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Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley surrounded by city officials and representatives from La Colaborativa and The Neighborhood Developers.

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## School Committee approves 2022-23 school budget

By Adam Swift

The School Committee approved a nearly \$119 million budget for the 2022-23 school year at its meeting on Thursday, March 24.

The school budget is about \$9.7 million over the current school year's budget, with the influx in new funds fueled by changes in the state Chapter 70 funding formula that provides more funding for school districts in need.

The budget proposes 49 new positions in the general fund, many in the ELL and special education

programs, in the district's elementary schools. These positions are in addition to the 68 positions the district added as a result of federal Covid relief funding that runs through 2024.

"This budget aligns with our vision outlined in our strategic plan, and it also provides the financial resources to execute our strategy to meet our goals and our vision, which is that Chelsea Public Schools is a gateway system that welcomes and educates all students," said Superintendent of Schools

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Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega.

ADAM SWIFT PHOTOS



La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega, Chelsea Economic Development Planner Karl Allen, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, and City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

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## Funding of Hope

Pressley celebrates federal funds for La Colaborativa workforce program

By Adam Swift

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley said she always gets a little emotional whenever she runs into La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega.

Last Thursday, March 24, there was plenty of reason for both the 7th District Congresswoman and Vega to get emotional. Pressley visited La

Colaborativa to celebrate the \$300,000 in federal community project funding she delivered for its COVID Employment Recovery Program (CERP) as part of the Fiscal Year 2022 funding bill.

"I was proud to celebrate the \$300,000 in direct federal funds that we delivered for La Colaborativa and The Neighborhood Developers to

support workforce development initiatives for Chelsea residents," said Pressley. "These community organizations have been on the front lines of this pandemic, and we cannot expect them to continue this life-saving work on their own. They need and deserve robust investments, and they need that commitment by every level of government

— city, state, and federal.

"I'm so grateful to my friend Gladys Vega, City Manager (Thomas) Ambrosino, and Senators Warren and Markey for their partnership and helping us deliver these critical resources."

During a roundtable conference at the La Colaborativa offices, Press-

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## New Chelsea High principal comes from Somerville school

By Adam Swift

Obed Morales, currently the principal at the East Somerville K-8 Community School, will be the next principal at Chelsea High School.

The Chelsea school department announced the appointment this week, and Morales will take the reins at Chelsea High on July 1.

"I am excited about Mr. Morales leading Chelsea High School," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta. "He has a proven track record of improving teaching and learning, many years of experience at the high school level, and is bilingual. He is a highly-re-



Obed Morales.

spected educator with a real passion for high school students.

"We are fortunate to have him join Chelsea Public Schools."

Morales has been an educator for 24 years, and is currently in his third year as the principal at the East Somerville Community School.

"I will work hard to continue the legacy of success established at Chelsea High School by building strong relationships with teachers, staff, students, families, and community partners," said Morales. "I believe that education is a partnership among and between the school and all stakeholders, and I am fully vested in partnering with each person to make sure every child succeeds at Chelsea High School."

Prior to Somerville, Mo-

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## Taylor Announces Campaign for State Representative

Special to the Record

Chelsea City Councilor Todd Taylor has announced his candidacy for newly created 11th Suffolk State Representative seat in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

"I have decided to enter the race for State Representative by pulling papers for the 11th Suffolk district seat in the Massachusetts legislature. I believe that the good people of Chelsea and Everett deserve competent, responsible, and balanced representation when they go to the polls this fall. Over the next several months, I look forward to speaking with voters about how I can bring something uniquely positive to the table by reimagining our leadership on Beacon Hill."

"During my time on the Chelsea City Council, I have demonstrated



Todd Taylor.

my ability to lead Chelsea in an honest, competent, and non-partisan manner.

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# DiDomenico announces Senate passage of \$1.65 billion supplemental budget

Sen. Sal DiDomenico and his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate passed a \$1.65 billion supplemental budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22). The legislation makes investments in the state’s long-term COVID-19 response; addresses staffing shortages in schools; provides support for home and community-based services, assistance and protections for families experiencing housing and energy insecurity; funds winter road improvements; extends outdoor dining services as well as beer, wine and cocktails to-go, and provides for the resettlement of Ukrainian refugees in Massachusetts. Notably, the bill also would divest the state pension fund from Russian assets in response to the Russian war in Ukraine.

“Repeatedly throughout this pandemic, the Massachusetts Senate has demonstrated our commitment to investing in our Commonwealth’s most critical program and services, and this supplemental budget is no exception,” said DiDomenico. “With this legislation, we prioritize our most vulnerable population, continue supporting our health care workers and education sector, and make key investments in our local infrastructure to help Massachusetts build back stronger. I would like to thank Senate President Karen Spilka and Senate Ways & Means Chairman Michael Rodrigues for

their leadership in moving our Commonwealth forward and prioritizing an equitable COVID-19 recovery.”

Responding to COVID-19 To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and ensure robust preparation in the event of a future variant outbreak, the bill invests \$700 million for the state’s COVID-19 response. This funding would ensure the continued no-cost availability of crucial services offered to residents during the pandemic, including on-site testing, vaccinations, and treatment, as well as public health staffing needs resulting from COVID-19.

To further protect families facing housing challenges, the supplemental budget extends through March 2023 several protections for tenants experiencing COVID-19-related financial hardship, including extending the requirement that a court grant a continuance in an eviction case for nonpayment of rent when the tenant has a pending rental assistance application.

The supplemental budget also extends popular pandemic-related provisions including outdoor dining services, and beer, wine and cocktails to-go through April 2023. The legislation also extends COVID-19 related bonuses for members of the Massachusetts National Guard.

Responding to Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine The supplemental bud-

get responds to the Russian Federation’s February 2022 invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent violence against Ukrainian civilians. An amendment unanimously adopted on the floor of the Senate requires the Commonwealth’s Pension Reserves Investment Management (PRIM) Board to divest any holdings from companies officially sanctioned by the Biden administration or incorporated in Russia. The supplemental budget also allocates \$10 million for the Office of Immigrants and Refugees to support the resettlement of international evacuees, including Ukrainian evacuees.

Housing and Energy Assistance The supplemental budget includes several provisions relating to housing stability and support for individuals currently experiencing or near homelessness. The Senate proposal includes \$100 million for the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program which provides eligible families with funds that they can use to keep their housing or obtain new housing. One amendment added to the budget on the Senate floor would increase the cap of the RAFT program to \$10,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Another amendment clarifies existing law to ensure that in all eviction cases where the only valid reason for the eviction is non-

payment of rent, that the tenant has access to protections. The supplemental budget also dedicates \$20 million to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which provides crucial assistance to families facing high utility bills. To increase oversight, the bill also directs the department of housing and community development to make detailed quarterly reports on the state’s eviction diversion initiative.

The supplemental budget allocates \$2.8 million for rates at shelters for homeless individuals and also ensures that down payment assistance funds received from the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency or the Massachusetts Housing Partnership will not be considered taxable income.

Health Care & Mental Health The bill allocates \$346 million in federal American Rescue Plan funding for Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) resources to ensure that eligible Medicaid users throughout the Commonwealth are able to receive health care and medical services in their own homes or local communities. Alongside this investment, the bill also appropriates \$55million in state resources to support reimbursement rates for human and social service providers that have also been doing crucial work during the pandem-

ic. To address the crisis of mental health care, the bill also dedicates \$10 million to suicide prevention and intervention services, focused on staffing and other resources at crisis centers, and the establishment of a statewide 988 suicide prevention hotline.

An amendment adopted to the supplemental budget allocates \$24 million of the state’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds specifically for the creation of new behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment beds.

Education In response to reports of staffing shortages in public schools, the supplemental budget includes a provision authorizing the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to issue emergency educator licenses until 180 days after the end of the public health emergency. For private special education schools operating under Chapter 766, the budget allocates \$140 million to fill immediate staffing needs.

