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Salvation Army Captains Isael (3rd from left) and Brenda (4th from left) Gonzalez with their team of helper "elves": Aracely Gamboa, Edithzavala Savala, Vanessa Dubon, Rosa GuzmanSonya Marino, and Estella Aguilar. See Page 5 for more photos.

CBC hosts Community Presentation on COVID-19

Special to the Record

The Chelsea Black Community, under the direction of President Joan Cromwell, hosted a Community Presentation by the Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyon, who delivered an informational talk about the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine hesitancy,

and the way forward as the Omicron variant of the coronavirus has emerged as a serious health threat in the United States.

The Dec. 22 presentation at the Chelsea Senior Center by Dr. Walters-Sleyon, pastor of the People's AME Church, was the culmination of

five previous CBC explorations of the topics: COVID-19, vaccine hesitancy, race, politics, religion, and the construction of a social reality in a projected post COVID-19 era.

Dr. Walters-Sleyon is a faculty member at Boston University and Bun-

ker Hill Community and a Distinguished Fellow at Emory University in Atlanta.

The guests in attendance enjoyed a free catered dinner from delicious Smoked Shed's Barbecue. Free COVID-19 at-home test kits were distributed to attendees.

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



Lourdes Alvarez of the City Manager's Office, CBC President Joan Cromwell, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and Retired Associate Dean of Bunker Hill Community College Sharon Caulfield.



Norma Mojica, Ana Baez, Mayra Reyes, CBC President Joan Cromwell (back row) and her son, Kyle Umamba, are pictured at the CBC Community Presentation event held at Chelsea Senior Center.



CBC President Joan Cromwell, board members, and special guests, including CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell (back row, fourth from left), welcome featured speaker, The Rev. Dr. George Walters-Sleyon, to the Community Presentation held Dec. 22 at the Chelsea Senior Center.

Avellaneda expects third year as Council President

By Adam Swift

The City Council inauguration is Monday, Jan. 3 in the City Council Chambers beginning at 7 p.m.

Two new council members will be sworn in, alongside nine current members. The new councillors are Norieliz DeJesus in District 3 and Tanari Garcia in District 7.

In addition to the swearing-in ceremony, there will also be the election of the Council President, along with the other council positions and the delegate to the School Committee. The new seating arrangement for the council will also be drawn for its members, followed by remarks from the new president.

Councillor-At-Large Roy Avellaneda has served as president for the past two years.

Avellaneda said he secured the votes necessary to remain president at a Dec. 20 reorganization meeting, although he not-

ed that those votes are not binding when it comes to the Jan. 5 vote at the council meeting.

DeJesus, who recently had a baby, and Councilor-At-Large Damali Vidot, who has been undergoing medical treatments, were unable to attend the Dec. 20 meeting.

"Still to be decided are the vice president and the School Committee delegate," said Avellaneda.

Neither District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown nor District 6 Councillor Giovanni Recupero have secured the votes necessary to serve as vice president, but Avellaneda said that could be settled by the Jan. 3 meeting.

Avellaneda said he expects the new council to get right to business in the new year, with the appointment of two new School Committee members on the docket, and a number of budget and ordinance measures coming up quickly.

Vote scheduled for Northeast Voke funding

By Adam Swift

The fate of a new Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical High School building could hang in the balance with a district-wide vote next month.

Voters in the 12 district communities, including Chelsea, will be able to weigh in on the funding of the proposed \$317 million project on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The polls will be open in Chelsea from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the only polling location will be the City Council Chambers at City Hall. The fate of the project will be determined by the overall vote totals throughout the 12 communities.

The election was triggered in part by the City Council's vote in October not to authorize the payment of the city's share of the \$317 million project. Town meeting voters in Saugus also voted against authorization of that town's assessment for the project in October.

The council's vote came at the recommendation of City Manager Thomas

Ambrosino.

Ambrosino said the funding formula would have a huge impact on the city's budget. The formula is based on the number of students each community sends to the school, and Chelsea is behind only Revere as the community sending the most students to the vocational school.

The city manager has said Chelsea's share of the debt service for the project will require annual payments of approximately \$1.9 million, costing the average two-family homeowner in Chelsea more than \$215 annually in taxes.

"If the (district) vote passes, we'll have to come up with this money somehow, and as difficult a financial predicament that will put us in, we will have no choice but to do that," he said. "If the vote fails, I think the district will have to get together because it would mean the majority of the residents of the whole district did not want this school to move forward and they would have to come up with a different

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MICHAEL G’S HOSTS TOY DRIVE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Michael Giannasca, owner of Michael G’s Restaurant, teamed up with Steve D’Amato, co-host of NESN’s TV show, Wicked Bites, to hold a holiday celebration at the popular restaurant located in the Chelsea Commons Plaza.

Local children attended the event at which they received free toys and free pizza.

D’Amato’s Facebook group, Boston Pizza Wars, had conducted a successful toy drive at drop locations at pizza restaurants throughout the state.

Todd Angilly, known for his singing of the National Anthem at Bruins’ home games, performed Christmas songs at the event which drew a large crowd. Santa Claus also made a special appearance to the delight of the children in attendance.

Gina Goodwin of Pea-

body, who gave out 4,000 turkeys during Thanksgiving, was an organizer of the event. Katie O’Leary, of North Suffolk Mental

Health, also helped coordinate the event.

D’Amato thanked Giannasca for his generous support and providing

complimentary pizza for all guests. “Michael G. has come up big every time, without question, helping us,” said D’Amato.



Michael Giannasca, owner of Michael G’s, and Katie O’Leary of North Suffolk Mental Health, who helped coordinate the holiday celebration at the restaurant.



Boston Bruins National Anthem singer Todd Angilly and Wicked Bites Co-Host Steve D’Amato.



Santa Claus arrives for the holiday celebration at Michael G’s Restaurant.



The Michael G’s team, including Chuckie Terino, Sawath Nardone, Ava Giannasca, Stevie Pies, Adam Smadi, Thaur Ramos, and Michael Giannasca.



Steve D’Amato, co-host of NESN’s Wicked Bites, and Michael Giannasca, owner of Michael G’s Restaurant, welcome Santa Claus to the event.



Jose Mendez visits with Santa Claus.



Maureen Carias, with her daughters, Victoria Carias and Eva Carias.



Chelsea Police Officer Tim Broman helps out at the toy distribution area during the holiday celebration at Michael G’s.



Front row, Nevaeh Goodwin and Marco Avila. Back row, Gina Goodwin of Gina’s Giving Back, Tev of North Suffolk Mental Health, Katie O’Leary of North Suffolk Mental Health, Jamie Dalton of North Suffolk Mental Health, and Steve D’Amato of the Wicked Bites television show.



Comedian Matt Misci, Anthony Amato of Boston Pizza Wars, Michael Giannasca of Michael G’s, TV host Steve D’Amato, Chico Luti of Boston Pizza Wars, Marco Avila of Panini Pizza, Beverly, and Jonathan D’Amelio of Boston Pizza Wars.

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approach. Maybe it is a less expensive new building, maybe it is something else.”

Council President Roy Avellaneda said Chelsea has to bear financial burdens that other communities in the district do not have to face, from a greater level of affordable housing to a lower level of state aid than the other communities receive.

“No other community bears the brunt that Chelsea does, and they do not have the same level of affordable housing that

Chelsea does in the community,” said Avellaneda. He said that close to 20 percent of the housing in Chelsea is income restricted.

Given the timing of the election, and the fact that the vocational school may not be on a lot of people’s radar, Avellaneda said he doesn’t have high expectations for the turnout.

