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## MEMORIAL DAY FIELD OF HONOR FLAG PLANTING



COURTESY PHOTO

Many volunteers participated in the fifth annual Memorial Day Field of Honor Flag Planting in Chelsea Square on Friday, See Page 6 for more photos.

## Robinson requests more city money for youth sports programs

By Adam Swift

Councilor-At-Large Leo Robinson wants the City Council to step up to the plate for youth sports organizations in the city.

At Monday night's council meeting, Robinson requested that City Manager Thomas Ambrosino consider setting aside some of the city's free cash surplus to set up a new grant program for youth sports in Chelsea.

The grant would be available for Chelsea nonprofits running sports leagues such as softball and baseball, basketball, football, soccer, and tennis.

"We have people out here who volunteer their time, give time away from their families, and

I think it is time that the City Council steps up and gives them some money," said Robinson. "We give a lot of money to nonprofits, and I think this stuff relates to prevention."

There was some initial confusion that the request by Robinson would replicate a similar grant program in the city.

However, Councilor-At-Large Damali Vidot and Robinson both noted that the grant program approved several years ago provides scholarships for students to take part in youth programs.

Robinson said his request was to provide funding directly to the appropriate leagues.

Vidot said she would be in favor of providing support for youth sports

leagues, but would want to make sure they were effectively supporting kids in the city.

"We are so limited here with the resources in sports and sporting activities that we provide our kids," she said. "I give full credit to the people who have given their time to run these sports organizations, but I think there has to be a way of measuring the success of the quality (of the programs). I get a lot of complaints about some of the sports programs and their money not being used or coaches not showing up and disorganization."

"As long as we continue to invest in our sports programs, I want to make sure kids get what they need out of it."

Robinson said the

scholarship programs don't give money directly to the programs.

"My argument here is that we need to be giving money to the programs so we don't have kids out here canning and begging for money," he said. "We should step up and make these things happen."

Council President Roy Avellaneda said he supported the motive of the motion, but noted that free cash would be a one-time fix for the issue.

He noted that there is pending legislation in the State House that would establish linkage fees related to new development in the city, and that some of that money could be earmarked for youth sports programs.

## Budget hearings touch on rodent issues

By Adam Swift

In many communities, the inspectional services department doesn't get a lot of attention when it comes to budget hearings.

But that's not the case in Chelsea, where the majority of residents are renters, many of whom face trash, rodent, and landlord issues.

At last week's City Council subcommittee budget hearings, a number of residents attended carrying signs with photos of mice, rats, and other rodents they've found in and out of their units.

During the hearing, inspectional services director Mike McAteer and City Manager Thomas Ambrosino highlighted the challenges the inspectional services department faces, and the new person-

nel outlined in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

Ambrosino is proposing one new housing inspector for the department, as well as moving a floater position in City Hall to the department as a clerical assistant.

Ambrosino also touched upon the increased budget for rat baiting in the city, which is included under the Department of Public Works' streets and sidewalks budget.

"I would be remiss not to mention the Chelsea tenants group that is here today," said McAteer. "There has been a lot of activity with housing and trash and rats. Two years ago I was here and I remember telling you we had five complaints; this year already we have had

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## Police chief, Council discuss detail pay

By Adam Swift

The mechanics behind police details and police detail pay took center stage at a City Council subcommittee meeting Monday night.

The meeting was requested by Councilor-At-Large Damali Vidot after the council received a letter from a resident earlier this year raising concerns about overtime and detail pay, as well as the relative safety of the city.

In the email, Jennifer Griffin requested a change in the city ordinance that mandates police details on traffic construction projects, rather than flaggers.

Griffin also raised concerns about Chelsea having roughly the same number of police officers as neighboring Revere, yet having a higher crime

rate and being on the list of the most dangerous cities in the state.

"The reason for this email is to change an ordinance put in place by the city that an officer has to be at details when by law it is not required," wrote Griffin, adding that it would be less expensive for the city to use flaggers on details.

Police Chief Brian Kyes said he wanted to separate out the issues of the details and the perceived level of crime in

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## CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM IN GBL ACTION



PHOTO BY BOB MARRA

Marcaylla Maradiaga (No. 484, sixth from the right) jostles for position at the start of the girls one-mile run during the Greater Boston League track championships at Chelsea Stadium Monday, May 23. See Page 7 for more photos.

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# Councilors request parking placards for City Hall

By Adam Swift

At least two city councilors are sick of getting parking tickets while trying to conduct business at City Hall.

During Monday night’s council meeting, councilors Enio Lopez and Giovanni Recupero introduced an order requesting the Traffic and Parking Commission issue parking placards to city councilors for spaces at or near City Hall.

“When we come here to do business in our subcommittees, or City Council meeting, or any other kind of business, I actually got a ticket, and I know some other fellow councilors did, too,” said Lopez. “I think it is fair that if we do business here we shouldn’t get a ticket.”

With the parking placards, Lopez said it would be easier for the councilors to conduct business for

the city’s residents.

“The parking lot of City Hall by six o’clock is already used by the people of the community, so when we come to a subcommittee or a council meeting we are not able to park,” he said.

Recupero upped the ante on Lopez’s one ticket, and said he has been ticketed many times.

“I was wondering if the president (Roy Avellaneda) got tickets himself,” said Recupero. “He probably did too, there must be a whole bunch of us here who at one time or another must have gotten a ticket.”

Recupero said the councilors come to City Hall to do the work of the people.

