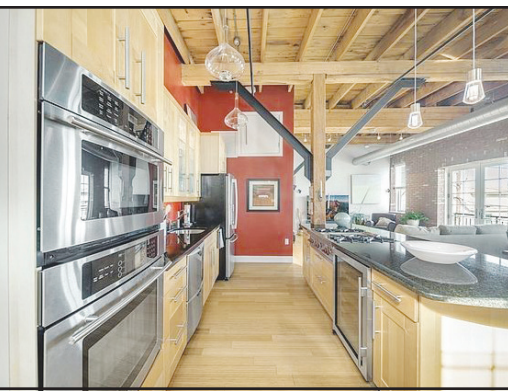


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Shown above, Gladys Vega and Sylvia Ramirez of La Colaborativa lead a group into the Chelsea LGBTQ Flag-Raising Program in Chelsea Square.

Shown to the right, Marino Cimino of the Chelsea DPW raises the LGBTQ flag that will be displayed throughout the month of June, which is National LGBTQ Pride Month.



Chelsea Pride flag-raising ceremony finds new home in Chelsea Square

CPD Sgt. Star Chung delivers keynote speech

By Cary Shuman

The Chelsea LGBTQ Coalition made a rather significant decision to move its fifth-annual Pride flag-raising ceremony from City Hall to Chelsea Square this year.

Based on the large gathering at the event held last Friday, the utilization of an excellent sound system, and most importantly, the dynamic speeches (led by Chelsea Police Sgt. Star Chung), the Coalition can look back on the event as a very successful one at its new home.

Matt Frank presents welcoming remarks

“My name is Matt Frank and I’m here with the Chelsea LGBTQ Committee and we are here to raise the

flag today,” said Frank, a former Chelsea city councillor. “We have a couple of speakers and we’re going to have a couple of different viewpoints. This is going to be one of the first times that people are meeting after the whole pandemic situation, so I ask that everybody just has a little bit of respect for each other and if they need space, have space, and if you want to wear a mask, we have free masks and special rainbow masks that you can wear. We just want to have a good time.”

City manager brings Chelsea’s official greetings

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino said, “I guess the first thing I’d say is it’s so nice to be out in public celebrating with the community. It’s been a long 15 months for sure for all of us.”

Ambrosino said he felt privileged to be part of a community that is “so

welcoming and embracing of all people – and that absolutely describes Chelsea and its welcoming of people regardless of race or religion, national origin, or sexual orientation.”

Ambrosino said at this point in the nation’s history with inequity so pervasive, “I really think it’s important for the community to come out at events like this and proudly and strongly and powerfully and publicly send a message that we stand against intolerance and bigotry of any form against any people, and certainly against a group like the LGBTQ community that has historically been the subject of such hurtful discrimination and marginalization.”

He concluded his remarks by introducing the elected officials in attendance including Sen. Sal DiDomenico, State Rep. Jessica Giannino, City Council President Roy Avellaneda, City Council-

lors Leo Robinson, Calvin Brown, Todd Taylor, Judith Garcia, and Naomi Zabot, and School Committee members Yessenia Alfaro and Roberto Jimenez Rivera.

John Valinch speaks on the history of the movement

John Valinch, co-founder of the Chelsea LGBTQ Coalition with Matt Frank, provided some historical perspective on the LGBT liberation movement.

“As someone who’s studied political science, I’ve always believed that it’s critical to know how we got here and what this tells us about where we go from here,” began Valinch. “Tonight we’ll discuss what’s commonly known as the genesis of the LGBT liberation movement – that’s Stonewall which happened in 1969.”

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Council approves additional \$100,000 for Summer Youth Program

By Seth Daniel

The City Council on Monday heard from more than a half-dozen parents and students who advocated for extra funding for the La Colaborativa and City of Chelsea Summer Youth Employment Initiative (SYEI), and ended up unanimously granting

an extra \$100,000 to the effort.

Council President Roy Avellaneda said he was surprised when he inquired during the City Budget hearings about outside contractors, and found that the SYEI payments was just \$150,000. In year’s past it was much higher, he said, and he tes-

tified about how important the program is to Chelsea young people.

“It was higher in the past and I don’t know why it dropped so low,” he said.

Councillors Giovanni Recupero and Calvin Brown also testified in support of the extra \$100,000.

Parent Janatha Gonzalez, of Chestnut Street, said her son – who is disabled – participated in the SYEI last summer and it was one of his first experiences. She said it transformed his life, and she spoke passionately about increasing the funding for

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Down to the Wire

Two future Ivy Leaguers battle to the last day for top spot

By Seth Daniel

One is going to Dartmouth College, and the other is going to Harvard University, and the competition to be the top senior in the Class of 2021 was not only with great pedigree, but also with tremendous competition.

Oscar Amaya Yanes, who is going to Dartmouth, and Richard Flores, who is going to Harvard, both came down to the wire this year in trying to become valedictorian, but in the end it was Yanes that took the top spot.

Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) announced on Monday that Yanes was the Valedictorian and Flores was the Salutatorian, but as recently as last week it was still unknown.

Yanes is described as a true scholar, who is deeply curious about the world around him. This year, he was awarded the prestigious Questbridge Scholarship and he was accepted to Dartmouth College as well. He plans to pursue a career in engineering at Dartmouth.

“Oscar’s intellectual cu-

riosity has carried him far in his academic career,” read a bio of him prepared by CPS. “His teachers note that he possesses a kind of determination and grit that is rarely found in adolescents his age. He will be the first in his family to go to college and is thrilled to have this incredible opportunity.”

Yanes is a committed athlete at Chelsea High, and began a track and running career as a sophomore when he went out for cross country, indoor track and outdoor track. He was inducted into the National Honor Society this past February, and has a deep desire to serve the community. Last summer, he was awarded the AP We Service Award. Outside of school, he is a member of Summer Search Boston, a college prep program geared toward low-income and first-generation high school students in the Boston area.

“My message to all of my classmates is this: all forms of activism are essential and the most im-

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Council approves \$196.5 million City Budget with finances on track

By Seth Daniel

It was expected that the City would suffer financially for a number of years after the COVID-19 health emergency waned, and few had high hopes for this year’s City Budget, but as it turned out things aren’t that bad and the City’s financial health has a steady heartbeat.

On Monday night, the Council voted 10-0 to approve the \$196.5 million City Budget, with \$107.4 million coming in School Department expenditures and \$89.09 million being for City government. It was a budget increase over last year of 7.12 percent, with most of that increase coming through state school funding in the Student Opportunity Act. City expenditures increased by 4.7 percent over last year.

“I think the best thing about this budget is the change in our financial projections,” said Ambrosino in an interview. “Our revenues are stronger than we anticipated given the pandemic... We’re sort of back to our normal budget supports. This budget also has no reflection of any new money coming from the

Rescue Act for any financial support.”

The City is expecting to have almost \$39 million in addition Rescue Act monies in the coming week to begin to use for pandemic financial relief. However, the stability of the budget is underscored by the lessening need to use the Rainy Day Fund to supplement budget deficits. Traditionally, the City has run a \$1 million deficit on its budgets that it funds through Free Cash reserves. Lasts year, with COVID-19 raging in all directions, the City had to use \$5 million in reserves. This year, that number is only \$892,092 – something Ambrosino said is good news for budget wonks to cheer.

“As it turns out, our revenues are down, but not as far down as we anticipated,” he said. “That’s very good news.”

The Budget doesn’t have a lot of fancy new tools to use, with most of the proposed new positions being a filling of vacancies left vacant last year. However, there are

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portant thing is to be true to yourself,” he said. “To bring about change, it takes all kinds of people: quiet, shy, funny, loud, bold, assertive, social – and the list goes on. In other words, this means we are all capable of making a difference. While the future may be uncertain, do not let the fear of the unknown sway you to miss out on a chance to grow.”

Flores, who is headed to Harvard University, has served as vice president of his class throughout high school, and is an active member of National Honor Society. Flores’s dedication to learning was shown when he took two separate independent study classes to challenge himself, and then also enrolled in a cooking class

outside of school.

“He’s managed an increased amount of family responsibilities and a near full time job throughout the past year,” read the bio prepared by CPS. “He did all of this while maintaining near perfect grades. To say his accomplishments are impressive would be an understatement. Richard dreams big and his ambition is fueled by a selflessness that is rare amongst high school students. He works relentlessly to meet his goals because he understands the power of a positive example and wants to inspire others through his hard work.”

Flores has also served as the student representative on the Chelsea School Committee and is described by others as a very

well-rounded young man.

“I would say something that was a belief from my uncle that inspired me: If my goals do not scare me, it is not big enough,” he said.

Graduation will take place on Saturday, June 12, in the evening, and then all day on Sunday, June 13. The graduation will not feature any speakers or any type of ceremony. Families will make an appointment to appear at the Chelsea Stadium at a certain time on either day. When they show up they will register, and then have their name called by Principal Mark Martineau. After an official photo is taken, they will proceed to the photo booths and other fun activities before leaving.

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some new things.

Ambrosino has asked that a Payroll Clerk be hired to reorganize the payroll system the City uses – moving that responsibility from auditing to the Treasurer’s Office. In making that move, he has asked that another person be hired to focus just on payroll.

Another new position is the funding of the highly anticipated Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, Candace Perez. She will begin work on July 1 as part of the new budget.