“We really expect a horrendous turnout,” said Avellaneda. “Unless someone has a kid in high school and they are going into the trades, it’s not an

issue that I think people are focusing on.”

Northeast Metropolitan Vocational Technical District Superintendent Dave DiBarri said Northeast Metro Tech’s goal is to help every student reach their full potential, and to find employment in high-paying, high-demand jobs upon graduation.

“Northeast’s building is more than 50 years old and has already served beyond

its intended lifespan,” said DiBarri. “As a result, Northeast students do not have access to the best career technical education possible.”

He said a team including Northeast officials, School Committee members from all 12 communities Northeast serves, and construction experts has spent more than four years developing a plan for a new school building. “We

listened to concerns from our sending communities, and worked diligently to develop a cost-effective building plan,” DiBarri said. “Voters will be asked whether they support the school plan at a special referendum on Jan. 25. The Massachusetts School Building Authority will fund about \$140 million of the project’s cost, which carries with it a deadline to be accepted or declined.

“Without support across our sending communities, Northeast would have to start over and wait years for another opportunity for state funding, or assume responsibility for the costs of the entirety of the project.”

The last day to register to vote for the special election in Chelsea is Wednesday, Jan. 5.

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BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Pham, Magie	Kulka, John D	71 Bloomingdale St	\$427,000
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Binder, Steven	Nitzor LLC	44 Lafayette Ave #503	\$238,000
Tafur, Jose	Fernandez, Angel A	10 Orange St	\$795,000
Mendoza, Nelson J	Carromero, Evelyn	66 Pearl St	\$620,000
Chopra, Vanita	Phan, Kim	240 Revere Beach Pkwy	\$1,050,000
Lazo-Crespin, Isaura	Carlisle, Rosemarie F	109 Sagamore Ave	\$1,000,000
Berganza, Maynor	Milun, Marek	11 Shurtleff St	\$22,750
Caulfield, Madeline C	Leiker, Benjamin V	295 Washington Ave #1	\$495,000
Rosales, Victor P	Macleod, Tynan	61 Woodlawn Ave	\$705,000

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

POLIO.

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

OLIVERAS INCLUDED ON DEAN'S LIST

Chantell Oliveras of Chelsea, has been named to the Spartanburg Methodist College Dean's List for grades earned during the fall 2021 academic semester. Dean's List students have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

About Spartanburg Methodist College

Located in Spartanburg, South Carolina, Spartanburg Methodist College is a private, liberal arts college open to students of all religious and non-religious backgrounds. The college serves approximately 1,000 students and offers six associate degrees, a unique customizable bachelor's degree with six concentrations, a bachelor's degree in business administration, and nine 100% online associate and bachelor's degree programs. SMC's unique Camak Core professional development program prepares graduates for successful careers with education in key soft skills that employers value in new hires. Affiliated with the United Methodist Church and established in 1911, SMC students experience

the transformative powers of academic excellence, intellectual exploration, social awareness, and character development in a supportive environment where they can thrive.

STINES NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Gabriel Stines of Chelsea was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

Established in 1947, University of Maryland Global Campus is a world leader in innovative educational models, with award-winning online programs in disciplines including biotechnology, cybersecurity, data analytics, and information technology that are in high demand in today's increasingly technical, global workplace.

With an enrollment of some 90,000 students, UMGC offers open access with a global footprint and a specific mission-to meet the learning needs of

students whose responsibilities may include jobs, family, and military service. The university offers both undergraduate and graduate degree and certificate programs, including doctoral programs.

BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The following students have been named to the First Quarter Honor Roll at Boston College High School:

- Alvaro Deras, High Honors (Class of 2023)
- Eyobiel Kiros, Honors (Class of 2023)
- Emmanouil Leonidou, Honors (Class of 2023)

For High Honors a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior must have at least a 3.80 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 quality point average and all grades "C+" or higher.

For Honors a Sophomore, Junior, and Senior must have at least a 3.20 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher. Freshmen need a 3.165 quality point average and all grades "C-" or higher.

PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

Tom Ambrosino • 2019

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

This week and as we come to the close of 2021, I'd like to celebrate our City Manager, Tom Ambrosino, and thank him for getting us through yet another year of this pandemic! Tom has fought for us, cheered with us, and celebrated with us. He's brought the community together through the arts, bringing life and color to this unique city. We all know that Chelsea is a resilient city, but the past two years have put us to the test. We were the hardest hit in the country at the beginning of COVID-19, but with Tom and our hard-



working organizations we're now at 85.2% of the eligible population fully vaccinated! This is TEAM work. THANK YOU Tom.

Here's Tom's story from 2019 / Lime Bikes pre-Bluebikes.

"I'm Tom Ambrosino city manager of Chelsea. I don't live in Chelsea, I would, but my girlfriend won't let me, it's her house!

What I like most about Chelsea is the

people, they're genuine, down to earth, no pretensions, not entitled, [and] they're appreciative. What you get from them is very different than other communities that I've been involved in. My biggest concern is market and gentrification pressure. We don't want the city to lose its identity. What I'm most excited about is the cities future; it's on the cusp of something great; I can feel it in my bones."

DANIEL O'LEARY RETIRING



After 35 years of service, Daniel O'Leary, chief executive officer of Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES), is retiring at the end of December. Dan's leadership championed the importance of elder care within MVES' communities and staff. More than 200 people recently came to wish Dan well on his retirement at Anthony's of Malden and welcome Lisa Gurgone, who will become MVES' new CEO in January. Pictured, Lisa Gurgone will be joining MVES as CEO in January as Daniel O'Leary steps down as CEO after 35 years.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins' back on the ice New Year's Day

Thursday, December 30th, the Bruins haven't been on the ice for a regular season game since December 16th – two weeks ago. Having had their last six games postponed due to COVID-19, Bruins fans will be happy to know that they will only have to wait two more days for the locals to finally be back on TD Garden ice. New Year's Day, the day following Ryan Seacrest dropping the crystal ball in Times Square, it's "Game On."

Of course that is unless this crazy pandemic signals yet another reason to stop the clock and start the New Year the way it ended with another stoppage. If that doesn't happen, the Bruins will host the Buffalo Sabres at 1:00pm. The recent 'welcome back' party has seen the return to practice of. Patrice Bergeron, Brad Marchand, Taylor Hall, Trent Frederic, Craig Smith, Anton Blidh, Curtis Lazar and goalie Jeremy Swayman, with a couple of possible question marks concerning Charlie Coyle and Brandon Carlo. Resuming the regular season schedule on the first of the year 2022, will have the Bruins traveling to Detroit on Sunday, January 2nd, to take on the Red Wings (1:00pm). A return to the Garden will begin a two-game homestand in which the locals will host the New Jersey Devils on Tuesday, January 4th (7:00pm) and on Thursday, January 6th, the New Jersey Wild (7:00pm). Date and times are subject to change at any given moment.

In a surprising move, the NHL has changed the Bruins-Canadiens game scheduled to be played Wednesday, January 12th at Montreal's Bell Centre, to instead be played at TD Garden, thus eliminating the need for the Bs to travel to Montreal.



The reasoning was due to the surge in COVID-19 cases, which is cause for attendance restrictions in certain Canadian cities. To date, both Boston and Montreal have had numerous players placed in COVID protocol in December.

Another item on management's plate to ponder, is the possible re-signing and return of goaltender Tuukka Rask. His decision to have hip surgery, while unsigned, was done with Rask stating that his return to the NHL would only be as a member of the Boston Bruins – the only team he has ever played for. Rask continues to practice with his former teammates at Brighton's Warrior Arena. The word, according to Bruins head coach Bruce Cassidy on a recent Zoom call, is that if Rask resigns, the plan would be for him to practice with Boston, with possibly a short stint with the Bruins' AHL team in Providence, which Rask would likely

have to agree to, and maybe get some game conditioning in down there.

