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CHELSEA STATION RIBBON CUTTING



Above, The Commuter Rail from North Station pulling into Chelsea Station during the December 15 ribbon cutting ceremony. See Page 8 for more photos.



City Officials, State Representative Dan Ryan, State Representative Jessica Giannino, Roseann Bongiovanni, Executive Director of GreenRoots, and City Manager Tom Ambrosino, with MBTA employees during the December 15 ribbon cutting ceremony.

Licensing Commission approves transfers, appeals ABCC ruling

By Adam Swift

The Licensing Commission approved several license transfers at its meeting last week, including a new owner for the Prattville Mart and a new restaurant at 73 Winnisimmet St.

The Prattville Mart at 383C Washington Ave. saw a change of ownership and a transfer of the wine and malt beverages alcohol license from Prayosha Enterprises to the VanSan Corporation.

While the commission unanimously approved the transfer of the license, Chelsea Police Captain Keith Houghton did have some words of advice for the new owners.

“That location has been robbed like yearly, and I told the previous owner that where the clerk stands, there were advertisements blocking the view,” said Houghton. “I told them every time ... you need to keep the win-

dow clear.”

Houghton said once the new license goes through, he will stop by to help the new owners address the issue.

“It’s a tough place; it’s been robbed almost yearly around this time, and it’s always because of the visibility of the clerk,” said Houghton. “You want to be visible to the street so people don’t see you as a target.”

The Licensing Commission also approved a transfer of license, pledge of inventory, and pledge of an all alcoholic beverages license from Yong Yong, Inc. to Lime Chelsea, Inc., which plans to open an international fusion restaurant at 73 Winnisimmet St.

The space at 73 Winnisimmet is vacant now, but was recently renovated by a business that was in the location for a short time before closing because of

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Commission recommends Clark Ave. to a one way; hears speeding concerns

By Adam Swift

Clark Avenue could soon be a one-way street, pending approval of a Traffic and Parking Commission vote by the City Council.

At last week’s traffic commission meeting, members approved converting Clark Avenue into a one-way street westbound from Webster Avenue to Eleanor Street.

“After looking at the traffic flow in the area, as well as the rush hour traffic conditions, (engineering consultants) found that this portion of Clark Avenue could be converted to a one-way flow westbound without any significant impact to

the surrounding roadway network,” said Alexander Train, Director of Housing and Community Development. “It’s main impact would be to the homes of the folks who were actually requesting this change, since they would have to circulate around to access their driveways and homes.”

In other business, the traffic commission tabled discussions about speeding and traffic issues in several hotspots in the city to look at potential solutions to the problems.

District 4 Councillor Enio Lopez is requesting the city install speed tables at 73 and 150 Marl-

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Chelsea man faces murder charge in domestic assault

By Adam Swift

A Chelsea man is facing murder charges following an alleged domestic assault at a Stockton Street apartment on Saturday afternoon.

The suspected killer, Mario Alberto Mira Lopera was wounded in the incident and remains in the hospital in critical condition, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office.

Chelsea Police were called to the Parkside Commons apartments on Stockton Street just after 4:20 p.m. on Saturday.

When police got to the

scene, they found 48-year-old Paula Andrea Ortiz Ramirez with multiple stab and slash wounds. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Mira Lopera was also found injured in the apartment. He was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital and underwent life saving surgery, according to the DA’s office.

If Mira Lopera survives his wounds, he will be charged with murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Further information about the case could be disclosed if it does make it to Chelsea District Court, the DA’s

office stated.

“The evidence indicates that Ms. Ortiz’s life was taken in a violent domestic attack,” said Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins. “This is a tragedy as children are now left without a mother and have a father who will be charged with her murder if he survives. My heart goes out to these children and this family that is forced to endure tragedy and profound grief during the holiday season. My office will be available and at their sides to provide the support and resources they may need during this long process.”

State Police detectives assigned to the District Attorney’s Office continue to investigate the fatal stabbing, Rollins said.

The victims of any crime, including domestic violence, should call 911 in an emergency, the DA’s office stated. SafeLink, a statewide domestic violence hotline, can be reached at (877) 785-2020. SafeLink is answered by trained advocates 24 hours a day in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, as well as TTY at (877) 521-2601. It also has the capacity to provide multilingual translation in more than 140 languages.

CHELSEA TREE LIGHTING



Setting the holiday scene Arlex Lars Flores, Mario Cimino, and Eduardo Andino from Chelsea’s Building Dept. last Thursday night for the 2021 holiday season. See Page 9 for more photos.

Deadlines for the Christmas week publication on Dec. 23 are Tuesday at 5 P.M. Thank You! Happy Holidays

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’TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING -- AND NEVER HAS THE NEED BEEN MORE URGENT

“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.”
-- *Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.*

With Christmas fast approaching, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that “perfect” gift for our family members and loved ones. Despite the pandemic that has ravaged our nation in so many ways, most Americans actually are doing okay, if not extremely well. Sure, the pandemic has made life inconvenient and not as enjoyable as usual for everybody, but most of us are getting along just fine. Those who are able to work from home have not suffered a loss of income. And for those among us who have any sort of investments, from real estate to the stock market to certain types of small businesses, the pandemic has been a boon.

However, the good economic news for the majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable minority of our fellow citizens, the effects of the pandemic represent an existential disaster. Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially. To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our history. Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to the pandemic. The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what has existed in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy. Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, actually is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called “warm glow” effect. Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for donations to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunity to do so in the coming days to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate -- and there is no excuse for failing to do so.

GOP’S OPPOSITION TO RACHAEL ROLLINS

The unprecedented opposition, accompanied by unprecedented vitriol, by the Republican members of the U.S. Senate to the nomination of Suffolk County District Atty. Rachael Rollins for the position of U.S. Attorney for the Massachusetts district has laid bare driven agenda.

Here is what Tom Cotton, the odious Arkansas Senator, said during a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee in opposing Ms. Rollins’s nomination: “Miss Rollins appears to measure success as a prosecutor not by how many victims and innocent people she protects, but rather by how many criminals she keeps from facing consequences. If she’s confirmed as the US attorney, the cartels and the gangs that are fueling violence and death in our communities will be gleeful. Rachael Rollins wants to destroy the criminal justice system from within. That’s not hyperbole.” Cotton’s last line -- “That’s not hyperbole” -- ordinarily would be laughable, but unfortunately it is illustrative of the way that leading GOP politicians are gas-lighting the country these days to appeal to the basest of their base.

Senator Cotton’s sham statement also has put on full display the propensity among leading GOP politicians to bully women, and that is doubly so for women of color. We recall the vote by Mitch McConnell and the GOP-controlled Senate in 2017 that silenced Senator Elizabeth Warren during the confirmation hearing for Jeff Sessions as U.S. Attorney General when she read a letter (which already was part of the Congressional Record) by Coretta Scott King in 1986 about Sessions. Later, a male senator read the same letter -- but without a peep from McConnell. These GOP politicians are like the “tough” guys who have no hesitancy to engage in road-rage behavior when the other driver is a woman, but they shrink from honking, gesticulating, etc. if the other driver is a male. Rachael Rollins had the full support of both of our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Ms. Warren, as well as the endorsement of many others, including former governor William Weld (who served as the U.S. Attorney in Mass. in the 1980s), Wayne Budd (another former U.S. Attorney here), Winthrop Police Chief Terence Delehanty, and Revere Police Chief David Callahan (both of whom work directly with the Suffolk D.A.’s office on a daily basis). Despite the roadblocks thrown up by the GOP senators, the nomination of Rachael Rollins finally was approved, though only because of a tie-breaking vote by vice-president Kamala Harris. We wish to congratulate Ms. Rollins upon her confirmation and we look forward to her tenure as our U.S. Attorney for the Massachusetts district.

Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Somehow, some way, may this be a Christmas worth remembering

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We had difficulties when we were growing up in Martin county, Kentucky but overall, we thought we were doing okay. President Lyndon Johnson came to Inez, Kentucky in 1964 to let us know we weren’t doing very well. He began his campaign in our community and we became the poster child for American poverty. We hadn’t really thought of ourselves as poor until we started hearing about ourselves in the news.

I had numerous friends who didn’t get much for Christmas. Often it was one or two small gifts or nothing at all. Several classmates at my elementary school in Tomahawk, Kentucky were fortunate if they had a coat to wear in the winter. Ragged looking shoes on a kid’s feet during the winter was a common sight. Several classmates came to school to wash their faces and hands in the boys’ bathroom. The school lunch was the only decent meal some of the kids ate during the week. It was a while before

President Johnson’s 1964 promises started helping our area. Even with the roll out of government assistance many families subsisted until the coal boom of the seventies which has almost died. Today our county is reinventing itself with agriculture, a service center to aid bitcoin mining, tourism and small businesses.

I don’t remember every Christmas, but I remember one. My dad broke his back falling off a barn when I was a child. He was out of work for several months and in those days, we didn’t have government safety nets to see us through tough financial times. Christmas came as usual and we did put up a tree. Our family gathered on Christmas Eve and we had food, fellowship and laughter. We always raised a garden and my parents stored food so it came in handy during tough times.

I expected nothing for Christmas that year because the heaviness of family financial pressure was obvious even as a child. Surprisingly, my mother handed me a small wrapped box that Christ-

mas Eve and said Merry Christmas. I was shocked because I expected nothing that year. Opening the box, I found a watch that had numbers that glowed in the dark. It may have cost \$5 but it was priceless to me. I was thrilled and wore it every night to just look at the glowing numbers.

Dad was recuperating that Christmas. His temporary disability and our financial stress made life gloomy for us that year. Yet, here I am remembering that Christmas as one of the best of all. It was during that Christmas that I remember the presence of family. Mom and dad were alive. We had food to eat. We had a roof over our heads and our family had each other.

This may not be your best Christmas, but maybe, just maybe you can still have Christmas. The empty chair is painful. Depression is real. Financial or other personal difficulties may have disabled you. Millions have died from Covid-19. Thousands are suffering from horrific tornadoes and loss of life. Hurricanes have pounded us in the East and fires

have incinerated our West. In the midst of all this inflation eats away at America’s paychecks like an unchecked malignancy. The message of Christmas is the story of peasant parents, enduring difficult travel, taxes to be paid and no place to sleep but a barn and a cow’s trough for their newborn baby. Somehow, they found strength in each other and in God who brought them and their baby through a very difficult time. We never forget their story and their plight, it’s truly a Christmas worth remembering.

We are going to remember this Christmas, no doubt. Somehow, somehow, with God’s help and each other, may this be a Christmas worth remembering. *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.*

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borough Street to slow traffic in that area. “It’s really an area where the cars are always speeding,” said Lopez. “I always hear complaints about that, and I want to see if (the commission) can support this request.” Lopez said there have been several accidents in the area recently. Train said the city’s transportation and engineering consultant is performing a traffic pedestrian safety assessment of Marlborough Street in order to develop safety

recommendations. “We expect that some of their recommendations may include the installation of speed tables, speed bumps, or other roadway features that we would have to coordinate with the fire department and other pertinent departments,” said Train. The traffic commission tabled Lopez’s request to its next meeting, when it is expected that the consultant will have some recommendations. The commission will also be looking into

speeding and traffic concerns at the intersection of Jefferson and Washington avenues that were raised by resident Mary Festa. Festa said there is a soft corner at the intersection, and that many motorists speed up to take the turn after going over the speed tables on Washington Avenue. “They go over that speed table and they gun it and go whizzing up Washington then they take the right onto Jefferson and they are not even considering that there might

be people walking across the street,” said Festa. “Now making that a hard corner would shorten the crosswalk that runs across Jefferson, which I think would be safer for pedestrians.” Train said the city would look into conducting an assessment of the intersection and return with some recommendations for the traffic commission at an upcoming meeting.

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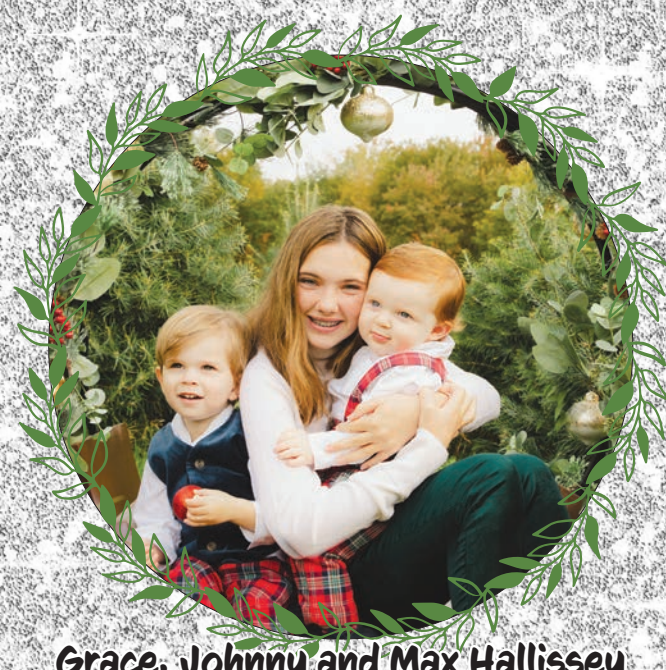


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Justice Department awards more than \$17.5 million to support project safe neighborhoods

The Department of Justice has awarded \$314,273 to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) to administer Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) grant funds in the District of Massachusetts. Since the program began in 2001, nearly \$7 million in federal grant funds have been allocated to the District of Massachusetts's violent crime reduction efforts.

PSN is a Department of Justice nationwide violent-crime reduction initiative coordinated by the U.S. Attorney's Offices. PSN brings together federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors and community leaders to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address those issues. While the initiative was first launched in 2001, the Department strengthened the program in May 2021 by implementing a new strategy focused on reducing violent crime in the places we call home, not solely increasing the number of arrests or prosecutions.

Each U.S. Attorney's Office across the United States is responsible for creating a comprehensive strategy for reducing violent crime. The District of

Massachusetts established an extensive network of law enforcement and community partners who have been fundamental to this strategy's success in six target cities: Boston, Brockton, Lawrence, New Bedford, Springfield and Worcester.

The distribution of grant funds to target cities across the state has enabled communities and organizations to implement programming focused on after-school activities, education, employment, re-entry for returning citizens, law enforcement/community collaboration, and public service outreach projects, among others.

In Massachusetts, PSN projects include:

- Developing and sustaining community/law enforcement partnerships and strengthening their capabilities in targeted communities across the state by maximizing federal resources;
- Collaborating with state and local law enforcement on violent crime and illegal firearm prosecutions;
- Providing training for nearly 4,500 law enforcement personnel and community members on topics such as advancements in technology, empowering neighborhoods on addressing gang prevention; updates on new innovative

community programs and partnerships; and officer safety training;

- Supporting community partners and outreach programs to address reentry barriers for returning citizens and empower youth to resist gang recruitment;
- Formulating tools to measure the performance of projects funded with PSN and other federal grants.