Finally, Ambrosino has asked that the Chelsea Police be able to hire a Mental Health Clinician. That hire will be embedded in the CPD who will work closely with the Police

on difficult situations that require more nuance than merely making an arrest. He said he believes they may be able to get a grant in the future for the position, but it isn’t available in this coming budget cycle.

City Councillor Calvin Brown at Monday’s meeting noted that the City Council went through many hours of hearings last week over three days – questioning every Department Head about their budget and its uses. He said there were some tough conversations, but it came out to be a Budget all should be proud of.

“This budget reflects a much-improved financial situation than we had one year ago,” he said.

The Council also approved by a 10-0 vote the Water Enterprise Fund at \$9.14 million and the Sewer Enterprise Fund at \$13.4 million. This year, Water & Sewer Rates for the combined number are \$15.30, and that results in a 2.5 percent increase for Tier 1 users. Water costs this year are up more than sewer, with Tier 3 users going up 8 percent. Still, this was below the MWRA average rate increases throughout the Authority’s footprint.

The Trash Fee this year for non-owner occupants is up 8 percent. It is \$36.46 per month for residential, and \$172 per month for commercial.

CPS welcomes new Assistant Superintendent Michael Lovato

Staff Report

Michael Lovato was unanimously approved by the Chelsea School Committee on Thursday, June 3, as Chelsea Public Schools’ next Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning effective July 1.

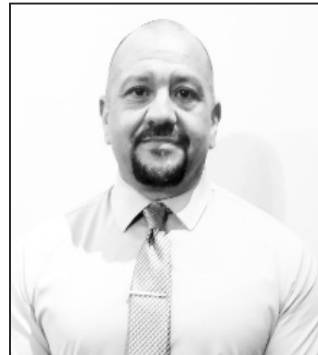
Lovato, currently the Special Education Director in Lowell Public Schools, will take over the position from Sarah Kent, who is leaving Chelsea Public Schools at the end of June 2021.

“I am excited to have Mr. Lovato join our team. He has a proven track record of improving teaching and learning, and specializes in meetings the needs of special education students. He is a highly-respected educator with a great deal of academic leadership experience and a demonstrated commitment to student-centered teaching and learning,” said Superintendent Abeyta.

Lovato will be charged with ensuring that instruction is rigorous for every child, every day and in every classroom.

“I am excited and honored to be part of such a strong leadership team and the community of Chelsea. I Look forward to learning from the community and sharing my experiences and knowledge to support our students,” said Lovato.

This position will report directly to Superintendent Abeyta and is a Cabinet position. Chelsea Public Schools prioritizes an inclusive working environment and values



Michael Lovato was approved by the Chelsea School Committee on June 3 as the new Assistant Superintendent.

the diverse backgrounds and characteristics of all people. As such, a goal of CPS is to diversify District staff – a diverse staff will better reflect the District’s diverse student population.

Lovato brings over 19 years of educational experience to the Assistant Superintendent role in Chelsea. He grew up in Las Vegas, New Mexico and is a proud product of public schools that prepared him to become a first-generation college graduate. He is currently working as the Director of Special Education for the Lowell Public Schools. During his tenure he has successfully led the special education department through the pandemic, while increasing graduation rates by 14 percent for students with special education needs, provided support to 28 schools to effectively provide academic and social-emotional support while maintaining all compliance indicators.

Lovato began his professional career as a Behavior Support Teacher with the Santa Fe Public

Schools serving students identified as in need of special education support. He was promoted within the district and began his administrative career as a High School Assistant Principal where he led the special education department successfully to achieve overall academic gains, increased graduation rates, reduced discipline and compliance in special education. Lovato has also served as an Associate Superintendent in charge of curriculum and federal programs where he was successful in leading change that resulted in academic gains across the district and improved graduation rates. During this time, he led the district to remove all state corrective actions plans in the areas of special education, title 1, and the bilingual department in less than a year.

Additionally, Lovato’s experience includes serving as the New Mexico State Director of Special Education and the Questa Independent Schools Superintendent. He also served in the Armed Forces where he received an Honorable Discharge after 13 years of service. He believes that every student can succeed and that all staff have a responsibility to provide an adequate education to every student.

Lovato holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology from University of New Mexico and a Master of Arts in Special Education from New Mexico Highlands University and is currently working on his doctorate degree.

DPH field team in Chelsea spreads vital information about the COVID-19 vaccine

Staff Report

Recently, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) field team focused efforts in Chelsea to spread information about the COVID-19 vaccine. Trained canvassers worked with local businesses as well as traveled door-to-door to answer questions and hand out information for residents to get vaccinated. These efforts are part of DPH’s larger Vaccine Equity Initiative, which works with populations and communities that are disproportionately affected by COVID-19 to reduce barriers to vaccination, increase awareness of vaccine safety and efficacy, and ultimately increase vaccinations. Prioritizing vaccine outreach to these

communities is key to ending the pandemic.

DPH’s trained canvassers continued field operations on the ground. The team, comprised of Chelsea residents, traveled door-to-door to hand out flyers, hang doorknob knockers, and answered questions such as “When can I get the COVID-19 vaccine?” “How will I know it’s my turn to get vaccinated?” and “Is vaccination safe?”

This focused grassroots outreach strategy is the product of a collaboration between DPH and Archipelago Strategies Group (ASG) and Health Care for All (HCFA), and is just one component of DPH’s larger Vaccine Equity Initiative.

The initiative priori-

tizes 20 cities across the state that were identified as having been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. These priority populations were determined using case data and the COVID-19 Community Impact Survey, which DPH conducted in the fall of 2020. To ensure the vaccine is accessible to our most disproportionately impacted populations, the Commonwealth prioritizes vaccine to each of the 20 municipalities every week, subject to program administration guidelines.

For additional information on the initiative, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-equity-initiative-focused-grassroots-outreach>



Members of local organization La Colaborativa disseminate information about the COVID-19 vaccine to local residents and businesses in Chelsea. (Credit: Archipelago Strategies Group)

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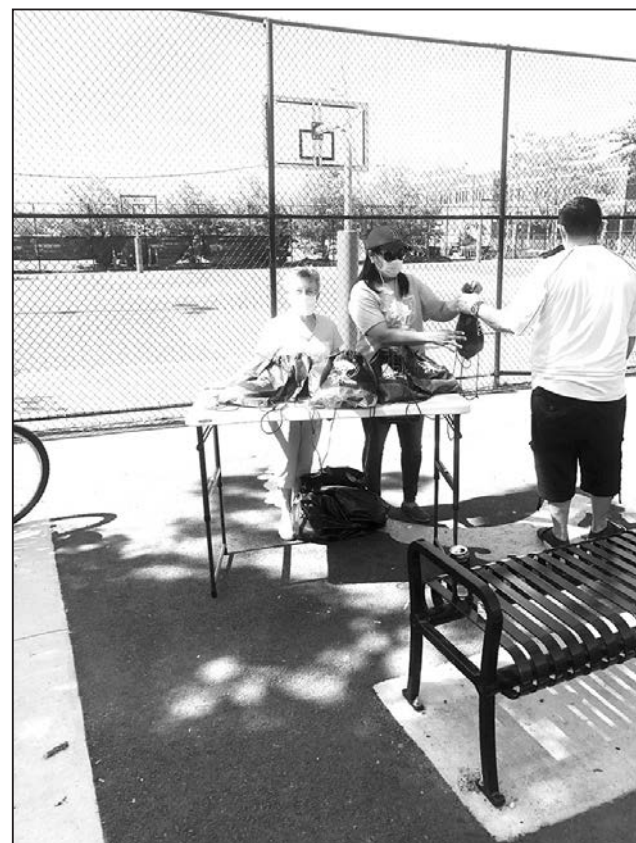
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A team of canvassers, made up of members from local climate justice group GreenRoots, helping to spread vaccination information in Chelsea. (Credit: Archipelago Strategies Group)

NEWS Briefs

BY SETH DANIEL

DO YOU WANT FAST INTERNET FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND FRIENDS IN CHELSEA?

Please fill out this city-wide survey to inform how our city needs to improve services and what programs you need! The survey will take 8 minutes to complete. Your input will help the city plan for future infrastructure investment, programs to increase digital skill sets, and policy changes to improve speed, price, and reliability of services. Take the survey at https://mapc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Nsi6j7acPh-Celg

ARLINGTON STREET ON-RAMP REOPENING

At 5 a.m. on Friday, June 4, the Arlington Street on-ramp to Route 1 southbound in Chelsea will be reopened to drivers. The ramp has been closed since early 2020 for structural and safety improvements.

MARKET BASKET VACCINATION CLINICS

A mobile outdoor vaccination clinic will be available at Market Basket in Chelsea (170 Everett Avenue):

- Thursday, June 10-Saturday, June 12, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Clinics will offer the Pfizer vaccine. Pfizer vaccine is free and safe for all ages 12 + regardless of immigration status. If you want, you can make an appointment at <https://www.cic-health.com/marketbasket>, but people will also be accepted without appointment

Those getting the vaccine at the clinic will get a \$25 Market Basket gift card.

CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND “GRAB AND GO” CRAFT KITS

The Bear Crown craft kits are available while supplies last. Pick-up times are:

- *Monday, Tuesday, and Friday – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- *Wednesday and Thursday – 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- *Saturday – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Book Club on May 27th at 7 p.m. on Zoom. The book is Let’s Pretend This Never Happened (a mostly true memoir) by Jenny Lawson. To reserve a copy, please contact the library at 617-466-4350. Email sgay@chelseama.gov to register.
- Baby Sign Language program on Zoom to help parents communicate with babies ages up to 36 months. June 12th at 10 a.m. Sign-up by email-

ing kpalencia@chelseama.gov.

- Mindful Einstein program. A weekly session of simple and fun activities to encourage mindfulness and relaxation in children aged 3-6 on Zoom. Thursdays at 4 p.m., 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24. Email kpalencia@chelseama.gov to sign-up.

FEDERAL RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND

Owners of restaurants, food trucks, bars, bakeries and related businesses can now apply to the SBA Restaurant Revitalization Fund. Available up to \$10 million per business in COVID-19 relief for payroll costs, rental payments, debt service and more. If used correctly, these funds don’t have to be refunded. Priority will be given in the first 21 days to restaurants owned by women, veterans and socially or economically disadvantaged groups. Learn more about the restaurant revitalization fund at <https://www.sba.gov/restaurants>. Get help with your application by calling 1-844-279-8898.

TEMPORARY OUTDOOR DINING PERMITS AVAILABLE

To expand business opportunities during COVID-19, restaurants and eateries can now apply for a temporary permit to offer outdoor dining services on:

- Private Property (including privately owned parking lots.)
- Sidewalks.
- Other public spaces such as streets or parking spaces adjacent to your establishment (Permits to use such adjacent streets or parking spaces require approval from the Traffic Commission).

Permits are valid through November 5, 2021 or 60 days until after the Governor ends the Pandemic. With each of these options, restaurants that currently serve alcohol may also serve alcohol outdoors in accordance with the Licensing guidelines. Apply for a permit online: Application for 2021 Temporary Outdoor Dining for Restaurants and Eateries. The City will also offer free technical assistance to business owners who need help with outdoor space design. To coordinate a meeting with the team, please contact Lourdes Alvarez via email at lalvarez@chelseama.gov or by calling 617-487-9763. Read more at www.chelseama.gov/OutdoorDining.

JOIN THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Interested in beautify-

ing the City? There is a Beautification Committee that meets monthly with the City Manager, ISD and the DPW to talk about trash and problem properties and to consider beautification initiatives such as improved signage, cigarette butlers and public art. If you are interested in being part of this Committee, please contact either Laura Brockington at GreenRoots email laurab@greenrootschelsea.org or Monica Elias at The Neighborhood Developers email melias@tndinc.org.

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To get started, schedule a FREE Mass Save Home Energy Assessment at (978) 237-4530 or visit <https://allinenergy.org/chelsea.html>.

PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM

Applications are available for the Senior Property Tax Work-off Program and the Veterans Tax Work-off Program. The programs have no income eligibility requirements. Any senior 60 years or older, and any veteran, with an ownership interest in real estate is allowed to participate in the Tax Work-Off Program regardless of assets or income. Participants receive a \$1,500 reduction on property taxes, working 111.11 hours for the City. Interested persons should contact the HR Department at 617-466-4170 or find applications online by visiting www.chelseama.gov/elder-services/pages/senior-tax-work-program.

COMMUNITY PAINTING DAY: WINNISIMMET STREET

Saturday June 19 (10 am-4 pm)

Participate in the community painting day on Winnisimmet Street on Saturday, June 19, as the City celebrates Freedom Day commemorating the emancipation of those enslaved in the United States. No experience needed, and volunteers will paint by numbers. Register at: TI-NYURL.COM/WinnisimmetPaintDay. This is one of many art projects the city of Chelsea is installing this summer to cheer up the downtown. Learn more about the project at <https://www.chelseaprospers.org/division-st-neighborway>

PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

Tyson Graham and Darby Kirven

(The following is one in a series of sneak peeks at the upcoming People of Chelsea additions by Photographer Darlene DeVita. The new work will ultimately appear on the fence of the Chelsea Public Library (CPL) this fall in a collaboration between the People of Chelsea project and the CPL.)

By Darlene DeVita

We moved [here] in the middle of the pandemic. Everything was all crazy and uncertain, so we found apartments online and found a place in Chelsea. We originally wanted to make a few trips up, but with the pandemic we didn’t want to travel. We saw a video of the apartment and rented it. We were aware that it was largely an immigrant community. I loved the industrial-ness of it and, it’s kind of rugged in a way. I love that about towns and people.

We’re both from South Carolina. We met in Columbia when Darby was in college. I was managing a coffee shop, and I [Darby] would study there. 10yrs later, we got married, and



here we are.

Our families have never left the south. They were very worried, particularly about the reputation of Chelsea in particular and being a pandemic hotspot. I was like, this is the right decision, it’s going to OK, don’t believe everything you hear or see. I’m pretty stubborn about that. I remember driving across the Tobin bridge, it was a cold rainy April day, and it was surreal. It was a difficult time for Chelsea. It was all so early in the pandemic, not knowing. How long is this going to last? What are the right things to do?

It was so strange; everyone was freaking out, well like now, cases are rising.

We’ve enjoyed Chelsea. We talk to this park every day [Mary O’Malley], we live 5 mins from here on Pembroke St.

We picked Chelsea because Darb’s job is on the North Shore, but we didn’t want to be far from Boston. I [Tyson] have a studio space in Mudflat studios in Somerville. I’ve been making pots there and selling online.

We’re so fortunate in so many ways. It’s all about perspective. And here we are now, walking our dog!

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HAS AMERICA GONE FROM ON THE BRINK TO OVER THE EDGE?

With Americans emerging cicada-like from the restrictions imposed by COVID-19, one would think that this would be a time of joy as we resume participating in all of the things that make life worth living.

But rather than embracing in a positive way our newly-rediscovered freedom after 15 months of restrictions, it would seem as though we have lost our collective minds.

Fights and other outbreaks of violence, once rare in our airports and on airplanes, have become so commonplace and dangerous that two airlines, American and Southwest, have decided to halt all sales of alcohol until September.

Mass shootings are more prevalent than ever all across the country thanks to the easy access to high-powered weaponry in many states.

Drug overdose deaths soared in 2020 to record heights and show no sign of abating.

Random hate crimes, especially toward the AAPI and Jewish communities, have soared in the past year.

Our political discourse has not been this divisive since 1861, when the Confederates fired on Ft. Sumter to start the Civil War.

We finally can travel, but who wants to venture to our usual getaway destinations (especially cruise ships with unvaccinated passengers) along with the hordes of other travelers who have the same idea? It's one thing for airports and flights to be jammed, but the crowds will be huge wherever we might want to go, which only will exacerbate the new epidemic of short-temperedness that seems to be infecting our present emotional state.

Here's our theory to explain the sudden surge in the general level of unruliness among our nation's population: After 15 months of being told what to do, some people feel as though they now are entitled to do as they please with no regard for the basic rules of civility that allow us to coexist peacefully.

It's as though some Americans, in their eagerness to make up for 15 months of lost time, have forgotten how to be polite and respectful of others.

The Orange County District Attorney, speaking at a press conference about the arrests of the two suspects accused in the tragic shooting death of the six year-old boy in a road rage incident on a California freeway, put it succinctly when he stated, "...how quickly we get out of control today and take actions against others....without assuming any personal responsibility."

We may be getting COVID-19 under control, but we are failing at being in control of ourselves.

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Do you need Social Security?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

In 2020 over 64 million Americans were collecting Social Security.

The National Institute for Retirement Security (NIRS)has reported that Social Security is the only income source for 40 percent of retirees over the age of 60.” (Forbes.com) The study also claimed that only 6.8 percent of retirees receive income from the three-legged stool of Social Security, a defined benefit pension and a defined contribution plan.

Another study conducted by researchers at the Social Security Administration, found that only 19.6 of Americans 65 and over received at least 90% of their total incomes from Social Security. That’s a big difference from the stat provided by the NIRS.

Nevertheless, the point is that for millions of Americans Social Security is either all they have or

mostly all they have. Also, there are some government employees who have their own pension system and do not pay into Social Security.

Social Security taxes take a bite of our income from every check. Employers and employees each pay 6.2 percent of wages up to the taxable maximum of \$142,800 for 2021. The self-employed pay 12.4 percent. Some self-employed struggle with paying the 12.4 percent and look for creative ways to only report a small salary. This may enable you to have more cash now but your Social Security check will be much smaller when you become retirement age.

Religious objectors can often be exempted from paying the tax. I knew a minister who in his younger days did the paperwork to exempt out of Social Security. It was the one of the biggest mistakes of

his life. When he became 65, he couldn’t quit working. He had also drawn out most of his other pension savings for emergencies.

With meager retirement dollars he was also faced with having to buy Medicare insurance. To make matters worse he was diagnosed with terminal cancer. At a relatively young senior adult age he had nothing with which to fight. He was tired from his long years of work. He had nothing financially saved. He couldn’t stop working. Medical insurance became a dilemma and within two years he was dead.

Social Security is not a perfect world. It won’t make you rich but you’ll be glad you have the check and the medical insurance.

Keep this in mind the average monthly Social Security payment for 2021 is \$1,543, and the maximum you can re-

ceive at full retirement age is \$3,113 a month. If you have waited until you are 70 the amount is \$3,895.00. These figures change all the time depending on cost of living adjustments and how long you work and how much you pay into the system. Keep in mind the longer you work and the more you pay into Social Security, the more you collect at retirement.