“When we come in here, we shouldn’t have to worry about every half hour going down to move our car, or going around the corner and putting money in the meter, because the

meters that are two hours or more are always full and there is nowhere to park,” he said. “We should at least have permission to not get tickets when we are in City Hall or around City Hall.”

The council forwarded the ordinance request to the Traffic and Parking Commission.

In other business Monday night, the council approved the appropriation of \$225,000 in free cash to help fund the purchase of body cameras for the police department. The council also approved the cost items associated with a new contract with the union representing E-911 supervisors.

The council also approved the appropriation of just over \$1 million in free cash for construction activities related to restoring the Quiet Zone near Chelsea train crossings.

# Water, sewer, trash rate hikes expected

By Adam Swift

Chelsea residents can expect to see a hike in their water, sewer, and trash bills in the new fiscal year, which begins on July 1.

Average residential homeowners can expect an increase of less than 2.5 percent on their combined water and sewer rates, according to City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

The city proposes to increase trash fees by 6 percent.

“This is a slightly lower increase than we have had in the past few years,” Ambrosino said of the trash fees. “The new FY23 trash rate will be \$38.65 monthly for residential property and \$182.22 monthly for commercial units in mixed buildings. Owner occupied units remain exempt

from this fee.”

The new water rates are \$5.88 per hundred cubic feet for Tier 1 customers (those who use 1 - 1,000 per month in cubic feet) and \$7.18 for Tier 2 (1,001 - 2,500 monthly cubic feet), and \$9.32 for Tier 3 (over 2,500 monthly cubic feet). The increase is 2.5 percent for Tiers 1 and 2 and 3 percent for Tier 3, according to Ambrosino.

The new sewer rates are \$9.80 per hundred cubic feet for Tier 1, \$10.69 for Tier 2, and \$13.59 for Tier 3. The increase is 2.5 percent for Tiers 1 and 2, and 6 percent for Tier 3.

In his letter to the City Council, Ambrosino noted that the MWRA charges to the city for FY23 increased by a total of 3.1 percent.

“Because the MWRA assessments represent

the largest cost share of DPW’s Water Division and Sewer Division budgets, MWRA has the largest impact on annual rate increases,” stated Lou Mammolette, the acting Public Works Commissioner. “For FY23, the projected total MWRA increase is 3.1%. In addition to that increase, we are currently enduring record inflation rates that have had a significant impact on many costs.

“With still higher prices anticipated in FY23, it is very difficult to maintain lower rates.”

The City Council will discuss the water, sewer, and trash rates at a future subcommittee on conference. A public hearing on the rate increases will take place in July, according to Ambrosino.

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the city.

“Chelsea being on any list of most dangerous cities is inaccurate,” said Kyes. “There was a time in 2011, 2012, 2013 where we had some problems with violent crime and property crime, and as a result, total crime. Thankfully, we have been able to drive those numbers down significantly.”

As for details, Kyes noted that the majority of detail pay is paid by contractors who are doing work and hire the officers.

The chief also noted that there was a time around 2008 when there was a statewide push to replace police details with civilian flaggers.

At the time, Kyes said proponents stated the civilian flaggers would save the state money, but further research showed that because of prevailing wage laws, there would not have been a dramatic cost savings.

Police details also increase police presence in the community, Kyes added.

“We all can agree that police visibility is important and the visibility of uniformed officers on the street is certainly a deterrent to crime,” said Kyes.

Vidot asked if it was a requirement that the city use police officers for all details in the city.

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino said there are

certain regulations where the state would allow for flaggers rather than police on certain municipal roads with speed limits under 45 miles per hour. However, Ambrosino said he would never recommend the move to civilian flaggers, adding that there are two impediments even if the city council wanted to go down that road.

There is the city ordinance on the books which requires police details, and there is a collective bargaining agreement with the police unions which allow for the details.

Griffin said she has seen several instances of detail officers not paying attention while they work, and sent video and photos of some of those instances to the city council.

“In terms of what the video showed, I haven’t seen it,” said the police chief. “Have there been times when officers are looking at a phone and not paying attention? Sure there are. Does that make me happy? It does not.”

Kyes said there have been many officers over the years who have been disciplined for inattention to duty or neglect while they have been on either regular or detail duty.

“They are there to work, they are there to perform a duty, they are there to keep people safe,” said Kyes. “To the extent that I get a video sent to me, or I get a

picture sent to me, it’s always addressed and investigated, and if discipline is necessary, it is imposed.”

Near the end of the subcommittee, Griffin reiterated that she believes crime is an issue in the city, and she would rather see more officers patrolling the streets than working details.

“I think there are not enough cops out there,” she said. “I can drive by Central Ave. and there are three officers hanging out and talking during a detail, over by the DPW there are another three officers.”

On the day Griffin said she saw all the officers on details, she did not see one regular duty officer in the city while she was driving around.

“There needs to be more patrolling,” Griffin said. “If there was, there wouldn’t be as many shootings, there wouldn’t be as many fights, there wouldn’t be this stuff happening and going on right now.”

But Kyes said if the police details ended, it would not translate to more patrols.

“If (detail officers) are gone tomorrow, they are gone tomorrow,” said Kyes. “It’s not as if the individuals available to patrol the streets are going to increase. Those numbers stay the same.”

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over 100.”

One of the reasons the department needs an additional housing inspector, bringing its total to five, is because of the increased call for inspections by rental tenants.