"Shootings and other violent crimes cause devastating injuries and death for victims, of course, but they also destabilize the communities in which they occur. That is why this Office continues to prioritize violent crime reduction efforts through the PSN initiative," said Acting United States Attorney Nathaniel R. Mendell. "This funding, in addition to the continued collaboration with our federal, state and local law enforcement partners, will enable us to develop tailored strategies that target the most violent criminals and make our communities safer."

PSN programs are led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices in collaboration with local public safety agencies, community stakeholders and other agencies and organizations that work to reduce violent crime.

PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

Martha Amaya Flores a.k.a. Martita - 2020

The following is one in a series of sneak peeks at the upcoming People of Chelsea additions by Chelsea Photographer Darlene DeVita. The new work will ultimately appear on the fence of the Chelsea Public Library (CPL) Spring of 2022 a collaboration between the People of Chelsea project and the CPL.)

By Darlene DeVita

"I've been living in Chelsea for 31 years. I came from El Salvador because of the war. It was very sad, it was a war that never ended. I saw many dead, much hunger, much misery in my country. When I left it was the last time I saw my parents alive. I didn't return until 1995 when they told me my mother had died. It was very sad for me. I didn't have papers. But when I returned I went to see her grave. I was 24 when I left, today I am 54.

I live alone. I came to Chelsea because a cousin advised me to come here, so I came and I have worked since then, I haven't stopped working. I worked for 14 years with a cleaning company. Now I work for Suffolk University Police Department and Security. I'm very happy working with them. I like working with the students.

I've been with the Collaborative for 7 years. My friend brought me here and it was a pleasure for me. I already knew Gladys Vega, I had always wanted to work with her but I hadn't had the opportunity.



nity. But now I have the opportunity to work with her and Roy Avellaneda. Gladys Vega deserves all respect, she deserves a golden crown, she is a motivation for the people of Chelsea. She hasn't abandoned us during the pandemic. We have lived happy times and sad times, but she has never abandoned us. So far the food donations have been happening for five months, to try to help people survive, because this pandemic, which we were not expecting, has been very big, very sad.

The truth is, for us workers here, it is a big effort to be here because it is not easy to do two jobs. I do my job in the morning, and then I change quickly and come running over here, but I do it with a lot of love and pride for the Collaborative. I'm a volunteer. I love it. It has become like my family. In these times, I understand

that doors have closed, but they are not going to prevent me from working with these people. If we haven't gotten sick, it is because my god is protecting us. Why? Because we are doing good work."

I met Martita in April of 2020 while documenting the pandemic. She was volunteering for La Colaborativa at Pan Y Cafe, and in tears because hundreds of people were in line in the cold rain waiting for food. The truck was delayed for hours. I chose this image (I have serious ones) because this IS Martita. Always full of joy and laughter, until someone is in need and she can't help. As you can see from her story life has not been easy but she praises God everyday for her what she has. As I've gotten to know her we've cried, we danced...we laughed. Thank you for Martita for all you do and the joy you bring to others.

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the pandemic.

The restaurant is looking to open in February, according to the attorney representing the owner. The menu will feature an international fusion of Asian, Mediterranean, and African foods.

In other business, Assistant City Solicitor Stephon Treadway requested the Licensing Commission appeal a decision by the Alcoholic Beverage Controls Commission that overturned a license revocation at Las Pupusas Del Chino in 2020.

"The basis of the revocation was three counts: serving an intoxicated person, serving a minor, and failing to maintain 30 days of video surveillance footage," said Treadway. "All three counts went to the ABCC on appeal, we lost on the first two because we had inadequate

evidence in their view of the violation."

The video surveillance violation was upheld, Treadway said, and the order was to remand to the Chelsea Licensing Commission with the recommendation of a three-day suspension for the establishment.

Treadway said the law department believes the ABCC made an error in failing to draw an adverse inference from the failure to provide the video surveillance.

Houghton said he believed the city should challenge the ABCC ruling.

"If the video was properly given to us, it would have proven the service," said Houghton.

Tom Campbell, the attorney representing Las Pupusas Del Chino asked that his client be allowed

to operate under the license while the matter is resolved in Superior Court.

"The license has been in fact de facto revoked since June of last year," said Campbell, adding the court case could drag out for over a year.

Treadway said the city would have no objection to Campbell's request.

However, several Licensing Commission members noted the history of violations at the location and voted not to allow the establishment to operate under the liquor license while the city appeals the ABCC ruling.

The commission also approved the renewal of the completed liquor; common victualler; amusement and entertainment; Class I, II, and III; and rooming house licenses that were before it.

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MBTA CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF CHELSEA COMMUTER RAIL STATION

Special to the Record

MassDOT Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler and MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak were joined on Wednesday by community leaders to celebrate the completion of the new, multimodal, \$37.7 million Chelsea Commuter Rail Station. Newburyport/Rockport Line riders can now experience boarding via fully accessible high-level platforms and improved station elements with easy connections to the Silver Line 3 (SL3). “This new Chelsea Commuter Rail Station is an example of the MBTA taking steps to improve the customer experience and deliver on the Baker-Polito Administration’s promise to provide a modern and reliable system for all riders,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. “The MBTA continues to prioritize core system upgrades like this new accessible and multimodal station, and we thank those who continue to support important capital investments like this as we modernize the T, including our partners at the MBTA, members of

the Massachusetts Legislature, community advocates, and MBTA riders.” “Allowing for faster boarding and improved accessibility for people of all abilities, this brand new, fully modern, completely accessible Chelsea Station is a key investment in our Commuter Rail infrastructure and a great upgrade for our Commuter Rail riders,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “The new station also serves as a multimodal transit connection with the SL3, improving the customer experience by providing customers with more travel options. Thank you to our partners at MassDOT and to local leaders, transportation advocates, and our customers for their support as we completed this project.” The ribbon-cutting event showcased the completion and opening of the station, which officially opened to Commuter Rail passengers on November 15, 2021. Allowing for quick trips to and from downtown Boston, the newly opened, multimodal, fully accessible station features full, high-level

platforms for boarding, canopies and benches, new sidewalks, security cameras, passenger assistance telephones, and more. Located adjacent to the SL3 Chelsea stop, the new Chelsea Commuter Rail Station makes transfers to and from the SL3 easy and convenient. The new station is also a Zone 1A station with fares being the same as that of the subway (\$2.40 for a one-way trip). During construction, MBTA crews and contractors completely demolished the older, inaccessible Chelsea Station, upgraded rail signaling systems and traffic crossings, made improvements to traffic signals at three intersections that cross the Silver Line busway (Everett Avenue, Spruce Street, and Arlington Street), and improved transit signal priority for the SL3 in Chelsea, enhancing safety and reliability of the Silver Line service through the immediate area. For more information, visit mbta.com, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook / TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.



A commuter rail stopped at the new Chelsea Station, behind the Market Basket parking lot.



MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak welcoming city officials and MBTA employees to the new Commuter Rail station in Chelsea.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino is hoping that the new Chelsea Station will be the beginning of transformative, economic improvements to the city.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino and MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak.

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Last Thursday evening City Manager Tom Ambrosino was joined by city and state elected officials, as well as many residents to officially light up the Christmas Tree and decoration in Chelsea Square.



Decisions-decisions, Keilani Builes picking out the right cupcake.



Hot Chocolate and snacks were served to all in Chelsea Square.



Megan Downey and Katie Bilicki at the Chelsea's Tree lighting.



