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Shown above, the facade of Harbor House Collective located at 80- Eastern Avenue, Chelsea's latest adult-use cannabis dispensary.

Shown to the right, a deep sea mural greets guests as they walk through the front door into reception.



Harbor House Collective up and running in Chelsea

Grand opening events scheduled for Friday through Sunday

By John Lynds

Harbor House Collective, Chelsea's new adult-use cannabis dispensary and cultivation facility, is up and running and will hold a series of special grand opening events this

weekend.

Owned by the Londono family, who ran a successful wholesale flower business from the spot for years, Harbor House Collective began selling a wide array of cannabis products produced from

the dispensary's onsite grown facility at 80 Eastern Ave. While the Londono family will continue to operate the flower business at a new location they converted their Eastern Avenue warehouse into a 20,000-square-foot verti-

cally integrated marijuana facility. The dispensary was approved by the Chelsea Zoning Board in 2019.

Harbor House Collective's General Manager Mike Kerwin said on Fri-

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CBC Black History Month

The Rev. Dr. Ray Hammond will be keynote speaker at CBC 'Trailblazers' celebration

By Cary Shuman

Chelsea Black Community (CBC) has landed an illustrious leader in the Boston community for its Chelsea Trailblazers celebration on Feb. 24.

The Rev. Dr. Ray Hammond, co-founder and pastor of Bethel AME Church, will deliver the keynote address at the virtual event, said CBC President Joan Cromwell.

The Rev. Hammond, who co-founded the Beth-



The Rev. Dr. Ray Hammond.

el AME Church, Boston, with his wife, Gloria, holds degrees from Harvard College and Harvard Medical School and a

master's degree in religion from Harvard Graduate School.

Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson said he's looking forward to hearing the Rev. Hammond's remarks and welcoming him back to Chelsea. Robinson and his wife, Linda Alioto-Robinson, have collaborated with Hammond on Mass Mentoring projects.

"I join with the CBC and others in welcoming the Rev. Hammond, a man of tremendous stature and

spiritual leadership excellence to our community for this important celebration," said Robinson.

Robinson and the City Council will be recognizing the Trailblazers - CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, long-time Chelsea Rotary Club member and charitable project organizer Juan Gallego, Sara Arman of GreenRoots, communi-

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School Comm., City Council select new School Comm. members

By Adam Swift

It was one easy choice and one difficult decision for the School Committee and City Council Monday night as they appointed two new School Committee members.

Claryangeliz Covas was the easy pick for District 4 as the only nominee for the open seat in that district. In District 5, it was a tougher choice, with newcomer Katherine Cabral the choice over former School Committee member Lucia Henriquez by an 8-5-1 vote.

The special joint meet-

ing was necessary because there were no candidates on the ballot for District 4 last November, and in District 5, incumbent Henry Wilson ran unopposed. However Wilson, who is facing legal charges, declined the seat.

Cabral is a Chelsea High School graduate and a science teacher and college access liaison at the Excel Academy Charter Schools.

"Being part of the Chelsea public schools has distilled the lessons of empathy, generosity, and service to others, and that is exactly why I am inter-

ested in this position," said Cabral. "As a recent graduate, I think I bring a fresh and unique perspective."

School Committee member Jeanette Velez and several councilors questioned Cabral about the stance she would take on funding for charter schools versus public schools. Velez noted that several years ago, the School Committee opposed a ballot question that would have increased the number of charter schools.

"As someone from the Chelsea public schools, and as someone current-

ly working at a charter school, I think it's important that parents and students have choice over the school that they choose, regardless if it is a public school or a charter school," said Cabral.

She said that while she understands the need for public schools to secure every dollar they need, she said that parents ultimately know what is best for their child's education.

Council President Roy Avellaneda praised all the candidates for coming forward for a nomination pro-

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School attendance takes a hit with increased Covid cases

By Adam Swift

Attendance in Chelsea public schools hit a low in January, but school officials are hoping those numbers will rise as the peak of Covid infections from the Omicron variant looks to be on the downward slope.

In January, attendance figures fluctuated from 80 to 85 percent in the elementary schools and lower at the high school.

Assistant Superintendent of schools Adam Deleidi said the absences by students and staff does correlate with the uptick in positive Covid cases since December.

"We did have far more cases at the high school level than at any other level, and that goes right along with attendance," said Deleidi. "We are seeing up until around grade 8, the attendance is 80 to 85 percent. Once you hit the high school, they start to dip under 80 percent."

Over the past several weeks, the number of positive Covid cases has been

decreasing, and Deleidi said he hopes attendance figures follow suit.

School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera asked if there was any way the attendance numbers could be adjusted to account for Covid cases.

"How are we doing with folks who are able to come if they are healthy?" he asked.

Deleidi said the schools do track who is absent due to Covid, but that those numbers have not been pulled out to see what the attendance rate would be without the Covid cases.

"As we are looking for our 95 percent (attendance) rate, we are clearly not going to be getting that because people are absent, but they are absent for a good reason," said Jimenez Rivera.

While in past years, students and staff may have gone to school if they had the sniffles or were borderline sick, this year, Deleidi said everyone is

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AT THE INAUGURATION



Shown at Sen. Lydia Edwards's inauguration last week in the State House. L-R State Rep. Dan Ryan, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, State Sen. and Councilor Lydia Edwards, Moe Gillen and Mayor Michelle Wu.

Schools look to address mental health issues

By Adam Swift

Mental health has been a major focus for the Chelsea schools over the past two years, as students deal with increased isolation from remote learning, and the general anxiety of the pandemic.

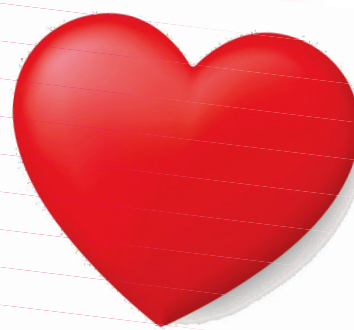
"I get asked the question of how has the pandemic impacted our students, and how has the isolation

and remote learning impacted our students," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta. "We are pulling our resources together in and out of the district to meet the needs of our students. But the needs have definitely increased as a result of isolation and remote learning, there are a lot more issues

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East Cambridge Savings Charitable Foundation closes 2021 with donations to 16 local organizations

Staff Report

The East Cambridge Savings Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of East Cambridge Savings Bank, recently awarded grants to 16 local nonprofits including several in Chelsea that focus on supporting low- and moderate-income individuals within the Bank’s Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) communities – 15 cities and towns where the Bank has a branch or provides banking services. The Bank’s Foundation was formed in May of 1997 to support community organizations that work to address and support affordable housing, education, family and youth services and senior citizens.

East Cambridge Savings Bank president and chief executive officer Gilda Nogueira, who also serves as president of the Bank’s charitable foundation, remarked on the importance of supporting local nonprofit organizations. “Our Bank has a long standing and continuing commitment to identifying and supporting local organizations that are doing the difficult but much needed work of serving our most vulnerable neighbors,” stated Nogueira. “Each organization that received a grant at the end of 2021 works every day to expand access to affordable housing, support children and families, serve senior citizens, and expand educational opportunities. Every member of our Bank family – customers, employees, and community members – can be proud to support these worthy causes. The grants awarded went directly to helping those most in need.”

One of the organi-

zations that received a grant was the Cambridge YMCA, a Central Square based institution founded in 1867. The Cambridge Y provides a myriad of programming to people of all ages and fosters lifelong growth and development through the promotion of physical and emotional well-being, social services, and childcare. Nancy O’Brien, the Y’s president and chief executive officer noted that the Bank’s support goes beyond a donation. “East Cambridge Savings Bank and the Cambridge Y have a true partnership. They’re a business partner, a steadfast supporter, and Gilda serves on our Board as Vice Chair. We share a common purpose of serving those in our community, and we truly appreciate the Bank’s commitment to making our city a better place to live, work, and raise a family.”

Organizations that received a grant in December 2021 include:

- Cambridge Community Center
- Cambridge Family and Children’s Service – The Art C. Spears Recreation Fund
- Cambridge Public Library Foundation
- Cambridge YMCA
- Chelsea Restoration Corporation
- GreenRoots, Chelsea, Mass.
- Housing Corporation of Arlington
- Jordan Boys and Girls Club, Chelsea, Mass.
- La Colabrotiva, Chelsea, Mass.
- Mystic Valley Elder Services, Malden, Mass.
- Mystic Valley YMCA, Malden, Mass.
- Somerville Community Corporation
- Somerville YMCA
- Triangle, Inc., Mal-

den, Mass.

- Waltham YMCA
- WATCH Community Development Corporation, Waltham, Mass.

Earlier in the year, the Bank’s charitable foundation also supported the following organizations:

- Arlington EATS
- Bread of Life, Malden, Mass.
- Cambridge Neighborhood Apartment Housing Services, Inc. (CNAHS)
- Camp Rotary, Chelsea & Lynn, Mass.
- Community Cooks, Somerville, Mass.
- Lynn Boys and Girls Club
- Massachusetts Assisted Living Association, Waltham, Mass.
- Second Chances, Somerville, Mass.
- Solutions at Work, Cambridge, Mass.
- Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services
- The Children’s Room, Arlington, Mass.
- The Neighborhood Developers, Chelsea, Mass.

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ENDICOTT COLLEGE ANNOUNCES LOCAL DEAN’S LIST STUDENTS

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The following Chelsea students have met these requirements:

- Ava LaBella, Exercise Science, daughter of Kristen LaBella and Antonio LaBella
- Gerson Yanes Benitez, Business

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LOCAL RESIDENTS EARN DEAN’S LIST HONORS FROM

MassBay Community College

The following local residents have been named to the MassBay Community College Dean’s List.