“It’s not something where once you do an inspection, it goes away,” McAteer said. “It’s a lot of work, a lot of phone calls, fines, and court action. It just goes on and on; it’s a lot of work and it is time consuming.”

Councilor-At-Large Damali Vidot asked why the number of complaints has gone up over the past two years, adding that there have likely always been issues.

“Two years ago, people were very happy to have an apartment in Chelsea, prices were through the roof and (people) were not complaining when they had an apartment,” said McAteer. “Sure, there were a lot of violations back then, but now, times are tougher, some people are getting evicted and there are new property owners in the city.”

McAteer added that there is also an advisory group looking out for the tenants and making sure there are more calls made to inspectional services where there is an issue.

Vidot asked what the city could do to deal with

property owners who are not responding to code violations and how they can be held responsible.

“It really is an enforcement issue,” said Ambrosino. “It is a matter of staying on top of these locations where there is a particular developer who we know is not always the most responsive, and staying on top issuing fines, which we do.”

Outside of the typical enforcement avenues, Ambrosino said there is not a lot a city can do to prevent someone from buying property on the open market.

If a developer or property owner does not pay the fines, they can be taken to court, but Ambrosino said it is a lengthy process, especially with the backup in the housing courts due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Council President Roy Avellaneda asked if the inspectional services department can force apartments to be vacated if there are serious code violations.

“The Board of Health can condemn an apartment, but my department really can’t,” said McAteer. “If it’s unsafe, we can’t tell the tenant to leave, but we can order the landlord to vacate the tenant, and that’s a slippery slope, too.”

District 5 Councilor Judith Garcia asked what the

procedure is for the city to bait for rats, and for residents to file complaints.

Ambrosino said the city contracts the rodent baiting to B&B Pest Control. The line item for the contract is in the DPW budget, but Ambrosino said residents can call inspectional services with a rat complaint.

If the rat is inside the property, inspectional services will inspect the property. If it is outside, the city offers free rat baiting for all residences of six or fewer units.

Ambrosino said the budget for rat baiting is being significantly increased to \$120,000 in the FY23 budget because of the need in the city.

On the overall inspectional services budget, District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor said he believes it is one of the departments in the city that could benefit from adding more personnel. Ambrosino said it is possible he could make a recommendation to expand the department further either in FY23 or in the proposed FY24 budget.

“You would have my support to try to solve these problems and allocate the resources necessary to get the job done,” said Taylor.

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### SARA ARMAN RECEIVES GRADUATE DEGREE FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY

GreenRoots’ Health Equity Corps Coordinator and Chelsea resident Sara Arman graduates today from Harvard University Graduate School of Design with her Master’s degree in Urban Planning. Her work and collaboration helped Chelsea to reach its high rates of vaccination.

## Council to have input on clerk job description

By Adam Swift

The entire City Council will have input on the job description a special subcommittee has drafted for hiring a new clerk to the council.

Earlier this spring, Paul Casino, who has served as the council clerk for more than a quarter of a century, announced that he is retiring at the end of the year.

Upon receipt of Casino’s retirement announcement, Council President Roy Avellaneda established a special search subcommittee composed of himself alongside councilors Judith Garcia and Calvin Brown.

Councilor-At-Large Leo Robinson has protested the establishment of the subcommittee, stating that

the city charter stipulates the entire council must be involved in the selection of the clerk.

At Monday night’s council meeting, Robinson requested that the City Solicitor provide a legal opinion on the relevant section, Section 2.6 of the City Charter.

During the meeting, Avellaneda also updated the council on the subcommittee’s two meetings in May and introduced the draft language for the job description.

“The subcommittee and participants discussed the desired education, work experience, job requirements and salary range to attract a suitable applicant to fill the position soon to be vacated by our current City Council Clerk Paul

Casino,” stated Avellaneda.

Attached with the update from the subcommittee was the proposed job posting with a request for approval from the City Council.

“If accepted, the Human Resources Director would then be instructed to post the position so that potential candidates can then apply,” stated Avellaneda.

Garcia moved to have the job posting considered during a subcommittee on conference by all council members.

The draft job posting calls for an hourly salary range of \$29.24 to \$36.52 for the 20-hour per week, part-time position. Qualifications include an Associates degree or higher

with a minimum of five years of related experience in public sector and municipal environments and working knowledge of parliamentary procedure and Robert’s Rules of Order.

The posting states that Chelsea residency and being bilingual in English and Spanish is preferred.

“Once applicants respond, the Subcommittee will then schedule candidate interviews,” Avellaneda stated. “All members of the City Council are welcomed to attend and participate in those interview sessions. The Subcommittee will forward any possible potential candidates to the City Council for a vote to appoint.”

## Olympic player Charlie Davies visits ALS resident Steve Saling at Leonard Florence Center for Living

Charlie Davies, a USA Olympic player and retired Revolution player, who is currently a CBS soccer analyst and head of philanthropy at The Quin Club of Boston, joined Chelsea’s Jordan Boys & Girls Club at a breakfast series as their key-note speaker. Davies is a man of purpose, working to make an impact in Boston through his work with the Quin Impact Fund of Boston.

While in Chelsea, Davies visited the Leonard Florence Center to meet ALS resident Steve Saling, who was a landscape artist prior to his diagnosis. The two had a lot to talk about. “Both are men of great purpose and work for the good of others,” said Barry Berman, CEO of Chelsea Jewish Life-

care, which operates the nonprofit Leonard Florence Center for Living.