Mimi Graney Chelsea's Downtown Coordinator welcomes everyone last Thursday evening to Chelsea Square.



Mimi Graney presented the crew of Arlex Lars-Flores, Mario Cimino and Eduardo Andino a certificate of appreciation for their hard work and dedication during the holiday season.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino gives the count-down to light Chelsea City Square last Thursday night.



Santa and the Christmas Tree and the other holiday lights were lit up last Thursday night for the 2021 holiday season.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino with State Representative Jessica Giannino, Councillors, Todd Taylor, Giovanni Recupero, Enio Lopez, Superintendent of Chelsea Public Schools Almi Abayta and Senator Sal DiDomeninco.

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Presenter: Rev. Dr. George Walters- Sleyon

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Sports

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ALL EYES: Everyone’s watching the flight of the ball as Chelsea’s Quezada (12) hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to bring the Red Devils within 12 at halftime.



FLOOR SEATS; Chelsea’s Joseph Faillos (00) has a close up view as an Austin Prep player scoops up a loose ball.



Chelsea’s Kamaury Applebarry (1) almost got a hand on this pass from Austin Prep’s Dave McMahon (3).



ONLY OPTION: Chelsea’s Baptiste (35) and Bektista (2) leave Austin Prep’s Tom Skeffington (33) with only the choice to pass the ball.



REBOUND BATTLE: Chelsea’s Baptiste (35) takes a hit as he fights for a rebound.

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HAND TO HAND COMBAT: Chelsea’s Kamaury Applebarry (1) is hand-in-hand with Austin Prep’s Will Cacciatore (4) as they fight for a rebound.

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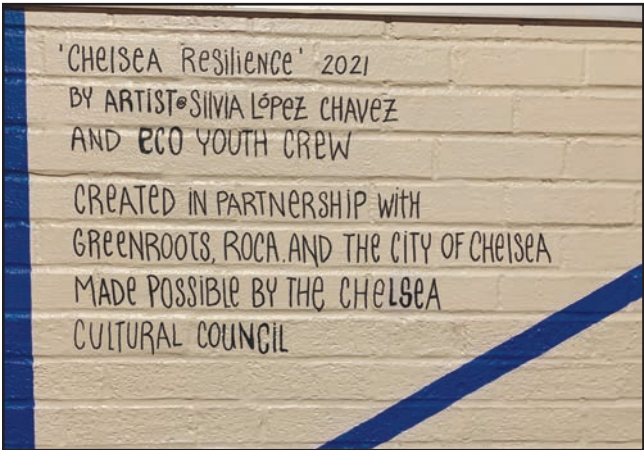


On a warm November afternoon, the community came together to celebrate Chelsea's latest. With a grant from the Chelsea Cultural Council, muralist and Chelsea resident Silvia Lopez-Chavez collaborated with GreenRoots and their seven member ECO teen crew to design this piece of art rooted in community resilience and power. The mural, in collaboration with and painted on the Pearl Street side of Roca's building, exemplifies community, friendship and unity. The mural was also made possible with support from the City of Chelsea's Department of Public Works.

Inspiration for the mural comes from the people of Chelsea, who, as a community, come together to lift each other, working in unity to thrive during challenging times. The imagery features diverse hands modeled by Chelsea youth from the ECO Crew. The hands hold flags with words in ten different languages currently spoken in Chelsea: Resilience (English), Unity (Spanish), Perseverance (French Creole), Pride (Portuguese), Diversity (Chinese), Togetherness (Vietnamese), Strength (Hindi), Determination (Somali), and Courage (Amharic). A garden of

national flowers blooms across the wall representing 33 countries of origin and foreign-born residents in Chelsea's demographics. The mural celebrates the diverse people of Chelsea, shining a joyful light on the resilience and collective strength that makes this community so beautiful. GreenRoots and Artist Silvia Lopez Chavez offer gratitude to the Chelsea Cultural Council, the City of Chelsea, Roca and the dedication of the ECO Youth Crew members Stephanie, Troy, Roxanna, Tayanara, Arianna, Vanessa, Darien, and Greandoll along with GreenRoots

Youth Program Organizers Laura Brockington and Sarah Saydun. Special thanks to the talented artists who assisted throughout the project: Laidy Saenz, Ayana Mack, Gina Latham, Sabrina Dorsainvil, Laura Menucci; and Dominic Chavez for photo-documenting the process.



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Zonta Club of Chelsea & North Shore Makes Gift to HarborCOV

Members of The Zonta Club of Chelsea and North Shore sponsor an annual Fall Project to raise awareness of gender-based violence that devastates the lives of women and girls worldwide. The project traditionally takes place during the Sixteen Days of Activism, bracketed by November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and December 10, Human rights Day.

This year the club has decided to make a generous donation to HarborCOV, a local agency that provides essential and comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence and their children. Funds were provided specifically for transportation services for these women as they seek safety, shelter, and permanent housing, while also needing



Pictured, L to R are: Zonta members, Bonnie Fishman and Sheila Arsenault, and HarborCOV staff members, Elaine Fernandes, Juliana DeSimone, Claudia Carias and Ivette Arroyo.

transportation to rebuild and navigate their lives. On December 9, Zonta members presented Har-

borCOV with a check for much-needed transportation resources.

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Nueva estación de tren suburbano en Chelsea

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Pie de foto: El secretario y CEO de MassDOT, Jamey Tesler, el director general de la MBTA, Steve Poflak, miembros del grupo de trabajo de Chelsea, otros funcionarios de la MBTA y líderes de la comunidad de Chelsea asisten a la ceremonia de corte de cinta para la apertura de la nueva estación de tren suburbano de Chelsea

La nueva estación de **tren suburbano de Chelsea**, que ha costado \$37.7 millones, ofrece una forma más cómoda y conveniente de conectarse entre Chelsea y la estación norte de Boston a través de la línea de tren suburbano de Newburyport/Rockport o la Silver Line 3 hasta el Seaport y la estación sur.

La nueva estación ofrece andenes completos de alto nivel para un embarque más fácil y accesible, marquesinas y bancos para mayor comodidad, nuevas aceras y mayores elementos de seguridad, como cámaras de seguridad y teléfonos de asistencia al pasajero. Además, la estación tiene una tarifa de zona 1A, la misma que un viaje de ida en metro de \$2.40.

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New Chelsea Commuter Rail Station

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MassDOT & CEO Jamey Tesler, MBTA GM Steve Poftak, the Chelsea Task Force, and other MBTA officials and Chelsea community leaders attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the new Commuter Rail station in Chelsea

The new \$37.7 million **Chelsea Commuter Rail Station** provides a more comfortable and convenient way to connect between Chelsea and Boston's North Station along the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail Line or the Silver Line 3 to the Seaport and South Station.

The new Station offers full, high-level platforms for easier, accessible boarding, canopies and benches for comfort, new sidewalks, and increased safety features such as security cameras and passenger assistance telephones. The Station is also a Zone 1A fare, the same as a one-way \$2.40 subway ride.

The MBTA is **Building a Better T** by undertaking an ambitious \$8 billion modernization effort to maintain and renovate stations, replace subway fleets, reimagine the bus network system, upgrade tracks, signals and switches; and replace its fare collection system to make the T a better, safer, accessible and more reliable transit system.



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CITY OF CHELSEA HOLDS FOURTH ANNUAL EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PARTY

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The City of Chelsea Fourth Annual Employee Holiday Party was held Dec. 10 at the Hilton Garden Inn, East Boston. The guests enjoyed a delicious buffet-style dinner and dessert. DJ

George Athas provided the musical entertainment. Chelsea Human Resources Manager Odelisa Macedo did a great job organizing the holiday celebration.