- Christopher Duran Luciano, of Chelsea, who studies Computer Science, achieved this outstanding academic honor for the fall 2021 semester.
- Sheila De Los Santos, of Chelsea, who studies International Business, achieved this outstanding academic honor for the fall 2021 semester.

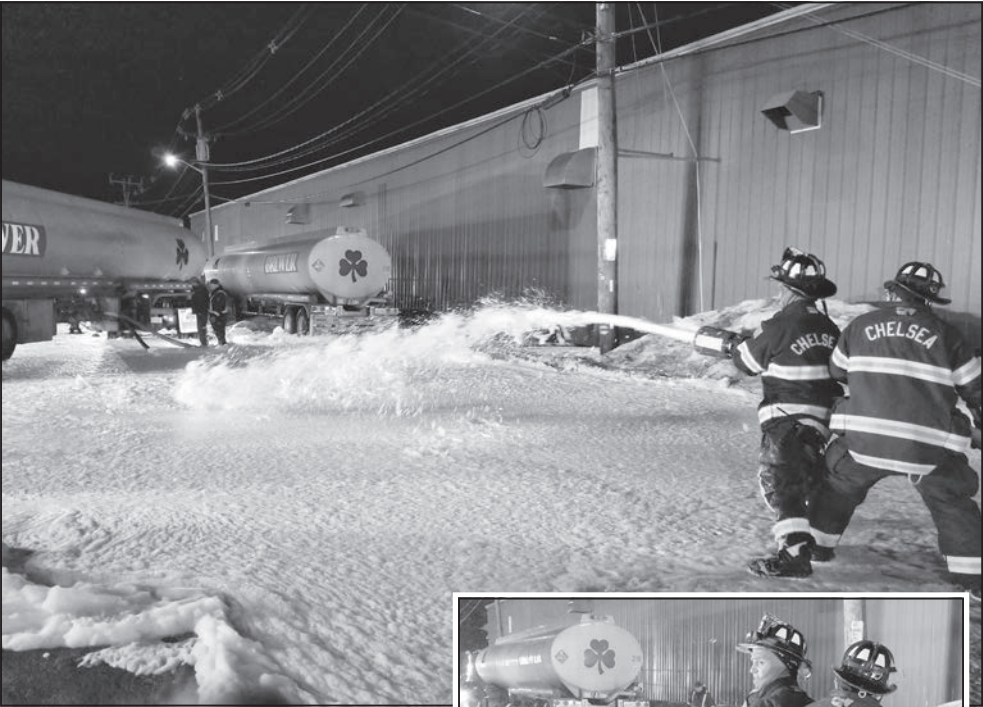
To be eligible for the MassBay Dean’s List, students must complete at least six credits of college-level courses, be in good standing with the College, and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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MassBay Community College is the most affordable higher education option in MetroWest Boston, offering a robust portfolio of courses and more than 70 associate degree

and certificate programs with flexible day, evening, and weekend classes in Ashland, Framingham, Wellesley Hills, and online. MassBay students receive an unmatched educational value by earning stackable credits that transfer to bachelor’s degree programs, and workforce-ready skills necessary to advance careers in high-demand fields such as health and life sciences, automotive technology, engineering, business, cybersecurity, and the humanities. MassBay’s Associate Degree in Nursing (RN) and Practical Nursing (LPN) programs were both ranked as the #1 Nursing Program in Massachusetts in 2020-2021 by national nursing advocacy organizations RegisteredNursing.org, and PracticalNursing.org. Since its founding in 1961, MassBay has been accredited by several governing bodies and remains firmly committed to its mission of meeting the needs of the diverse local communities it serves. We value the intrinsic worth of all individuals, collectively in pursuit of inclusiveness and prioritize our work towards achieving equity within our community and beyond.

TANKER SPILL ON BEECHAM STREET



PHOTOS BY PAUL KOOLLOIAN

Shown above, Chelsea firefighters respond to a gas spill late Tuesday evening, Feb. 8, On Beacham Street near the Chelsea/ Everett line a gas tanker began leaking gasoline; it is not yet known how much was lost. Crews worked efficiently and effectively to contain the spill and limit the scope of the damage.



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cess that can be intense, and said he was impressed with how Cabral handled the questioning.

“I’m impressed with the fact that you held your ground, and I will echo what my colleague (District 1 Councillor) Todd Taylor siad, it’s okay to have a different opinion on a board, that’s where ideas and conversation come from,” said Avellaneda.

Henriquez recently served on the School Committee for a decade and left her seat after she moved out of the district she represented.

“The reason that I am coming back is because I have lived in this community for many years and I have worked in the community for so many years,” said Henriquez. “I am here for the students and I really care about the education of all the students. It’s very important to me to listen to the par-

ents’ concerns and involve the parents, too.”

Avellaneda questioned Henriquez about the write-in campaign she ran for the District 5 seat, stating he was concerned about her low vote total considering she has run for office in the past.

Henriquez said she was surprised and frustrated at her low vote total, noting that she spent time and money on flyers and door knocking during her campaign. She said she believes there were people who voted for Wilson because they did not believe the child rape charges he is facing.

“It made me angry,” said Henriquez. “We talk a lot about civic participation ... but people are apathetic about going to vote and we saw that in this election, not everybody is going to vote.”

Avellaneda said he appreciated Henriquez’s answer and the backstory

about the election.

Councillor-At-Large Damali Vidot said she was still upset about the results of the District 5 School Committee election.

“I still bang my head against the wall that an accused pedophile got as many votes as he got,” she said. “The issue here is not (Henriquez), it’s a lack of civic engagement and a lack of education of the electorate.”

District 4 School Committee nominee Covas also graduated from Chelsea High School and has one son who will be going into kindergarten at the Early Learning Center next fall, and another son who will be entering kindergarten the year after that.

“My biggest reason for wanting to be part of the School Committee is so I can have a voice and be a little bit of a bridge between parents and what is going on in the school system,” said Covas.

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THE 1887 ELECTORAL COUNT ACT MUST BE AMENDED

Americans always have taken for granted the sanctity and integrity of our electoral system. For decades, we routinely have sent observers to countries where democracy is a new thing to ensure that those nations conducted their elections on the up-and-up, using our electoral system as a model.

America’s democratic process, we have assumed, is the gold standard for democracies around the world. We never considered that our own democracy, the world’s oldest, was anything but rock-solid.

However, the 2020 Presidential election upended all of those assumptions. It turns out that what we had thought were firmly-embedded procedures are not so clear, and could be subject to a wide range of interpretation.

This lack of clarity is thanks to an arcanelly-worded statute, known as the 1887 Electoral Count Act.

The Act was enacted by Congress in 1887, 10 years after the disputed 1876 presidential election, in which several states submitted competing slates of electors and a divided Congress was unable to resolve the deadlock for weeks. Though it took Congress more than 10 years to finally pass the act, the effort to clarify some of the ambiguities contained in the Constitution concerning the Electoral College only served to create deeper ambiguities.

Up until 2020, there never had been a serious challenge to the results of a presidential election. However, as we all know by now, former President Donald Trump, aided and abetted by a large number of members of Congress, attempted to use the lack of clarity in the Electoral Count Act to overturn the Electoral College results of five states.

Fortunately, Trump’s shenanigans -- as usual -- were neither well-organized nor well-focused. Further, vice-president Mike Pence was not willing to be a participant in Trump’s charade.

However, Trump’s gambit brought to the attention of legal scholars and our elected officials the potential for unscrupulous -- and better-organized -- actors to wreak havoc with our democratic process. All of us have come to realize that the guard rails that we had thought existed to protect our democratic norms are nothing more than a chimera.

Amending the 1887 Electoral Count Act is a non-partisan issue. Future Democrats are equally as likely as future Republicans to try to exploit the weaknesses of the act to the detriment of our democracy.

We urge both of our U.S. Senators, Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, as well as our members of Congress, to join with Republican colleagues such as Maine Senator Susan Collins to amend the act expeditiously.

In view of the events that took place in the aftermath of the 2020 election, this is the most urgent business that Congress can undertake in order to preserve the viability of our democracy.

A SILVER LINING TO INFLATION

We saw a report on the news the other night about the effect that inflation is having on food prices thanks to supply chain issues that have arisen during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report highlighted that inflation is taking a bite (no pun intended) out of Americans’ wallets because of higher prices for items such as bacon, snack foods, and soft drinks.

“That’s a bad thing?” we thought to ourselves.

Americans are among the most obese and unhealthiest people in the world principally because we eat bad food -- and lots of it. The average American male today weighs 30 pounds more than the average male did 50 years ago and the average American woman today weighs as much as the average man did 50 years ago. The single-biggest risk factor -- after old age -- for a poor prognosis for a COVID-19 patient is being overweight.

In our view, if the direct and indirect effects of COVID-19 have the result of forcing Americans to cut back on our consumption of highly-processed and junk foods, then that would be at least one good thing to come out of the otherwise ongoing tragedy of the pandemic.

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- ☐ SAY IT WITH CHOCOLATES
- ☒ JUST SAY IT.!



GUEST OP-ED

You can at least say howdy

soda pop or just stopping in to say “howdy.”

We grew up on Milo speaking to most everyone who came and went. When a car drove by, we usually waved even though we didn’t always know them. At family or church gatherings we typically talked to everyone for a minute or two and shook hands or hugged a few people.