So, go to work and be glad for every dollar withheld from your check for Social Security.

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.

GUEST OP-ED

Why we all need expanded and improved Medicare for all

By Maria Termini

Plain and simple we need Improved Medicare for All now to make sure everyone has the health care they need. Currently many people can’t afford health care and they suffer and die and this is wrong. Health care is a matter of life and death, a human need, and a human right. Every day people are denied that right because they can’t afford it, even with insurance. Our profit-based health care industrial system is the most expensive and complicated in the world. In order to keep their profits high, insurance companies are continually raising their premiums and increasing deductibles, copayments and out of pocket expenses.

Many people can’t afford the co-payments. My friend Melinda is a single parent with a job that pays barely above minimum wage. She pays premiums for her health insurance. Each time she takes her son to a doctor, she must make a co-payment of \$70 which is a financial hardship. Melinda herself hasn’t been to a doctor in many years because she can’t afford the co-payment even though she has some medical problems. So, she suffers and takes risks with her health. This is wrong.

We have about 1600 different insurance companies in the US and this results in high administrative costs, endless paper work and a very high overhead to pay for all their advertising and ways to deny care. This drives up the costs. The insurance companies pay their executives salaries of millions of dollars. When the former CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield, Clive Killingsworth left his job a few years ago, he walked away with a golden parachute of 11.3 million dollars in compensation and he had only worked there six years. Because these executives are overpaid, the premiums and costs keep increasing. And more and

more people can’t afford to get the care they need.

Insurance companies have many complicated regulations and the fine print is often unintelligible and with horrible consequences. In New York City, a woman received an emergency heart transplant at a hospital in her health plan’s network. However, no one bothered to tell her that the transplant surgeons didn’t take her particular insurance. They billed her \$70,000 and sent collection agencies and lawyers after her while she was still home recuperating. She may have recovered but chances are good she has lost her home.

The cost of prescription drugs is soaring as the drug companies persist in making huge profits. Insulin is now so expensive some diabetics can’t afford it. Some ration this most necessary drug, taking a dose every other day. Others have died. I was in Bolivia a few years ago and got bit by a dog and needed rabies shots. They were \$35 each there. I got my final shot in the US and it was \$1300.

Our health care costs have actually increased despite the complex legislation known as the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obama care.) This legislation was written by the insurance companies and with their own best interests in mind. The reality is that the Affordable Care Act is not going to make health care affordable, only more expensive as premiums, deductibles and out of pocket expenses get higher and higher each year, escalating beyond the current rates of inflation. The costs go higher because of our profit driven system.

We cannot let this system continue. Our health is very important. We cannot be complacent and accept the health care system we have as the way things are. We must do something now about changing our health care system for the better. We need to get corporate profits out of the

health care equation.

The solution to our health care crisis is Medicare for All, a system of non-profit single payer health care, publicly funded and privately administered. Expanded and Improved Medicare for All will provide affordable health care for everyone, increased access to prevention and early intervention, providing dental and vision care. Preventive care is critical. I know too many women who have died because of delayed cancer diagnoses. Dental care is critical. A mother could not afford to take her nine-year old son to the dentist when he complained of a severe toothache. Her health insurance did not cover visits to a dentist. That toothache became a brain abscess and the boy died.

Medicare for All is a simple system, just like the current Medicare for those over 65, with a very low overhead. It will reduce administrative waste and bargain for the best prices for drugs and medical services. Hospitals and physicians will no longer need huge billing departments to process tons of complicated insurance forms. There will be no need for private health insurance. Improved Medicare for All would be funded by a small tax and all premiums, deductibles, copayments would be eliminated. We would pay a lot less for Medicare for

All than the current bloated system.

Canada has single-payer healthcare. In Canada no one dies because they are uninsured or can’t afford health care. Canadians live longer and are healthier than us and spend about half per capita on health care costs than we do in the US. In Canada no one loses their home because they can’t pay medical bills. Diabetics easily get the insulin they need.

We can only get Improved Medicare for All by passing legislation. There are bills in the Massachusetts Statehouse (House 1267 and Senate 766) and also the US Congress (HR 1976) for Expanded and Improved Medicare for All. I urge you to study these bills and insist your legislators support and pass them. It will not be easy but we must work for justice in health care and stop the suffering and dying when people can’t get the care they need. We can make health care at last a truly enjoyed human right by creating Medicare for All, a health care system that put patients before profits, is comprehensive, covers every one, and is affordable.

Maria Termini is an artist and public speaker. She works with Mass Care and Healthcare Now. She welcomes your comments and can be contacted at: mariatermini2013@gmail.com.

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the effort.

“When you have child with disabilities, you wonder if anyone will ever work with them and how they will survive out in the real world,” she said. “This program changed him. He couldn’t wait to sign up again this year.

Last year was really his very first experience.”

•CHELSEA EATS EXTENDED

The Council approved a \$700,000 Free Cash expenditure for the Chelsea Eats program food card, which unlocks large amounts of private fund-

ing from the Shah Foundation. With that, the City is able to extend the food relief program to September.

“We know the program has been successful and for the most part people used it for food at local grocery stores,” said Avel-

laneda.

Said Brown, “People didn’t take advantage of this program in a bad way. It was used for its right purpose. It also helped our community economically because people spent this money by and large at Chelsea businesses.”



The City Council honored Terry and Joe Englen on Monday night as they are moving from their Chelsea home after 49 years of dedication to the area. Councillor Enio Lopez brought the resolution to the Council and said the couple has given so much to the community over the years and they'll be missed. They were also praised by Sharon Fosbury and Mike Sandoval of the Community Enhancement Team.

Chelsea man indicted for being a felon in possession of a firearm, ammunition

Staff Report

A Chelsea man was arraigned June 3 on an indictment for federal firearms offenses.

Miguel Reyes, 31, was indicted by a federal grand jury on two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

According to the charging documents, on Aug. 18, 2020, Reyes was in possession of a Beretta, Model U22, .22 LR caliber pistol and ammunition. On Aug. 26, 2020, Reyes was allegedly in possession of a Glock, model 48, 9 mm pistol,

and ammunition. Due to a prior felony conviction, Reyes is prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition.

The charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

This prosecution is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program

bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. The Department of Justice reinvigorated PSN in 2017 as part of the Department’s renewed focus on targeting violent criminals, directing all U.S. Attorney’s Offices to work in partnership with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and the local community to develop effective, locally-based strategies to reduce violent crime.

CHS ROUNDUP

BOYS TRACK CRUISES TO 85-24 VICTORY

The Chelsea High boys outdoor track and field team remained undefeated with an 85-24 victory over Malden last Wednesday.

The top scorer for the Red Devils was Emmanuel Simon, who won the triple jump and took second in the long jump and 200 meter dash to score 11 points on the day.

Double-winners in their respective events were Hector Rivera, who took first place in both the 110 and 400 hurdles, and Richard Flores, who captured both the shot-put and discus.

Also claiming first-place in their individual events were Alejandro Zepeda in the mile, Ali Warsame in the 400 dash, Oscar Amaya in the 800, and Jamison Guillaume in the javelin. Jamison also took second place in the shot-put and a third in the 200 dash to add nine points onto the Chelsea side of the scoresheet.

Johnny Maldonado scored three points with a second-place finish in the two mile, as did Carlos Jimenez in the javelin, Jimmy Merino in the 800, Quan Vu in the 110 hurdles, and Ricardo Pavanelli in the 400 dash.

Adding single points to the CHS cause with third-

place efforts were Jeffrey Ponce in both the shot-put and discus, Ali Warsame in the long-jump, Jose Olivar in the two-mile, and Luis Roman in the 400 dash.

The Red Devils quartet of Carlos Jimenez, Oscar Amaya, Alejandro Zepeda, and Ali Warsame won the 4 x 400 relay.

STRONG PERFORMANCES FROM CHS GIRLS TRACK

Although the Chelsea High girls track team came up on the short end of a 53-32 decision to Malden in their dual meet last week, a number of the Lady Red Devils turned in fine performances.

Gloria Rodriguez was the top scorer for the Red & Black. Gloria won the long jump, took second in the 100 and 200 dashes, and a third in the javelin for a total of 12 points on the day.

Dhalia Christmas won the discus and took second in the shot for eight points. Jasmine Mardiga was the other individual winner for Chelsea in the 800.

Darily Sanchez took second in the 400 dash, as did Alejandra Romero in the discus. Lauren Nadow added a third-place point in the 200 dash.



It's a Graduation!

The Chelsea High School Class of 2021 will graduate over two days on June 12+13 in a virtual ceremony, closed to the public.

Join the Chelsea Record in celebrating this accomplishment and milestone for the graduates and for the City.

Coverage of the event will be published June 17

2x3 block ad: \$75 & 3x4 block ad: \$120

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Call or Email your Ad representative today!

Deadline to reserve space is Monday, June 14 at 5p.m.



Hanton House

Grand Opening

Join us in celebrating the grand opening of Hanton House, named after Kim Hanton, longtime Director of Addictions Services for NSMHA, advocate and community leader.

Hanton House is a co-ed, co-occurring enhanced (COE) residential program; treatment is specialized for individuals with severe substance use and mental health struggles.