Other funding items of note include:

- \$100 million for a new Winter Road Recovery Assistance Program for cities and towns to repair potholes and roads and bridges worn down by adverse weather conditions.
- \$20 million for Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) funding which supports no-cost counseling, advocacy, and intervention services to victims

of crime, thereby covering the immediate needs of the Victim and Witness Assistance Board as they are experiencing a shortage of federal funding

- \$10 million for Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children (EAEDC)
- \$8.4 million for Department of Children and Families foster family rates
- \$8 million for Early Intervention staff stabilization supports
- \$5 million for state election costs
- \$5 million for the Department of Mental Health to expand clientele housing supports
- \$1.8 million for mental health services for international evacuees resettled in the Commonwealth
- \$1.7 million for state park investments, including water safety initiatives
- \$609,000 for additional staffing to implement the Next Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy legislation, which was passed early in the session
- \$500,000 to expand the capacity of the Commission on the Status of Women

A version of this legislation having previously passed the House of Representatives, the differences will need to be worked out by the branches before advancing to the Governor’s desk.

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ley heard from Vega, city officials, representatives from The Neighborhood Developers, and a number of local residents who have been helped by La Colaborativa’s workforce initiatives.

“This is a celebration of dignity for immigrant workers and the funding of hope, the funding of need, and funding that will allow us to be seen,” said Vega. “This funding today helps us tremendously in making sure that every resident of Chelsea has

an opportunity to break through generational poverty, to access critical jobs, and to receive the wrap-around services they need and deserve. Thank you Congresswoman Pressley for these resources, for hearing our stories, and for always thinking of us as you go about legislating.”

Ambrosino also thanked Pressley for helping to deliver needed funds to La Colaborativa and the city.

“Rapidly re-employing our residents who were hit

hardest by COVID is really critical to the city’s ability to recover itself, and I know that with La Colaborativa and The Neighborhood Developers involved in this effort, these funds will be well spent,” Ambrosino said.

Several of the speakers noted that the employment recovery program is about more than just bringing the city and residents back to a pre-Covid normal, but about attacking continuing inequities and hardships in the community.

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Taylor suggested changes to the public speaking rule that could lead to the removal of a speaker if they use obscenity, violent language, or slander a councillor.

“I’m all for people who want to get up and say I want to disagree with so and so about such and such,” said Taylor. “That’s democracy and that’s within the rules, but when you start getting up and making slanderous statements about people, that’s out of bounds and I think that should be prohibited.”

Taylor said there have been issues in the past where councillors have been threatened and the chambers have become chaotic.

“My intent on doing this is to be proactive and try to head off these types

of situations,” said Taylor. “I can’t think of a situation where it would be okay for some member of the public to come up here and make slanderous statements against somebody. It doesn’t forward any kind of debate and they don’t allow it in basically any kind of legislative body.”

“Legislative bodies have rules, and these are the particular types of rules that we are missing right now.”

Taylor said the council president should be able to stop someone from speaking if they are out of order, and have them leave the chambers if they do not obey the order.

Brown said there should be a system in place where someone who uses profanity or slanderous language is given a warning, and then asked to leave.

Brown said the council also has to look at its rules to make sure the councillors are setting a good example for the public.

“If you want respect, you have to give respect and you have to look at how the public is viewing us,” said Brown. “Do they view us as respectful?”

District 3 Councillor Norieliz DeJesus said she agreed that she wants the public to be disrespectful in the council chambers.

“But I want to be very mindful of the wording and the message that is sent,” she said. “When we try to implement something like this, we want to continue to encourage the community to come and speak their voice.”

City Council Clerk Paul

Casino noted that many of the issues Taylor and Brown were speaking to fall under the duties of the council president.

“This isn’t really new,” said Casino, noting that there were several incidents years ago when the police had to be called to the council chambers to restore order. “It was the duty of the president to stop the person from attacking you and it was the duty of the president to prevent councillors from attacking each other.”

Casino said the council might want to be more specific about the powers of the president when it comes to keeping up decorum in the council chambers.

Taylor said he would submit an amendment to the rules in writing for recommendation to the full council. He said his goal is to have safeguards in place for future councillors no matter where they stand on the political spectrum.

“I’m not worried about what people say, I’m not worried about my feelings getting hurt, that doesn’t matter,” said Taylor, who added that he and his family have been threatened with physical violence in the past. “What matters is that we can’t allow people to get out of control and talk violently or slander somebody or use obscenities in our house. We have to do something that actually constrains that type of behavior and punishes them if they don’t stop by people being asked to leave.”

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rales worked nine years as an assistant principal at the high school level. He was an assistant principal at Rolesville High School in Wake County, North Carolina, a position that he held from 2016-2019. Prior to that, he was Assistant Principal at Ida S. Baker High School in Lee County, Florida from 2015-2016, and before that he was Assistant Principal at East Lee County High School in Florida from 2010-2015.

He also has twelve years of teaching experi-

ence in mathematics at the middle grades and high school level.

“I am delighted to welcome Mr. Morales to the Chelsea community,” said School Committee Chairwoman Kelly Garcia. “For many years, our students and families have asked for a principal that is bilingual and is reflective of the student body and I am so excited to share with our families that our new principal is bilingual and a Latino. Mr. Morales joins us with an abundance of experience

in the education field, 24 years to be exact, and is eager to join the Chelsea High family.”

Morales has a Master’s of Education degree with a major in Educational Leadership from Florida Gulf Coast University and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science from St. Peter’s College of New Jersey. Morales and his wife have been married for thirty years and are parents of two adults: Dean, 29 years old and Alexis, 25 years old.

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## TOXIC MASCULINITY AT THE OSCARS

When we first heard the joke by Chris Rock that was directed at Jada Pinkett-Smith at the Oscars, we didn’t get it. It was not until Will Smith stepped up to smack Rock that we grabbed our laptop to do a Google search for “G.I. Jane” and “Jada Pinkett-Smith” to figure out what the incident was all about.

We’ve admired Chris Rock and Will Smith throughout their careers, both on and off the stage.

But the behavior exhibited by both of them at Sunday’s Oscars show was inexcusable.

Chris Rock’s joke (which wasn’t even funny) was obnoxious, in bad taste, and hurtful. Mocking a person with a disease (Ms. Pinkett-Smith suffers from alopecia) or a disability never is appropriate in any setting.

This sort of bullying behavior is a characteristic of many men. Recall for example, when our former president mimicked with his body language a New York Times reporter who has a physical disability.

Similarly, Will Smith’s subsequent assault and battery upon Rock exemplified another variation of a uniquely-male noxious attitude in which men justify the use of their fists (or guns) either to salve their bruised egos or to get what they want by brute force (e.g., Vladimir Putin).

We have read in various media that some have attempted to justify Smith’s criminal behavior on the grounds that he was defending his wife’s honor. However, women are more than capable of taking care of themselves. They don’t need a man to do so. That attitude prevails only in societies where women are treated like second-class citizens.

In our view, both Chris Rock and Will Smith should be banned from the Oscars until further notice. Their toxic masculinity has no place anywhere in our society, but especially on a stage as big as the Oscars.

## RECALLING THE APRIL FOOL’S DAY BLIZZARD OF 1997

This Friday, April 1, will mark the 25th anniversary of the great April Fool’s Day blizzard of 1997.

As often is the case when a major storm strikes, the forecasters had not predicted the extreme severity of the storm.

We recall going to bed that night of March 31 and preparing to go to work the next day, only to wake up to discover that Mother Nature had dumped more than two feet (25.4 inches) was the official total at Logan Airport) of heavy, wet snow on our area, making it the fourth-largest snowstorm in Boston history, exceeded only by the 27.5 inches in the President’s Day blizzard of 2003; the 27.1 inches in the famous Blizzard of ‘78; and the 26.3 inches in the blizzard of February, 1969.

The storm was the biggest on record in the month of April and made April 1997 Boston’s snowiest April ever, nearly doubling the previous record of 13.3 inches. It also set a record for Boston’s greatest 24-hour snowfall in April.

We vividly recall waking up to the wonder of that morning. “Are we still dreaming?” was our first thought when we opened our front door, only to be greeted by a huge drift of snow that had been driven by winds that reached 70-90 miles per hour in many areas.

Ironically, that winter had been fairly uneventful (there had been only 26 inches of snow in total that winter season).

Although the storm essentially paralyzed the Boston area for that entire day, it was not a particularly dangerous storm. We recall a lot of downed tree limbs that were laden with the heavy, wet snow, which in turn brought down power lines in some places. The only deaths were the result of heart attacks by persons trying to shovel the heavy snow. In addition, there was no coastal flooding.

Our overall memory of the blizzard is the picture in our mind’s eye of a Winter Wonderland amidst temperatures that reached the 50s by mid-day.

It was a joyful event, an unexpected day off from work (and back then, the internet was still barely a thing, so no one worked remotely). We took our young children sledding and walked around the neighborhood with our Golden Retriever, Jake, who loved the snow.