The only time I can remember our family being speechless was when fifteen or twenty of us were sitting on the porch and a man from New York City pulled up in an older car. My grandpa had received an advertisement in the mail about a great used car he could buy for \$500. He ordered the car to surprise my grandma and we were all really surprised when this man pulled in front of the store in an old beat up looking car. He had driven the car from New York City, which was a long drive on those roads back then. After being drop jaw stunned silent for a few

minutes, everyone loosened up and eventually started talking to the man who was just doing a job but now had to get back to New York. By this time, some of us were chuckling just a little. A couple of the family members took the guy over to Kermit, West Virginia to catch a Greyhound bus to begin his long journey back home.

A part of American culture has been hand shaking and embracing those we know. A part of most American religious gatherings has been shaking hands. One church I attended insisted on everybody hugging each other.

Covid-19 has impacted our world with death, sickness and business failures. The distancing for many of us continues to be tough. We wear our masks and seldom know who else is in the grocery store. We’re fearful of going to the funeral home to honor and respect the deceased. Shaking hands or embracing anyone anywhere is

typically totally unwellcome. Many holiday parties of large gatherings were fewer over the past holidays. People don’t want to be sick and so the distancing continues.

We do have the telephone, social media and email which helps us at least stay connected.

However, please keep in mind, when you do recognize someone at the grocery or any public place you may not feel comfortable embracing or shaking hands, but you can still convey a greeting and kindness by at least saying “howdy.”

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.

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

“Howdy,” was a common everyday word where I grew up. Raised on old Stidham, now known as Milo road in rural Appalachia, I spent a lot of time at my Grandpa and Grandma Hinkle’s store. People came and went buying gasoline, sandwich meat, snacks or groceries for the week. There were cane bottom chairs in the store. Often people would sit and chat for a while.

Regardless of how many times during the week I walked down the road to that store, the opening salutation was typically, “howdy.”

People were in and out of the Hinkle store doing business. A family member was often coming or going because my grandparents had raised ten children and there were many grandchildren who frequented the Hinkle business. Often, family members were buying a

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ty engagement specialist Loira Moore, lifelong resident and former business owner Paul Smith, and community leader Nicole McKoy – at its Feb. 14 Council meeting.

Chelsea High students will deliver poems at the Chelsea Trailblazer celebration.

“It’s unfortunate that we won’t be able to hold this event in person again,” said Cromwell. “We

thought about it, but the safety issues with COVID were a health concern.”

Cromwell said that CBC will be holding a “Spring Fling” to celebrate the Chelsea Trailblazers “as well as a community getting through this awful pandemic.”

“Celebrating community does not end with Black History Month when it ends in February,” said Cromwell. “We will con-

tinue to be a positive influence in the community and continue to highlight the Chelsea Trailblazers throughout the summer.

“I think we (the CBC) have grown immensely in the community. We are definitely involved first-hand in what makes a difference in our community and making an impact in terms of community-building, civic obligation, keeping people informed, educating residents, and being available to show residents that they are not alone.

“Even though our community is over 60 percent Latino, there are still others that live, reside, and call Chelsea their home that have to be always accounted for, and that’s what we stand for – a community as a whole, with 100 percent inclusion,” said Cromwell.

Black History Month events continuing

President Joan Cromwell reports that Black History is proceeding extremely well, with its next event scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 10. Dr. Nnamdi Amaechina, an internist at Charlton Hospital in Fall

River, will be speaking about health and wellness in the community and how BIPOC communities are doing in terms of health.

“Dr. Amaechina’s appearance reflects off of the National Black History Month theme which is health and wellness and communities of color,” said Cromwell.

CBC On The Frontlines During the Pandemic

CBC continues to make its presence felt as an organization helping the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We’ve been on the frontlines of the COVID vaccine clinic,” said Cromwell. “In the month of December, we had over 4,000 people come to the clinic to be vaccinated. We’re working in collaboration with the City as well as Cataldo Ambulance.”

CBC has also done a series of presentations with the People’s AME Church focusing on COVID-related information.

(Biographical information about the Rev. Dr. Ray Hammond was used from the Barr Foundation in the compilation of this story).

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day, Feb. 11 the dispensary will join community partners in cutting the ribbon on the new facility at 1 p.m. The event will feature a food truck, music as well as the unveiling of some new cannabis products not yet on the menu.

“So we opened our doors on December 27 so it has been all word of mouth as we worked out some of the kinks,” said Kerwin. “We will cut the ribbon on the new facility at 1 p.m. Friday and we will have a food truck. Across the Border, for customers on both Friday and Saturday. We will also be offering a bunch of new products that haven’t made it to the menu yet with some new pricing on products.”

Kerwin, who holds a

medical marijuana license and has used cannabis to control his epilepsy since his youth, said the final product produced from Harbor House Collective’s onsite grow facility is some of the best cannabis products in the state.

“Specifically our flower, which is grown with care under the right conditions, so when you put good stuff in you get good stuff out,” said Kerwin.

“People are coming from all around to come and get our product because it’s really hard to find good stuff, especially cannabis concentrates, in Massachusetts. A lot of folks with medical cards, including myself, would travel to Maine or Rhode Island to get better prod-

ucts.”

Kerwin said Harbor House Collective aims to end the cross border hunt for superior cannabis by offering a top quality product.

“When it comes to Cannabis flowers and products, we only want the best, and we want the same for our customers,” he said. “At Harbor House Collective we strive for the highest quality cannabis by starting with a focus on a premium selection of cannabis genetics. Our cultivation team is always improving by handpicking our genetics in-house ensuring each strain has been hunted, grown, and manicured following our strict attention to details in terpenes, potency, and overall appeal to the consumer. We grow our plants locally, adhering to industry best practices.”

With a statewide focus on getting more equita-



Buoys and lobster traps make up some of the nautical-themed interior decor.



The sales floor at Harbor House Collective.



The reception area at Harbor House.

ble licenses to minority owned dispensaries, Harbor House Collective is a true family-run, minority-owned marijuana establishment.

“We’ve hired over 65% of local people with 45 % from Chelsea and Re-

vere,” said Kerwin. “Thirty two percent of employees are female and 59% are minorities so we really have been trying to focus on creating a business that is representative of the community.”

Kerwin said the Londo-

no family has had strong roots in Chelsea for a longtime. Father Miguel Londono is the principal owner while his son, Gabriel, will serve as CEO.

Harbor House Collective’s hours are Monday - Saturday 10 am- 8 pm.

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Happy Valentine's Day
We love you
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Frank, Paul
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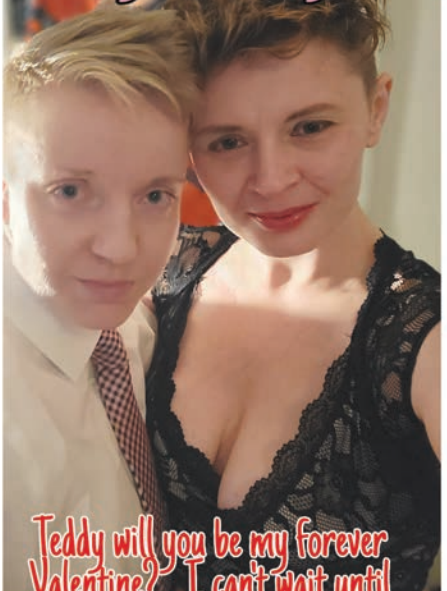
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every LOVE story is beautiful

Loved you then, love you still
Always have, always will



Teddy will you be my forever Valentine? I can't wait until you're my husband!

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Love, Sara



Snow days are the best days Happy Valentine's Day Jimmy, Pa, Nona and Nonu
Love Charlotte



Happy Heavenly Valentine's Day, Ma & Johnny, Love Doreen



Happy Valentine's Day Birthday Auntie Karen Love Roman



Happy Valentine's Day, Auntie Doreen Auntie Loreen, Uncle John
Love Roman



Happy Valentine's Day 2022 to the best Mamie in the whole wide world! Love, Maranda xox



EV-Mommy, you're my furever Valentine!

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day

CHELSEA HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL FALLS TO REVERE

Bob Marra Photos

The Chelsea High School girls basketball team, under the direction of head coach Gena Res-

tiano, played Revere High in a GBL game at the Saul Nechtem Gymnasium. The matchup created an interesting situation for Restiano, who was a Re-

vere High basketball star and 1,000-point scorer before continuing her career in the Suffolk University women's basketball program.



Edisse Ndayikeza dives to the floor to try and keep a loose ball in play.



Katie Arias seems to look for diving intervention as she drives toward the basket.



Katie Arias (41) fights for a rebound.



Chelsea's Keara Chavez Trejo intercepts a pass intended for Revere's Carolina Bettero



Maria Carmaco heads up court defended by Revere's Lorena Martinez.



Chelsea's Keara Chavez Trejo gets a pass away as Revere's Carolina Bettero defends.



Chelsea's Isabella Chavez and Revere's Lorena Martinez watch a loose ball.

CHS ROUNDUP

CHS BOYS TRACK
TOPS EVERETT,
48-37

The Chelsea High boys indoor track and field team put the finishing touch on a successful dual meet season with a 48-37 victory over Everett last week. The triumph gave coach Cesar Hernandez's Red Devils a fine 5-2 record as they head into the Greater Boston League Meet tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at the Reggie Lewis Athletic and Track Center. Chelsea captured four of the nine individual events as well as the 4 x 400 relay. Nate Nadow topped the field in the 600 with a time of 1:29.7; Ruben Padilla grabbed top spot in the 1000 with a clocking of 2:59.3; Alex Estrada outran the field in the mile with a time of 5:35.7; and Jeffrey Ponce captured the shot-put with a toss of 42'-0", which was more than two feet further than his closest rival. The Red Devils won the meet thanks to taking second place in eight of the nine events: Emmanuel Simon in the 55 dash in 6.1; Nasir Adams in the 55 hurdles; Ali Warsame

in the 300 dash in 39.0; Sebastian Rendon in the 1000 in 2:59.7; Alejandro Zepeda in the mile in 5:41.8; Ian Padilla in the two mile in 12:03.2; and Markland Richards in the high jump with a leap of 5'-0". Adding single points to the Chelsea cause with third-place finishes were Johnny Maldonado in the two-mile in 13:04.7 and Austin Freeman in the 600 in 1:37.6. The Red Devil 4 x 400 relay quartet of Nate Nadow, Ali Warsame, Alejandro Zepeda, and Sebastian Rendon defeated their Crimson Tide counterparts by almost 13 seconds with a time of 4:12.7, compared to Everett's 4:25.1.