It would make sense for that plan to be put into place, as Rask has not seen game action since the second round of the 2021 Stanley Cup Playoffs, when the Bs were eliminated by the New York Islanders. Jimmy Murphy (Boston Hockey Now) reported that when Cassidy was asked what he felt Rask needed, he responded: "Live-action is certainly going to be one of them at some level. Like a lot of guys that missed time, it's probably better suited down there if he can do it. I would guess, yes, that would be part of the drill. I would suspect you'll see guys here for a couple of weeks practicing. Like I said when we go on the road, my guess is that he'll probably go to Providence that week because we just don't have a lot of work to give him." Cassidy suggested a return could take place when the Bruins return from a three-game road trip January 8-12. Which would likely make his season debut against either the Philadelphia Flyers on Jan. 13 or the Nashville Predators in a 1:00pm matinee on Jan. 15. Rask finished last season with a 15-5-2 record, a 2.28 goals against average and a .919 save percentage.

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YES, LET’S RING OUT THE OLD AND RING IN THE NEW

We often quote a verse from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s “Ring Out Wild Bells” when we write our annual New Year’s editorial.

But after reading the poem in its entirety, we are printing the whole thing, because it sums up -- better than we ever could express -- our feelings about 2021 and our hopes for 2022.

Although it was published in 1850, its verses are timeless. Indeed, one could apply every stanza to something going on in the world today.

So we hope you take the time to read it and enjoy it, as we did the other day:

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

We wish all of our readers a Happy and Healthy New Year. Here’s hoping that 2022 brings health and happiness to all of us.

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GUEST OP-ED

Our most difficult decision for 2022

moving swiftly through the hourglass one grain or second at a time.

I’m thankful for time. I’m grateful for time with my wife and each family member. I’m grateful for this moment to sit here and type a few words out on my keyboard. I suppose one of my problems is how do I fit all I want to do into my time? I guess I enjoy doing too much. If I only enjoyed doing one or two things then my time spent might be a little easier. Each day and moment I would simply devote my full attention to one particular aspect of life. Actually, that might not be a bad idea. Could I devote 24 hours a day to my family? I could, but they really don’t want me in their hair 24/7. I could devote 24 hours a day to prayer and reading the Bible or reading other good books. But then, I don’t want to be an

isolated religious person who never enjoys this incredible world or people. I could devote 24 hours a day to my educational work and do a lot of the work that others do. However, institutions are stronger and better when the work is spread around to others. I could spend more time simply writing books or pursuing other hobbies I enjoy.

Somehow, we have to determine what is best. I heard about this farmer who hired a man to sort potatoes. The man’s job was to put the bad potatoes in one pile, the good potatoes in another pile and the best potatoes in another pile. The man agreed to the job. At the end of the day the farmer came to see how his new employee was doing and he had not done anything. He was simply standing looking back and forth at

two potatoes. The farmer bewildered asked? “Why haven’t you done what I asked you to do?” The hired man responded, “I just can’t decide between the good and the best potatoes.”

Our dilemma in 2022 may not be in deciding between good and bad but between good and best. There are a lot of good things we can do with our time in 2022. Using our time to do the best things may be our most difficult decision.

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.

CITY PAWS

Winter grooming and paw care

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As we dropped our Westie Poppy off for her November grooming, we asked that her groomer leave more fur on her body and ears, but less on her belly and legs so that they’d collect less snow and muck.

Now is an excellent opportunity to spend some time helping your dog adjust to having you touch and work around his feet. Many dogs don’t like anyone handling their paws. However, winter often means putting on boots and cleaning snow, salt, and chemicals from protesting toes.

The night our first puppy arrived home, a dog-loving friend stopped by with a basket of essentials we might not have. Before she left, she advised us to touch the puppy everywhere, all the time. Then, she said when we have to do something that might hurt, the dog will know that most of the time, touches don’t hurt.

How Cold Is Too Cold?

We’ll let a Veterinarian answer this question. Jennifer Coates, DVM writing for the website PetMD.com advised, “In general, cold temperatures should not become a problem for most dogs until they fall below 45°F, at which point some cold-averse dogs might begin to feel uncomfortable. When temperatures fall below 32°F, owners of small breed dogs, dogs with thin coats, and/or very young, old, or sick dogs should pay close attention to their pet’s well-being. Once



Here’s our Poppy dressed for a winter walk with a t-shirt to keep her clean and boots to protect her feet from salt and deicing chemicals.

temperatures drop under 20°F, all owners need to be aware that their dogs could potentially develop cold-associated health problems like hypothermia and frostbite.”

Dog Jackets

If you have a dog that needs some protection from the cold, there are certainly a wide variety of coats, sweaters, and jackets on the market. Your dog might do fine with a t-shirt or a light fleece jacket for moderate days, need an insulated coat for cold days, and a waterproof raincoat for wet days.

Coats not only keep a dog warm, but they also keep them clean. We put a toddler t-shirt under Poppy’s winter jacket to cover more of her fur. T-shirts are much easier to clean than a dog’s belly.

Salt and Deicers

Deicers used on roads and sidewalks pose a different type of threat to our dogs. We’ve had two dogs who were very sensitive to salt and were subject to sore, irritated paws every winter. Ed washes our Westie Poppy’s feet whenever she has come into contact with salt or a deicer.

In addition to sore feet, salt and chemical deicers can also cause gastrointestinal upsets that could need veterinary care. In addition to cleaning your pet’s feet, ask your building, neighbors, and municipality to use sand and paw-safe deicers in place of salt.

The Battle of the Boots

So many people tell us they just can’t get their dog to allow them to put on boots or adjust to walking in them. We advise them

to go to a local pet supply store where the staff can show you boots that have worked for the dogs they know. They should also be able to show you how to put boots on your dog. We suggest you practice at home, and once your dog is booted, play some favorite games to distract from these new things on her feet.

One final word of advice, while keeping your dog or cat safe inside or on a leash is always smart it’s essential in winter. A lost housepet does not have the coat or skills needed to survive on its own in sub-freezing conditions.

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

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Record encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. Items can also be faxed to 781-485-1403. We also encourage readers to e-mail news releases and photos to deb@reverejournal.com

CHELSEA SALVATION ARMY TOY DRIVE



Salvation Army staff member Janna Bueno helps with the gift packaging.



Paula Perez helps organize the toy donations.



Edithzavala Savala, Captain Brenda Gonzalez, and Aracely Gamboa.



Salvation Army Captains Isael and Brenda Gonzalez.



Rosa Guzman helps organize the toy donations.



Toys that have been donated by individuals and organizations.



Toy donations are organized to be offered to those in need.



Vanessa Dubon.



A line of families await entry into the Salvation Army to collect gifts from the Toy Drive at their Chestnut Street location.

DEVIN DUVAL SELECTED BASEBALL MVP



Devin Duval (left) is pictured with his Team MVP trophy at the Greater Lynn Babe Ruth Awards Banquet. Also pictured at the banquet is Devin's proud father, Justin Duval. Devin is the grandson of former Chelsea Fast Pitch Softball League standout Ed Duval and Bernadette Duval and the great-nephew of former Chelsea High sports star Tom Duval. Devin was a member of the Lynn Babe Ruth 13-year-old All-Star team that advanced to state semifinals this summer.

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CHELSEA POLICE VS. CHELSEA FIRE IN FULL COURT PRESS ON CANCER BENEFIT GAME



Michael Addonizio prepares for a free throw attempt in the Chelsea Police-Chelsea Fire benefit basketball game.