Yes, it was a ferocious, record-breaking storm. But for us, we always will have only warm memories of the April Fool’s Day Blizzard of 1997, a particular point in time when we, and our now-adult children, were 25 years younger.

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# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Ukraine refugees are coming

Dr. Glenn Mollette

America has been good to help people and more are on the way.

Refugees from Ukraine are coming to America, up to 100,000 would be welcomed as recently announced by President Biden. The population of some communities will grow depending on where the federal government places these people.

Since the passage of the refugee act there are already over 3 million refugees in America. They are located throughout the United States with large populations in some towns and cities.

A refugee is “a person who is unable to return his or her country of origin because of a well- founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group.” A refugee legally resides in the

country of resettlement and is eligible for federally funded cash assistance for up to 8 months. Refugees are resettled in the United States by the federal government and are afforded specific refugee assistance to help them rebuild their lives in America. This federal funding is limited in both duration and amount. It is important to note that most refugees arrive with very little in terms of possessions, beside a few bags of luggage, and if they are lucky, all of their family members.

All refugees arriving in the United States are entitled to 8 months of Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) from the date of their U.S. arrival. The RCA amounts vary based on the size of the family: Single person (\$230/month), Family of 2 (\$363/Month), Family of 3 (\$485/month), Family of 4 (\$611/month), etc.

If a family qualifies for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), offered by the State Department of Health and Human Services, they will not receive RCA funds, but will immediately begin receiving TANF funds, which provide the same amounts of funds as outlined above for families (Refugee or American), yet unlike RCA, there is 5 year time limit to their receipt of funds which can be reviewed and extended depending on need. All TANF recipients must be participating in verified educational courses, volunteer placements, and/or employment searches in order to access these funds. Source, Catholic Charities

The Ukrainian people appear to be hard working people. Once they make it to America I would not be surprised if some of our worker shortage will start to disappear. These people

have nothing. If you still want a job you probably should take one and go to work.

At this point we have no choice but to help these people as the economy and infrastructure of the countries surrounding Ukraine cannot absorb them all.

Can you imagine if Russia and China combined to attack America? What if we had to run to Canada to survive? We would appreciate anything anybody would do to help us.

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## MBTA approves fare changes, including permanent 5-Day Flex Pass

The MBTA Board approved several fare changes that aim to improve equity by closing gaps in existing fare structures for Reduced Fare Riders, minimize pandemic-related revenue implications and budget uncertainties while increasing ridership where possible, and simplify fare tariff rules as the MBTA’s Fare Transformation moves forward. These fare changes go into effect on July 1, 2022, with the exception of the 5-Day Flex Pass being made permanent, which goes into effect immediately.

“We’re grateful to the Board for approving these fare changes, which prepare us for technology updates to come through Fare Transformation, increase equity through improvements to Link-Passes, especially for our Reduced Fare Riders, and make the 5-Day FlexPass permanent for Commuter Rail riders,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “These fare updates allow us to continue to meet the needs of riders while minimizing revenue implications in this time of continued uncertainty.”

Permanent 5-Day FlexPass on mTicket for Commuter Rail:

First introduced as a pandemic fare pilot in June 2020, the 5-Day FlexPass available on mTicket for the Commuter Rail is a bundled fare valid for any five days of travel within a 30-day period. Good for unlimited travel within a 24-hour period, these five passes

are available for 10% off the cost of 10 one-way trips. An attractive option for riders whose travel patterns have changed due to hybrid work schedules and the availability of remote-work options, the 5-Day FlexPass on mTicket is now permanent effective immediately.

Reducing Price of the 1-Day LinkPass:

Effective July 1, 2022, and in an effort to increase ridership by encouraging more riders to buy passes and increase equity for low-income and minority riders who often purchase this fare product, the cost of the 1-Day LinkPass will be lowered from \$12.75 to \$11. An \$11 LinkPass pays for itself with five subway rides taken in 24 hours.

Expanding Second Transfers on Buses, Express Bus Routes, and/or Subway:

Currently, the MBTA only allows one transfer between Bus and/or Subway with one recent addition – CharlieCard riders may transfer from Bus to Subway to Bus. To simplify complexities in the T’s transfer policy, the transfer process will be standardized to allow all combinations of second transfers involving Buses, Express Bus Routes, and/or Subway, including Bus-Bus-Subway, Subway-Bus-Bus, and Express Bus-Express Bus. This second transfer on Subway and Buses and transfers between Express Routes goes into effect on July 1, 2022.

Changes for Reduced Fare Riders:

Some riders are eligible for reduced fares, including people with disabilities and Medicare cardholders, people 65 and older, some middle and high school students, and people 18 – 25 with low income. Three fare changes that aim to improve equity by closing gaps in existing fare structures for Reduced Fare Riders will go into effect on July 1, 2022:

- Introducing the 7-Day LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders:
- Aiming to increase equity by increasing the benefits of purchasing fares in bulk for Reduced Fare Riders, a 7-Day LinkPass for Reduced Fare riders will be available for \$10, which breaks even after nine subway rides. This product is designed to meet the needs of individuals who might not have enough cash on-hand to afford a monthly pass, but who qualify for Reduced Fare programs.
- Introducing Monthly Passes for Reduced Fare Riders on Commuter Rail, Ferry, and Express Bus:

In order to increase equity by closing gaps in the T’s offering of products for Reduced Fare Riders, monthly passes on Com-

muter Rail, Ferry, and Express Bus for Reduced Fare Riders will be made available. This update offers a full set of monthly passes for Reduced Fare Riders at approximately 50% of the full fare pass prices.

- Expanding Availability of the LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders on Commuter Rail Zone 1A and Inner Harbor Ferry:

Currently, a LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders is only available on CharlieCard fare media instead of a printed “flash pass” CharlieTicket that Commuter Rail conductors and ferry staff can see to visually validate a fare. In the future, as more updates take place as part of Fare Transformation, customers will be able to use tappable tickets as well as Charlie Cards to travel on the Commuter Rail and Ferries. As such, and to increase access and equitable pricing on Reduced Fare passes, the LinkPass for Reduced Fare Riders will be expanded to be valid for Commuter Rail travel in Zone 1A and on the Charlestown Ferry.

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# The Gold Standard

## State honors Carafa Family Funeral Home with prestigious award of excellence

By Cary Shuman

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has launched a special awards program to honor businesses for their excellence and their contributions to the community.

The awards are considered highly prestigious, and State Undersecretary of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation Edward Palleschi conducts an impressive ceremony to personally honor the recipient on behalf of Gov. Charlie Baker.

Palleschi visited the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea to present the Certificate of Appreciation to William R. Carafa Jr. and his daughter, Amy Carafa Almas.

There was pride, there was laughter, and even some tears of joy during the ceremony. Mr. Carafa told some witty stories during his acceptance speech, but the most heartwarming moment came when his daughter took the podium and spoke about how much the family appreciated her dad, William “Bill” Carafa Jr.

“He’s the rock of our family, really,” said Amy, her voice steeped in the sheer emotion of the moment. “And now that I’m a parent of my own, I can see what it is to work and provide for your family. Not only did he work at the funeral home, he worked 35 years at the post office to provide for us.”

**One of the first businesses in the state to receive the award**

“It’s a great pleasure to be here today with your family and your wife, Linda, of 50 years,” Palleschi told Mr. Carafa at the outset of his remarks.

Palleschi said through the awards program the



Funeral director and embalmer Amy Carafa Almas and her father, funeral director William Carafa, proudly display the award that the Carafa Family Funeral Home received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts wanted to promote businesses and basically say, “Thank you for the great job you do for your consumers and the work you do in the community. You’re really the gold standard of what we aim for with our licensees.”

Palleschi lauded the Carafa’s efforts in the community as “spectacular.” The Carafa family has been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and local clubs, and their generosity to organizations and causes is noteworthy.

“This is a true family business and that’s just a wonderful thing,” said Palleschi. “But the longevity of the business, being around more than 120 years – that’s just incredibly impressive, and that really is the American story.”

**Bill Carafa delivers his remarks**

After speaking proudly about the family’s history of beginning and operating the funeral home, Carafa talked about his entrance into the industry.

