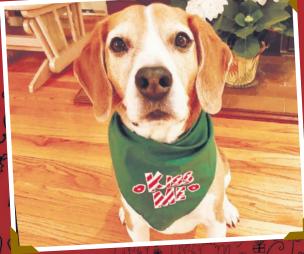
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