At the official scorer's table, Mike Yee and Mike Lopez.



Two former Chelsea youth sports greats, Chelsea Police Sgt. Joseph Bevere and Chelsea Deputy Fire Chief Mike Masucci.



Officer David Delaney, with Brutt, Captain Thomas Dunn, and Capt. Keith Houghton.

The Chelsea Police Department played the Chelsea Fire Department in a benefit basketball game in honor of Police Officers Sammy Mojica and Luis Rodriguez at the Chelsea High gymnasium.

Both Mojica and Rodriguez, who were present at the game, are battling cancer.

Police Sgt. Michael Addonizio said the fundraiser for the two popular officers was the result of a team effort. "The Department collectively decided to get together and try to do something to generate some money for them while they are out of work at this time," said Addonizio.

Addonizio said he was grateful to City of Chelsea official Frank Henry for arranging for the availability of the gymnasium for the game.

"Frank was kind enough to give us the green light and once we had the gym, I was able to reach out to the Fire Department, tell them the idea that we had in place for a benefit basketball game, and they [CFD] were more than happy to help out," said Addonizio.

Joe Mullaney, former principal at Chelsea High, and Bob Laurano, volunteered their service as referees. The two men officiate in a Revermen's basketball league, in which Sammy Mojica and Michael Addonizio are players.

"I want to thank everyone who came out and supported us - everyone was more than generous," said Addonizio, who was an outstanding athlete in the local youth basketball league (CYBL) and Chelsea Little League.



Pictured at the game, from left, are Officer Jay Guido, Lt. Dan Delaney, Michele Lupis, Francheska Acevedo, and Assistant Chief Probation Officer Jessica Iovanna.



Chelsea Police Officer Sammy Mojica, with his wife, Christine, and CPD professional colleague Scott Conley.



Chelsea Police Sgt. Michael Addonizio delivers the welcoming remarks before the game.



Two of Chelsea's finest, Police Officers Luis Rodriguez and Sammy Mojica, pictured at the basketball game that was held to support them in their ongoing individual battles against cancer.



Representing the Dunn and Addonizio families, Jack Dunn, with his wife, Maureen, and their sons, Sean Dunn, Brian Dunn, and Michael Dunn, their nephew, Michael Addonizio, and their granddaughter, Rose Dunn (daughter of Brian Dunn).



Chelsea firefighters turned out to support their brethren in public safety at the basketball game held at Chelsea High School.



Chelsea Police Officer Sammy Mojica and family.

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North Suffolk Mental Health Association has added a free, around-the-clock Recovery Support Hotline to its Addiction and Recovery Services. The hotline is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by experienced Recovery Coaches who understand the challenges faced by individuals with substance use disorder who are doing everything they can to maintain their sobriety.

WHO'S CALLING

People in Recovery

For individuals seeking peer support from Recovery Coaches with lived experience, information about meetings, shelter, or any community recovery support service.

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Substance use disorder affects more than the individual with SUD. Family, friends, loved ones and others can call when they need support or information.

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WHO'S ANSWERING

NSMHA Recovery Coaches

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North Suffolk Mental Health Association

The Recovery Support Hotline is a program of North Suffolk Mental Health Association, funded in part by a grant from the national Substance Addiction and Mental Health Services Agency.



The Chelsea Fire Department basketball team, pictured before the game. Front row, from left, are Sean Dunn, David Viemann, Danny Henriquez, Victor Ortiz, and Jeff Flores. Back row, from left, Mike Lee, Efrain Vaquerano, Tony Max Martins, John Coyne, and Kevin DeJesus.



The Chelsea Police Department basketball team, pictured before the game with Officer Sammy Mojica. Front row, from left, are Sgt. Will Brizuela, Sammy Mojica, Lt. Dave Betz, Tom Broman, Jonathan Perez, and Gustafa Mirza. Back row, from left, are Sgt. Joe Bevere, Sgt. Jay Guido, Lt. Brian Dunn, Keith Sweeney, Carlos DelCompere, Sgt. Mike Addonizio, Dave Batchelor Jr., Nelson Navarro, Garrison Daniel, and Sgt. Joe Fern Jr.

CHELSEA PRIDE YOUTH FOOTBALL AWARDS BANQUET

The Chelsea Pride Youth Football organization held its award banquet at the Polish Political Club (PPC). The tackle football and flag football players and their parents enjoyed a buffet dinner, followed by an impressive awards ceremony.



Head Coach Lou Cetina and Assistant Coaches Keira Cetina, Jack Grigorian, and Yahya Noor are pictured with players on the Chelsea Pride third-and-fourth-grade football team.



Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson presented the Darren Moore Coaches Award, in memory of his cousin, to Komi Ballo of the Chelsea Pride seventh-and-eighth-grade football team.



Hector Rivas (right) was presented the Martin Scott Sportsmanship Award for the fifth-and-sixth grade football team. Making the presentation was Manny Cetina, son-in-law of Martin Scott.



Head Coach Kevin O'Regan (back row, far right) and Assistant Coaches Christian Cetina, Edwin Muniz, and Michael Lopez are pictured with players on the Chelsea Pride fifth-and-sixth grade football team.



Martin Scott Sportsmanship Award recipient Hector Rivas is pictured with Coaches Christian Cetina, Edwin Muniz, Michael Lopez, and Kevin O'Regan at the Chelsea Pride Youth Football Awards Banquet.



Coaches Juan Carlos Sanchez, Dominic Shanley, Anthony Comeiro, and Manny Cetina are pictured with the players on the Chelsea Pride seventh-and-eighth-grade football team.



Chelsea Pride Youth Football Vice President Shawn O'Regan (right) and Board Member Manny Cetina (left) present an Award of Appreciation to Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson in recognition of his many years of support to the league.



Head Coach Mark Garcia is pictured with players on the Chelsea Pride flag football first-and-second grade team.

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CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER HOSTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The Chelsea Senior Center, under the leadership of Director Tracy Nowicki, held its Annual Christmas Party Dec. 17. The many guests enjoyed a holiday buffet that consisted of roast beef, vegetables, rice and beans, home-cooked

meals chicken and pupu-sa, pudding, and celebratory cake. Vocalist Charly Duri provided the musical entertainment. Nowicki, who is serving in her 15th year as director, said residents, ages 55 years and older, are

welcome to participate in daily programs at the Senior Center. “We’re very culturally diverse, we’re rich in culture and we celebrate that, and we honor that,” said Nowicki. “I wish happy holidays to all of our many members and friends.”



Vocalist Charly Duri entertained the guests at the Christmas Party.



Front row, Nino Bongiovanni and Al Uminski. Back row, Debbie Smallwood, Mary Ann Fiore, Donna Bongiovanni, and Judy Litwin.



Front row, Bertha Doyle and Teddy Brandenburg. Back row, Cynthia Stec, Regina Targee, Jay Rosenzweig, and Becky Swope.



Janet DiCalogero and John DiCalogero, with Marie Diamond (standing).



Front row, Jean Chapman and Marjorie DeLorey. Back row, John Curra, Jaimie Santos, and Maddie Williams.



Council on Aging members, front row, Becky Swope and Jean Chapman. Back row, Jaimie Santos, Senior Center Director Tracy Nowicki, and Nino Bongiovanni.



Front row, Vicky Scott, Juana Longa, Estrella Oriel, and Pacita Green. Back row, Celeste Williams, Anita Arsenault, Senior Center Director Tracy Nowicki, and Marianne Ramos.



Marjorie DeLorey, Becky Swope, and Cynthia Stec dance to the music.



Joan McKinnon, Ed McKinnon, and Lenny Warner (standing).