“I got drafted into the military and after my stint



Edward Palleschi, Undersecretary for the Office of Consumer Affairs, presents a Certificate of Appreciation to William R. Carafa Jr. for the Carafa Family Funeral Home’s excellence in the industry and its contributions to the community.

in Vietnam where I was wounded twice, I got out of the service,” he said. “I took advantage of the GI Bill and somehow I did graduate from BU. Following that, I went to school at the New England Institute in Kenmore Square. I got a license and here we’ve been ever since [1974], and I was licensed by the state in 1975.”

In a nice gesture of family pride, Mr. Carafa asked his daughter, “Would you like to say anything in appreciation of this certificate of appreciation?”

A graduate of Northeastern University, Amy Carafa Almas said she while she was working for the state, she went to school and became a licensed funeral director.

Amy said she’s learned a lot from her father, not only as a parent, but in his career.

“He’s been a great model and I can carry on this family business when you finally get to retire,” said Amy.



State Undersecretary Edward Palleschi presents a Certificate of Appreciation to William R. Carafa Jr. and Amy Carafa Almas in recognition of the Carafa Family Funeral Home’s contribution to the community and the consumers of Massachusetts.

powerful thing the family business is.”

And what a great, highly respected business the

Carafa Family Funeral Home has been for more than a century in the City of Chelsea.



Carafa Family Funeral Home staff member Russell Holbrook, State Undersecretary Edward Palleschi, Funeral Director William R. Carafa Jr., Funeral Director Amy Carafa Jr., and Carafa Family Funeral Home staff member Scott O'Donnell.



State Undersecretary Edward Palleschi (second from left) joins the Carafa family for a photo following the award presentation ceremony, from left, Linda Carafa, William “Bill” Carafa Jr., Amy Carafa Almas, Jennifer Carafa, William Almas, Lucas Almas, and Dennis Almas.



The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce turned out to support Chamber member Carafa Funeral Home at the awards presentation ceremony. From left, are David Mindlin, Elaine Monge, State Undersecretary Edward Palleschi, William R. Carafa Jr., Renee Caso, and Joseph Vinard.

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# Malden Catholic holds chapel dedication

By Marianne Salza

Malden Catholic High School (MC) celebrated its new chapel with a dedication ceremony in honor of Brother Thomas Puccio, Director of Mission Integration, on March 19. Brother Puccio has ministered at MC for 36 years, and has been involved in all aspects of the school, from serving as Assistant Headmaster of Academics, to 26 years as the principal.

“It was a lovely ceremony,” Brother Puccio said humbly. “It was very moving for me. It was a great gathering of friends and supporters of Malden Catholic.”

A soft spoken leader, Brother Puccio is devoted to the institution and his Xaverian brothers, and participates at the school in every capacity. He photographed the recent Rolling Rally for incom-

ing students, and prepared cheese for refreshments before a new teachers’ meeting.

“Brother’s hand is on all aspects of the school community,” exalted Senior Director of Advancement Bob McCarthy, who performed opening and closing songs during the ceremony. “The level of dedication and commitment is unmatched. We are truly blessed by his presence every day.”

Father Paul Coughlin, pastor of St. Raphael Parish, Medford, presided over the dedication and blessed the sacred space. Malden Catholic has had small, temporary chapels for the past six years as the school had been renovating and expanding to accommodate a division for girls. Now Malden Catholic has 765 students and a chapel that sits 50.

“The chapel is in the main corridor of the build-

ing, which is terrific,” described Brother Puccio. “It gives the chapel great visibility.”

Brother Puccio currently teaches two theology classes and hopes to soon bring students into the chapel for prayer and reflection.

“The chapel is a space that’s open during the day for people to drop in if they’d like to have quiet moments,” said Brother Puccio. “The Theology Department will make use of it during various liturgical seasons throughout the year. Classes can come in for the Sacrament of Penance and team blessings. It will be a comfortable space for many uses.”

Funds for the chapel were generously donated by Paul and Margaret Chisholm, major benefactors who support the school annually. Brother Puccio was serving as principal when the



PHOTO COURTESY MALDEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Jim Donovan, Board Chairman, Headmaster John K. Thornburg, Brother Thomas Puccio, and Margaret and Paul Chisholm during the Malden Catholic High School chapel ribbon cutting.

Chisholm’s sons attended Malden Catholic in the 1990s. They developed professional and personal relationships with Brother Puccio, and appreciated their children’s experience at the school.

“The dedication of Brother Puccio, and the benefits of a Catholic education create young men and women of character, leadership, and purpose. It’s not just academics; Catholic education is building the person,” McCarthy explained. “The Chisholms recognize and support that.”

During the ceremony, Margaret Chisholm shared her admiration and appreciation for Brother Puccio, who she believes demonstrates his Xaverian virtues with integrity every day.

“Brother Tom grounded his life in the belief that each person is unique, gifted, and loved by God. He has treated every student with endless patience and kindness, empathy and respect, and, at times,

with firmness,” Chisholm reflected. “This beautiful chapel is peaceful and calming – a symbol for Brother Tom’s life of selfless service. It offers the MC community a serene place of welcome for all who seek guidance, solace, support, or encouragement.”

Brother Puccio was born in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in New Jersey, where he attended an Xaverian high school that began his interest in the consecrated community of laymen. Brother Puccio joined the Congregation of the Brothers of Saint Francis Xavier in 1968. When Brother Puccio is not teaching, he enjoys photography, playing guitar, and attending school athletic events.

“I try to model good behaviors,” said Brother Puccio, who has been a Xaverian brother for 53 years. “We speak of five values that are important to us as a school community: humility, simplicity, compassion, trust, and

zeal. I try to live that lifestyle.”

Brother Puccio has taught English and chaired the English Department at St. John’s Preparatory School from 1972-1986. He was the recipient of the Boston Archdiocese’s Cheverus Medal for service to the church, and Malden Catholic’s Theodore James Ryken Award for commitment to gospel values. Brother Puccio has been on the Board of Trustees at St. Joseph Regional High School, St. John’s Preparatory School, Xaverian Brothers High School, and Nazareth Regional High School.

“We are all grateful for Brother Tom and what he has done for the school in many different roles, every minute of the day,” expressed Dianne James, Chief Marketing Officer. “It [the ceremony] was a perfect celebration of him, his life, and his work. It is a venue for the school to enjoy a new, sacred space.”

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ATTORNEY GENERAL MAURA HEALEY SPEAKS AT JGBC BREAKFAST

The Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast Series returned Wednesday morning with a guest speaking appearance by Attorney General Maura Healey, candidate for governor of Massachusetts.

Healey commended the Jordan Boys and Girls Club for its many excellent programs offered to youths at the Club. Healey also lauded Chelsea city officials and community leaders for their outstanding work in assisting residents in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Healey noted that she will be having a conference next week with school leaders to discuss recent incidents of bullying and racism in the high school sports community.

Breakfast Chair Mark Robinson introduced Healey, a former basketball captain at Harvard, at the breakfast and thanked the guests for their continuing support of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club.



District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown welcomes Attorney General Maura Healey to the City of Chelsea at the breakfast.



Chelsea City Manager Maura Healey, Attorney General Maura Healey, and Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



Attorney General Maura Healey is pictured at the podium at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast Wednesday.



Attorney General Maura Healey and Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston President and CEO Robert Lewis Jr.



Chelsea City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Reading Town Manager Fidel Maltez, and former Jordan Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Josh Kraft.



Susan Gallant, CPA, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jen Hassell, and Joseph Vinard.



Attorney General Maura Healey, who starred for the Harvard University women's basketball team, and former Chelsea City Manager Jay Ash, who starred for the Clark University men's basketball team.



Reading Town Manager Fidel Maltez and GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, pictured at the breakfast, will be running in this year's Boston Marathon April 18.



Joseph Mahoney, GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, Matt Monkiewicz, and Mason Monkiewicz.



Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes, Adrianna Vega, Melissa Hulbert, and State Assistant Secretary for Communities and Programs Juan Vega.



Attorney General Maura Healey greets David Geller at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast.



Austin Batchelor, legislative assistant to State Rep. Dan Ryan, and Attorney General Maura Healey.



The contingent welcoming Attorney General Maura Healey to the Jordan Boys and Girls Club and the City of Chelsea are, from left, City Council President Roy Avellaneda, State Rep. Dan Ryan, Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast Chair Mark Robinson, and Jordan Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Gina Centrella.