CHS GIRLS FALL JUST SHORT TO EVERETT, 44-41

The Chelsea High girls indoor track and field team came up just short in their final dual meet of the season at Everett last week by a score of 44-41. The Lady Red Devils won five of the nine individual events and also captured the 4 x 400 relay. Dhalia Christmas won the shot-put with a throw

of 25'-5.75"; Gizelle Rodriguez sprinted to first place in the 300 dash in 45.0; Darily Sanchez took the 600 in 1:59.9; Jasmine Maradiaga topped the field in the mile in 7:26.9; and Holly Hattleberg won the two-mile with a time of 16:04.1. Adding three points to the CHS side of the score-sheet with second-place performances were: Regina Martino in the 600 in 2:10.9; Giselle Oliver in the 1000 in 3:32.5; and Hazel Hattleberg in the mile in 7:28.8. Contributing third-place points for Chelsea were Reina Moreira in the 1000 with a clocking of 4:14.2 and Lauren Madow in the hurdles in a time of 11.5. The CHS 4 x 400 quartet of Gizelle Rodriguez, Hazel Hattleberg, Jasmine Maradiaga, and Darily Sanchez won the race with a time of 5:12, which was 13 seconds faster than Everett's clocking of 5:25.2. Coach Cesar Hernandez and his squad, who finished at 3-4 on the season, will compete in the GBL Meet tomorrow (Friday) at the Reggie Lewis facility in Boston.

OBITUARIES

Leo Templehof

Former Chelsea resident

Leo E. Templehof of Arkansas, formerly of Chelsea and Fryeburg, Maine, died unexpectedly at CHI St. Vincent's Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas on Friday, January 28, at the age of 73.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Eleanor (Ellie) L. (Parmenter), his parents, Henry L. and Edwina E. (Greenlaw), and a brother James Templehof. Survivors include his loving daughter and son-in-law, Denise M. and Michael Boivin of Conway NH, a brother, Thomas Templehof of Lawrence and two sisters, Linda Stefanowicz of Chelsea and Lisa Templehof of Quincy and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

Leo's early career began on the North Shore of Boston including Everett, Watertown and Chelsea where he worked as a civilian in the Boston Fire Department as a mechanic and auxiliary firefighter. He was Vice President of the Local 944 A.F.S.C.M.E. and a member of the International Association of Fire Fighters AFL-CIO-CLC. He was a bartender and event coordinator of the Merit Club in Chelsea for many years.



He then moved on to own and operate Valley Fire & Safety Co. in Fryeburg, ME with his wife, Ellie up until her death in 1996 and for many years he travelled the states buying and selling new and used fire equipment.

He later moved south where he resided in Georgia, South Carolina and Arkansas.

He was so proud of his service to the Fire Department and the friends he made over the years. His entire career was dedicated to serving his community and he was an avid NASCAR fan.

A memorial service will be determined at a later date.

Donations in Memory of Leo may be made to St. Jude on line at <http://giftfunds.stjude.org> or by mail at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Attn: St. Jude Gift Funds PO Box 1000 Dept 142 Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

Richard Collette

November 19, 1938 – February 6, 2022

Retired Chelsea Firefighter, Richard G. Collette, passed away suddenly on February 6 at the Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett. He was 83 years old.

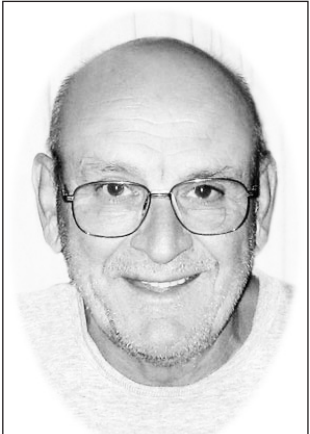
Born and raised in Chelsea, the beloved son of the late George R. and Marion E. (DeMone) Collette, he attended local schools and was a lifelong resident of Chelsea.

He was married to Diane L. (Gill) Collette for 30 years and raised his family in Chelsea.

Richard worked as a Firefighter and first responder for the Chelsea Fire Department for twenty-five years and was member of IAFF Chelsea Firefighters Local 937. He retired in 1992. For 50+ years he was also the proprietor of Collette Appliance Repair.

In his lifetime Richard enjoyed boating and was a longtime member of the Winthrop Yacht Club. He loved to play a weekly game of Bridge, and he played hockey to the age of 65. He is remembered by his family as the original "Mr. Fix-it" and family handyman.

Richard was predeceased by his wife, Diane in 2006 and his sisters; Cynthia Bryman, Jose-



phine Langille and Dolores Maccini.

He is survived by his children and their spouses; Jackie Pann and her husband, Robert of Manchester NH, Tracey Visconti and her husband, Michael of Chelsea, Robin Krivit and her husband, John of Marblehead, Leah DeStefano and her husband, Richard of Saugus, Keith Collette and his wife, Keri of West Warwick, RI, and Christine Collette of Chelsea. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and many great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were by the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit; www.WelshFH.com.



Dorothy Josephine O'Connor

Formerly of Chelsea

Dorothy Josephine "Dottie" (Kuminski) O'Connor passed away on Saturday, Feb. 5, while receiving palliative care at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers. She marked her 90th birthday last week.

Born and raised in Montague, she was one of four daughters born to the late Joseph C. and Mary R. (Naperkoski) Kuminski. Dottie attended school in Montague and graduated from Turner Falls High School. She was married to Paul J. O'Connor for 42 years and raised three sons and three daughters.

A resident of Chelsea for most of her life, she was a devoted homemaker and mother. Dottie also worked outside of her home as an Insurance Underwriter for the Aetna Insurance Company for 20 years, retiring in 1995.

Dottie loved her time with family, enjoyed trips to the "country" where she was born. She also loved to travel to California to visit her son Tommy, daughter Paula and their families. In her lifetime Dottie also enjoyed gardening around her home, feeding wild birds from her backyard, traveling with her family to Old Orchard Beach, listening to country music, Elvis Presly, visiting Graceland in Memphis TN. and caring for her pet parakeet "Charlie".

In addition to her parents, Dottie was predeceased by her beloved husband, Paul J. O'Connor, her son, James J. O'Connor, her daughter, Paula Knudsen, her sisters; Helen Rogerleski, Jennie Wozniakewicz and Mary Grosberg.

She was the devoted mother of Thomas "Tommy" O'Connor and his wife, Flor of California, Cathy Buckley and her husband, Timothy of Wakefield, David O'Connor of Chelsea, Linda O'Connor of Lynn, and her son-in-law, Chris Knudsen of Boxford.



She was the cherished grandmother of Steven Santosuosso and his wife, Sue of Westford, Laurie Bryson and her husband Joey of Westford, Cheryl Usuga and her husband, Huberley of Wakefield, Christine Knudsen of Connecticut, Michelle Knudsen of Ipswich, Brian O'Connor and his spouse, Andrew Greenough of Beverly, Stephanie Hudson of Lynn, Joshua Nash of Lynn, Jessie O'Connor of North Carolina, Noel O'Connor of Alaska, Paul O'Connor of California, Paul O'Connor and his wife, Kim of Phillipston, and Amanda Silveira of Maine. She is also lovingly survived by her 14 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, February 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. Per order of the Chelsea Board of Health all visitors are required to wear face masks while in the Funeral Home. Funeral from the Welsh Funeral Home on Friday, February 11 at 9 a.m. Followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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



Mary Welch

January 17, 1933 – February 1, 2022

Mary A. (Pietropaolo) Welch, 89, passed away suddenly Tuesday evening, February 1 at the MGH in Boston. Mary recently lived courageously with pulmonary disease.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Mary was one of five daughters of the late Gaetano and Giovanna (Magazzu) Pietropaolo. She was a lifelong resident of Chelsea where she attended local schools.

Mary was married to George V. Welch for 46 years and together raised two daughters and one son. She was passionately devoted to home and family and also worked for Seiler's Caterers, later as a salesclerk for K-Mart in Chelsea and Somerville and was a longtime member of the former PAV Ladies Aux, Post 13 Chelsea. There, together with her husband, she attended many dances and social gatherings. While raising a beautiful family, she also enjoyed doing her own yard work and gardening around her home.

In her later years, Mary kept herself active at the former Boston Sports Club "BSC" in Lynnfield where she loved water aerobics and her new friends. She enjoyed playing Bingo and especially cherished playing card games of "Scat", "Crazy 8's", "LCR" or "500 Rummy" with friends and family.

Mary was predeceased by her husband, George V. Welch Sr., her sisters and their spouses; Rose and Pat Leone, Grace and Leon Foubert and Josephine and Mickey Drago and is survived by her dear sister Jennie Citro and her husband, Romolo of Burlington. Mary is also survived by her loving and caring children and their spouses:

Susan Wiseman and her husband, Brian of W. Newbury, Carol LaCommare and her husband, Manne of Revere and George V. Welch Jr. and



his wife, Mary of Saugus.