JUNE 16, 2021 | 69 CLINTON STREET, CHELSEA

RSVP

Jared Brownmiller, Program Manager
jbrownmiller@northsuffolk.org or 484-629-2178

Select one of the following times. This allows us to control capacity & sanitize before the next session.

1PM•3PM•5PM

Come Meet the team, tour the house and learn about what we offer.



North Suffolk Mental Health Association

All state regulations regarding capacity, social distancing, PPE and sanitization strictly adhered to.

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Valinch told the assemblage that Stonewall was a small bar in New York City's Greenwich Village and a haven for the LGBT community at that time.

"So when the bar was raided [on June 28, 1969], when the cops did raid Stonewall, they ignited a fire that has continued to burn into the community to this very day," said Valinch. "Three days of rioting followed that night. Some call it an uprising. Some would call it a revolution though I think that's a bit of a stretch. Stonewall represents for us a beautiful moment in our shared history where queers said in unity: No more. No more to the closet. No more to violence against us. And no more to being second-class status."

Valinch said following the three days of rioting, "multiple, radical, queer organizations formed in LA, San Francisco, New York, and Boston – and we began to see an organized resistance in our community."

"So the legacy of Stonewall is really about making it crystal clear that the LGBT community is not a punching bag, is not a scapegoat, is not a mistake, is not an aberration – we refuse to be anything short of what we are, and that, my friends is divine," affirmed Valinch. "We deserve human rights. We deserve political rights. We deserve civil rights. And we deserve all that is ours."

Valinch expressed the hope that people would leave the flag-raising ceremony "recommitted to each other."

"Tonight I ask that you take that energy [from the LGBT liberation movement] and use it for change," concluded Valinch. "We need you all to step up, fight back, and help us build a future where all are afforded dignity, affirmation, security, and love. We tell our history so that our joy may burn brighter and our hope for a new world may be continually lit. My friends, the future is in our hands."

Star Chung delivers the keynote address

Upon taking the podium, Chung asked the crowd to participate in a "wave" that one usually sees at sporting events.

"The power of connection, you all," said Chung, noting that she is a performing poet but had never given a keynote speech.

Chung began her remarks by thanking her colleagues in the Chelsea Police Department "for authorizing and supporting my idea for the very first Pride patch as you can see affixed on my uniform."

"And last, but not least, a thank you to the Chelsea LGBTQ Coalition for asking me to be their featured speaker at today's flag-raising," continued Chung. "I'm humbled for the opportunity of this platform."

Chung said she is her 11th year with the Chelsea Police Department as the very first Asian police officer since the department was established in 1834.

"I was very recently promoted as sergeant in January as the first Asian



Amber Perez of La Colaborativa speaks about her personal experiences at the program.

sergeant," said Chung. Chung said she was born in Vietnam and emigrated to the United States, "specifically Pennsylvania" with her parents when she was two years old "under the Amortization Homecoming Act due to my grandfather being an American soldier in the Vietnam War."

She came to Chelsea when she was eight years old with her mother and siblings "and we've been here ever since." She attended Chelsea schools and graduated cum laude from Salem State University.

Chung noted that it was "only 17 years ago when same-sex marriage was passed on a cold November day in Massachusetts."

"A shout-out to Massachusetts for being the first state to legalize same-sex marriage," she said. "It's support that love is love. And love will always be the answer when all you have are questions."

"Be kind to yourself. Be proud. Be loud. Do not silence yourself for anyone. And if you're ever in a dark place or feeling



Chelsea Police Sgt. Star Chung, featured speaker, delivers her remarks at the fifth annual Chelsea LGBTQ Coalition Flag-Raising Program held in Chelsea Square.

lost, call someone. Do go through it alone," said Chung.

On being the keynote speaker at such an important event Chung said it was "truly an honor and privilege to be here with you here today and embrace this moment of raising the Pride for the month of June together with the City of Chelsea."

"I'm a firm proponent of community policing and in the words of the father of modern policing, Sir Robert Peel – back in the 1800s he stated, 'The police are the public and the public are the police,' and that principle still rings true for the Chelsea Police Department and I to this day. As police officers, we are part of the community that we serve. The community's interests and well-being are always prioritized and comes first. I love this city and its residents. And through events like these, especially with the current climate of the nation, I hope to bridge any gaps so that we can cross through any issues together."

"When we put this uniform on, we become the guardians of safety and community," said Chung. "So if you see me or any of my officers in public, please feel free to stop us for any reason, even if it's just to chat. We come in all walks of life, the residents we serve day to day. Thank you for this platform and opportunity. Let's have a great day. Happy Pride!"

Gratitude to city officials and the Chelsea Police

On behalf of the Chelsea LGBTQ Coalition, Matt Frank offered his gratitude to City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, the Department of Public Works, and the Chelsea Police Department for their support and assistance to the Coalition.

While acknowledging the Chelsea police officers in attendance and the outstanding security for the flag-raising program, Frank said, "Anything we've needed, they've said, 'we're right there with you,' so we appreciate everything you guys have done for us."



Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Matt Frank, and Ronald Robinson.



Sammy, Heather, Aaliyah, and Sam.



Disa Parker and Kristina Coburn.



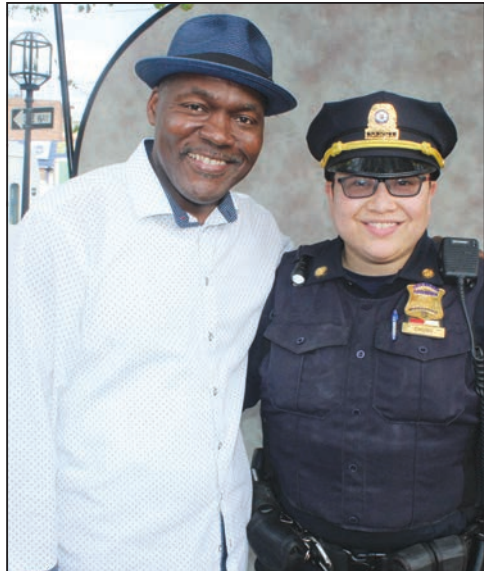
Fidel Maltez, Maria Belen Power, Ana Victoria Power-Maltez, and Maya Gabriela Power-Maltez.



Hector Miranda takes a selfie with City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.



City Council President Roy Avellaneda, District 1 Councillor Calvin Brown, and Mark Nadow.



District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown and Chelsea Police Sgt. Star Chung, featured speaker for the program.



John Valinch, one of the speakers at the event, and Danielle Strauss.



Chelsea Police Sgt. Star Chung, Jackie Chung, Jessica Phan, Star Nola Chung, and Michael Chung.



Fatima Melara, Ana Victoria Power-Maltez, District 5 Councillor Judith Garcia, Fidel Maltez, Maya Gabriela Power-Maltez, Madeleine Scammell, and canine friends Otto and Bell Tiernan.



Chelsea Police Officers, from left, Hector Gonzalez, Thomas Broman, Star Chung, Joanne O'Brien, Cristian Jimenez, and Paul Marchese.

PRIDE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY IN CHELSEA SQUARE



Front row are Lisa Santagate and Krissy Byrnes. Back row are Yessenia Alfaro, Robert Dargis, Deb Cronin, and Sylvia Ramirez.



April Swartz, District 1 Councillor Todd Taylor, Matt Frank, State Rep. Jessica Giannino, Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown.



John Valinch, CC Stallworth, CBC President Joan Cromwell, Jose Vasquez, and Matt Frank.



City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Attorney Olivia Anne Walsh of the Chelsea Human Rights Commission, and Sen. Sal DiDomenico.



The Chelsea LGBTQ Coalition banner.



Many Chelsea residents attended the Chelsea LGBTQ Flag-Raising event Friday night in Chelsea Square.

FLOWER TAKEOVER IN DOWNTOWN CHELSEA

Saturday May 23rd was the inaugural Flower Take Over in Downtown Chelsea. The event was organized by CET, CBC, Chelsea City Creative

and Chelsea DWP and invited Chelsea residents to spruce up Downtown Chelsea with some flowers and other flora. It was

a great opportunity to celebrate Spring.



Josia Reyes waters down flora in one of the planter boxes.



Kaitie Butler looks over and adjusts the flora in one of the planter boxes.



Justin Toro works on one of the planter boxes while Regina and Alanna Taylor look on.



Shown above, volunteers Jennifer Klauder, Dave Theirier, and Ana Pereira work on 4th Street. Shown right, Jordan Lopez adjusts one of the planter boxes.



Chelsea Commissioner Of Public Works Fidel Maltez, Devra Sari Zavot, Dave Theirier, Kaitie Butler, and Celeste Williams.



Volunteers work on assembling fences for the planters across from Port Park.



Ben Cares works with the housing and community development helps stain and assemble planter boxes.



Volunteers assemble across from Port Park.



Shown above and below, Flora in the planter boxes.



NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

SALESIAN FUNDRAISER SCHEDULED

EAST BOSTON - As things slowly get back to normal with more and more residents being vaccinated, the Salesian Boys & Girls Club staff have decided to move forward with their annual spring fundraiser on June 10.

Last year, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic the Salesian Boys and Girls Club was forced to cancel its annual in-person fundraiser that raises money for the Club through an auction and donations. The event also raises money for Salesian Summer Camp Scholarships.