Charlie and Steve have both experienced a spectrum of emotions and life challenges: glory, triumph, adversity, setbacks, and overcoming obstacles. For Steve, despite a devastating ALS diagnosis, he lives every day to the fullest, inspiring others and helping others who have are living with ALS. Charlie, as head of philanthropy with the ‘Quin Impact Fund, shares his leadership and life lessons, leaving his biggest impact yet on the communities of Boston.

Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, a highly respected leader in senior living, employs over 1500 people and provides care to over 1200 individuals daily,

with campuses in Chelsea, Peabody, West Roxbury, and Longmeadow MA. Offering a full continuum of services, Chelsea Jewish Lifecare ([www.chelseajewish.org](http://www.chelseajewish.org)) is re-defining senior care and re-envisioning what life should be like for those living with disabling conditions. The eldercare community includes a wide array of short-term rehab and long-term care residences, ALS and MS specialized care residences, traditional and specialized assisted living options, memory care, independent living, adult day health, ventilator care, home care and hospice agencies that deliver customized and compassionate care.



Steve Saling (left) and Charlie Davies at Leonard Florence Center for Living.

## GREENROOTS’ MARIA BELEN POWER RECEIVES ELM LEADERSHIP AWARD



Above State Sen. Lydia Edward (second from right) congratulates GreenRoots Associate Executive Director Maria Belen Power (far right) and the other recipients of the Environmental League of Massachusetts leadership awards for their work in advancing environmental justice legislation in Massachusetts.

Right, on May 19, GreenRoots’ Associate Executive Director María Belén Power (right) received a leadership award from the Environmental League of Massachusetts (ELM) for her work in advancing environmental justice legislation in Massachusetts. Power stands with her fellow award winner Andrea Nyamekye from Neighbor2Neighbor. GreenRoots and Neighbor to Neighbor are two of the co-conveners of the Mass. Environmental Justice Table.



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## A MEMORIAL DAY TRUISM: FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

For the first time in 20 years -- that's an entire generation -- America's military men and women are not fighting a war on foreign soil.

The withdrawal of our remaining troops from Afghanistan last August brought to an end a conflict that had long-outlasted its purpose, which initially was meant to destroy the al-Quaeda terrorist organization that was responsible for the 9/11 attacks, but which somehow morphed into a long-term, nation-building undertaking.

Although we technically are at peace, the world stage feels anything but peaceful. Totalitarian adversaries either are wreaking havoc (Russia in Ukraine) or threatening to do so (No. Korea and China).

If the lessons of the past and present teach us anything, it is that we cannot take our freedom for granted.

The same troops who are delivering baby formula today could be called upon to engage in a far different and more dangerous mission at any moment.

This realization made us think back to the roots of Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, with the proclamation by Gen. Logan on May 5, 1868, in which he declared:

“The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit. Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.”

That in turn got us to thinking of what rates as the greatest testament to the memory of those brave Americans who made the Supreme Sacrifice, the Gettysburg Address by President Abraham Lincoln, in order to preserve our democratic way of life:

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

“Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

“We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

“But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

We hope our readers appreciate the eternal truths of Lincoln's sentiments, which are as relevant today as they have been since the founding of our nation.

We wish all of our readers a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend.



### GUEST OP-ED

## Why did Memorial Day change?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Decoration Day was observed on May 30th from 1868 to 1970 to decorate the graves and honor those dying in military service for our country. In 1971 Congress officially made the last Monday in May Memorial Day.

On this day, Americans take time to pay respect and decorate the graves of our military service Americans who died to keep America free. Because of them we can travel the country, have picnics, go to ballgames and more.

For me, Memorial Day has changed. Memorial weekend was a big time of family gathering. I can still remember Mamaw and Grandpa, all nine of their children and the grandchildren gathering to eat, play, talk and laugh. But then Mamaw and Grandpa died and the reunions changed. One by one the siblings passed away. Today, all nine of them and their spouses are gone.

The grandchildren are now passing away. This is my generation. As I begin to think of their names it's a surprising number. All five of my dad's brothers

and sister are gone. Throughout the years I've attended too many funerals. This includes my wife of 27 years and our little stillborn baby. Memorial Day has changed. So many people I celebrated the day with are gone. It would be impossible for me to visit all the graves of all these dear people. They are scattered out between Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and other states.

When Memorial Day comes, I try my best to make the six-hour trip to decorate my deceased wife's grave. Carole, who I married 17 years ago has deceased parents who are buried three hours away from where we live. It's never easy. There are flowers to buy. The drive is not easy and we have those who are alive we want to visit. It makes us feel bad that we don't have hours to go and spend at the cemetery and respect those we loved.

Sadly, there are so many forgotten graves of loved ones and American soldiers. The older we get the number of deceased people we know can become more than the living we know.

Do the best you can. This is all any human being can ever do. There are graves you know you must attend to and others you will have to trust to other family members or friends.

While we are trying to celebrate Memorial Day the right way, please continue to celebrate the living people in your life. There is a story in the Bible where a friend of Jesus anointed him with expensive ointment while they were having dinner. It was her way of celebrating him and what he meant to her. Try to find ways to anoint people in your life who are meaningful to you. Buy them flowers now if you can afford them. I hate to say it but it's true – dead noses smell no roses.

I've always tried to buy flowers for those I love while they can enjoy them. It may not be flowers but maybe it could be a nice smile. A word of thanks or praise for a person in your life would be meaningful. One way you might make Memorial Day meaningful is celebrating those people you have in your life today because, as we know, it won't last long.