Mary was the cherished grandmother of the late Jonathan Wiseman, Jason Wiseman and his wife, Jena, Joshua Wiseman and his wife, Caitlyn, Jeremy Wiseman, Jackie

LaCommare and his wife, Alicia, Lauren Carvalho and her husband, Steven, George V. Welch, III, and his fiancée, Cristin and Meghan Welch and her boyfriend, Michael. In addition, to being a grandmother, Mary was the great-grandmother of Madison, Bradley and Julian Wiseman, Joseph Carvalho and Landon LaCommare.

She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Visiting hours were held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Monday, February 7.

And her Funeral was held from the Welsh Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 8 immediately followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Revere. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Should friends desire, contributions in Mary's name may be made to the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund, 1801 Willamette St., Ste. 200, Eugene OR 97401 or visit www.Fanconi.org.

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



Lewis joins Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston as New Nicholas CEO

Staff Report

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) has named seasoned non-profit and community leader Robert Lewis Jr. as its new Nicholas President and CEO. Lewis will become the 16th leader of the organization in its 129-year history of youth development in the Boston area. He begins his term Monday, March 14, 2022.

Across its nine clubs in Boston, BGCB provides young people with affordable access to physically and emotionally safe environments, quality experiences, ongoing relationships with caring adults, and enriching opportunities. In 2021, 99 percent of high school seniors in BGCB's programming graduated, with 98 percent being accepted to college or trade school and 2 percent securing jobs or internships.

Lewis joins BGCB from The BASE, an organization he founded in 2013 to harness the untapped potential of urban

talent and build pathways to success through a passion for sports. Over the past nine years as Founder and President, Lewis has driven the organization's expansion to include boys and girls, multiple sports – including eSports – and college prep and career counseling, as well as to address barriers its participants face, including inequities, mental health, food insecurity and access to education. The BASE's successful model has inspired the development of similar programs across the country.

"It truly takes a village to create equal opportunity for urban youth and I am honored to join the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston to empower even more kids, teens and their families in our city," said Lewis. "My life's work has been dedicated to building relationships and partnerships that level the playing field and provide access and opportunities for of our city's talented young people."

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Pressley introduces bill to bolster mental health resources for children and families

Staff Report

Congresswoman Ayan- na Pressley (MA-07), alongside Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (CA- 11) and Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-06), introduced legislation aimed at boosting and expanding mental health services for low-income children and families.

The Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act (H.R. 6509) would require the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to work with area experts to compile and make public evidence-based mental health, social-emotional, and behavioral health interventions for young children. The bill also provides grants to Head Start programs to implement these interventions in an effort to ensure every child has access to comprehensive health care.

“From poverty to housing, food, and health care insecurity, low-income children in my district are more vulnerable to trauma-inducing experiences that, when left unaddressed, can lead to health problems, relationship challenges, and mental health and substance use disorders,” said Congresswoman Pressley. “The Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act would provide critical

resources to prevent and address childhood trauma for low-income children and families, using best practices and culturally-competent solutions. As we recover from this pandemic and the unprecedented emotional burden on young people, this bill would provide necessary early intervention to help children heal and thrive. I am proud to join Rep. DeSaulnier in introducing this legislation and look forward to working with him to fight to pass this bill.”

“The importance of strong behavioral health support from an early age cannot be overstated,” said Congressman DeSaulnier. “Like many families across the country, I have seen firsthand that the sooner children receive support, the better their outcomes. I am proud to work with Reps. Matsui and Pressley in ensuring these services are available at Head Start and other early education facilities, which will have a positive, lasting impact on the health and wellbeing of millions of children and families while helping to support teachers.”

“Head Start programs have proven benefits—from academic achievement to improved social skills—that provide children with a strong foundation to grow and thrive in their earliest years,” said

Congresswoman Matsui. “Mental health is an important part of that foundation, and every Head Start location in the country should have access to the evidence-based tools and resources they need to best serve the behavioral health needs of children under five. I am proud to again join Congressman DeSaulnier in reintroducing the Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act, legislation that supports Head Start programs in carrying out this vision and expands access to mental and behavioral health care for young children.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that one in five children have a diagnosable mental disorder. Unfortunately, many of these children never receive a diagnosis and do not receive the behavioral health services they need. This lack of access to care can have serious consequences for children, contributing to learning challenges, difficulty forming meaningful relationships, and an increased likelihood of developing more serious mental illnesses later in life.

The Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act is supported by: National Alliance on Mental Illness, American Psychological Association, Massachusetts Head Start,

Mental Health America, Trust for America’s Health, Zero to Three, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, First Five Years Fund, First Focus Campaign for Children, and Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs.

“Early intervention is one of our best tools to help realize better outcomes for children at risk of developing mental health conditions. Increasing the availability of evidence-based interventions in school settings like Head Start programs is critical to helping children and families. NAMI is grateful to Congressman DeSaulnier for his leadership in bringing the Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act forward to increase the mental health services available to our nation’s children,” said Hannah Wesolowski, Chief Advocacy Officer of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

“Early childhood is a critical period in development that sets the stage for long-term mental health. APA applauds Rep. DeSaulnier’s leadership in promoting children’s healthy social and emotional development by creating opportunities for Head Start centers to expand evidence-based interventions for parents and children through best

practices, enhanced curricula and increased training,” said Arthur C. Evans Jr., Ph.D., CEO of the American Psychological Association.

“These past two years have laid bare the immediate need for expanded evidence-based mental health supports for our Commonwealth’s most vulnerable young children and families. Head Start and Early Head Start programs deserve access to all layers of interventions, resources, and funding to comprehensively wrap around children at this critical time,” said Michelle Haimowitz, Executive Director of Massachusetts Head Start.

Throughout her career, Congresswoman Pressley has been a tireless advocate for trauma-conscious policymaking. In June 2021, Rep. Pressley reintroduced the STRONG Support for Children Act, her landmark legislation that takes a holistic and community-based approach to addressing the growing crisis of childhood trauma.

In December 2021, Rep. Pressley and Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12) led their colleagues in urging President Biden and HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra to prioritize the needs of children who have lost parents and caregivers to COVID-19.

In October 2021, Rep.

Pressley, along with Reps. Dina Titus (NV-01), David McKinley (WV-01) and Peter Meijer (MI-03), unveiled the Post-Disaster Mental Health Response Act, legislation to expand mental health supports for survivors of natural disasters and terrorist attacks that do not receive a “Major Disaster” declaration by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

In March 2021, Rep. Pressley sent a letter to President Biden calling on him to address the nation’s growing trauma crisis and laying out a series of steps the administration should take to confront the far-reaching hurt plaguing our communities and our nation. In April, she published an op-ed where she reflected on the collective pain experienced by communities in her district over the past year.

In July 2019, Rep. Pressley worked with Chairman Cummings to convene the first-ever Congressional hearings on childhood trauma. Watch Congresswoman Pressley’s full question line and follow-up questions here and here.

As a Boston City Councilor, she convened the Council’s first-ever listening-only session to hear directly from those impacted by the trauma of community gun violence.

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The Nicholas President and CEO role is a natural next step in that journey as I look to build on the storied legacy of BGCB and its work that touches nearly 8,000 lives annually in Boston. Through innovation and collaboration, we will build a brighter future for our young people for generations to come. I can’t wait to get started.”

As a nationally recognized thought leader, public speaker, and social innovator, Lewis brings a long history of non-profit and community leadership to BGCB. His previous roles include serving as Senior Vice President of City Year’s National Operations, Executive Director of City Year Boston, President of the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), and Executive Director of the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF). As Vice President for Program at The Boston Foundation,

he directed the distribution of more than \$18 million in discretionary grants annually and was the chief architect of two ground-breaking initiatives: StreetSafe Boston, the country’s only privately funded anti-gang violence prevention program, and CHAMPS Boston, which provided professional-level training for over 5,000 youth-sports volunteer coaches in New England.

“Robert is a proven builder and convenor, vital qualities for BGCB’s leader as we continue tackling new challenges that require creative, cross-functional solutions,” said Dave Johnson, Chair of the Board. “His values and passions mirror those of BGCB, which has served the Boston community for nearly 130 years with the mission to be there for our members and families, no matter what. Robert is steeped in the commu-

nities that we serve. He knows the challenges, but most importantly he knows the opportunities. What he has achieved at The BASE is incredible and I’m thrilled that he’s chosen BGCB as his next platform for transforming how we propel urban youth to success. His presence will inspire our current staff, our future staff, our donors, and our members.”

“Robert Lewis Jr. plays in a space where there are no limits and endless potential for our urban youth to achieve success-- and he will stop at nothing to help each and every kid follow their dreams,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “The Commonwealth has been blessed to have him as a fearless leader at the BASE, where he built and maintained a powerful organization, and I am certain his leadership will open new doors at the Boys and Girls Clubs to help more young people realize their full potential in ways they never thought were possible.”

“Robert has broken the mold of youth development,” said Sandra M. Edgerley, community leader and board member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston. “Ever since our work together at The Boston Foundation, I’ve watched Robert constantly iterate on his success, building stronger, more creative programs each step of the way. He is truly a visionary and I’m confident BGCB’s already impressive impact will grow even further under his leadership.”

A nationwide search was led by Spencer Stuart under the aegis of the BGCB CEO Search Committee which included Johnson and fellow Board members, Trustees, and Club staff. The committee was further supported by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and prioritized finding a candidate with a passion for BGCB’s mission and a clear com-

mitment to the well-being and development of its members, along with the strategic leadership skills needed to foster partnerships and cement BGCB’s position as a leading force in the city.