Josh Strassman and Oriana Reilly.



Ledia Koco (right), with her fiancé, Will Piper, and her mother, Manjola Koco.



City Manager Thomas Ambrosino and Human Resources Director Odelisa Macedo.



ISD Inspector Hector Prieto and his mother, Aura Reyes.



Melrose Emergency Management Director Allan Alpert and Chelsea Emergency Management Director Steve Staffier.



Fire Chief Lenny Albanese, Hawa Ogresevic, and DJ George Athas.



Dotty Kushmerek and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Holiday Party Chairperson Odelisa Macedo, and Hilton Garden Inn Director of Sales Steve Haley.



Sandra Valentin-Brown, District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown, and Supt. of Schools, Dr. Almi Abeyta.



The Chelsea School Department Table, front row, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, School Committee member Rosemarie Carlisle, and Executive Director of Administration and Finance Monica Lamboy. Back row, Director of Human Resources Christine Lee, Assistant Superintendent Michael Lovato, Assistant Superintendent Adam DeLeidi, and Equity, Diversity, and Excellence Officer Dr. Aaron Jennings.



Representing the Chelsea School Department, from left, Adam Deleidi (Assistant Superintendent for Student Support), Veronica Dyer-Medina (Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Almi G. Abeyta and School Committee Clerk), Carol Sanchez (Administrative Assistant), Dr. Aaron Jennings (Equity Diversity and Excellence Officer) Lourdes Garcia (Account Clerk, Business Office), Dr. Almi G. Abeyta (Superintendent of Schools), Diane Gulizia (Assistant Business Manager), Rosemarie Carlisle, (Chelsea School Committee Member), Christine Lee (Director of Human Resources), Monica Lamboy (Executive Director of Administration and Finance), and Mercedes Romero (Account Clerk, Business Office).



The Chelsea City Hall Contingent, first row, Dr. Aaron Jennings, Roy Avellaneda, Leo Robinson, and Richard Zullo. Second row, Mikey DeJesus, Bruce Black, Todd Taylor, Calvin Brown, Luis Diego Martinez, Hector Gonzalez, Richie Bellomo, Thomas Dunn, Steve Staffier, Lenny Albanese, and Allan Alpert. Third row, Halil Demer, Leo Buzzalino, Thomas Ambrosino, Mark Farnsworth, Hector Prieto, and Dave Morency.



Chelsea City Officials, from left, Todd Taylor, Calvin Brown, Judith Garcia, Thomas Ambrosino, Gina Guange of the Hilton Garden Inn, Roy Avellaneda, Odelisa Macedo, and Leo Robinson.

CITY OF CHELSEA HOLDS FOURTH ANNUAL EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY PARTY



From left, Luis Diego Martinez, Mercedes Romero, Johnny Rodriguez, Yasmin Rodriguez, Paula McHatton, and Paulette Velastegui.



Front row, Denia Romero, Odelisa Macedo, and Diane Carey. Back row, Fire Chief Lenny Albanese, Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Allan Alpert, Council President Roy Avellana, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Emergency Management Director Steve Staffier, and Chelsea Police Capt. Thomas Dunn.



Front row, Manjola Koco, Will Piper, and Ledia Koco. Back row, Richie Maronski, Sharon Maronski, Bruce Black, Wendy Tavico, and Cristian Tavico.



Front row, Yasmin Guevara, Blanca Rosado, Mari Rosado, and Julia Velasquez. Back row, Halil Demir, Mike McAtteer, Cristina Quijada, Leo Buzzalino, Bruce Black, and Bernabe Rodriguez.



Front row, Lourdes Garcia, Jenny Builes, and Mark Farnsworth. Back row, Hector Prieto, Aura Reyes, City Councillor Judith Garcia, Dave Morency, Diane Gulizia, and Hector Gonzalez.



Front row, Denia Romero, Steve Staffier, and Allan Alpert. Back row, Odelisa Macedo, Diane Carey, Thomas Dunn, and Richie Bellomo.



The Chelsea City Hall Contingent, first row, Odelisa Macedo and Lourdes Garcia. Second row, Judith Garcia, Hawa Ogrevic, Dotty Kushmerek, and Sandra Valentin-Brown. Third row, Diane Gulizia, Paulette Velastegui, Paula McHatton, Cristina Quijada, Auta Reyes, Blanca Rosado, Wendy Tavico, Denia Romero, Ledia Koco, and Christine Lee. Fourth row, Jenny Builes, Julia Velasquez, Yasmin Guevara, Oriana Reilly, Cate Fox-Lent, and Sharon Maronski.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

NEW SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTEES OBJECT TO PRESENT COMMITTEE'S MOVE TO AMEND CONTRACT FOR SUPT.

EVERETT - Three proposed changes in Superintendent Priya Tahiliani's current contract brought three newly-elected school committee members to the School Committee meeting on Monday night to object to the changes being made by the current School Committee.

Jeanne Cristiano, the Ward 3 School Committee member-elect, called the vote by the current school committee "bad business."

School Committee-men-elect Jason Marcus and Michael McLaughlin joined Cristiano during the public comment period of the meeting in calling for the school committee not to change the current contract, but to allow the newly-elected School Committee that will take office in January to vote on changing the contract.

The proposed changes in the contract were as follows:

a. Amend "good cause by a majority vote of the School Committee" to "just cause by vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the School Committee."

b. Under "Termination by the Superintendent Prior to Expiration," delete the following: "Should the Superintendent choose to terminate the contract without good cause and leave the employment of the Everett Public Schools to work as a Superintendent in another Massachusetts school district prior to its expiration date, she shall compensate the Committee an amount equal to 10% of her annual salary."

c. Replace February 28, 2024 as it appears under "2: Term" and "3: Compensation" to June 30, 2025.

When the motion was discussed, at-large member Samantha Lambert noted that this process with the contract had been in discussion for the last year and half.

Ward 4 School Com-

mittee member Dana Murray also defended the right of the present School Committee to change the contract, noting that the superintendent was not chosen by four of the current school committee members. She added that she could understand the "frustration" of newly-elected members, but stated that the current School Committee's action was not intended to usurp the future School Committee's power.

Still, the timing of the changes seemed to smack of lame-duck politics to some. However, Murray noted that the contract ends in the mid-point of the school year and in further justification of taking up the matter now, Murray said, "COVID messed things up. We need to give her (Tahiliani) a chance to do the work that she was hired to do, not dealing with COVID."

This rationale led to Tahiliani's contract being possibly extended to June 2025.

Chairman Frank Parker spoke on the matter, noting that the superintendent's contract is evaluated on a yearly basis by the full committee and that a subcommittee has been meeting on a regular basis, evaluating the contract.

"This is being voted on tonight not because it is December," said Parker. "It is not being done now because it is the end of the year. It just happens to be that the timing is now."

He further added that he has been involved in this discussion for a "number of years."

The issue of changing the wording from "good cause" to "just cause" also was discussed.

Murray summarized her understanding of the wording by saying, "If we use 'good cause' in a case when we need to terminate a teacher, then we would probably lose in the courts, while using the wording 'just cause' would probably be upheld in court."

"We do not want to lose money for students because of poor wording in the contract," Murray added.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria asked that each change be considered separately.

REVERE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STAGE WALK-OUT TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT



PHOTO BY KANE DIMASSO-SCOTT

Revere High School students gathered on the steps of Revere City Hall on Broadway, in protest as part of a student walk-out last Friday afternoon, where they chanted phrases of support for those affected by sexual assault.