Volunteers and staff served a holiday buffet to the guests at the Christmas Party. From left, are Justa Escalera, Mandy Pena, Senior Watchman Juan Ramos, Senior Advocate Geraldine Portillo, Clerk Nilsa Cosme, Program Coordinator Mike DeJesus, Bill Burge, Senior Center Secretary Deb Connors, Ana Maria Vega, and Senior Center Director Tracy Nowicki.

Holiday fire prevention tips issued following blaze

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey issued a reminder to use extension cords, power strips, and electrical devices safely after two people were injured in an early morning fire that badly damaged a Nahant residence. Working smoke alarms were present in the home and activated. “This would have been a worse tragedy if not for the quick action by Nah-

ant Firefighters and Nahant Police to locate and remove two residents,” said Nahant Fire Chief Antrim. “Power strips and extension cords offer convenience, but they aren’t intended for constant use. Powering many devices at once can overload and overheat them, causing an electrical fire. Always use a cord that’s rated for the wattage of whatever you’re powering, and if

you’re using an extension cord outdoors be sure it’s marked for outdoor use.” “Plugging one extension cord or power strip into another isn’t safe,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “Unplug devices that aren’t in use, and always plug heating and cooling appliances directly into a wall socket. Check the cords and discard them if the insulation is cracked, worn, or dam-

aged. It’s much easier to replace an extension cord than all the things that can burn in a fire.” The exact cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Nahant Fire Department and the State Police Fire & Explosion Investigation Unit assigned to the State Fire Marshal’s office. Investigators determined that it began in the front left corner of the living room,

where numerous power strips, extension cords, and electrical devices were observed. While this fire did not involve a Christmas tree, the flammability of trees in many homes during the holiday season presents an additional hazard at this time of year. Watering the tree daily and disposing of it early can reduce that hazard. Similarly, candles cause more fires in

the winter holiday season than at any other time of year: always keep a one-foot “circle of safety” free of anything that can burn around candles, and always extinguish them before leaving a room. For more holiday fire safety tips, visit the Department of Fire Services web page.

LEGAL NOTICES

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 December 20, 2021, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders:
Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council appropriates \$18,600 for Temple Emmanuel (CP21-06) for \$18,600 with \$6,400 contingency at a total of \$25,000.
Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council appropriates \$250,000 for Mace Basketball Court Rehab (CP21-13) for \$210,000 with 20% contingency at a total of \$252,000
Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council appropriates \$400,000 for Affordable Housing Trust Fund Pre-development (CP21-11) FOR \$400,000.
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

12/30/21

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
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU21P2396EA
Estate of: Christine Louise Shields
Also known as: Christine L. Shields, Christine Shields
Date of Death: 07/10/2021
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Nancy A. Serrell of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Nancy A. Serrell of Chelsea, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m.

on the return day of 01/31/2022.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 20, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

12/30/21

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 December 7, 2021, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations:
To convert Clark Avenue to a one-way street westerly, from Webster Avenue to Eleanor Street.
To post a handicap sign at 76 Chestnut Street.
To post a handicap sign at 19 Lynn Street.
To post a handicap sign at 26 Blossom Street.
To post a handicap sign at 7 Park Street.
To post a handicap sign at 40 Carmel Street.
To post a handicap sign at 65 Crescent Avenue.
To remove a handicap sign at 125 Willow Street.
Jeannette Cintron White
Parking Clerk

12/30/21

LEGAL NOTICE

Probate and Family Court Department
Summons By Publication
SUFFOLK Division
DOCKET NUMBER: 21A0231

Ariana G. Rommero Cruz V. Abraham F. Romero Ruiz
A Complaint for Dependency filed on July 16, 2021 has been presented to this Court

by the Plaintiff Ariana G. Romero Cruz, against the above-named Defendant: Abraham E. Romero Ruiz seeking a Judgment of Dependency with determination relative to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, pursuant to G.L. c. 119, §39M. The aid defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown; personal service on said defendant is therefore not practicable. The said defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.
The Defendant is required to serve upon Plaintiff: Ariana G. Romero Cruz, or his/her attorney: Mayra Neimerck, Esq.: Phone# (617) 883-8065, his/her answer, if any, to the complaint, within 7 days after service of this summons upon him/her, exclusive of the day of service. The Defendant is also required to file an answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Suffolk Probate and Family Court, either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, if represented by counsel, or within a reasonable time thereafter.
ORDER OF NOTICE
It is ORDERED that a copy of this summons Be: Served, with a copy of the complaint, or by publishing a copy of the summons in the Chelsea Record, a publication circulating in the geographical areas where the Defendant is last

known to have moved, at least. Seven (7) days prior to hearing date. This matter shall be scheduled for Administrative Hearing on a date. Witness, Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 30th day of November, 2021.
Felix D. Arroyo,

12/30/21

LEGAL NOTICE



LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF CHELSEA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Department of Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6pm at City Hall 3rd Floor at the chambers room Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Eversource and Verizon for the following petition: Eversource:
1. Second St- easterly at the intersection of Cherry St, install approximately 5 feet of conduit, thence turning and running down Cherry St, install approximately 134 feet of conduit. W#5184368
2. Washington Ave- at the intersection of Forsyth Street, southwesterly from pole P30/21 to private property at 176-178 Washington Ave, install approximately 157 feet of conduit and one new manhole MH31310

W#5625016
Verizon:
3. Second St- place a new four-inch (4") conduit approximately 6' northwesterly from old pole, P.22-3 located on the northeasterly side of Second St to relocate pole, P.22-3 located on the northeasterly side of Second St. W#4A0QP6U
The public is invited to attend.
Fidel Maltez
COMMISSIONER

12/30/21
1/6/22

LEGAL NOTICE



AVISO LEGAL CIUDAD DE CHELSEA DEPARTAMENTO DE OBRAS PUBLICAS AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PUBLICA

El Departamento de Obras Públicas llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el martes 18 de enero de 2022 a las 6 pm en el 3er piso del Ayuntamiento en la sala de cámaras. Trabajo propuesto y propósito: Petición de Eversource y Verizon para la siguiente petición: Eversource:
1. En segundo lugar, en la intersección de Cherry St, instale aproximadamente 5 pies de conducto, luego gire y baje por Cherry St, instale aproximadamente 134 pies de conducto. W # 5184368

2. Washington Ave- en la intersección de Forsyth Street, hacia el suroeste desde el poste P30 / 21 hasta la propiedad privada en 176-178 Washington Ave, instale aproximadamente 157 pies de conducto y una nueva boca de inspección MH31310 W # 5625016
Verizon:
3. Second St- coloque un nuevo conducto de cuatro pulgadas (4 ") aproximadamente a 6 'al noroeste del poste viejo, P.22-3 ubicado en el lado noreste de Second St para reubicar el poste, P.22-3 ubicado en el lado noreste de Second St. W # 4A0QP6U
El público está invitado a asistir.
Fidel Maltez
Comisionado de obras publicas

12/20/21
1/6/22

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CITACION
QUEJA POR DEPENDENCIA SEGUIDO A G.L.c. 119

SEC. 39M
Número de expediente MI21A08155J
Mancomunidad de Massachusetts
El Tribunal Tribunal de Familia y Sucesiones
Idalia J Hernandez Lemus , Demandante Vs.
Benjamin Portillo Maldonado , Demandado
"Padre Uno"
Si es aplicable: Demandado "Padre Dos"