Since its founding in 1893, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) has been helping young people, especially those who

need us most, build strong character and realize their full potential as responsible citizens and leaders. BGCB does this by providing a safe haven filled with hope and opportunity, ongoing relationships with caring adults, and life-enhancing programs in six core program areas. The organization serves more than 8,000 individu-

als in 9 Clubs and through its YouthConnect program in partnership with the Boston Police Department. BGCB is an affiliate of Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. For more information, visit BGCB on the web at bgcb.org.

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City undertakes project to improve historic staircases; community meeting Feb. 17

Special to the Record

The City of Chelsea Department of Housing and Community Development is currently undertaking a design project to improve historic staircases and community open space in the Powder Horn Hill and Upper Broadway areas. The intent of this project is to enhance safety, functionality, and aesthetics of the existing staircases, while beautifying the neighborhood by improving these features.

The Project areas in focus are: the small staircase and grassy area at the intersection of Forsyth Street and Lafayette Avenue; the historic staircase at Franklin Avenue and Spruce Street, connecting Franklin Avenue to Lafayette Avenue; and the historic staircase at Clark Avenue and Crest Avenue, connecting Crest Avenue to Broadway. This project is currently in its concept design phase, with the goal of completing the final design in early summer of 2022. Subsequently, the City will retain a

construction contractor to perform the rehabilitation project.

The City will be hosting a virtual community meeting on Thursday, February 17th, 2022 at 6 pm. This will be the first in a series of public meetings designed to provide the community with a chance to learn about the project, share their ideas, and provide feedback on design concepts. Due to the pandemic, the meeting will be hosted virtually or by phone, through the Microsoft Teams video conferencing platform – access information is provided below. All community members are encouraged to attend. Information on remainder of public engagement meetings will follow.

Microsoft Teams Meeting Access Information:

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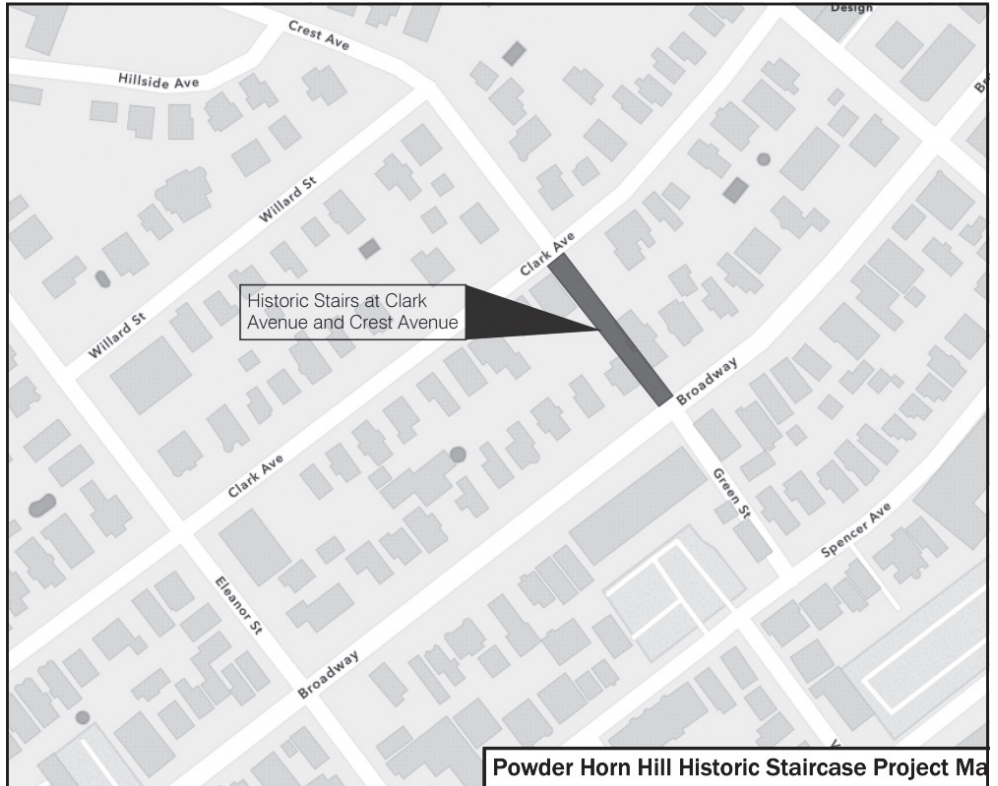
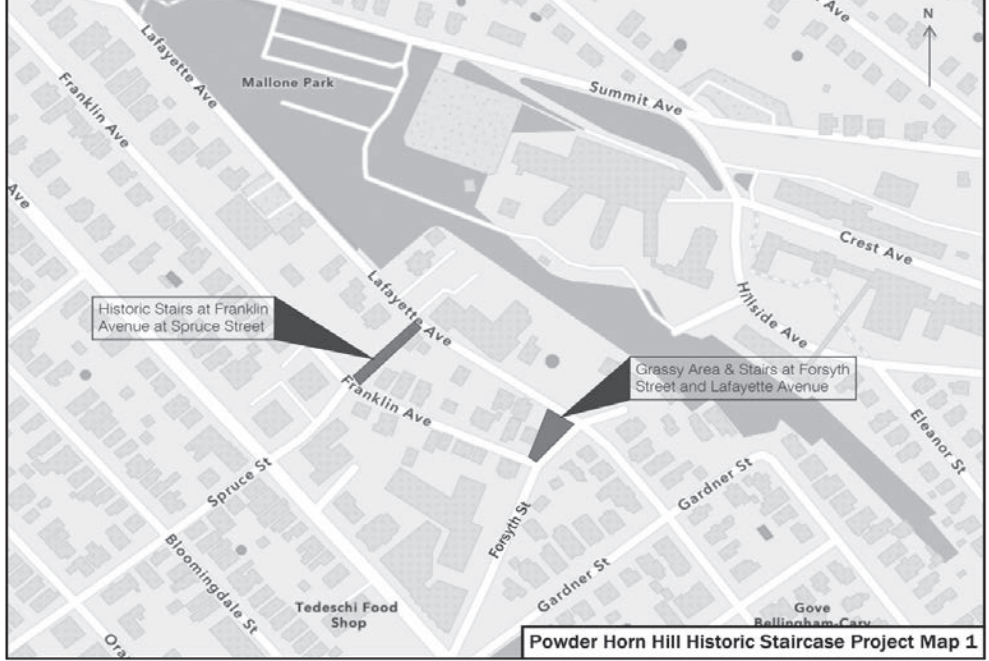
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program, the City will have various sub-contractors onsite over the next several weeks to begin gathering data necessary for project design. On Friday, January 21st, 2022, the City's sub-surface drilling contractor will be onsite to collect environmental soil data at each of the project locations. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in one working day and will be of minimal impact to pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Approximate drilling locations are provided on the attached maps.

All questions related to the project may be directed to the project contact provided below. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns. We look forward to your involvement as we complete these important neighborhood investments.

Project Contact: Alex Train, Director, Chelsea Department of Housing & Community Development (617) 466-4192 atrain@chelseama.gov



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\$13 Million earmarked for electric vehicle fast-charging stations

Staff Report

In an effort to create additional infrastructure across the Commonwealth, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that \$13.1 million in grants have been awarded to 54 government and private entities including Chelsea under the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) to install 306 Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) electric vehicle charging ports at 150 locations. The MassEVIP DCFC program, administered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), provides grants covering 100 percent of the eligible cost to acquire and install publicly accessible DCFC electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at government-owned properties and 80 percent at all other locations, up to \$50,000 per charging port.

“Our administration understands the importance of reliable infrastructure supporting the Commonwealth’s energy future,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Today’s announcement is a step towards the increased deployment of these clean vehicles, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality and public health, enhance energy diversity and promote economic growth.”

“This Direct Current Fast Charging incentive program is another example of our administration’s commitment to improving air quality for all,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “This program will support our efforts to grow the clean energy economy, transform the transportation system, and help Massachusetts attain our emissions re-

duction goals set under the Global Warming Solutions Act.”

The \$13.1 million awarded today includes \$1.5 million from Massachusetts’ \$75 million share of the \$2.925 billion Environmental Mitigation Trust established nationally under the 2016 settlement between Volkswagen (VW) and the U.S. Department of Justice, and \$11.6 million from the Massachusetts Climate Mitigation Trust. The Massachusetts VW Settlement Beneficiary Mitigation Plan (BMP) committed the Commonwealth to devoting the allowed 15 percent of VW funds to EV charging infrastructure, approximately \$11.25 million. MassDEP also offers funding for Level 1 and Level 2 EV charging stations through the Public Access, Workplace and Fleet, and Multi-Unit Dwelling and Educational Campus charging programs.

“The transportation sector accounts for more than 40 percent of the greenhouse gases emitted in Massachusetts, so the deployment of more electric vehicles is an important step towards helping the Commonwealth’s efforts to achieving our ambitious climate change mitigation goals,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. “Significantly, this program will also support environmental justice communities with the placement of 94 of the EV charging ports in EJ areas.”

“This is the first time that these Direct Current Fast Charging grants have been offered, which will complement our local and regional efforts to deploy electric vehicles and the charging infrastructure necessary to support a cleaner transportation

system,” said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. “Through this program, the Commonwealth and these awardees are continuing to show a commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions for the benefit of our communities and the environment.”

To further expand the Commonwealth’s EV readiness, Massachusetts is working on a regional level with the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) to support the placement of EVs and charging stations throughout the region and to enhance the economic benefits associated with these vehicles. Additionally, some of the grantees plan to combine or leverage MassEVIP funding with make-ready infrastructure funding offered by National Grid and Ever-source.