The first change in wording was not approved and lost by a vote of 5-3. Reconsideration of the motion also failed.

The second change dealing with a superintendent leaving was approved on a 6-2 vote.

At-Large member Millie Cardiello asked that action on the third change, calling for the contract to be extended from February 28, 2024, to June 30, 2025, be postponed until the Dec. 20 meeting, but not later, since that matter must be taken up before the new year. The postponement was approved.

COVID UPTICK

School Committee members heard that the Everett public school system, similar to many other school districts in the state, is seeing an uptick in COVID-19 cases.

Tahiliani reported that in November, there were a total of 58 confirmed COVID cases among school staff and students and in October, that number was 52 confirmed cases. In December, new cases hit a new, one-day high on December 3 with seven cases, but that was surpassed on December 6 with nine confirmed cases.

Tahiliani further noted that Everett students ages 5-11 are behind the state average for children in that age cohort being vaccinated. She also pointed out that all students who need to be vaccinated or tested are able to use the services of the Cambridge Health Alliance staff in the

schools.

COLLEGE FAIR

A large number of students took advantage of the first College Fair that was held at Everett High School. More than 35 colleges and universities attended the event that was geared to students in grades 9-12. Tahiliani noted that the representatives from the institutions were highly-impressed with the Everett students who attended the event.

GETTING MORE PEOPLE VACCINATED

EAST BOSTON - While we are all trying to live in this 'new normal' amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the holiday season can become a bit tricky for many yearning to be with loved ones but anxious about the risks involved.

East Boston experienced a 60 percent spike in its weekly COVID positive test rate in the wake of the Thanksgiving holiday and health officials have cautioned that vaccinated and unvaccinated people mingling indoors and maskless during holidays is going to be a recipe for disaster for the foreseeable future.

However, the Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VRCC) teamed up last week with the Whittier Street Health Center to kick off the holiday season right by getting as many people vaccinated as possible.

On Saturday the Cultural Center and Whittier Street Health Center hosted a COVID-19 vaccine clinic. The clinic was multicultural and multilingual with artistic and cultural activities for children. Veronica Robles said over 100 people attended the event and 97, including 15 children, were administered vaccines by Whittier Street Health Center staff.

"This is an outstanding example of how the Latino and immigrant community takes care of each other by getting the vaccine and creating community," said Robles, VROCC founding director. "We are grateful to our community partners--Lawyers for Civil Right, Greater Boston Latino Network, Whittier Street Health Center, Boston Public Health Commission - Vaccine Equity, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Neighborways Design, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning & Development Agency, New England Foundation for the Arts for all their support."

The day included an art activation entitled, "The Light We Carry", facilitated by artist in residency

Ruth Kathryn. There was a storytelling workshop by a young storyteller Daniel Aaron Arias.

Also, Juan Carlos Ruiz from Venezuela, Omar Clavijo from Bolivia and the VRCC Mariachi Youth sang villancicos, or spanish carols. Participants also enjoyed delicious Elotes or Mexican Street Corn during the event.

"Nearly all of the people who were vaccinated reported serious barriers to vaccination at other sites, particularly at pharmacies, where appointment slots have been completely exhausted and unavailable," said Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, lawyers for Civil Rights Executive Director. "They also reported language barriers at other sites. So it was clear that the bilingual community-based site using a "walk-in" model was highly successful. The demand for vaccination was extraordinarily high. The event was scheduled from noon to 3 pm, but the staff worked significant overtime with vaccinations taking place until 6 pm."

The event concluded with Robles writing the name of Eastie artist Sury Chavez on the monarch butterfly mural she created with some youth from the community that is outside the VRCC's building on Meridian Street.

"The subject of the mural is the monarch butterfly honoring our neighbors who have migrated from other countries," explained Robles. "Monarch butterflies are a symbol of constant transformation, and perseverance reflected in the thousands of kilometers they travel from Canada passing through the United States to their final destination, the Mexican states of Michoacan and Estado de Mexico."

The poet Nelson Marquez then shared his poem "Monarch Butterfly" created for the occasion.

NICHOLSON LOOKS BACK AT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

LYNN - Jared Nicholson said his experience as a professor at Northeastern University Law School was "wonderful and fulfilling" during an interview with the Lynn Journal this week.

Nicholson, who was elected Lynn's new mayor on Nov. 2, taught business law at the prestigious law school for two-and-half years. He was also director of Northeastern's Community Business Clinic. He has left the NU positions and will be inaugurated as mayor on January 3, 2022.

"One of the real joys of the kind of teaching I was doing is that we had real clients and were able to make a difference in folks' lives. It was such a thrill to be able to share that with my students," Nicholson told the Lynn Journal Tuesday and the Northeastern University news site in an earlier story entitled, 'Call This Law Professor Mr. Mayor'.

He was asked whether his teaching experience at Northeastern brought back memories of his days as a student at Harvard Law School.

"Absolutely. I was very involved in legal aid and public interest work through the clinics when I was at Harvard," said Nicholson. "My clinical experiences in the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau were some of the most important foundations of my career and it was a real privilege to return to that type of work as a professor over the last couple of years."

Nicholson is immersed in the mayoral transition process and will be making announcements about appointments to his Mayor's Office staff soon.

"Over the next couple of weeks, we will be announcing our staff," said Nicholson. "We're very excited to build a team that will be open, communicative, collaborative and effective in delivering results for our constituents and the community and positive change towards a vision of a better Lynn for all of us."

Nicholson has also begun writing his inaugural address. "I am really looking forward to sharing it on January 3," he said.

STUDENT TEST SCORES RELEASED

WINTHROP - At a meeting on Nov. 22, the Winthrop School Committee viewed a presentation on the results of the district's Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test scores that showed among other findings 10 percent of second graders are meeting expectations

Lori Gallivan, the Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability for WPS, presented a slideshow overview of Winthrop students' performance.

William P. Gorman Fort Banks School

The school tested second graders. Due to COVID-19, the school had shifted from introducing third grade material to simply mastering second grade baseline skills.

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Six students show off their “Level Up Certificates” at the December ceremony, along with two school leaders. accompanied by Stella Dubish (far right), Head of School. From left to right: Audrey Jones (Director of School Culture), Danny (Chelsea), Perla (East Boston), Jemima (Everett), Marquise (Revere), Milleny (Everett), Jorleny (Chelsea), and Stella Dubish (Head of School).

Local charter public school ‘levels up’ its academic program

Staff Report

Jorleny, a second year student at the Phoenix Charter Academy Chelsea, approaches the stage for the third time this evening as a crowd of her peers and teachers cheer her on. She’s already received two certificates for completing Humanities I and Math I, her last two classes as a Category I student, Phoenix’s equivalent of the freshman year of high school. Now, she approaches the stage to receive a “Level Up” Award, officially recognizing and celebrating her advancement to Category II, or what is known as sophomore year in most high schools. She’s 25% closer to graduation, and it’s only December.

Level Up Ceremonies, a new initiative at Phoenix Chelsea, occur six times a year, roughly every six weeks. During these ceremonies, students receive certificates and recognition for completing courses, Leveling Up (advancing to the next grade level),

or even graduating. At the most recent ceremony on December 9th, eleven students were celebrated for perfect attendance, 33 course completion certificates were awarded, and ten students leveled up a category. “We’re seeing impressive student growth this year,” says Stella Dubish, Head of School. “These ceremonies are an important way to validate that growth, and encourage our students to keep pushing.”