Tribunal de Familia y Sucesiones de Middlesex
Dirigido al demandado en cuestión:
Sea por este medio criado a comparecer al Tribunal de Familia y Sucesiones de Middlesex por una audiencia en esta queja por dependencia seguido a G.L. c. 119. Sec. 39M.
Información sobre la audiencia:
Fecha: 20/12/2021
Hora: 8:30 PM
Lugar: Vaya a Www. Zoomgov.com/my/ monks
Está citado y requerido a servir sobre: Caitlyn Burgess, Esq.
La cual puede ser contactada en: MacMurray & Associates
2 Center Plaza, Suite 605
Boston, MA 02108
Su respuesta, si alguna, a esta queja por la cual ha sido servido, durante los 7 días después de servicio de esta citación sobre usted, exclusivo día de servicio. Usted también está requerido a archivar su respuesta a la queja con la oficina de registro de esta corte en el Tribunal de Familia y Sucesiones de Middlesex, sea antes de servicio del demandante o el abogado del demandante, si representada por consejería, o con tiempo razonable después de ello.
TESTIGO, Hon. Maureen H Monks, Primera Justicia de esta corte.
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OBITUARIES

Helen T. Pierce

October 24, 1924 – December 23, 2021

Helen Theresa (Korzeniowska) Pierce joined her beloved husband, parents, siblings and friends in eternal rest on Wednesday, December 23. Helen was a lifelong resident of Chelsea, a city she loved, for almost a century.

After graduating from Chelsea High School, she embarked on a secretarial career that included employment with the federal government in Massachusetts and in Washington D.C. during World War II. While raising her family, she ended her working days as an employee of the Post Office.

Helen was most proud of her family and her Polish heritage. She was a devout Catholic and a parishioner of St. Stanislaus Church. She traveled with her beloved husband, Linwood during her lifetime, including trips to Poland, Russia, Israel, Greece, the Caribbean, Hawaii, Aruba and Atlantic City. She enjoyed reading, listening to opera, going to the gym, watching Catholic television, playing cards and Bingo.

Helen was the daughter of the late Karol and Antonina Korzeniowski, and the loving wife of the late Linwood Pierce, with whom she shared 60 years of marriage. She was predeceased by her three brothers and one sister and their respective spouses: Mitchell and Lillian Korzeniowski, Charles and Alice Korzeniowski, Edward and Virginia Korzeniowski, and Mary and James Pinkman.

Helen is survived by three daughters and their spouses: Linda Von Buedingen of Oneonta, New York, Eileen and William Wrona of Ux-



bridge, and Marian Pierce and Dylan Murdock of Rochester. She will be missed by her grandchildren: Steven Carlson, Lauren Glynn, Evelyn Murdock, Pierce Wrona and Jeffrey Murdock and her great-granddaughters, Sydney Carlson and Lucy Glynn. She was very happy to celebrate her 97th birthday with everyone this past October. She will also be remembered fondly by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family welcomes friends and loved ones to remember her remarkable life by gathering for her Funeral Mass today, Thursday, December 30 at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Per order of the Chelsea Board of Health, all visitors are required to wear face masks while in the Church, and physical distancing is advised.

In lieu of flowers, Helen would appreciate your support of Catholic Television, which brought her so much comfort throughout the years. Donations can be made to Boston Catholic Television, PO Box 9196, 34 Chestnut St., Waltham, MA 02471, or visit www.catholicstv.org/donate.html

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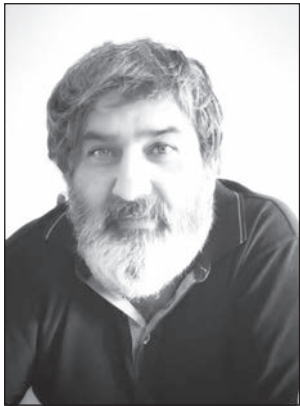
Francesco Recupero

Dog Handler and former Wonderland Dog Track employee

Francesco Recupero, a late resident of East Boston, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday morning, December 23 at the Cambridge Health Alliance Hospital in Everett. He was 64 years old.

Born in Sicily, Italy, the son of Giuseppe Recupero and the late Anna (Rizzo), Francesco came to the United States with his family when he was a small child. He did serve time in the Italian Army but dedicated his working career here in the U.S. as a dog handler. Francesco worked for a number of years at Wonderland Dog Track in Revere and six years at a veterinary clinic that cared for the dogs that raced at Wonderland. He will be forever missed by all who loved him.

The beloved father of Giuseppe Recupero and his wife, Ladeane and Giovanni Recupero, all of Italy, he was the dear brother of Giovanni Recupero and his wife, Anna of Chelsea and Giuseppe Recupero and his wife, Carol of Chelsea. He is also lovingly survived by two grandchildren, Francesco and Eddie Recupero of



Italy, 17 nieces and nephews, 32 great nieces and nephews and eight great-great nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Francesco's visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Friday, December 31 from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow the visitation at Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish/ Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

Per order of the Chelsea Board of Health, masks are required in all public spaces at the funeral home and church.

Maria Donato-Anaya

July 1, 1927 – December 23, 2021

Maria A. Donato-Anaya, 94, passed away on Thursday, December 23 at Eastpointe Nursing and Rehab in Chelsea where she has been receiving supportive care for the last several years.

Born and raised in Arroyo, Puerto Rico, she was the daughter of the late Rafael Donato and Dominga Cruz-Anaya. In 1944, Maria married Juan DeJesus and raised her family of nine sons and five daughters in Arroyo. A resident of Arroyo for most of her life, she settled with her family in Chelsea 25 years ago and has resided here since.

Her life's devotion was to her home and family. In addition to her children, she is survived by numer-



ous grandchildren, great and great-great-grandchildren.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Rose of Lima Church, 600 Broadway Chelsea on Tuesday, December 28.

Services will continue in Arroyo, Puerto Rico and conclude with Maria being placed to rest in Arroyo.

To send expressions of sympathy, visit www.welshFH.com.

Antonio Depina

Of Lynn, formerly of Chelsea

Antonio Depina passed away on Monday, December 27 after a brief illness. He was 70 years of age.

Born and raised in Brava, Cabo Verde, he was a beloved son of the late Antonio and Anna Depina. He received his formal education in Brava and started raising his family in Brava. He came to the United States in 1986 and settled in Chelsea for several years before moving to Lynn 22 years ago. Antonio worked for many years with Housekeeping Services at the Hilton Hotel at Logan Airport.

As a young man, he demonstrated his athleticism playing soccer and running in several Marathons in Cabo Verde. He was an all-around Boston sports fan and followed several other national sports teams.

He was the espoused companion for many years to Lucinda Monteiro and was the devoted father of Anna Depina Alfama and her husband, Ivnilson of Taunton, Manuel Antonio Depina and his wife, Alia of Lynn, Adelina Depina, Neusa Depina and Julia Depina, all of Cabo Verde, Elizabeth Depina of Boston, and Kenny Depina at home in Lynn. He was the cherished grandfather of 10 and dear brother



of Adelina Depina of Chelsea, Arminda of Pawtucket, RI, Izaura o Cabo Verde and Manuel Depina of Portugal.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Monday, January 3 from 4 - 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. All visitors are required to wear face masks while in the Funeral Home, per order Chelsea Board of Health.

Funeral Services will be conducted from the Welsh Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 4 at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Anthony Memorial - Frank A. Welsh & Sons Chelsea.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE GRANTS

REVERE - Mayor Arrigo and representatives from both Amazon and United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley presented three grant awards to community-based organizations who continue to go above and beyond for Revere residents. The Raise Up Revere fund, which was established in April of 2020, is focused on meeting the immediate needs of Revere families and small businesses that have been most severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as longer-term strategies and innovative ideas that will continue to move Revere forward as a community. Recipients this year include HarborCOV, CAPIC, and the First Congregational Church Food Pantry.