Under the DCFC program, all awardees must allow access to, and use of, the parking spaces and the EV charging station 24 hours per day, seven days a week. For each station installed, one parking space must be designated for plug-in EV use only and marked clearly through permanent, visible signage. Active enforcement is required. Furthermore, of the 54 entities selected for grants, publicly accessible charging ports will be installed on 43 government-owned properties, including in Acton, Amherst, Belmont, Beverly, Boston, Brookline, Chelmsford, Chelsea, Chilmark, Concord, Falmouth, Hamilton, Hingham, Ipswich, Lexington, Littleton, Methuen, Middleborough, Millbury, Norwood, Peabody, Quincy, Reading, Sharon, Sherborn, Taunton, Wakefield, West Boylston, Westwood, and

Winchester. Private entities will also be installing ports in Attleboro, Barre, Belchertown, Bellingham, Billerica, Boston, Boylston, Brewster, Bridgewater, Brockton, Brookline, Burlington, Cambridge, Canton, Centerville, Chatham, Chelmsford, Chelsea, Cheshire, Chicopee, Danvers, Dorchester, East Boston, East Falmouth, Eastham, Fall River, Framingham, Gardner, Great Barrington, Greenfield, Hanover, Holyoke, Hudson, Hyannis, Ipswich, Lakeville, Lenox, Leominster, Littleton, Lynn, Marlborough, Methuen, Milford, Millbury, Nantucket, Natick, North Easton, Northampton, Norwell, Orange, Oxford, Pembroke, Pittsfield, Raynham, Rochester, Sagamore Beach, Salem, Scituate, Somerset, Somerville, South Deerfield, South Dennis, Springfield, Sturbridge, Tewksbury, Uxbridge, Wakefield, Waltham, Wareham, West Boylston, West Roxbury, West Springfield, Westfield, Westwood, Whately, Williamsburg, Wilmington, Winchester, Woburn, and Worcester.

Sturbridge’s incoming delegation member, State Senator Ryan Fattman (R-Sutton) offered the following statement: “This investment by the Baker-Polito Administration is crucial to enhancing the accessibility of fast, reliable charging ports for electric vehicles. The funding for six new ports provided to Noble Energy Real Estate, LLC. in Sturbridge will ensure that electric vehicle charging is accessible in a town where two major interstates intersect. Noble Energy and all of the other recipients are deserving of this grant for putting in the work to become recipients of this competitive program.”

“I am pleased to see

this investment from the Administration, in Central Massachusetts,” said State Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer). “Funds made available to Apple Green New England Inc., in Barre, and Noble Energy Real Estate, LLC., in Sturbridge, will help to create a path forward to a sustainable and environmentally healthier future. As more fast charging ports become available, I look forward to a time when electric vehicles become a more feasible option for families in Central Mass.”

“This technology is readily available, and it is important that Massachusetts take steps like this so residents can feel secure in their decision to move towards electric vehicles,” said State Senator Patrick O’Connor (R-Weymouth). “I appreciate the efforts made by the Baker-Polito Administration and MassDEP to expand charging options throughout the South Shore.”

“I am thrilled that Chicopee, Holyoke, and Westfield will be receiving these MassEVIP Fast Charging grants to expand access to electric vehicle charging ports in our communities,” said State Senator John Velis (D-Westfield). “Electric vehicles are one of our best tools to lower our Commonwealth’s emissions and an increasing number of folks in Massachusetts are switching over to these types of cars. These 24 hour, 7 days a week, charging ports will only aid in that growth and I am grateful to the Baker-Polito Administration for their continued investments in this area.”

“I think it’s great that we are increasing the network of chargers so that electric vehicles continue to become more viable in our state,” said State Rep-

resentative Kelley Pease (R-Westfield). “As we actively take steps to become leaders in clean energy, I think many of these programs will pay off well in the future.”

On a national level, the Governors from nine states, including Massachusetts, announced a groundbreaking initiative in 2013 to put 3.3 million light-duty zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) on the road within a dozen years. As a first step in this plan, the governors in California, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Vermont – later joined by New Jersey – signed a cooperative agreement that identifies specific actions these states will undertake, such as including ZEVs in their public fleets and developing common signage standards, to help build a robust national market for battery- and hydrogen-power electric cars.

For more information on the EV charging infrastructure programs administered by MassDEP, please visit the agency’s Volkswagen Diesel Settlements and Environmental Mitigation webpage here.

MassDEP’s mission is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth’s natural resources – air, water and land – to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all people, and a clean and safe environment for future generations. In carrying out this mission, MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth, provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for people to participate in agency decisions that affect their lives and ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities served by the agency.

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CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Designer Selection - Chelsea High School HVAC
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked “School Food Services”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after February 10, 2022 by visiting the City’s website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “School Food Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:30 AM on March 03, 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.
Dylan Cook
School Business Manager
2/10/22 C

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
Premises: 58 Chestnut Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain

mortgage given by Theresa V. McDonald and Rose Ann Tilton to Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., said mortgage dated December 8, 2003, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, in Book 33465 at Page 117 and now held by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust by virtue of an assignment from Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust, dated June 17, 2019 and recorded in Book 61422 at Page 75 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, previously assigned by US Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated July 12, 2018 and recorded in Book 59983 at Page 87 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, previously assigned by Wells Fargo Financial Massachusetts, Inc., to US Bank Trust NA, as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, by virtue of an assignment dated August 29, 2016 and recorded in Book 56708 at Page 199 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on March 4, 2022 at 12:30 PM Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A parcel of land located in Chelsea, County of Suffolk, State of Mas-

sachusetts with a street location address of 58 Chestnut Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 currently owned by Theresa V. McDonald and Rose Ann Tilton and more fully described in the Vesting Document dated 11/24/98, recorded on 11/25/98, in Liber 23155 Page 184 and designated as metes and bounds property. More particularly described as: The land with the buildings thereon situated in Chelsea, Suffolk County, known and numbered 58 Chestnut Street and being shown as part of Lot 29 on Williams Street on the plan entitled “Plan of Lands of the Winnisimmet Company and others in Chelsea and Malden” by J.H. Shearer, Engineer, dated 1864, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds at the end of Book 616 bounded and described as follows: Commencing on said Chestnut Street at the passageway between Beacon Street and Williams Street and then running: Northeastly: on said Chestnut Street, thirty-one (31) feet, then turning and running; Northwestly: on a line parallel with said passageway forty-four (44) feet; more or less to Lot 28 as shown on said plan; then turning and running Southwestly: on said Lot 28, Thirty-One (31) feet to said passageway then turning and running Southeastly: on said passageway Forty-four (44) feet to the point of beginning. The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. For Mortgagors’ Title, see

deed dated November 24, 1998, and recorded in Book 23155 at Page 184 with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described. FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid by a certified check, bank treasurers or cashier’s check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurers or cashier’s check within sixty (60) days after the date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale. BENEDT & MCHUGH, PC 270 Farmington Avenue Farmington, CT 06032 Attorney for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust Present Holder of the Mortgage (860) 677-2868
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2022-02
In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a meeting of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held by way of video

conference on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Arx BC, LLC For Major Site Plan Review to demolish a parking structure and construct an addition and to convert an existing residential structure and commercial structure from nineteen residential units to sixty-two residential units at the premises known as: 361 Broadway. All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the video conference meeting must communicate with idepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting. Plans and copies of the application and petition may be viewed at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, during City Hall business hours
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING for a proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled: February 23, 2022, at 6:00 PM 260 Second Street Chelsea, MA 02150 or join on ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82810871667?pwd=aVnNkZyOW9aaG9rNFJwazQv-dEgVUT09> The location for the proposed Marijuana Retailer is: 270 Second St., Chelsea, MA 02150. There will be an opportu-

nity for the public to ask questions. Please contact Attorney Sheila Grant with any inquiries at (781)396.9494 or sheila@grantlawoffices.com, DMS Trinity, LLC.
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Esta noticia es para informarles que habra una REUNION DE LA COMUNIDAD en donde se les informara de la propuesta para establecer un negocio de Marijuana. La reunion esta programada para: el 23 Febrero 2022, 6:00PM 260 Second Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 participar de la reunion en a ZOOM a <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82810871667?pwd=aVnNkZyOW9aaG9rNFJwazQv-dEgVUT09> La direccion propuesta para vender Marijuana sera en la: 270 Second St., Chelsea, MA 02150. Durante la reunion el public tendra la oportunidad de hacer preguntas. Por favor llamar a Lie. Sheila Grant, con cualquiera pregunta (781)396.9494, sheila@grantlawoffices.com, DMS Trinity, LLC.
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NOTICE
In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on January 4, 2022, the Commission voted to approve the following

regulations:
To install three (3-inch-high) speed humps along with pedestrian safety signage on Marlboro Street. Please note the elevated intersection at Highland/Marlboro Street has been excluded from the approved plan. The intersection will solely consist of restriping the crosswalk, redoing imprint asphalt and the installation of new pedestrian signage.
Jeannette Cintron White
Parking Clerk
Chelsea Record
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHELSEA TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers 500 Broadway Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the Eastern Avenue and Griffin Way improvements proposal to install actuated traffic signals to improve operations and safety at the intersection, to extend curbing and sidewalks from Eastern Avenue around the intersection corners with Griffin Way and to make the cross-

walks and sidewalks ADA compliant.
Per Order
Chief Brian A. Kyes
Chairperson
2/10/22, 2/24/22 C