In 2018, the Phoenix Charter Academy Network implemented Competency Based Learning, a model that uncouples student progress from the calendar year. In this model, students don’t wait until the end of the year to finish courses or advance grades; they move whenever they demonstrate mastery of the competencies, or skills, that they need. “If a student moves up a Level in December, we can’t wait until June to celebrate that,” says Ms. Dubish. “We needed something to mark that

achievement sooner, to affirm them and keep that progress going.”

Like many schools, Phoenix Chelsea struggled to engage students after closing down their physical school during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Many of Phoenix’s students, half of whom are over 18, work part-time or even full-time jobs. School leaders say that students took on extra hours to support their families and save some extra money, one reason why attendance and progress in online classes was lower than they would have liked. Level Up Ceremonies are one way the school is working to rebuild the culture of engagement and achievement.

“I feel happy, I feel excited for myself, and I feel proud of myself. [Last year was] a hard year for me, but I tried the best I could to do a lot of work,” says Jorleny. When asked about the value of the Level Up Ceremonies, Jorleny shares, “We get excited because Phoenix recognizes us for our hard work, and it pushes us to move more and work more.”

As the Level Up Ceremony commences, Tanya Silverstein and Vianca Rodriguez, the school’s Managers of Scholar Success, emphasize the value of the moment for all students, not only those being recognized. As they share with the students in attendance, in both English and Spanish, “Look around you - this will be you if you keep working, stay focused, and follow in the footsteps of those students who are being celebrated today.”



A'Niarya's daughter shows off her mother's diploma during Phoenix Chelsea's first ever Level Up Ceremony in September of 2021.

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cent of second graders are meeting or exceeding expectations, while 66 percent are underperforming. In math, only 10 percent of second graders are meeting or exceeding expectations.

Arthur T. Cummings Elementary School

The school tested fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

In ELA, 46 percent of fourth graders are meeting or exceeding expectations. In math, only 19 percent of fourth graders are meeting or exceeding expectations. These are both below the state averages of 50 percent and 33 percent respectively.

Fifth graders are just above the state average of 49 percent meeting or exceeding expectations in ELA, but below the state average in math at 24 percent.

Sixth graders narrowly beat the state average in ELA at 48 percent, but came in below the state averages for math and STEM, at 24 percent and

39 percent respectively.

Winthrop Middle School

The school tested grades seven, eight and nine.

Fifty-one percent of seventh graders are meeting or exceeding expectations in ELA, beating the state average of 47 percent. In math, they are ten percentage points lower than the state average, with only 24 percent of students performing at grade level.

Eighth graders were roughly in line with the state averages, with 44 percent meeting or exceeding expectations in ELA, and 33 percent in math.

Ninth graders were consistently below the state average in ELA, math and STEM, with 36, 31 and 28 percent performing at grade level.

Winthrop High School

The high school tested eleventh graders, the only cohort to exceed

the state’s average for achievement in math, coming in at 54 percent meeting or exceeding expectations. They also beat the state’s average in ELA with 71 percent performing at grade level.

Response

In an effort to help their underperforming students, schools have proposed a number of solutions: offer small group instruction, reduce class size, assess student progress, tailor instruction to each student, implement new programs, target SPED/ELL students, intervene with underperformers, identify new mastery standards, provide tiered learning, use data-driven instruction, monitor attendance, and create extracurricular engagement opportunities. Gallivan emphasized that the MCAS is only one metric of student achievement.

The full presentation will be available on the Winthrop Public Schools website.

Logan Airport celebrates opening of new Terminal C Canopy and Upper Deck

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), airline partners, and other stakeholders celebrated the completion of the new Terminal C Canopy and Upper Deck at Boston Logan International Airport. The two-year project increased the efficiency of the space by adding travel lanes and curb space at the terminal’s entrance for easier passenger pickups and drop-offs and created a modern canopy that provides more weather protection and natural light. This project plays a significant role in the overall roadway project that will reduce congestion between Logan’s two busiest terminals, B and C.

“We’re delighted to unveil the new Terminal C Canopy. This is just one of our key initiatives in a long-term plan to improve the customer experience, reduce congestion and air emissions, and build a more sustainable airport to support the region’s economy,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we strategically advanced several key initiatives, like this one, to

prepare the airport for the rebound in air travel and economic activity.”

Built in 1967, Terminal C is Logan Airport’s busiest terminal, and home to JetBlue Airways, Cape Air, Aer Lingus and TAP Air Portugal departures. The terminal served over 13.4 million passengers in 2019.

- The project:
- Added four travel lanes and two curbs to the Departure level, and added two travel lanes and one curb to the Arrival level to reduce bottlenecks at the passenger drop-off and pickup areas;
 - Replaced the old canopy with a bigger, sustainable structure that provides more natural lighting by using a skylight material, called Ethylene Tetrafluoroethylene, or ETFE, that is more aesthetic, offers more weather protection and natural light, and uses a much lighter material than a traditional glass canopy;
 - Installed 10,000 square feet of new rooftop solar panels, estimated to generate enough electricity to power 12 homes per year; and
 - Added three high-efficiency elevators at the



Shown above the Terminal C canopy before.



Shown above, the Terminal C Canopy after.

terminal to improve pedestrian flow to and from Central Parking.

“This project is more than just putting a new roof over the terminal entrance. This is about ensuring Logan Airport provides a safe, modern and world-class facility while maintaining our commitment to sustainability,” said Massport Director of Capital Programs & Environmental Affairs Luciana Burdi. “Thanks to the collaboration of our airline partners and other stakeholders, our construction projects enhance the airport experience for all travelers, from the roadway to the terminal gate. We appreciate the patience of our passengers throughout the process.”

A new plaque marking the completion of the Terminal C and Upper Deck project, in partnership with Gensler as the Lead Designer and Skanska as the Construction Manager, was also unveiled following the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The plaque will be permanently placed in the terminal’s entrance.

At Logan Airport, Massport is investing to support economic growth, facilitate connections, increase efficiency, and improve the customer experience. A number of other construction projects to improve the passenger experience at Logan are ongoing, including the Terminal B-C Connector project. This new concourse will connect Terminals B and C post-security with renovated hold room space public art and exhibits and renovated aircraft gates. The Connector is expected to be completed next summer.

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Adelmo Esau Rodriguez

June 20, 1972 – December 5, 2021

Adelmo “Esau” Rodriguez passed away suddenly on December 5. He was 49 years of age.

Born and raised in Saba, Colon, Honduras, he was the son of the late Francisco Rodriguez and Zoela Escobar. He worked as a groundskeeper at The Lexington Golf Club for the past 23 years. He is survived by his son, Joshua Rodriguez-Ortiz of Woburn and his sister, Rita Ortiz of Apple Valley, CA. He is also survived by many extended family members and friends, both here and home in Honduras.

Final services and burial will take place in Saba, Colon. Local arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home.

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com.

Dan Pranka

Chelsea Rotary Club Pesident

It is with deep sadness that to report on the passing of Chelsea resident Dan Pranka.

Mr. Daniel Pranka, age 84, of Saugus, formerly of Connecticut, died on Wednesday, December 8, at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He was the beloved husband of Joanne (Falzzone) Pranka with whom he shared 56 years of marriage. Dan joined Rotary in December of 1993 and served in the Saugus Club, twice stepping up to be president. He brought his sports raffles and travels to the club and rewarded members with trips all around including Bermuda. In July of 2018 he transferred to the Chelsea club where he continued his generous ways. He stepped up this past June to serve as Club President.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to either Smile at donate.smiletrain.org or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a graveside service at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, 185 Lake St., Peabody on Tuesday at 11 a.m.