Back in February, my brother-in-law Harold was very sick and I knew his time was limited. My wife and I agreed we needed to go and visit with him. We had a good visit and a good talk. When I left him that day and we said goodbye to each other, I felt that it was truly goodbye at least for this life. He died just a couple of weeks later.

Memorial Day has changed for most of us. However, try to make a good memory or two with those people who are still alive in your life. What you remember about those who have gone on is what you enjoyed while they were living.

This Memorial Day weekend, be very safe and take time to enjoy the living.

*Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.*

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The City of Chelsea & Chelsea Veterans' Services invites you to

## Memorial Day Ceremony

**When? Monday, May 30, 2022 - 10:00am**

*This Monday, May 30, the City of Chelsea will host its annual Memorial Day Ceremony on the Front Lawn at City Hall. The ceremony begins at 10:00 a.m. and all residents are invited to attend.*

*The event will include musical performances from the Chelsea High School Band, including students singing the Star-Spangled Banner. Elementary and middle school students from Chelsea Public Schools will participate by reading narratives to commemorate Fallen Heroes and Student Poetry.*

*Elected officials and City officials will speak, including City Council President Roy Avellaneda, City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, City Manager Tom Ambrosino, Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta and Director of Veterans' Services Francisco Toro.*

*This year's Guest Speaker will be Retired United States Army Veteran Michael P. Lovato, the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning at Chelsea Public Schools.*

*The ceremony will conclude at approximately 12:00 p.m.*

### This Memorial Day...



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SCENES FROM THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY FIELD OF HONOR FLAG PLANTING

Many volunteers participated in the fifth annual Memorial Day Field of Honor Flag Planting in Chelsea Square on Friday, May 20. This event was started by Council President Roy Avellaneda in 2017 to honor those who gave their life in service of country and now is a city tradition.

Special thanks to Chelsea Veterans Agent Francisco Toro for helping out in planning the event along with city departments DPW, Police, Fire and City Managers office.


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# Sports

## CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM IN GBL ACTION

Chelsea girls finished second, while Chelsea boys finished 5th, in the Greater Boston League track championships at Chelsea Stadium Monday, May 23.



Holly Hatleberg took sixth place in the 2-mile run.



Keiri Hernandez competes in the 200m trials.



Darily Sanchez won this heat and finished 6th in the overall competition.



Emmanuel Simon finished second in the triple jump with a 40'3" leap .



Marcaylla Maradiega had a lead, lost it momentarily, then regained it all in the final leg to claim a Chelsea victory in the girls 4x800 relay.



Ali Warsame finished sixth in the Triple Jump.



Nate Nadow took sixth place in the 800m run.



Emmanuel Simon soars to a 3rd place finish in the long jump.



The start of the Rosalinda Rojas hands the baton to Reina Moreira for during Chelsea's victory in the girls 4x800m relay.

## CHS ROUNDUP

### CHS GIRLS FINISH 2ND AT GBL MEET; RODRIGUEZ DOUBLE-CHAMP

The Chelsea High girls outdoor track and field team capped a hugely-successful season with an impressive second-place finish at the Greater Boston League (GBL) Meet that was held this past Monday at Chelsea Stadium.

The Lady Red Devils, who compiled a 5-2 record during the regular season, scored 80 points on the day, behind only undefeated GBL champ Revere, which finished with 128 points. Lynn English was third with 64 points.

Sophomore Gizelle Rodriguez was a double-champion and scored 20 points for the Lady Red Devils. Gizelle claimed the 2022 GBL titles in the 400 dash with a clocking of 1:02.59 and the javelin with a throw of 84'-4".

The quartet of Giselle Olivar, Jasmine Maradiaga, Rosalinda Rojas, and Reina Moreira also were crowned GBL titlists, winning the 4 x 800 relay with a clocking of 11:59.24.

Junior Dahlia Christmas enjoyed a highly-successful meet with second-place performances both in the shot-put with a throw of 28'-7.8" and the discus with a spin of 77'-2". Dahlia was the next-leading Chelsea scorer with 16 points.

Sophomore Giselle Olivar finished in second place in the 100 hurdles in a clocking of 19.01 to add eight points to the CHS column on the scoresheet. Freshman Kiara

Ramirez scored six points with her fourth-place finish in the discus (65'-1") and her fifth-place effort in the shot-put (25'-8.5").

Junior Jasmine Maradiaga took third place in the 400 hurdles in a clocking of 1:19.45 and scored a point in the 800 with a sixth-place finish in 2:58.16 for a total of seven points on the day.

Sophomore Rosalinda Rojas added two points for Chelsea with a fifth-place in the mile in 6:31.58.

Freshman Holly Hatleberg contributed a point with a sixth-place performance in the two-mile run in 15:36.26.

Freshman Valerie Ramirez scored two points with her fifth-place finish in the triple jump with a final landing of 28'-2".

Sophomore Darily Sanchez added a point to the Chelsea score sheet with a sixth-place performance in the 400 dash in a time of 1:08.54.

The quartet of Gizelle Rodriguez, Darily Sanchez, Jamairys Rivera, and Jada Amezcuita finished in third place in the 4 x 400 relay with a time of 4:37.46.

### CHS BOYS FINISH FIFTH AT GBL MEET

The Chelsea High boys outdoor track and field team completed their 2022 Greater Boston League season with a fifth-place showing at the GBL Meet that was held this past Monday at Chelsea Stadium.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Asparagus season

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The opportunity to enjoy local asparagus is an excellent reason to wait in line for the opening bell at local farmers' markets. We'll be enjoying asparagus often in the weeks ahead - sometimes twice a week. Supplies at local markets are usually slim and sell out quickly.