After a very challenging year, Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Michael Triant said the Salesian are thrilled to have this opportunity to safely celebrate being together while raising funds for Eastie's youth.

Dubbed "A Celebra-

tion of Resiliency" the unique outdoor event will be held on Thursday, June 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. under a tent inside the Club's parking lot on Byron Street.

"This will be a unique outdoor event taking place under a tent at the Club," said Triant. "We will come together to enjoy a fun safe evening with good friends, great auction prizes, delicious food, and drinks while raising money for our After School Program and Scholarships for our Summer Camp Program."

Triant said awards will be presented to the extraordinary frontline healthcare workers at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center for their tremendous sacrifices and service to the Eastie community during the devastating pandemic.

Michael Merullo, a longtime club supporter with a passion for helping Boys & Girls Club members, will also be honored

at the event with the Don Bosco Award.

Funds raised will go directly towards scholarships for summer camp and after school programs.

"We have taken a brief break from public fundraisers due to the pandemic, and your assistance is needed now more than ever before," said Triant. "This is our largest fundraising event of the year, and we appreciate any support. No child will ever be denied Club programs and services due to financial reasons."

Triant said the Salesian hopes to raise \$40,000 in Camp scholarships.

"Your gift will help to ensure our kids have a great summer experience," he said.

Like years past, the event will be catered by Sammy Carlo's Catering and Joseph Ruggiero will serve as Master of Ceremonies and auction off many prizes.

"The Salesian Boys & Girls Club has been serv-

ing youth ages 6 to 18 from the communities of East Boston, Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop for over 75 years," said Triant. "The Club provides children of all ethnicities, socioeconomic backgrounds, and religious beliefs a safe, positive, fun learning environment. Our thoughtful and efficient transitioning throughout the pandemic had allowed us to residents in numerous ways, such as providing daily lunch and weekly family dinners, produce, and toiletry distribution, parades for our members where we distributed art kits and outside play equipment during a time when families were close to being trapped at home."

Last summer, the Club worked closely with health officials to run a safe and fun summer camp for 80 children.

"In September, we transitioned to "Salesian Elementary" and hosted 75 children for a full-day remote learning program,"

said Triant. "This program required numerous technology and facility upgrades as well as our staff once again going above and beyond to serve the community's needs. We are currently transitioning again and accepting applications for our summer program. Family's needs are currently greater than ever and more and more families will be in need of financial assistance for our summer camp."

Triant said the Salesian Summer Day Camp has been a family tradition for over 60 years.

"We provide over 200 inner-city kids ages 6 to 14 with a great summer experience," he said "Campers participate in weekly field trips and several different activities and programs inside and outside the Club and at our neighboring field."

To purchase tickets, sponsorships, or make donations online, please visit www.SalesianClub.com or contact Michael Tri-

ant at 617-913-1531, michaeltriant@salesianclub.com, or Anita Belmonte at 617-784-1744, abelmonte@salesianclub.com.

EVERETT PROJECT RECEIVES STATE BOND

EVERETT - MassDevelopment has issued a \$9,143,000 tax-exempt bond on behalf of St. Therese 4% LLC, an affiliate of The Neighborhood Developers, Inc. (TND), which is using bond proceeds to buy, clear, and prepare a site located at the intersection of Broadway and Gledhill Avenue in Everett on which it will build a 33-unit affordable rental housing facility for seniors.

Located at the site of the former St. Therese Parish, the proposed facility, also named St. Therese, will include 30 one-bedroom units and three two-bedroom units; 19 units will be rented to households

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 58 Chestnut Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts
By virtue of and execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Rose Ann Tilton and Theresa V. McDonald to Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., said mortgage dated December 8, 2003, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, in Book 33465 at Page 117, and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, by virtue of an assignment from Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, dated June 17, 2019 and recorded in Book 61422 at Page 75 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, previously assigned by US Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated July 12, 2018 and recorded in Book 59983 at Page 87 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, previously assigned by Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., to US Bank Trust NA, as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated August 29, 2016 and recorded in Book 56708 at Page 199 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on June 25, 2021 at 12:30 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
A parcel of land located in Chelsea, County of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts with a street location address of 58 Chestnut Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 currently owned by Theresa V. McDonald and Rose Ann Tilton and more fully described in the Vesting Document dated 11/24/98, recorded on 11/25/98, in Liber 23155 Page 184 and designated as metes and bounds property.
More particularly described as:
The land with the buildings thereon situated in Chelsea, Suffolk County, known and numbered 58 Chestnut Street and being shown as part of Lot 29 on Williams Street on the plan entitled

"Plan of Lands of the Winnisimmet Company and others in Chelsea and Malden" by J.H. Shearer, Engineer, dated 1864, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds at the end of Book 616 bounded and described as follows: Commencing on said Chestnut Street at the passageway between Beacon Street and Williams Street and then running: Northeastly: on said Chestnut Street, thirty-one (31) feet, then turning and running: Northwestly: on a line parallel with said passageway forty-four (44) feet; more or less to Lot 28 as shown on said plan; then turning and running Southwestly: on said Lot 28, Thirty-One (31) feet to said passageway then turning and running Southeastly: on said passageway Forty-four (44) feet to the point of beginning. The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors' Title, see deed dated November 24, 1998, and recorded in Book 23155 at Page 184 with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. BENDETT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust
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Case No. 2021-07
In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A and the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance, a meeting of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held in the Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, on Thursday, June 17, 2021 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: 22 Willow Fee Owner, LLC Marginal Suffolk Fee Owner, LLC - attn: Bryan Blake
For Special Permit to reduce the size of the planted buffer area from twenty feet to ten feet at the premises known as: 250 Marginal Street. Plans and copies of the application and petition may be viewed at City Hall, Rm 101, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, during City Hall business hours 6/3/21, 6/10/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF CHELSEA
PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Act, M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 5 and Chapter 34, Section 34-4 of the City of Chelsea Code of Ordinances, that the Chelsea City Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 to discuss proposed zoning amendments changes including:
* Change zoning designation of parcels at 115 Park Street, 105 Park Street, 12 Essex Street, 1 Ellsworth Street, and 37 Congress Ave from R2 to BR.
A copy of the ordinance, maps, and other materials may be reviewed at the Chelsea City Council Office, City Hall, 500 Broadway #306, Chelsea MA 02150 during City Hall business hours.
Roy Avellaneda, President Chelsea City Council
6/10/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Docket No. SU18D1197DR

Ann Marie James vs.
Joseph D. James
Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B.
Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.
It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before 7/05/2021.
If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.
Date: 5/24/2021
Jon. Virginia M. Ward
Justice of Probate and Family Court
6/10/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated October 5, 2006 given by Jonathan Palencia A/K/A Jonathan Palencia and Zulma Palencia to Ralph DiGirolamo and Richard G. DiGirolamo, Trustees of the R&R Trust u/d/i dated July 31, 1995, and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 40532, Page 6, as affected by an Affidavit of Outstanding Mortgage Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 260, § 34, recorded in Book 50235, Page 217, as further affected by an Affidavit of Outstanding Mortgage Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 260, § 34, recorded in Book 58203, Page 195, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 A.M. on the 18th day of June, 2021 at 64 Washington Avenue, Unit 5, Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.
To wit:
Property Address: PARCEL 1: 64 Washington Avenue, Unit 5 Chelsea, Suffolk County, Common-

wealth of Massachusetts Condominium Unit 5 of 64 Washington Avenue Condominium, containing an undivided 14.7% interest appurtenant to said Unit in the common areas and facilities in said Condominium together with the rights and easements appurtenant to said Unit as set forth in said Master Deed. Said Unit is shown on the floor plans (the "Plans") of the Building recorded simultaneously with the Master Deed, and is shown on the copy of a portion of the Plans attached hereto and made a part hereof, to which is affixed the verified statement of a registered architect in the form required of Section 9 of said Chapter 183A, whereby said architect has certified that the Master Plans show that Unit designation of the Unit being conveyed and of the immediately adjoining Unit and that they fully and adequately depict the layout of the Unit hereby conveyed, its location, dimensions, approximate area, main entrance and immediate common areas to which it has access, as built. Said Unit is conveyed subject to said Master Deed and the By-Laws of the 64 Washington Avenue Condominium Association dated February 16, 2002, recorded with said Deeds, Book 28036, Page 201. Said Unit is hereby conveyed subject to and with the benefit of: (a) the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A as amended, the terms and provisions of said Master Deed dated February 16, 2002 and recorded at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 28036, Page 193 and the By-Laws of the 64 Washington Avenue Condominium Association dated February 16, 2002 and recorded at Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 28036, Page 201, any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and the obligations thereunder to pay the proportionate share attributable to said Units and of the common expenses duly established; (b) such taxes attributable to said Units for the current fiscal year as are not now due and payable, all of which the Grantee(s), by acceptance hereof, agree(s) to comply with, perform, assume and pay; (c) all covenants, restrictions, rights, agreements, reservations, easements, including utility easements and other matters of record in force and applicable, provided same do not materially interfere with the Units for residential dwelling

purposes; (d) provisions of applicable laws and building codes; This conveyance is subject to and with the benefit of Grant on Non-Exclusive Driveway Rights and Release, dated November 1, 2001, recorded with said Deeds on February 22, 2002 as Instrument No. 151, and to the provisions of the aforesaid Master Deed and Condominium By-Laws, all to the extent as same may be in full force and applicable. Unit 5 is intended solely for residential purposes and no other use may be made of the unit. For title reference see Deed recorded in Book 35086, Page 143. Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements. Terms of sale: A deposit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 300 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 500, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. Ralph DiGirolamo & Richard G. DiGirolamo, Trustees of R&R Trust u/d/i dated July 31, 1995
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys, Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C. 300 Crown Colony Drive,