Paolo Scimemi

Late member of the Danvers Fish and Game Club

Paolo Scimemi of Chelsea, formerly of Salemi Sicily, Italy, died on December 10.

Paolo served in the Italian Military before coming to the United States in April of 1966. He enjoyed hunting, gardening, cooking and spending time with his family and friends. He was a late member of the Danvers Fish and Game Club.

The devoted son of the late Giuseppe and Crocifissa (Guciarde), he was the beloved husband of the late Tina (Tranquillo), dear brother of the late Francesca Marino and her late husband, Antonio, Maria Ferrante and her late husband, Gregorio, Salvatore and his late wife, Filippa and Mario and his surviving wife, Liberata. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and great



nieces and great nephews.

Funeral from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Saturday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony’s Church, Revere at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Masks will be required when entering the Funeral Home and St. Anthony’s Church. Entombment will be in Woodlawn Mausoleum. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

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HarborCOV releases statement on homocide; asks community to stand against domestic violence

Special to the Record

HarborCOV is heartbroken and mourns the loss of a life on December 11, 2021; one life lost to domestic violence is too many. With condolence to the victim, the victim’s family, and the community, we ask everyone to stand against domestic violence and to be part of the solution.

“Domestic violence does not discriminate based on race, socioeconomic status or sexual orientation. We must realize that this type of violence affects all of us, and we need to take a stand to educate and support our friends, neighbors, and families. Domestic violence is our business,” says Kourou Pich, Executive Director of HarborCOV.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime. However, domestic violence in the community also includes the systemic use of emotional, verbal, financial and/or sexual abuse to gain power and control within the relationship.

“As we near the end of 2021, we remember the 12 women and one man whose lives have been taken by domestic violence this year in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We re-dedicate ourselves to removing any barriers people face when seeking services and support and continue to explore effective and meaningful forms of accountability so that

we can interrupt the cycle of violence before a homicide occurs,” says Toni Troop, Director of Communications and Development at Jane Doe Inc., The Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.

In nearly all cases of domestic violence homicides, the abuse almost never starts out as physical. It is also important to note that the most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence is when they attempt to leave a relationship, and that the presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%. The key to prevention is a broad and widespread effort involving individuals, families, communities, institutions, and societies.

Given the risk for serious injury and death, HarborCOV encourages anyone who wonders if they are being abused to call for help, before it escalates. A call to our hotline can be a first step toward building clarity and working toward safety. Our multilingual, multicultural staff helps you connect to a whole community — not to judge the person you love, but to listen, to help you find options that make sense to you, to support your right to be safe in your life.

To reach a case manager, call our hotline at 617-884-9909 and for more information about HarborCOV call our business office at 617-884-9799. For services in other parts of Massachusetts, visit www.JaneDoe.org.

CITY PAWS

Preventing Doggie Dementia

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

“When controlling for age, breed type, activity level, and other comorbidities, dogs with a history of neurological, eye, or ear disorders had higher odds of CCD...”

These findings translate to the same steps that we can take ourselves to promote healthier aging.

You protect your dog from CCD by increasing exercise, and by doing it together, you protect yourself. It’s a win-win situation. Always consult both your doctors before starting any big change in exercise routines.

We know that loss of sensory input increases the

danger of dementia in humans. That’s why seniors need to have their hearing tested and use hearing aids as recommended. Scientists are working on hearing aids for dogs, and corrective eye surgery for dogs is now standard. However, we as guardians can make sure we are aware of and provide the necessary care to prevent ear and eye infections from causing deafness and blindness.

Good nutrition and proper weight control are other steps we can take to protect our dogs from CCD. Cailin R. Heinze, VMD, MS, DACVIM from Tufts University’s Cummings Veterinary Medical Center wrote, “... diets with increased concentrations of fish oil, B



Our lovely Maggie Mae had doggie dementia late in life but she still enjoyed her time on park benches

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vitamins, arginine, antioxidants from fruit and vegetables as well as vitamin E and C, and medium chain triglycerides have been demonstrated to improve cognitive function in aged dogs and cats.”

On your next visit, ask your veterinarian to recommend safe ways to use these findings in your dog’s diet. You might also

ask for a consultation with a veterinary nutritionist if your dog shows symptoms of CCD.

Some humans do crossword puzzles to engage their brains. You can provide your dog with brain stimulation by engaging her in play and training or retraining sessions. Old dogs can and should learn new tricks and training is a

lifelong responsibility for dog families.

Symptoms of Canine Cognitive Dysfunction

Prevention is a lifelong program to prevent brain degeneration. However, there are still things you can do if your older dog is showing symptoms of CCD. Don’t just blame old age if your dog is losing housetraining and soiling

your home. Report this to your veterinary team because it may be a dementia symptom or something else that can be corrected.

Changes in a dog’s sleep/wake cycles are another reportable symptom, as is disorientation. You might also see increased separation anxiety, phobias, excessive vocalization, and changes in

a dog’s interaction with people and other animals.

As your dog ages, note changes in these areas and ask your veterinarian to help you choose the best interventions for your particular animal. Keeping a log of what you notice is a great way to monitor how long changes have been happening and whether they are worsening or getting

better. Ed did this with our Maggie Mae when she had doggie dementia and it helped both us and her veterinary care team.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.


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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2021-30
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Fatima Belhamri For Special Permit to


With reference to the application of: Frank J. Mastrocola, Jr. For Special Permit and Variances seeking approval for the construction of a roof deck which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for front and rear yard setbacks and which also exceeds maximum height at the premises known as 24 Beacon Street A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 12/16/21, 12/23/21 C


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With reference to the application of: Fatima Belhamri For Special Permit to


establish a driveway and curb cut which does not meet current minimum zoning requirements for parking within the required front yard setback of property or within (5) five feet of a side lot line nor within five (5) feet of any wall containing ground floor or basement windows at the premises known as 12 Louis Street A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 12/16/21, 12/23/21 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Emergency Housing Services
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked “Emergency Housing Services” Request for Proposals will be available on or after December 16, 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 “Emergency Housing Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, January 13, 2022. 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 12/16/21 C


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 December 6, 2021, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders:

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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular


Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council reduce the previous appropriation of FY21 Certified Free Cash for balancing the FY22 Budget (vote ID# 21F39) from \$892,092 to \$0, thereby eliminating any use of Certified Free Cash to balance the FY22 Budget, because such funds are no longer needed due to an increase in anticipated FY22 Real Estate tax revenues. 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 12/16/21 C

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU21P2097EA
Estate of: Lillian Dixon Also Known As: Lillian M. Dixon Date of Death: May 10, 2021 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Linda Grasso of Needham, MA A Will has been admitted to informal probate. Linda Grasso of Need-

ham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 12/16/21 C

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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular

meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on November 22, 2021, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that by this vote, the City Council: 1. authorizes the sale of 440 Broadway to Traggorth Companies for the price of \$1,150,000 for the development of 29 units of affordable housing, 4,100 sq. ft. of retail space and 20 parking spaces, as described in the Traggorth Companies’ proposal; 2. endorses the project pursuant to the conditions set forth by the Evaluation Committee and any future conditions imposed by the City; and 3. authorizes the City Manager to negotiate on behalf of the City a Land Disposition Agreement with Traggorth Companies and take any and all actions necessary to carry out the project. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council adopt the Minimum Residential Tax Factor for Fiscal Year 2022, with a 1.75 commercial, industrial and personal property (CIP) shift factor. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council adopt a 35% Residential Exemption for Fiscal Year 2022. 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 12/16/21 C

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