We'll choose Hadley Grass, the legendary asparagus from Hadley, MA, in the Pioneer Valley when we can find it. The farmers from Hadley say cold winters and rich soil make for a sweeter, more tender stalk. And, since we try to be fair to all the farmers we love, we'll be testing the flavor of stalks from farms located in other Massachusetts towns.

Hadley once declared itself the "Asparagus Capital of the World." Unfortunately, in the 1970s, a fungus destroyed much of the popular Mary Washington variety. Today a few determined farmers

have replaced it with disease-resistant varieties that deliver that all-important Hadley terroir.

Yes, Asparagus Is Versatile

Early days will find us cooking asparagus in simple ways. Ed loves it roasted and would gladly eat that night-after-night. Penny loves to use asparagus as an ingredient in recipes that let the vegetable's flavor shine but combine it with some great companions.

Some evenings we compromise and have it two ways. A favorite combo is roasted for Ed with a salad of raw, shaved asparagus and fennel tossed with a lemon and caper vinaigrette on the side.

Another take on the lemon-asparagus combo is to make a lemon risotto with crosscut discs of lightly cooked asparagus mixed in and asparagus tips as a garnish. One evening, this recipe was featured on a menu when

we were invited to act as "guest chefs" at the old Cafe Louis. We knew our friend Chef David Reynoso made a fabulous risotto, and the date was in the right season.

Eggs are a traditional pairing with asparagus. Today breeds of hens lay eggs year-round. In the past, many hens didn't lay in winter, so this pairing was a celebration of spring. You can sprinkle chopped hard-boiled eggs as a topping. You can also cook up a big batch of asparagus and use the leftovers in a frittata, omelet, fried rice, or pasta.

We love restaurants where the chef treats vegetables with the same respect as traditional proteins. When seasonal vegetables like asparagus are given star treatment, we return repeatedly. When we see both asparagus soup and an asparagus side on the menu, we know that this is a place that reduces food waste and respects the farmers'



We love asparagus two ways: roasted with olive oil and shaved with fennel and capers in a lemon vinaigrette.

work.

We're happy to see more asparagus on the menu as specials, tossed with other vegetables under a piece of fish, or offered as a sharing or side dish. We hope you'll keep an eye out for asparagus and support seasonal specials by ordering it.

Asparagus' Superpower

Writing for the Harbor Health Group, Sandra Farrell made us aware

of a particular benefit of eating asparagus. "Asparagus has a Super Power because it is considered a PREbiotic," she explains. "While PRObiotic foods have organisms that add to the living strains of good bacteria in your gut, this PREbiotic food contains soluble fiber called inulin that supports the microbiome by actually feeding the beneficial bacteria, like a fertilizer, making your gut a healthier place. By supporting the friendly

bacteria with PREbiotic foods like asparagus you create a more beneficial ratio of healthy to unhealthy bacteria."

All that plus asparagus is delicious and versatile. Enjoy the local crop as often as you can in the weeks ahead!

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Chelsea teens' artwork to be displayed at Harvard's Peabody Museum

The group of Chelsea students are part of a larger group of young adults from surrounding communities who created artwork in response to the questions, how do you share your cultural identity? How would you like to take your place in the museum? The teens' work challenges stereotypes and will be featured in a museum display which invites visitors to consider cultural identity.

The display at the Peabody Museum — comprising two chairs and the combined teen art-

works — will be on view in the museum, where the teens will be on hand to welcome the public in a special event, Take Your Place/Toma tu lugar on Saturday, June 4 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology (11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge). They will be facilitating fun gallery activities inspired by the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, including making "light-up" postcards, experiencing old-school stereoscopic 3D views, sketching, and more. The


display will be situated in the World's Fair section of the All the World Is Here exhibition, and will remain on view through October 15, 2022.

"If you see a culture that's unfamiliar, you're being presented with like, new ideas, with new people," said Lindsay Pineda Mendoza, 15, of Chelsea. "And I feel like that's really important to be exposed to, because if you're not really exposed to it, and if you have negative attitude towards it, you might be closed-minded to these new groups or new people."

The museum display is part of The Hear Me Out/Escúchame project for Latino/a/x teenagers. It is a collaboration between the Harvard Museums of Science & Culture and local communities in Chelsea and Somerville, Massachusetts. Using the museums as sites of exploration, program participants are encouraged to experiment with online tours, mini exhibits, and other creative approaches inspired by their experiences in our galleries.



An example of the art on exhibit at Harvard's Peabody Museum.



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OBITUARIES

Sabrina Pena Ortiz  
Retired Nurse’s Aide

Sabrina Pena Ortiz, 79, passed away after a brief illness on Monday, May 23 while at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Born and raised in Piura, Peru, she settled in Chelsea as a young woman and has been a resident of Chelsea for most of her life. She was married for 42 years to Juan Antonio Ortiz and was recently widowed this past November when Juan passed away.

Sabrina worked outside of her home for many years as a Nurse’s Aide at Annemark Nursing Home in Revere and retired several years ago. A lifelong devoted Catholic, Sabrina was a dedicated and active parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Parish and its community. Sabrina was a devoted homemaker and mother who enjoyed sewing and other homecrafts for her extended family.