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# Baker launches ‘HireNow’ employer grant program for hiring and training

The Baker-Polito Administration launched a new hiring and training employer grant program, “HireNow,” which will help employers quickly hire and train new workers and get more people back to work. The new program provides eligible employers with a \$4,000 per employee grant, which can be used to cover training costs or as a signing bonus for new employees. By providing employers with these flexible funds to facilitate quick hiring, the Administration is focusing on addressing continued hiring challenges faced by employers and increasing labor force participation. Employers can learn more about the program and apply at [www.mass.gov/hirenow](http://www.mass.gov/hirenow).

The program is open to all Massachusetts employers, including both for-profit and non-profit entities (excluding federal, state, and municipal governments). Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta announced the launch of the program today at LabCentral, a Cambridge non-profit that provides support and working space for startups in the biotech and life sciences sectors. LabCentral plans to hire lab operations and other tech-

nical and administrative staff this year and will use funds from HireNow to support training costs. “Our Administration is focused on supporting Massachusetts’ economic growth and getting more people back to work, and the HireNow program is one more tool at our disposal to meet employers’ workforce needs and grow our labor force,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “The flexible funds from this program will be distributed to employers quickly to help them with training costs, tuition support and other needs. We are grateful to our partners in the Legislature for allocating the ARPA funds necessary to make this program happen.” “We know employers are ready to grow and expand by hiring new workers, and we’re excited to deploy flexible dollars as part of the HireNow program to jump-start those efforts,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “Massachusetts’ economic recovery from the pandemic is off and running, but we know there are still persistent workforce challenges that we must address. To boost our local economies, it is critical that we help both for-profit and non-profit employers meet their workforce needs and get more people back to work. We appreciate the part-

nership of the employer community as we developed this program and look forward to putting these funds to work alongside our existing, proven job-training programs.” HireNow aims to address hiring challenges faced by employers that have been brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. According to a recent analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics data, there are over 85,000 workers not participating in the labor market compared to pre-pandemic levels. Meanwhile, employers’ need for workers has continued to increase, with unfilled job postings up 20% compared to pre-pandemic levels and approximately 200,000 open jobs available across the Commonwealth. The Administration is focused on addressing these challenges through a variety of efforts, including by expanding access and awareness to its existing apprenticeships, incumbent worker training programs, the Career Technical Initiative and more. Local MassHire Workforce Boards are also expanding resources to match employers and workers with training programs, and regions are hiring new staff members to serve as regional “Market Makers” to connect companies to graduates of

new education and training programs starting up in their areas funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. These staff members will be regional points of contact to help match employers’ needs with both job-seekers and the skill-building programs needed to successfully fill open jobs. In addition, MassHire Centers are adding staff to work directly with job seekers who want to enroll in new training programs to gain more skills. The HireNow program will build on these efforts by providing resources directly to employers that make it possible to immediately hire new employees and provide them with necessary training to fill open roles. The program will be supported by \$50 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds. “We are excited to add HireNow to our growing number of grant programs that aim to close job and equity gaps across the Commonwealth,” said Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta. “We hope these funds will encourage employers to expand their hiring strategy to include those with potential for learning and growing on the job, over a direct-skills match, as this will widen the candidate pool and help both jobseekers and

businesses.” “Getting people back to work is a key element of our strategy for economic recovery and the ‘HireNow’ program allows us double down on these efforts,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. “I look forward to this program’s success not just in enhancing access to employment opportunities, but accelerating it.” “HireNow will be an excellent complement to the Career Technical Initiative we launched two years ago which expands access to high-quality vocational programs for high school students and adults by creating three shifts, one during the regular school day for vocational students, one in the afternoons for students enrolled in their local high school, and one in the evening for adult learners looking to change careers or upgrade their skills,” said Education Secretary James Peyser. “Employers will be able to recruit students from CTI programs, and use the HireNow grants to offer deeper training for their employees.” Program Details:

- Employer Eligibility: Any Massachusetts employer who is in good standing with Department of Unemployment Assistance and Department of

Revenue obligations and is not de-barred by the state is eligible (excluding federal, state, and municipal governments). Applications must be submitted by the employer, not an education or training partner.

- Application Process: Employers must pre-register online at [Mass.Gov/HireNow](http://Mass.Gov/HireNow) by providing employer information. Following the employee’s hire and 60-day retention period, employers will submit a final application for funding. The Commonwealth will also approve the planned use of the funds (training costs, signing bonus, etc.) when approving the application.
- Eligible Hires: Hires must be made after March 23, 2022, be retained for a minimum of 60 days, and be placed in jobs that are at least 30 hours per week. New hires need to be Massachusetts residents employed in Massachusetts. There are also limits on compensation:
  - Minimum eligible compensation: \$14.25 / hr (minimum wage)
  - Maximum eligible compensation: \$42.50 / hr (~\$85K annualized)
  - Funding: up to \$4,000 for each eligible employee hired, with a limit of \$400,000 per employer. Funds will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

## CHS ROUNDUP

### SPRING SPORTS SEASON UNDERWAY FOR CHS TEAMS

The 2022 spring sports swings into high gear this coming week for all three of the Chelsea High spring athletic programs. The Red Devil baseball team, under the direction of head coach Mike Lush, will compete in a jamboree this Saturday at Malden Catholic before opening their season this Monday at Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Somerville. Lush and his crew then will stay on the road for the first week of the season, making the short trek across the Parkway to Everett on Wednesday and

traveling to non-league rival Boston International next Friday. Coach Gena Restiano and the CHS softball team are hosting a pre-season jamboree this Saturday before opening the regular season on Monday when they will entertain GBL foe Somerville. They will host Everett on Wednesday and New Mission High next Friday. Both the baseball and softball teams have an 18-game schedule, consisting of 14 games against their GBL rivals (two games each against Everett, Revere, Medford, Malden, Somerville, Lynn English, and Lynn Classical) and four contests vs. non-league foes.

The baseball team will meet Boston International twice and O’Bryant High of Boston and Winthrop one time each. The softball team’s non-league opponents will be New Mission (two games) and O’Bryant and Winthrop. Coach Cesar Hernandez and the CHS boys and girls track teams, who are coming off a highly-successful indoor season this past winter, will get their spring season off and running at GBL opponent Lynn English on Tuesday. Hernandez and his crew will take on all seven of their GBL rivals during the season, concluding with the GBL Meet on May 26.

## BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

### Bruins win streak ends



Early in the game on Tuesday night, it was obvious that the Toronto Maple Leafs had scoring power and speed in their favor, and the Bruins would need to be very careful in how well they managed the puck. Just over five minutes into the game, Connor Clifton’s errant pass resulted in a quick Leafs 1-0 lead when Colin Blackwell took a Jason Spezza feed and quickly deposited the puck behind Bruins net minder Jeremy Swayman. This would be the first of a dozen giveaways on the night, by the generous Boston team. Despite getting a quick game-tying power play goal from David Pastrnak (38) just 50 seconds later to tie the score at 1-1, the locals were not done with their somewhat sloppy play, allowing Morgan Reilly to also find the back of the net for a 2-1 lead. The Bruins were the victims again, nearing the end of the first, when a Clifton blocked shot opened the door for a Toronto break-away, and an unassisted goal by Alexander Kerfoot and a 3-1 margin to close out the first period. Toronto’s speed and skill were again on display in the second period as well, when their two top guns, Mitch Marner (28) and Auston Matthews (49) added their names on the score sheet. It took just a little over eight minutes of the second period for Toronto to score three goals to break the game wide open by a 6-1 margin. To their credit, Boston did not throw in the white towel, instead they showed some character, scoring the next three goals, one by Jake DeBrusk (17) in the second period with less than two

minutes to play, and then made the game interesting by adding two more in the third period, with goals coming off the sticks of Curtis Lazar (7) and Taylor Hall (15), to cut the deficit to 6-4. With less than three minutes to play, Boston was unable to get the tie. For the regular season, the Bruins now stand at 0-2-0 with the Leafs, not the record they would like to show, especially when Toronto could be their first round opponent in the playoffs. The bottom line, with both teams having come into the game tied, with exact numbers of 41-19-5 (87 points), the feeling were that this could be a close, tough game. It was a tough game, with Boston’s win streak ending at four games, and the locals were once again banished back to a Wild Card spot, as Toronto regained sole possession of third place in the Atlantic Division. As for the Bruins’ goaltending situation, obviously the play of Swayman was not up to his usual standards, having given up six goals, the most he’s allowed in his short NHL career. He was replaced by Linus Ullmark to start the third period. Swayman’s efforts for the night, six goals on 25 shots, were not the sole reason for the 6-4 loss, no more so than the sloppy unfocused play. Ullmark surrendered zero goals on seven shots, and will be in net on Thurs-