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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, February 22, 2022 at 6pm at City Hall 3rd Floor at the conference room
Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Verizon for the following petition:
Verizon:
1. Beacham St- relocate eight (8) JO poles, all located on the southerly side of Beacham St in a northeasterly direction. Relocate JO pole, p.400/7 located on the southerly side of Beacham st approximately 12’ in a northwesterly direction from exiting location.
2. Williams St- Relocate 2 JO poles, all located on the southerly side of Williams St in a northeasterly direction. Place one (1) JO pole p.4/41A, on southwest-ly side of Williams St at a point approximately 105’ southeasterly from newly relocated pole, p.4/22, and 665’ northwesterly of existing pole, p.4/21 The public is invited to attend.
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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 22 de Febrero de 2022 a las 6 pm en el 3er piso del City Hall en la sala de conferencias
Trabajo propuesto y propósito: Petición de Verizon para la siguiente petición:
Verizon:
1. Beacham St: reubicar ocho (8) postes JO, todos ubicados en el lado sur de Beacham St en dirección noreste. Reubicar el poste JO, p.400/7 ubicado en el lado sur de Beacham st aproximadamente 12’ en dirección noreste desde la ubicación de salida.
2. Williams St- Reubicar 2 postes JO, todos ubicados en el lado sur de Williams St en dirección noreste. Coloque un (1) poste JO p.4/41A, en el lado suroeste de Williams St en un punto aproximadamente 105’ al sureste del poste recién reubicado, p.4/22, y 665’ al noroeste del poste existente, p.4/21. Esta petición es necesaria para acomodar el proyecto de embellecimiento de la Ciudad. El público está invitado a asistir.
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Resilient Mystic Collaborative releases equity-based climate assessment

Staff Report

The Resilient Mystic Collaborative (RMC) has released the results of a two-year groundbreaking research project involving six cities and 13 infrastructure managers to identify and manage risks to Greater Boston’s critical infrastructure from a potential major coastal storm. The Lower Mystic Regional Climate Assessment involved over 400 residents and workers most at risk of harm from infrastructure failure and identified how a hypothetical coastal storm, termed “Big Papi”, would impact Lower Mystic Watershed communities.

In 2020, six Lower Mystic Watershed communities—Charlestown, East Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Revere, Somerville and Winthrop—secured a \$390,000 regional Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant to understand the critical investments needed to fortify storm harden regional infrastructure from a major coastal hurricane or Nor’easter. This grant and a second grant from the Barr Foundation, allowed Arup, All Aces, the Mystic River Watershed Association, CH Consulting and six community-based organizations to produce the assessment. The six community based organizations – La Comunidad, GreenRoots, Harborkeepers, Community Action Agency of Somerville, Somerville Community Development Corporation, and TCGT entertainment, were intentionally place-based within the six municipalities to ensure trusted community engagement.

“With climate change causing more frequent extreme weather, we have to plan for how to best protect our communities, especially our residents who are most vulnerable to the effects of extreme weather,” said Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne. “Information from this climate assessment has already helped us up-

date our own Hazard Mitigation Plan and will be valuable in our continued work to center equity in our climate change mitigation planning.”

By completing the dual climate assessment, one focused on infrastructure and the other on social vulnerability, municipalities gained valuable insight from key infrastructure managers and Greater Boston’s vulnerable residents and workers — including:

The most substantial infrastructure damage (i.e., cost and time to repair) would be to the Amelia Earhart Dam, Harbor Tunnels, Blue and Orange MBTA Lines and several community health centers.

Underlying social risk factors included speaking limited English and being a person of color, Latinx or low-income. These residents tended to be concentrated in East Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Everett, the same locations where the majority of the critical infrastructure is located.

Vulnerable communities had fragile mutual aid networks and an overly optimistic expectation of government readiness and response. Residents were unclear where to go to get the information needed to stay safe and worried about their cell networks going down, which are their primary source of internet access.

The regional infrastructure facilities vulnerable residents and workers most relied on were public transit and safe walking routes, cell phone/electricity to access the internet and community health centers.

When Superstorm Sandy hit New York and New Jersey, it caused lasting physical damage to the region’s infrastructure, and economic and personal damage to possibly millions of residents and workers. The Boston metropolitan region was lucky to escape such detrimental impacts from Sandy, though the storm still left thousands without



Orange line yard in the Lower Mystic River Watershed.

PHOTO BY MIKE PETERSON

power. The Lower Mystic is home to the most concentrated assembly of critical infrastructure north of New York. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recognizes 16 critical infrastructure as lifeline sectors “whose assets, systems, and networks, whether physical or virtual, are considered so vital to the United States that their incapacitation or destruction would have a debilitating effect on security, national economic security, national public health or safety, or any combination thereof.”

Of these 16 lifeline sectors, the Lower Mystic is host to at least five:

Transportation: Logan Airport, three MBTA rail lines, the Ted Williams and Callahan tunnels

Food distribution: the New England Produce Center

Energy: Over 100 fuel storage tanks, the Lower Mystic Generating Station Wastewater management: Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant

Dam: Amelia Earhart Dam

The Lower Mystic is also one of the Northeast’s densest residential areas, with tremendous socioeconomic diversity, wealth disparities, and environmental justice concerns. For example, Everett and Chelsea are two of only six areas in the state where 100% of residents live in an environmental justice block group, as defined by the state.

“The pandemic made clear to the public how low-income residents and workers of color are often the first and worst to be affected by major public health emergencies. Unfortunately they are also among the most at risk from extreme weather such as big coastal storms. I’m glad to see this assessment focus on their needs first and foremost,” said Antonio Amaya, Executive Director of La Comunidad in Everett.

One of the RMC’s highest priority is to storm-harden critical re-

gional infrastructure so that extreme weather events don’t lead to cascading health and economic losses for our residents and workers who can least afford them. By centering social vulnerability and listening to the lived experience of residents and workers expected to be most negatively affected by damage to critical regional infrastructure, this assessment shifts the central question from “How much real estate value is at risk?” to “Who among us stands to lose the most?”

“The Big Papi exercise was extremely helpful to our thinking about what we need to do to prepare for Boston’s own Superstorm Sandy or Hurricane Maria. We have looked at our own vulnerabilities, but had to make assumptions about those of other systems,” said Stephen Estes-Smargiassi, Director of Planning and Sustainability at Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. “Going through

a simulated big storm with the other infrastructure managers helped us all identify cascading effects and how the loss of electricity, fuel, transportation, or communications would affect our staff, our customers, and our ability to stay on line.”

Now, the RMC municipalities are developing projects to address key findings and recommendations, ensuring to focus on the primary needs of vulnerable people in the Lower Mystic.

“The Lower Mystic Regional Climate Assessment reveals opportunities for Massachusetts’ environmental justice communities most impacted by climate change to be engaged in informing actions to reduce the impact of climate emergencies,” said Dr. Atyia Martin, CEO & Founder of All Aces, Inc. “All Aces was proud to partner with the RMC on this critical project. We urge policymakers and community leaders to carefully consider these results and take the necessary steps to ensure that efforts to strengthen resilience center those disproportionately bearing the burden of threats and hazards we face.”

More detail on key findings, recommendations and analysis, including an executive summary, is available at <https://resilient.mysticriver.org/lower-mystic-learn-more/#lower-mysticassessment>.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins on bumpy road

In the foot, I think we’re a better team but we made a lot of mistakes and Pittsburgh has a great team and a lot of skill and they were able to capitalize on every mistake.”

The third period provided even more damage to the Bruins, this time not on the scoreboard, but on the ice, and even more hurtful when the skates of Crosby and Patrice Bergeron tangled up, sending Bergeron crashing into the boards and hitting his head solidly on the dasher. Bergeron headed off the ice to the locker room, most likely to undergo concussion protocol. The final turn of the knife for the locals followed when Brad Marchand punched Penguins goaltender Tristan Jarry in the face following a whistle, stopping play. Marchand was ejected via a match penalty, and on his way off the ice and passing Jarry, he took a swing with his stick at Jarry’s head, making contact. This will certainly lead to a review by NHL’s Player Safety, and likely a suspension of multiple games. Coach Bruce Cassidy was forthright with his comments, “Lack of discipline, obviously on Brad’s part in that situation. You’ve got to have better discipline. At the end of the day, Brad’s a leader on our team and he needs to control his emotions in that situation.”

The stream of bad news continued even past the end of the game, when Fluto Shinzawa of The Athletic issued a report stating that Tuukka Rask “may finalize his retirement decision in the next few day.” Although, according to a report issued by the Bruins

noted that Rask’s status with the Bruins has not changed, Cassidy said Tuesday in response to a report that the injured goalie is contemplating retirement after a four-game comeback, “I think that’s for Tuukka to comment on his stature, I was told he wouldn’t practice this week. I don’t think that’s changing at all. So if he has something to say, I think I’ll leave it to him.” At this time there is only speculation about Rask, but it is he who will make the final decision.

In the meantime, Boston will host the Carolina Hurricanes on Thursday (7:00pm tonight) on TD Garden ice. The Hurricanes have been a problem for Boston, as their two previous meetings both Boston losses, the Hur-

ricanes blew them away by scores of 3-0 and 7-1. Tonight (Thursday) will also be Hockey Fights Cancer Night, presented by Tufts Children’s Hospital. Fans will have the opportunity to fill out “I Fight For” cards to honor those fighting or who have fought cancer. Also, the Bs may be without Marchand and Bergeron for multiple games. At press time it was reported that the NHL Department of Player Safety has offered Marchand an in-person hearing to consider a suspension to the repeat offender. An in-person hearing means the league could suspend Marchand five-plus games. Following the Hurricanes meeting, Boston will embark on a road trip, visiting the Ottawa Senators on Saturday (12:30pm), the New York Rangers on Tuesday (7:00pm), and Zdeno Chara and the New York Islanders on Thursday (7:30).

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