Suite 500
Quincy, MA 02169
5/27/21, 6/3/21, 6/10/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF CHELSEA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CLEAN ENERGY SYSTEMS AND ENERGY SERVICES
CHELSEA MICROGRID PROJECT
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked "Clean Energy Systems and Energy Services Chelsea Microgrid Project". Request for Proposals will be available on or after June 3, 2021 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Clean Energy Systems and Energy Services Chelsea Microgrid Project" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Monday, June 21, 2021. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
6/10/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on June 7, 2021, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders:
Ordered, that the City appropriations and assessments in the General Fund are to be financed in part by Certified Free

Cash of the City of Chelsea as follows: Free Cash \$892,092.
Ordered, that the following sums as classified and designated with respect to each department or undertaking as Salaries, Operations & Maintenance and Capital are hereby appropriated in the Sewer Enterprise Fund of the City of Chelsea as follows: Salaries \$586,691, Operations & Maintenance \$11,065,925, and Capital \$1,807,664, totaling \$13,460,280.
Ordered that the following sums as classified and designated with respect to each department or undertaking as Salaries, Operations & Maintenance and Capital are hereby appropriated in the Water Enterprise Fund of the City of Chelsea as follows: Salaries \$586,691, Operations & Maintenance \$7,267,855, and Capital \$1,294,792, totaling \$9,149,338.
Ordered, that the following sums as classified and designated with respect to each department or undertaking as Salaries, Operations & Maintenance and Capital are hereby appropriated in the General Fund of the City of Chelsea as listed below and as summarized: Salaries \$50,305,223 Operations & Maintenance \$145,803,059, and Capital \$444,075, totaling \$196,552,357.
Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$700,000 from Free Cash to Account #3503-497100 (Covid 19 City Funding - Transfer in From General Fund) for the public purpose of funding the Chelsea Eats Food Debit Card Program.
Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$200,000 from Free Cash to FY2021 DPW Structures and Grounds Contract Services Account #0147052-530600 for park maintenance work.
Ordered, that the City Council authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$100,000 in Free Cash to the FY21 Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department Youth Program #0163052-572400 for La Collaborativa's Summer Youth Employment Initiative program. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk
6/10/21, 6/17/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE
In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on June 1, 2021, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations:
To change the two parking meters in front of E-911 from two hour maximum to ten hour maximum.
To approve the consolidation of two bus stops at Cary Square.
To post a handicap sign at 131 Spencer Avenue.
To post a handicap sign at 156 Bellingham Street.
To approve the temporary shutdown of Second Street between Broadway and Winnisimmet Street.
To post a handicap sign at 135 Chestnut Street.
Jeannette Cintron White
Parking Clerk
6/10/21 C

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
SENIOR CENTER TRANSPORTATION
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking bids for "Senior Center Transportation". Bids will be available on or after June 10, 2021 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Senior Center Transportation" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, June 24, 2021. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer
6/10/21 C

OBITUARIES

Paul Nicewicz

January 21, 1998 – May 30, 2021

Paul Nicewicz passed away on Sunday, May 30 at UMASS Medical Center in Worcester with his mother, Lee Fleck, his aunt, Daria Poe and his Devereux caregiver, Donellia Carter at his side. He was 23 years old.

Born in Chelsea, a son of Lisa “Lee” Fleck and the late Paul Stanley Nicewicz, Paul was a resident at the May Institute until he aged out at the age of 22. He then became a resident at a group home in Sterling run by the Devereux Foundation. We can’t say enough about the loving care Paul was given by both his May and Devereux families. Their professionalism, kindness, dedication and genuine affection for Paul was greatly appreciated by his family.

Paul loved to play catch and soccer. He enjoyed any kind of musical card, book or toy. Skee-ball, trampolines and sprinkler parks were among his favorite leisure activities. Paul loved to sit in his favorite chair and mealtimes and snack times were very important to him.

Paul was predeceased by his brother, Mark Fleck, his grandmother, Sophia Pietkiewicz and his uncle, Joseph Pietkiewicz. Left to mourn his loss are his mother, Lee Fleck, his sister, Tanya Quinn, nieces, Cece-



lia and Evelyn Quinn, brother, Eric Fleck, aunt Daria, uncle Steven and cousin, Evan Poe, and loving uncles, Mark and David Pietkiewicz. He was the grandson of Victor Pietkiewicz, and Florence Wiencko. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend Visiting Hours on Wednesday, June 16 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Raphael Church, 512 High St., Medford at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with inurnment at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

In lieu of flowers, should friends desire, contributions in Paul’s name may be made to Autism Speaks: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/?form=donate>

Family and friends may offer condolences by means of the online guest book by visiting: www.welshfh.com.

Ernesto Morales

June 19, 1987 – June 1, 2021

Ernesto Morales, 33 years of age, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 1 at the Holy Family Hospital in Haverhill.

Born in Boston on June 19, 1987, a beloved son of Maria A. Pineiro and Jose Morales, he grew up in Everett where he attended school and lived for most of his life.

He enlisted in the US Army National Guard, served faithfully for eight years and was honorably discharged in 2013. He moved to Chelsea with his family six years ago.

He enjoyed working in the building and construction field, but mostly he worked preparing and providing meals from the family Canteen Truck. He was most proud of his time spent in the National Guard.

He is fondly remembered for his ability to always bring a smile to family and friends and for his personal body art and tattoos. He is lovingly survived by his parents: Jose



and Maria of Chelsea; the dear brother of Antonio Medina, Gloria Medina, Jose Pineiro, Anthony Pineiro, Barbara Sindo and the late Linda Sindo. He is also survived by his aunts, uncles, several nieces and nephews and extended family members and friends

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend Funeral Services at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, today, Thursday at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne at a time to be determined.

Family and friends may offer condolences by means of the online guest book by visiting: www.welshfh.com.

Debbie A. Mark

Dec. 8, 1955 – May 27, 2021

Debbie A. Mark passed away suddenly on Thursday, May 27. She was 65 years old.

Born in Winthrop, the beloved daughter of the late Robert A. and Dorothy M. (Derome) Froio, she grew up and attended schools in East Boston. She lived in East Boston raising her family of three before moving to Chelsea 30 years ago.

She worked for the City of Chelsea as a crossing guard for 16 years. For 10 years, she was a popular and familiar School Crossing Guard in front of St. Rose School, watching over children on their way to school and home again. In between her crossing guard duty, she worked for St. Rose preparing lunch meals as a beloved lunch mother in the school cafeteria. Debbie retired from her work last year.

She is fondly remembered for her laidback personality, relaxing with family. She loved to joke and laugh and would always enjoy a good-natured prank for fun.

She was the beloved wife of 26 years to John M. Mark of Chelsea, the devoted mother of Pe-



ter R. Aceto of Danvers, Stacy M. McConnico of Everett and Heidi M. Aceto of Chelsea; cherished grandmother of Kayla and Nik Aceto, Peter Aceto Jr., Darius and DeAndre McConnico, Carlos Nieves Jr. and Vanessa Nieves; adored great grandmother of Joziah Salazar and dear sister of Robert J. Froio, Sr. of Salem.

Funeral arrangements were by the Frank A. Welsh & Sons Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

It is the request of her family that those wishing to make donations visit her GoFundMe page “Help for Debbie’s Funeral Expenses” by visiting: <https://go-fund.me/162d1f60>

Family and friends may offer condolences by means of the online guest book by visiting: www.welshfh.com.

Angel Luis Vazquez

February 3, 1948 – May 29, 2021

Angel L. Vazquez, 73, passed away suddenly on May 29 at the Yabucoa Mennonite Health Center in Yabucoa Puerto Rico.

Born and raised in Patillas, Puerto Rico, a beloved son of the late Braulio and Venidicta Vazquez, Angel settled in Chelsea 53 years ago and resided in Chelsea and Malden for most of his life. He worked for several years at Panco Rubber (American Biltrite) in Chelsea and later in the shipping department at Kraft Foods in Woburn. He retired from Kraft Foods several years ago. Two years ago, he returned to Yabucoa to care for his aging mother in Patillas, PR.

In his lifetime, Angel was a true outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting and boating. He also enjoyed cooking and preparing traditional Spanish meals for his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Angel was also predeceased by his son, Louie Vazquez. He was the beloved father of Michelle Giancola and her husband, Paul, Keri Knox and Brian Vazquez. He



was the cherished grandfather of John Alejandro, Jessica Alejandro and Rita DePina and is also survived by 10 additional grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, three sisters and three brothers.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday, June 11 from 4 to 8 P.M. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. His Funeral will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home on Saturday, June 12 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Family and friends may offer condolences by means of the online guest book by visiting: www.welshfh.com.

Sygmund F. “Ziggie” Piasecki

July 6, 1943 – April 21, 2020

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend Ziggie’s Memorial Service on Friday, June 11 at 10 a.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. Visitation will precede the service from 9 to 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Sygmund “Ziggie” F. Piasecki of Billerica passed away on Tuesday April 21, 2020 at age 76 after a brief illness.