She was the devoted mother of Marcos A. Kuilan of Malden and cherished grandmother to Marcos’ children, Samai E. Kuilan and Davina Kuilan; Jose Rosario of Woburn and cherished grandmother to Jose’s children:

Jennifer, Mary, Shane J. Mercauto and Shawn P. Rosario and adored great grandmother of Desamora Mercauto and Percseus Mercauto, Johnny Rosario of Cambridge and cherished grandmother to his children: Krystyna M. Rosario and John D. Coyer. She was the dear sister of Mercedes of Revere and several siblings in Peru and the beloved aunt of Mary Cuentas of Chelsea. She is also survived by several additional nieces and nephews close to home and in Peru.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Tuesday, May 31 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. Her Funeral from the Welsh Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 1, 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.

For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: [www.Welsh-FH.com](http://www.Welsh-FH.com).

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The Red Devils tallied 55 points on the day behind first place Revere with 128 points, Somerville with 125 points, Malden with 70 points, and Everett with 66 points.

Chelsea finished ahead of Malden, Lynn Classical, and Lynn English.

Senior Emmanuel Simon was the top scorer for Chelsea. Emmanuel tallied 14 points, eight points for his second-place effort in the triple jump with a final landing of 40’-3” and six points for his third place in the long jump with a leap of 18’-10”.

Senior Jeffrey Ponce grabbed a second-place finish to contribute eight points to the Chelsea cause with a shot-put toss of 43’-3.5”.

Junior Ali Warsame finished in third place in the 400 meter dash with a time of 53.67 and took sixth in the triple jump (37’-11”) to tally seven points.

Sophomore Emerson Melgar earned six points for his third-place effort in the discus with a spin of the disc that traveled 102’-9”.

Senior Ian Padilla grabbed fourth place in the two-mile run with a clocking of 11:20.61.

Junior Nate Nadow scored a point with a sixth-place finish in the 800 with a time of 2:15.13.

Senior Alexander Estrada finished in sixth place in the mile in 5:05.23 to add a point to the CHS scoresheet.

Chelsea also did well in two of the three relay events.

The top performance for the Red Devils came from their 4 x 400 relay quartet of Austin Freeman, Ali Warsame, Alex Estrada, and Alejandro Zepeda, who grabbed second place with a clocking of 3:46.11.

Chelsea also did well in the 4 x 800 relay, with the foursome of Nate Nadow, Sebastian Rendon, Ruben Padilla, and Johnny Maldonado finishing in third place with a time of 9:29.70.

CHS GIRLS TRACK ROLLS PAST MEDFORD

The Chelsea High girls outdoor track and field team put the finishing touch on their fine 5-2 dual-meet season with a run-away 86-39 victory over Medford last week.

A number of Lady Red Devils shared in the big victory.

Gizelle Rodriguez won the 400 dash in 1:03.3 and took second place in both the long jump with a flight of 14’-3.75” and in the 100 dash in 13.7.

Gizelle also led a Chelsea sweep in the javelin with a throw of 84’-8”. Teammates Lauren Nadow (67’-6”) and Darily Sanchez (64’-10”) were second and third in the spear.

Altogether, Gizelle scored 16 points for the Lady Red Devils.

Dhalia Christmas led Chelsea sweeps in the shot-put and the discus. Dhalia won the shot with a toss of 27’-.25” and the disc with a spin of 81’-8”. Teammate Kiara Ramirez took second in both the shot (25’-4”) and discus (58’-2”). Lamari Davis (25’-3.5”) grabbed third in the shot-put and Angelina Agostino took third spot in the discus (55’-0”).

Jasmine Maradiaga won the 400 hurdles in a clocking of 1:21.3 and grabbed third place in the 800 in 3:01.6.

Giselle Olivar took first in the 110 hurdles in a clocking of 19.7 and second in the 400 hurdles in 1:22.4.

Valerie Ramirez won the triple jump with a final landing of 27’-6”.

Other point-scorers for Chelsea were:

-- Lauren Nadow finished second in the 100 hurdles in 22.7.

-- Keiri Hernandez finished second in the 200 dash in 32.4.

-- Emily Singh-Carranza took third in the 200 dash in 33.4.

-- Rosalinda Rojas took second in the mile in 6:45.5.

-- Holly Hatleberg took second place in the two-mile in 16:04.4.

-- Reina Moreira was third in the two-mile in 16:12.9.

CHS BOYS TRACK EDGES MEDFORD, 67-60

The Chelsea High boys outdoor track and field team earned a closely-fought 67-60 victory over Greater Boston League rival Medford last Thursday in their dual-meet season finale.

Leading the way for the Red Devils was Emmanuel Simon, who scored 16 points on the day. Emmanuel captured the long jump with a leap of 19’-3” and the triple jump with a final landing of 38’-8”. He finished second in both the 100 dash with a sprint of 11.5 and the 200 dash in a time of 24.60.

Nate Nadow was a double-winner for Chelsea. Nate was the top finisher in the 400 hurdles with a clocking of 1:08.3 and the 800 in 2:15.2 in which he edged his Medford opponent by just 0.3 of a second.

Jeffrey Ponce led a Chelsea sweep in the shot-put with a throw of 43’-1”. Teammates Henry Martinez (34’-.25”) and Theodore Joseph-Seale (33’-3”) were second and third.

Emerson Melgar won the discus with a spin of 96’-6” and teammate Henry Martinez finished third (89’-0”).

Gary Giron won the 110 hurdles in a time of 18.10.