“The three organizations chosen today continue to step up to the plate when our residents need them the most,” said Mayor Brian Arrigo. “We started the Raise Up Revere fund at the beginning of the pandemic to support community-driven organizations that work to give back to our residents. I’m proud of how we’ve utilized these connections so far and am excited to see the fund continue to build capacity over the coming years.”

In 2020, four nonprofits and organizations were awarded grants through the fund. This year, due to a generous \$35,000 donation from Amazon and supplemented funds through an anonymous donor, the fund is able to award each organization with a \$20,000 grant – totaling \$60,000 that will be reflected through community-based work. Existing partners who have received the award in the past include The Neighborhood Developers (TND), Union Capital Boston, Moroccan American Connections in Revere (MACIR), Women Encouraging Empowerment (WEE) Revere, and The First Congressional Church of Revere Food Pantry. The Raise Up Revere Fund also funded five \$10,000 “Shot at a Healthy Future” scholarships – awarded to fully-vaccinated residents to boost incentive around the vaccine.

“The Raise Up Revere Fund has been instrumental in helping our community weather the pandemic and its ensuing economic hardship,” said Jerome Smith, Amazon’s Sr. Manager of External Affairs. “As a company, we’re thrilled to partner with them and ensure their funding can go even further in assisting our most vulnerable neighbors.”

One recipient of the grant this year is HarborCOV, a non-profit organization that provides free safety and support services, along with housing and economic opportunities for those affected by domestic violence and abuse. Executive Director Kourou Pich plans to use the \$20,000 grant for emergency housing – one of the most visible and critical needs experienced by survivors of domestic violence.

“Partnerships like the Raise Up Revere fund are key to ensuring our communities emerge from this crisis stronger and more resilient than before,” said Bob Giannino, President and Chief Executive Officer at United Way of Mas-

sachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. “Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, we have seen the power of municipal, business and community leaders coming together to raise up the needs of their residents and catalyze the resources needed to address them. We’re grateful to Mayor Arrigo for his continued partnership and to Amazon for the generosity they have demonstrated throughout our region.”

The First Congregational Church Food Pantry is another 2021 recipient – the \$20,000 grant will be used to further efforts at the weekly Food Pantry by assisting in IT and computer relief. Throughout the course of the pandemic, the First Congregational Church Food Pantry operation grew exponentially. Now the Food Pantry is combined with the City of Revere “Food Hub” team and operates out of the Food Hub at 200 Winthrop Ave (the previous League for Special Needs building). The pantry continues to see a record number of families during their weekly food events.

CAPIC (Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc), is the third and final recipient of this year’s award. Through the utilization of \$20,000 in Raise Up Revere funding, CAPIC will provide comprehensive emergency support services to at-risk Revere individuals and families who are in crisis mode; specifically, temporary emergency placements, such as hotel placements. CAPIC’s Emergency Assistance Program will also provide support to individuals and families once they obtain permanent housing, such as gift cards to purchase food, furniture, and basic household items.

Donations to the fund can be made online or via your Donor Advised Fund by including “The Raise Up Revere Fund” in your recommendation details. Our tax ID number is 04-2382233. You can also send a check to the following address: United Way of Massachusetts Bay, PO Box 51381, Boston, MA 02205-1381. Please make checks out to “United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley” and include “The Raise Up Revere Fund” in the memo of your check.

COMMITTEE DOES NOT CHANGE CONTRACT

EVERETT - Superintendent Priya Tahiliani made it very clear in her remarks at the School Committee meeting last week that she “has no intention of leaving this district.”

Tahiliani’s comments came before the committee took a vote on whether to extend her contract from February 28, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

She went on to say, “I am not looking for another job, I am proud of what I have accomplished and becoming part of a larger education community. There is still much work to be done.”

Tahiliani took over the reins of the Everett school system in the midst of the pandemic.

As a result, many of the goals for the local schools that Tahiliani had outlined to the search committee were delayed as she focused on COVID-related issues, including remote learning for students.

At the last meeting of

the School Committee on December 6, the issue of making changes to the superintendent’s current contract was objected to by the incoming new members of the School Committee who will take office on January 3.

They made clear in no uncertain terms their view that the present School Committee should leave the matter of extending Tahiliani’s contract to the new committee.

Although the committee approved some technical changes to the superintendent’s contract two weeks ago, they postponed taking action on the contract extension until their meeting on Monday night.

Several members of the School Committee expressed the view that because of COVID and the basic upending of the school learning process, Tahiliani essentially had lost a year and that the extension of the contract end date would give her the opportunity to try to meet the goals that she had proposed during her interview.

In addition, members pointed out that the end date in the original contract of February 28, 2024, could be disruptive to the entire school system since it would mean a possible departure in the middle of the school year.

Before the vote on extending the date, Ward 6 School Committee member Tom Abruzzese said, “I could not agree more with the superintendent. We have found the top candidate in the state and perhaps the country.”

“The extension would allow (Tahiliani’s) full vision to come to fruition,” said committee member Samantha Lambert.

School Committee member Dana Murray, commenting on the February 28 end date, said, “It’s not a good idea to have kids with an interim superintendent.”

However, School Committee member Millie Cardillo noted that in the contract, the end date could be extended to June 2024 and “would not leave students high and dry.”

The committee then voted on the motion to extend the contract and it failed on a 5-5 vote. A vote was then taken on reconsideration and it lost again, 5-5.

ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE GRANTS

EAST BOSTON- To support the needs of our immigrant residents, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) announced the awarding of \$8,000 in mini-grants each to three East Boston organizations that serve the neighborhood’s immigrant population.

The mini-grants to the Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VRCC), the East Boston Ecumenical Community Council (EBECC) and Neighbors United for a Better East Boston (NUBE) are funded through corporate sponsorships for We Are Boston, an annual reception that honors the contributions immigrants make to our City.

The three Eastie organizations will use the \$8,000 grant for operational support and capacity-building to serve immigrants impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds will be used for a wide range of services including basic needs assistance, mental

COVID TEST KITS NOW AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS



Members of the Martinez family receive their rapid test kits from Julie Thistle (left) and Antoinette Blanchard at Everett City Hall.

health support, child and youth development, legal services, and digital equity.

“One third of Boston residents are immigrants,” said Mayor Wu. “The health and wellbeing of our immigrant communities is central to our City’s recovery and community. By making these investments now, we lay the foundation for generational change.”

The VRCC will use the funds to uplift the cultural identities of Latinx immigrant communities in East Boston.

EBECC will use its mini-grant for technology equipment, access, and training for immigrant youth and families for the Digital Inclusion Program.

Finally, NUBE will use the funds for wellness and health spaces facilitated by community leaders for low-income immigrants.

“We work very closely with immigrant-serving nonprofits, and they told us what their communities need right now,” said Director of the Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement Yusufi Vali. “As we recover from this pandemic, we should seize the moment to identify disparities and close the gaps in innovative ways.”

Vali said these mini-grants are made possible through the generous contributions from We Are Boston 2020 sponsors including State Street Corporation, Arbella Insurance Foundation, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, and Eastern Bank Foundation.

The “We Are Boston 2022: From Dreams to Action” will be held on February 3, 2022. During the reception, the city will recognize community honorees and address how government, corporate, and nonprofit sectors can work together to support the fight for equity.

NICHOLSON ANNOUNCES TEAM

LYNN - Lynn Mayor-Elect Jared Nicholson has announced the first staff members that will be working in his office starting January 4, 2022.

“We are thrilled about the team that is coming together,” Nicholson said. “We have a lot of ideas about how to hit the ground running and this group starts to bring in the skills we will need to make sure that happens.”