Ziggie was born on July 6, 1943 in Chelsea to Zygmunt and Blanche (Naruszewicz) Piasecki. He graduated from Everett Vocational High School in 1961 and worked as a machinist in the printing industry for Metropolitan Lithograph & Printing in Everett and for Matheson Higgins Congress Press in Woburn (and many other jobs in between) before retiring in 2008.

Ziggie loved the outdoors and being with family and friends. He was a member of the Billerica Elks, the Chelsea Yacht Club, and was a past president of the Polish Political Club. He went boating, fishing and camping on Rainsford Island with his children and



then his grandchildren. He enjoyed playing cribbage with anyone willing to lose to him! His other hobbies included taking his grandchildren to flea markets and yard sales on weekends. He was also an avid music lover, especially Elvis Presley and polka music.

Ziggie was preceded in death by his mother, Blanche, and his father, Zygmunt. He is survived by his children: James Piasecki and his wife, Pamela of Walpole, Tim Piasecki of Billerica, Steve Fulmer, Norma “Sissy” Scalese and her husband, Joe of Billerica, Billie Jo Barr of Burlington and Kelly Ann Mauch of Troy, NH; his brother, Peter Piasecki and his wife, Debra of Chelsea, twelve grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, several cousins, a niece, and a nephew.

Family and friends may offer condolences by means of the online guest book by visiting: www.welshfh.com.

Understanding elder abuse and financial exploitation

June marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Month, a time to bring attention to this critical issue affecting one in six elders worldwide. Elder abuse can include physical, emotional, sexual, caregiver neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation. It impacts seniors from all walks of life.

According to Shelly Sevinor, protective services quality improvement specialist and community liaison for Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES), “Elder abuse is a very complex issue. It’s important because it’s common. And it can happen to anyone.”

Sevinor points out that the financial exploitation of elders is at an all-time high. Many scammers think of elders as prime targets because they may live alone and have retirement savings or own a home. They may assume their crimes against seniors will go unreported. Many schemes against elders are conducted by phone or over email, or sometimes even through door-to-door solicitation. They may come in the form of credit card offers, charitable donation requests, investment opportunities, sweepstakes, home improvement offers, wire and banking transfers, health and wellness products, Amazon scams, computer pop-ups, and insurance offers.

All too often, scammers access seniors’ personal information online and leverage it to exploit them financially. For example, an older adult posts to her Facebook page that her grandson has been accepted to a specific college or university. A scammer accesses her phone number online and calls to seek a donation to the school’s alumni association. Once the senior gives her personal information including credit card number and billing address, the scammer can then make other fraudulent charges.

According to AARP, sweetheart scams (also re-

ferred to as romance scams) cause a heavy financial toll on men and women age 60 and older. These cons are similar to other scams except that these scammers are providing their purported affection in an attempt to get the victim’s money. In today’s world of online dating and social media, these scams have increased as perpetrators leverage the anonymity of the Internet to target victims. Once the perpetrator gets a senior’s money, he or she often disappears, leaving the senior feeling taken advantage of and ashamed.

What You Can Do to Avoid a Scam?

Block unwanted calls and text messages. Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.

Don’t give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn’t expect. Legitimate organizations won’t call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, like your social security number, bank account, or credit card numbers.

If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it’s real, it’s still best not to click on any links. Don’t call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.

Resist the pressure to act immediately. Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.

Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.

Stop and talk to someone you trust. Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it’s a scam.

OBITUARIES

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SCHOOL UPDATES

DISTRICT UPDATES

•Chelsea Public Schools participated in the City’s Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 31. Superintendent Abeyta introduced 6th Grade Browne Middle school student Juny Roche who read an original poem regarding Memorial Day, and 4th graders from our elementary schools who recited their school’s Veteran Bios.

•The Chelsea REACH Program attended a poetry writing workshop to honor Juneteenth with their words. Right after the REACH students logged on virtually with Virtual Voices for an Open Mic. Virtual voices is a teen writers network hosting youth groups from across the state and Atlanta. REACH strives in allowing expression through words, art, and music.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER UPDATES

•Ms. Silva, Ms. Portillo and her class cleaned out the garden at the ELC and planted spring flowers.

•After nine months of being on Zoom, Room 345 got together for a playdate at Quigley Park. A big thank you to the Chelsea Police who surprised the students with an ice cream.

KELLY SCHOOL UPDATES

•Kelly School 1st graders have been learning how to collect data through surveys and represent information using graphs and pictograms. Students polled their classmates and teachers Jess Crane and Carrie Anderson about their favorite dessert treats.

•Kelly School 6th grade

Caminos Scholars are reading Devolver al Remitente (Return to Sender) by Julia Alvarez, and taking advantage of the beautiful weather to enjoy a socially distant text-based discussion outdoors with Maestra Saraé Ramos.

SOKOLOWSKI SCHOOL UPDATES

•The students in Ms. Yi and Ms. Rossi’s class met up again with their Learning Buddies for some outdoor reading. This time, the 1st graders brought books to read to the 3rd



SIEGEL CLARK AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Seventh graders Jeffry Ramirez and William Sanchez making observations and collecting data about erosion during Ms. Parrella’s Science class outside last week.

graders too.

•The students in 301 have been following the life cycle of a butterfly. Each student started with their own caterpillar and watched it eat, grow, transform into a chrysalis and finally a butterfly. This week, the 301 students

said a bittersweet goodbye to their butterflies as they released them into nature.

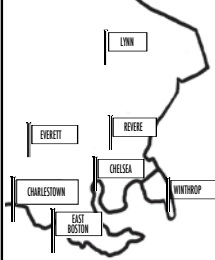
CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

•CHS kicked off PRIDE month with a community breakfast for LGBTQ+ staff and allies/co-conspirators.



CITY SCHOLARS CHS Early College Seniors who have been awarded the City of Chelsea Scholarship met with CHS EC Counselor Jackie Corbaci and BHCC EC and High School Partnership Director Steve Prudent in advance of the BHCC CHS Senior Night to celebrate their accomplishments.

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FOR SALE/ AUCTION

Various Computer Parts and Surgical Masks. 9 skids of material to be sold as is at 10:00am on June 18, 2021 at City Express 38 Auburn St Chelsea MA 02150

Please email charlesb@cityexp.com for more info.



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21 Grand Street, 4th Floor
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One Ashburton Place, Room 601
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THE CPS RETIREES AND STUDENTS OF THE YEAR RECOGNIZED

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The Chelsea School Committee and Chelsea Public Schools had a lot to celebrate at their last School Committee Meeting for the school year on Thursday, June 3. The CPS Retirees and Students of the Year were recognized and received awards during a pre-recording that was shared with the committee and the audience during the meeting.



Chelsea Opportunity Academy Student of the Year Moris Tejada.



Chelsea High School Student of the Year Richard Flores, who is headed to Harvard University, with his mother.



Browne Middle School Student of the Year Brandon Ossa Barrientos.



Morris H. Seigal Clark Ave. Student of the Year Sarah-Ruth McCaskill.

The School Committee along with Supt. Almi Abeyta also recognized Buildings & Grounds, IT, and Food Service departments for their vital contributions to Chelsea schools during the pandemic. Special awards were given to Dr. Barbara Krol-Sinclair from the adult learning program and Assistant Superintendent Sarah Kent, who will be leaving the district at the end of June.



Asst. Supt. Sarah Kent accepted an award from Supt. Almi Abeyta for her years of service. Kent is leaving the district after many years to become the new Assistant Supt. in Waltham.



Barbara Krol-Sinclair of the Adult Learning program accepts an award from Supt. Almi Abeyta.



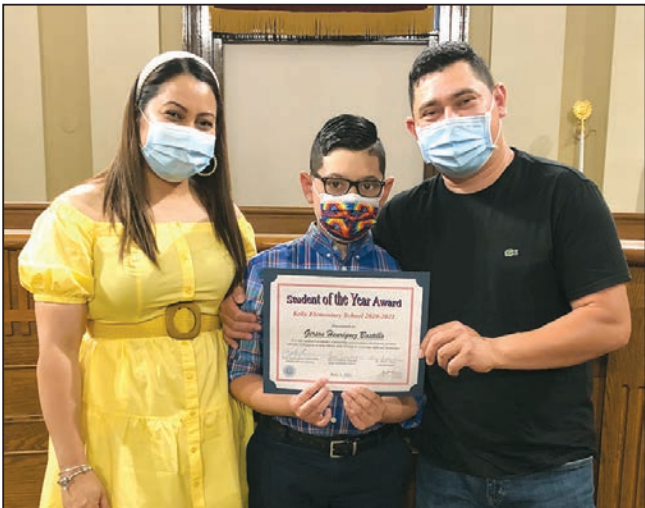
Wright Science & Tech Academy Student of the Year Ayman Souabny.



Sokolowski School Student of the Year Geshua Lan Juarez.



Berkowitz School Student of the Year Bryanna Grigorian with her family.



Kelly School Student of the Year Gerson Henriquez Bustillo with his family.



Hooks School Student of the Year Mario Vargas Torres with his family.



The Chelsea Aramark Food Service team, recognized for their relentless work in getting meals out to students during the pandemic.



The IT Department was awarded for its work keeping students and faculty online during remote schooling.

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