day, for Boston when they host the New Jersey Devils, a plan that was likely scheduled already, and not a reflection of Swayman’s play. Regarding the dozen turnovers allowed, coach Bruce Cassidy’s precise game summary included, “Those are things, to me, that show a little bit lack of focus. Knowing where to go with the puck before you get it. A mark of good team is when they are on their toes. Looked like we were way too slow reacting, not on our toes, and more on our heels.” The lack of focus could also precipitate additional changes to the defense, as Cassidy will have several options available to him, in the form of defenseman Josh Brown, part of the trade that brought Hampus Lindholm to Boston, and possibly the return of Mike Reilly. Boston will have at least one more shot to beat the Leafs, as their final regular season home game will be played in Toronto on April 29. Looking forward, the Bruins will close out their current home stand with two more games, they will host the New Jersey Devils tonight (Thursday @ 7:00pm) and then the Columbus Blue Jackets (Saturday @ 7:00pm) to begin a home-and-home, back-to-back confrontation, returning to Columbus on Monday (7:00pm) for the back end of the series, and the start of a four-game road trip. Next up will be the Detroit Red Wings (Tuesday @ 7:30pm), before continuing on the road to provide the opposition for Atlantic Division rival Tampa Bay (Friday @ 7:00pm) and end the road trip with the Washington Capitals on Sunday at a 1:30 matinee.

# Mass Audubon invites the public to celebrate all of April as Earth Month

With unprecedented numbers of people finding respite in the outdoors and connecting with the natural world during the pandemic, Earth Day (Friday, April 22) has never been more anticipated. Mass Audubon, the largest nature-based conservation organization in New England, is responding to the moment by planning an entire month’s worth of activities and programming, geared toward caring for the environment and one another. As April is also Celebrate Diversity Month, the theme running through Mass Audubon’s Earth Month offerings is “Diversity, Community, Resilience”—representing benefits crucial to the health of both natural and human communities. The conservation organization is inviting people of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences to participate in a series of events throughout April. These range from volunteer and advocacy/climate action opportunities to na-

ture-based activities highlighting the unique ways we experience, appreciate, and enjoy nature—collectively and as individuals. “We are living in a time when both human communities and ecological communities are under great stress. It only makes sense that we would protect and heal nature as a way of protecting and healing ourselves,” said Nia Keith, Mass Audubon Vice President for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice. “Combining Earth Month with Celebrate Diversity Month offers an especially timely opportunity to support, strengthen, and celebrate the broad spectrum of nature’s beauty and the myriad ways in which people enjoy spending time outdoors,” Keith noted. Dedicated programs for BIPOC, LGBTQIA+ folks, and people with accessibility needs. Nature scavenger hunts for kids (and their families!). Sanctuary-based trail and stream cleanups and garden preparations: Participating in Earth Month means enjoying

these activities and a whole range of opportunities for adults, families, and groups to take action in support of nature and their local communities throughout the month of April. And with Earth Day taking place during April Vacation Week this year, the timing could not be better for kids to forge their own connections with nature through Mass Audubon’s April Vacation Week camps. To participate in Mass Audubon Earth Month activities and to learn more, please visit [www.massaudubon.org/earthmonth](http://www.massaudubon.org/earthmonth). Mass Audubon is the largest nature-based conservation organization in New England. Founded in 1896 by two women who fought for the protection of birds, Mass Audubon carries on their legacy by focusing on the greatest challenges facing the environment today: the loss of biodiversity, inequitable access to nature, and climate change.

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OBITUARIES

John Ames Sr.

Retired Chelsea Police Officer

John T. Ames Sr. of Chelsea passed peacefully into eternal rest on March 22 at home surrounded by his family.

A retired Chelsea Police Officer, he proudly served as a Patrolman and Dispatcher for 28 years.

John was a certified scuba diver and a member of The Boston Sea Rovers Diving Club. He was an amateur photographer, enjoyed listening to swing music from the late 30's and 40's, an avid pool player and a past member of the Chelsea Elks.

John was born January 20,1939, the son of the late Mary (Smith) and Albert T. Ames of East Boston. He was the devoted and loving husband of the late Judith E. (Glover) Ames and was adored by his sisters: Carol Anne Clark, Mary Alice Gaidelis and her husband, Ted and the late Alberta Rybinski. He is survived by his loving children: Jeanette Ames of Chelsea, Gary Ames and his wife, Allison of Malden and James Ames and his partner, LeeAnn Minichiello of South Yarmouth and he was predeceased by his son, John T. Ames Jr. John leaves behind his grandchildren of whom he was very proud: Joshua Ames and his wife, Rebecca of



Westwood, Gary Ames Jr. and his wife, Stanis of Salem, Cory Ames of Wilmington, NC and Nicole Ames-Traill and her husband, Christopher of Malden. John was also a great-grandpa to Adam and Edith Ames of Westwood.

Family and friends are kindly invited to attend a Celebration of Life on Friday, April 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Smith Funeral Home, 125 Washington Avenue, Chelsea. Entombment Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, Bread of Life Malden, or a charity of your choice.



Gerardo Antonio Fabrizio

July 14, 1983 – March 21, 2022

At 38 years of age, Gerardo Antonio Fabrizio passed away unexpectedly in his home on Monday, March 21.

Born in Boston, he was a loving son of Mafalda Pagliuca and the late Domenico Fabrizio.

Gerardo was raised in Montefalcione, Italy and received his formal education in Italy. He attended college in Italy and was a cadet enrolled in the Italian Carabinieri Academy.

He returned to the United States as a young man residing briefly in Everett and for the past 15 years he was living in Boston's North End. Gerardo was currently employed by the City of Boston working as an office clerical worker. He was a frequent lector at St. Leonard's Church.

He is remembered as a man who was very mechanically inclined and he enjoyed repairing cars and anything with a motor. He also enjoyed riding motor cross, building and racing go-carts, and fishing.

He was the loving son of Mafalda Pagliuca and the late Domenico Fabrizio; dear brother of Nicola Fabrizio and his wife, Andrea (Barbiris), Maria Fabrizio, Domenic Fabrizio, Jr. and his wife, Jacqueline (Cormier), Anthony Fabrizio and his wife, Heidi (Sacks); cherished uncle of Nicola Fabrizio, Domeniko D.J. Fabrizio and Nanina Fabrizio, Joseph Fabrizio, Anna Fabrizio and her compan-



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Services were held at St. Leonard Church, 320 Hanover St., Boston on Tuesday March 29. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com.



Latest unemployment and job estimates for local labor markets

Local unemployment rates dropped in twenty-four labor market areas, in the state during the month of February, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported.

Compared to February 2021, the rates were down in twenty-four labor market areas.

Of the fifteen areas for which estimates are published, nine areas gained jobs, three areas had no changes, and three areas reported losses. The largest percentage increases occurred in the Springfield (+2.4%), Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton (+1.6%), and Boston-Cambridge-Newton (+1.0%) areas. Lynn-Saugus-Marblehead area reported the largest percentage loss (-0.7%).

From February 2021 to February 2022, all fifteen areas gained jobs with the largest percentage increases seen in Barnstable Town (+7.1%), Springfield (+6.0%), and Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford (+5.8%) areas.

In order to compare the statewide rate to local unemployment rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the statewide-unadjusted unemployment rate for February 2022 was 4.3 percent, down 0.7 percentage point over the month.

Last week, the Executive Office of Labor and

Workforce Development reported the statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the month of February 2022 was 4.7 percent, down one-tenth of a percentage point from the January 2022 estimate of 4.8 percent.

The statewide seasonally adjusted jobs estimate showed an increase of 14,600 jobs in February, and an over-the-year gain of 173,500 jobs.

The unadjusted unemployment rates and job estimates for the labor market areas reflect seasonal fluctuations and therefore may show different levels and trends than the statewide seasonally adjusted estimates.

The estimates for labor force, unemployment rates and jobs for Massachusetts are based on different statistical methodology specified by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

NOTES: The preliminary March 2022 and the revised February 2022 unemployment rates, labor force data and jobs estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, April 15, 2022; local unemployment statistics will be released on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Detailed labor market information is available at www.mass.gov/lmi. See the 2022 Media Advisory for complete list of release dates.