Ali Warsame turned in a strong performance on the day. Ali grabbed third in the triple jump (34’-8.25”), second in the 400 dash (54.00), and ran a leg of the winning 4 x 400 relay.

Adding three points to the Chelsea column with a second-place performance was Carlos Jimenez in the javelin (94’-2”). Carlos also took third place in the 110 hurdles (19.30).

Austin Freeman placed third in the 800 in 2:20.5

and ran a leg of the winning 4 x 400 relay.

Alejandro Zepeda finished second in the mile in 5:12.7 and ran a leg of the winning 4 x 400 relay.

Ian Padilla finished second in the two-mile in 11:36.9.

Johnny Maldonado took third in the two-mile in 12:07.4.

Medford won the 4 x 100 relay, but the Red Devil quartet of Ali Warsame, Alex Estrada, Alejandro Zepeda, and Austin Freeman clinched the meet with a victory in the 4 x 400 relay with a clocking of 3:56.3 compared to the Mustangs’ 4:03.9.

The victory gave the Red Devils a winning record of 4-3 in dual-meet competition vs. their seven GBL rivals for the 2022 campaign.

SIMON SETS NEW CHS MARK IN TRIPLE JUMP

This past Saturday a contingent of members of the Chelsea High boys and girls track and field teams trekked to the Norwell for the MSTCA’s South Shore Invitational Meet.

The highlight for the Red Devils was the performance of senior Emmanuel Simon, who broke the CHS triple jump record and won the event with a mark of 42’-2.25”. Emmanuel topped the previous CHS mark of 41’-4” that had been held by Adriel Cedeno.

Emmanuel also competed in the 100 meter dash and placed 20th among the field of 99 competitors with a sprint of 11.6 seconds.

Ali Warsame finished 14th in a field of 99 in his first 200 dash of the year in a clocking of 23.77.

On the girls’ side, Gizelle Rodriguez finished 20th in the javelin with a toss of 77’-5”.

Dhalia Christmas (27’-2.5”), Lamari Davis (26’-1.5”), and Kiara Ramirez (25’-6.5”) finished 21st, 31st and 33rd respectively in the shot-put.

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submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:30 AM on June 09, 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  
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SOCCER STAR CHARLIE DAVIES GUEST SPEAKER AT JBGC BREAKFAST

Professional soccer star Charlie Davies was the guest speaker at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club Breakfast at the clubhouse on Willow Street. Davies was a superb player at Brooks School, where led his team to the NEPSAC championship. He went on to excel in the Boston College men's soccer program and earned a position on the U.S. national soccer team. Davies told the audi-

ence an inspiring story of how he survived a serious car crash and worked hard in rehabilitation to return to play the sport he had loved since childhood. Davies, who played for the New England Revolution, was later diagnosed with cancer, but again showed his courage, resilience, determination, and positive attitude to return to the playing field to resume his professional career.



Soccer star Charlie Davies, with Scott Siegler and Nick Sailor of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston.



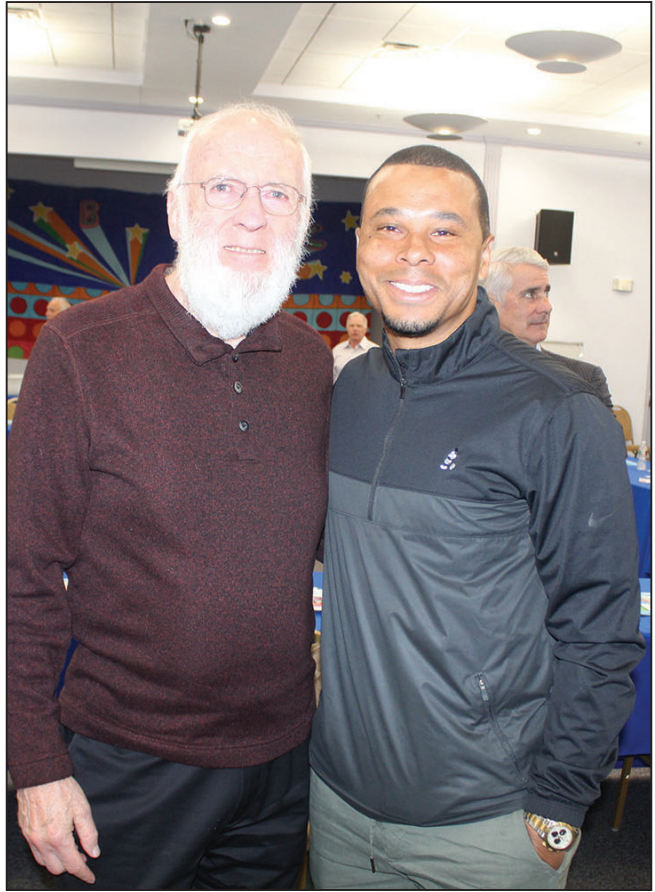
Jordan Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Gina Centrella and Breakfast Series Chair Mark Robinson greet Charlie Davies at the breakfast.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino welcomes international soccer star Charlie Davies to Chelsea.



From left, Peter Zaksheski, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, guest speaker Charlie Davies, and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell.



Financial planner Joseph Mahoney and guest speaker Charlie Davies.



Former Jordan Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Josh Kraft and Charlie Davies, who starred for the New England Revolution soccer team.



Two professionals who made their mark at Boston College, certified public accountant Sue Gallant, and Eagles' soccer star Charlie Davies.



From left, Peter Zaksheski, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, guest speaker Charlie Davies, and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell.

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