Following his election, Nicholson immediately got to work putting together a Transition Committee consisting of 10 people to help him prepare for the role and find the right staff for his new administration. A subcommittee of Magnoia Contreras, Faustina

Cuevas, Charlie Gaeta, and Drew Russo has helped Nicholson interview candidates and advise him on hiring decisions.

Contreras, co-chair of the Transition Committee, said, “we have been impressed by the field of candidates and the process that the Mayor-Elect has led to make these decisions.”

Jon Thibault will take on the role of Chief of Staff. Thibault is currently the Chief of Staff to State Senator Brendan P. Crighton and worked as Crighton’s Legislative Director before being appointed Chief in 2019. Born and raised in Lynn, Thibault attended Lynn English High School and went on to graduate from Boston University in 2009. Jon gained extensive knowledge of Lynn’s municipal government as the Assistant to LHAND Executive Director, Charlie Gaeta. With Nicholson, Thibault will be responsible with overseeing and administering the day-to-day operations within the Mayor’s Office and will serve as the liaison between the Mayor’s Office, city department heads, and local, state, and federal officials.

“I believe in Mayor Nicholson’s vision and goals for the city,” said Thibault. “I look forward to working with him, this team, and the departments in City Hall to deliver great results for the residents of Lynn.”

Jean Michael Fana, who managed Nicholson’s mayoral campaign, has been selected as the Outreach Director for the Mayor’s Office. Jean returned to Lynn last spring after serving as an Army JAG Corps Paralegal. He served as a Trial Defense Paralegal at Camp Humphreys, South Korea and later was assigned to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Jean graduated from Lynn Classical High School prior to joining the Army. Jean was Honorably Discharged at the rank of Sergeant. As the Outreach Director, Jean will be responsible for constituent services and community affairs on behalf of the office.

“Jared has given me a wonderful opportunity to continue to work directly for the people of Lynn,” said Fana. “Our goal is to make this administration active and responsive to the needs of the people and I’m excited to join the team in supporting that goal.”

Valerie Vong, who was the Nicholson campaign’s Digital Director, will also be joining Mayor Nicholson’s office as Communications Manager. Vong proudly represents her Asian-American roots—

especially as the eldest daughter and granddaughter of Khmer refugees. She graduated at the top of her class from Lynn English High School in 2018 with National Honor Society recognition and was an awardee of the President’s Education Program. She is currently a fourth-year first-generation college student at Clark University, pursuing a double major in English and Environmental Science, with concentrations in public policy, environmental policy, and pre-law. At school, Valerie is the Publicist of Korean Culture Club, a member of Sigma Tau Delta, a member of the Pre-Law Society, and on the e-board of Clark Sustainability Action. Outside of school, she currently interns for New American Leaders, YDMA, and MASSPIRG Students. Valerie will work to support the Mayor’s communication efforts and ensure that all residents have access to the office so that their voices can be heard.

“I had the privilege to work with Jared on the campaign trail,” said Vong. “And throughout the months I served as both an intern and the Digital Director, I was incredibly moved and inspired by his vision, tenacity, and our shared aim to uplift the city of Lynn through a more equitable approach. I look forward to continuing my work alongside Jared.”

Mayor-elect Nicholson is also pleased to announce that two integral members of the current administration will continue serving after he takes office in January.

Faustina Cuevas, the City’s first Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, assumed her position this past June and quickly established herself as a key member of the Mayor’s staff. As DEI officer, Cuevas is responsible for implementing and overseeing initiatives to ensure greater diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout city government and the community at large. Cuevas is also co-chair of the Mayor-elect’s Transition Committee tasked with advising the incoming administration.

Meaghan Hamill, Chief of Staff to Mayor Thomas McGee, will be staying on for a two-month period in the role of Senior Adviser to complete the transition between the McGee and Nicholson administrations. Hamill, a Boston University graduate, has worked with Mayor McGee since 2010 rising to the position of Chief of Staff in his Senate office and serving in that capacity during his four years as Mayor.

Honoring one of Chelsea’s greatest residents

Williams family visits Chelsea City Hall

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The family of the late William J. Williams, who was one of Chelsea’s most extraordinary citizens, visited Chelsea City Hall to view the glorious photo of Mr. Williams that is displayed in the conference room.

Born in Toronto, Canada, on September 23,

1863, Williams and his family moved to Chelsea when he was a one-year-old child. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard Law School where he received his degree in 1889. Mr. Williams was a lawyer and maintained his practice in Pemberton Square,

Boston. He served on the Chelsea Board of Aldermen from 1901 to 1919, representing the Ward 4 section. Mr. Williams was the first African-American elected to the Board of Aldermen.

Captain William J. Williams was also a military hero. He joined the Mas-

sachusetts Militia in 1891, shortly after he was appointed to command Company L. Capt. Williams led Company L during the Spanish-American War, fighting in Cuba and Puerto Rico. Capt. Williams died in 1924 from typhoid fever he contracted in the Caribbean during the war.



Jim Williams and Dorian Williams view the photo of their great-grandfather, former Chelsea Alderman and U.S. military hero William J. Williams, at Chelsea City Hall.



Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson and his brother, Ronald Robinson, and City Manager Thomas Ambrosino officially welcome the Williams family to the city. From left, are James H. Williams IV, baby Eliza Williams, Ronald Robinson, Sarah Adams, Thomas Ambrosino, Dorian Williams, and Leo Robinson.

Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson and his brother, Ronald Robinson, co-directors of the Lewis Latimer Society, donated the photo of Mr. Williams that was placed on the wall in the conference room at City Hall. The Robinsons and City Manager Thomas Ambrosino welcomed the Williams family to the city during its visit.

Jim Williams, anchor reporter at CBS News in Chicago and former reporter for ABC News, and Attorney Dorian Williams, who have carried

on the legacy of their great-grandfather and the family with distinction, expressed appreciation to city leaders for the tribute being paid to William J. Williams in the City of Chelsea.

“We’re deeply moved and proud to see this tribute to our great-grandfather,” said Jim Williams. “We thank the City of Chelsea leaders. William J. Williams was trailblazer who made invaluable contributions to his country and his community. It’s a remarkable legacy.”

HarborCOV, Chelsea Community hold vigil to raise awareness about domestic violence

HarborCOV, the local domestic violence program serving the Chelsea, Revere, East Boston, Winthrop and Charlestown area, and Chelsea community members held a candlelight vigil to raise awareness about the lethal-

ity of domestic violence December 20 on the lawn of Chelsea City Hall.

The vigil honored the loss of 48-year-old Paula Andrea Ortiz Ramirez, who passed on December 11 due to domestic violence. In addition, the vigil raised

awareness about domestic violence and honored the lives of the other 12 individuals whose lives were taken this year by domestic violence in Massachusetts.

“Domestic violence is everyone’s business and does not discriminate based

on race, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. We must realize that this type of violence affects all of us, and we need to take a stand to support and educate our friends, neighbors, and families. Domestic vio-

lence is our business,” said Kourou Pich, Executive Director of HarborCOV.

Local community leaders, residents, and domestic violence advocates such as leaders from Jane Doe Inc. (Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual and

Domestic Violence), Chelsea City Hall, the Chelsea Police Department, MGH-HAVEN, the Zonta Club of Chelsea, the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office, and HarborCOV attended the vigil.



Kourou Pich, executive director of Harbor COV, speaks at the candlelight vigil held Monday at Chelsea City Hall to raise awareness about domestic violence. Also pictured are City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins, Diana Mancera of Jane Doe Inc., and Charles Horenstein of HarborCOV.



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Residents take part in the candlelight vigil Monday to raise awareness about domestic violence in the Commonwealth.



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