Chelsea Rotary to host the 'Stand with Ukraine Telethon'

The Chelsea Rotary Club will host a telethon to support Ukrainian humanitarian efforts.

"We're fashioning a community response to the international crisis," said Chelsea Rotary president, Todd Taylor. "With the livestreaming of the telethon, though, we hope to draw in contributors from around the country and around the world."

The "Stand with Ukraine Telethon" will take place on Thursday, April 28th, from 4-7p. It will be livestreamed on Chelsea Rotary's Facebook page and re-aired on Chelsea Community Cable Television.

"CCTV is pleased to be the broadcast partner for this wonderful event," said Paula Batchelor, CCTV's Executive Director. "We're glad to be helping the Stand with Ukraine Telethon reach our local audience, and we're thrilled to be helping to showcase Chelsea globally, all while raising money for such a great cause."

The Rotary telethon will feature local entertainment, guest interviews, and more, including local Rotarians answering the telephones to receive pledges, which will be displayed on a tote board.

"This is a great opportunity for all those who are appalled by the Russian invasion and its impact on

the Ukrainian people to help support humanitarian efforts on the ground in the Ukraine and in the countries selflessly serving Ukrainian refugees," said City Manager Tom Ambrosino, who has endorsed the telethon and, together with its Executive Director, Tracy Nowicki, is making the city's Senior Center available to host the event.

"We all feel for the Ukrainian people, and this is a great way for all of us to join in solidarity to support their needs during these most traumatic times," added Ambrosino.

More details on the telethon will be released in the coming days. In the meantime, those interested in filling five-minute entertainment slots on the telethon should contact Chelsea Rotary by email ChelseaRotaryClub7930@gmail.com. Tax deductible donations can be also pledged early by emailing the same address or mailing a donation to Chelsea Rotary Foundation, PO Box 505647, Chelsea, MA, 02150.

"This is what we do in Rotary, serve our community by supporting each other, all while having some fun," said Taylor. "I hope all of Chelsea will log on and show the rest of the world how generous and caring we all are."

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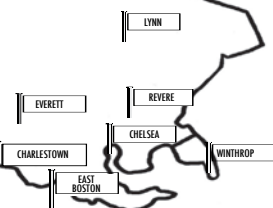
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Silent film classic ‘Old Ironsides’ to screen on April 29 at Custom House Maritime Museum

Relive the early days of the USS Constitution, when the ship was launched by a young nation to battle pirates off Africa’s Barbary Coast. ‘Old Ironsides’ (1926), an epic silent adventure film, will be screened with live music on Friday, April 29 at 6 p.m. at the Custom House Maritime Museum, 25 Water St., Newburyport, Mass.

Admission is \$15 per person. Live music for the sea-going tale will be provided by Jeff Rapis, a New Hampshire-based silent film accompanist.

The film tells the story of the early days of the USS Constitution, today the world’s oldest commissioned naval vessel still afloat. Launched in 1797, she was one of six original frigates authorized by the Naval Act of 1794 and the third constructed.

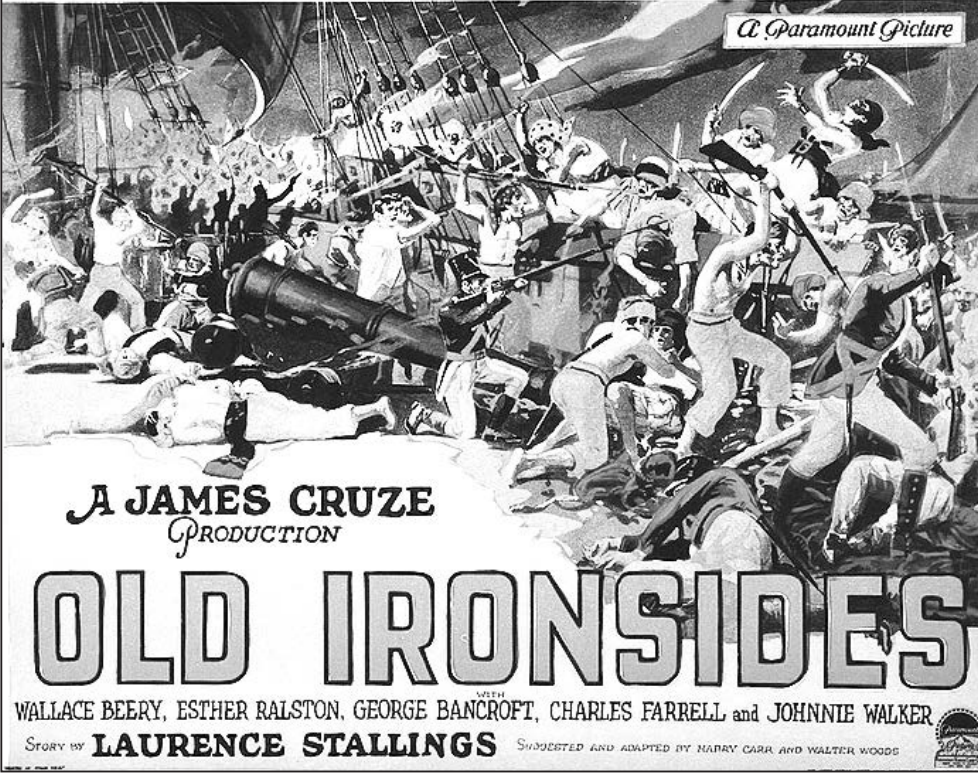
Nicknamed ‘Old Ironsides,’ the vessel was originally scheduled to be broken up in 1830, the end of her normal service life. But the ship was saved that year by a poetic tribute published by Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The poem supplied the story for the movie ‘Old Ironsides’ nearly a century later.

Directed by James Cruze, ‘Old Ironsides’ is an action/adventure film that traces the story of the



Charles Farrell and Esther Ralston star in ‘Old Ironsides’ (1926), a vintage action/adventure movie about the early pirate-fighting years of the USS Constitution.



A vintage poster for ‘Old Ironsides’ (1926), an action/adventure movie about the early pirate-fighting years of the USS Constitution.

USS Constitution on an early rescue mission.

The crew member, a gunner, is shanghaied while ashore in Boston and forced to serve on another ship, the Esther, a commercial vessel bound for Italy.

Among those on board are a young boy running away from home, and the daughter of the ship’s owner.

After crossing the Atlantic, the Esther is attacked by pirates off the coast of Algiers in the south Mediterranean Sea, with the crew and passengers taken captive.

Will the USS Constitution arrive in time to save the ship’s daughter from being presented as a gift to a Sultan in Algiers?

The film, a big-budget

extravaganza from Paramount Pictures, boasts an all-star silent era cast that includes Wallace Beery, George Bancroft, Charles Farrell, and Esther Ralston.

Among the crew members is Boris Karloff, famous later for his starring role in ‘Frankenstein’ (1931) and as the narrator of the animated version of the classic Dr. Seuss tale ‘How The Grinch Stole Christmas’ (1966).

‘Old Ironsides’ was filmed at sea off the coast of California’s Catalina Island, using a full-scale replica of the original ship. The movie was praised for its authenticity and commitment to historical accuracy. Only a handful of scenes used small-scale models, a rarity for the

time.

In addition to its elaborate battle scenes, the film is notable for its high quotient of comedy. At the time, Hollywood was first starting to make motion pictures with stories that delivered all-around entertainment. Cruze was among the directors becoming adept at integrating comedy, drama, romance, and action all into one spectacular audience-pleasing package.

In its original release, ‘Old Ironsides’ sank at the box office. Critics praised the film, but Jazz Age au-

diences failed to flock to the historic epic, which was released at the height of the Roaring ‘20s.

See the sea-faring epic ‘Old Ironsides’ (1926) on Friday, April 29 at 2 p.m. at the Custom House Maritime Museum, 25 Water St., Newburyport, Mass.

Admission is \$15 per person. Tickets will be available to museum members first. Remaining tickets will go on sale starting Monday, April 25.

For more information, call (978) 462-8681 or visit [www.customhousemaritimemuseum.org](http://www.customhousemaritimemuseum.org).

For more about the music, visit [www.jeffrapis.com](http://www.jeffrapis.com).


Critic Comments On ‘Old Ironsides’:

“There are scenes in this production that are far and away the most impressive of any film seascapes.” —Mordaunt Hall, New York Times

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General Bids will be received until April 14, 2022 at 9:30AM and publicly opened, forth-with online.  
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114  
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405**  
Docket No. SU22P0564PM  
In the matter of: Edward C. Mitchell Of: Revere, MA  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Robert J. Mitchell of Chelsea, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Edward C. Mitchell is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Gino Ricciardelli, Esq. of Saugus, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the


proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 05/05/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE  
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 24, 2022  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304**  
Docket No. SU22P0194GD  
In the matter of: Harold Edward Souther Of:Chelsea, MA  
**RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
To the named Respon-

dent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Dawn Marie Keane of Marstons Mills, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Harold Edward Souther is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Dawn Marie Keane of Marstons Mills, MA (or some other person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/28/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE  
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 22, 2022  
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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, April 5, 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 review and approval of the construction management plan, related to the demolition and ground up construction project of the Innes Apartments Redevelopment.  
Per Order  
Chief Brian A. Kyes  
Chairperson  
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CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran  
Licensing Administrator  
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101 Webster Ave., Chelsea, MA  
Chelsea Licensing Commission  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, April 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, to consider revoking, suspending or modifying the All Alcoholic Beverages on Premises Consumption License and the Amusement & Entertainment License of Merritt Club at 101 Webster Avenue, Chelsea relative to the City of Chelsea Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations, Section 2.04 (c) Admission to the Premises (VIP cards); Section 2.07 ( c ) Business Arrangements (beneficial interest Men in Motion); 2.09 (h) Environs of License failure to maintain video footage for 30 days and Section 2.12 Standard of Conduct – all male striptease.  
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran  
Licensing Administrator  
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LEGAL NOTICE

  
Re: Rivian, LLC  
25 Griffin Way Chelsea, MA 02150  
Chelsea Licensing Commission  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 500 Broadway, City Council Conference Room , Chelsea MA. 02150 by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for an Garage and Repair Shop/ Parking Lot License application for Rivian, LLC at 25 Griffin Way, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters of this hearing

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LEGAL NOTICE

**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304**  
Docket No. SU21P2645GD  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114  
In the matter of: Sandra McLaughlin Of: Chelsea, MA  
**RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Sandra McLaughlin is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 04/28/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific

facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 18, 2022  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
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LEGAL NOTICE

  
(LEGAL NOTICE)  
**CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS SENIOR CENTER TRANSPORTATION**  
The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking sealed bids to provide all labor and materials for “Senior Center Transportation”.  
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after March 31, 2022 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at [divanis@chelseama.gov](mailto:divanis@chelseama.gov) or by visiting the City’s website at <http://www.chelseama.gov/purchasing/pages/current-bids-solicitations>. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Senior Center Transportation” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 1:00PM, Thursday April 14, 2022.  
The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.  
In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business

firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis  
Chief Procurement Officer  
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LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Community Action Programs Intercity, Inc. (CAPIC)  
Request for Proposals for Weatherization PROGRAM  
Request for Bids  
Community Action Programs, Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) is seeking proposals from contractors to perform residential insulation, general heat waste, blower door testing and air sealing, as well as, electric and roofing measures for low-income residents of the following communities; Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lexington, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Watertown, Waltham, Winchester, Winthrop and Woburn. Bid Packages may be picked up at the CAPIC office or will be sent upon request. Bids must be received at the CAPIC Office, 100 Everett Ave, Unit 14, Chelsea, MA 02150, no later than April 8, 2022. For further information, please contact Aicha Idhsaine at CAPIC at (617) 884-6130 ext. 1107. All Proposals are subject to price negotiation. CAPIC’s Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals deemed best for the agency. The submission of proposal constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the request for proposals. Small and minority firms are encouraged to apply. The advertisement is subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the request for proposals. CAPIC, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer / Affirmative Action agency.  
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CITY PAWS

Garden planning with pets in mind

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

“More than 20 million novice gardeners picked up a trowel for the first time swelling the ranks of American gardeners to more than 63 million according to Bonnie Plants CEO Mike Sutterer,” so reported Pat Munts recently in Spokane, Washington’s The Spokesman-Review.

Some of these are the same folks who added companion animals to their lives. Since this is the time of year when gardeners, new and old, begin to work on their plots and plans, we wanted to share some essential considerations on pet-friendly gardens.

Safety First

Insecticides, herbicides, weed killers, antifungals, and other garden chemicals are not the only pet dangers in a garden. For those, read the “Material Safety Data Sheets” available with each and decide what you find safe to use around your pets. Use care in storing these products

in a pet-proof manner. Watch for mushrooms that grow in wood mulches. Those may be harmful.

Warnings from ER Veterinarians

Veterinarians in ER practices see dangers in a garden that most of us would never consider. Naturally, they will warn you about plants that are poisonous to animals. Some are more dangerous than others but choosing plant material with your animals in mind can help you avoid a mildly sick pup or a trip to the emergency room.

The ASPCA’s website has a list of plants that are toxic to dogs and cats. It includes some photos if you don’t know the name of a plant that you might have inherited. Even those of us who don’t garden may want to visit the site because we’ve spotted toxic flora along the edge of sidewalks and poking through garden fences.

These doctors also see dogs with scratches on their cornea from rose bushes, who have cut a paw on lawn edging, swal-

lowed wood chips or rocks used as garden decor, or have ingested “cocoa mulch” made from cocoa bean shells and potentially dangerous to your pets.

We suggest that you pet-proof your garden with a dog or cat view inspection. While down low tending your plants, look around carefully and see what is going on at the four-paw level. Walk barefoot in the space to feel what might hurt or even cut a paw. Consider what your dog or cat can reach at full stretch.

Garden Training

How safe a particular dog is in a garden depends on the age, breed, temperament, and how well-trained that pup happens to be. Like all other aspects of life with dogs, training your companion to be a polite garden visitor will take some effort.

Small breeds are designed to be human companions, these guys are normally easy on a garden. But, dogs with high energy, strong instincts to dig, guard, or hunt need



Some gardens also serve as memorials to beloved animals.

careful monitoring and correction.

Indoors Too!

The other day, we watched our Westie Poppy doing her best to reach the herbs we grow in a hydroponic planter. She used a step stool kept handy to work on the plants in the back and could almost

reach the mint trailing over the edge.

That mint wouldn’t have hurt her, but there are plants that, while safe for humans, could be dangerous for her. Keep any questionable plants out of reach. Remain alert. Leaves can fall, plant food can spill, the garden-

er could be a bit careless, and your dog or cat might be sickened by a plant despite your best efforts to keep the two apart.

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

Sixth annual Moroccan Festival to be held June 25 in Revere

Staff Report

Moroccan American Connections in Revere (MACIR) will host the sixth annual Moroccan Festival on Saturday, June 25, from 1pm to 8pm at the Whelan Elementary School (107 Newhall St, Revere, MA).

The event will highlight the culture and history of the city’s Moroccan community, currently estimated to be at least 10% of the city’s population. The event is free and open to the public.

“The success of last

year’s event will allow us to attract bigger sponsors to make this year’s event surpass the ones before. As a matter of fact, we will be raffling a free round-trip ticket to Morocco, and other surprises will be announced soon,” Salwa Gardaf, the Moroccan Festival Director, said.

This celebration of Moroccan culture will feature Moroccan food, live music, henna tattoo art, and local Moroccan vendors. Special guests include Mayor Brian Arigo, Revere city officials, and a number of Moroc-

can officials and celebrities. The best exhibitor at the festival will be named the 2021 Honorary Ambassador of Morocco to the City of Revere.

“It is true that MACIR runs the show, but this is a collective work of all city entities, including the Mayor’s Office, the Rec Department, City Council, Police Department, Fire Department, Revere Public Schools, and DPW - without forgetting community leaders, who are truly committed to promoting diversity, inclusion and equity in the city of Re-

vere and beyond,” stated Mr. Rachid Moukhabir, MACIR’s president.

The organizers also expressed their thanks to the Revere Mass Cultural Council for allocating \$16,200 for this street celebration, as well as the festival’s diamond sponsors: East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and the Moroccan National Airline, Royal Air Maroc.

More about MACIR: MACIR is a non-profit organization that inspires and empowers low income and moderate-income individuals and families through education, cultural events, leadership, and civic



The crowd from a previous Moroccan Festival.

engagement initiatives. MACIR shifted all its efforts during the pandemic to workforce development to allow people to work remotely and in-

crease their income. MACIR is currently training its 6th batch of IT Support. You can find more info about the organizer at [www.macir.org](http://www.macir.org).

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