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Michelle Kayserman and Jesse Von Kenmore with his 1957 Buick Custom beneath the Tobin Bridge during the Cruising Chelsea on June 18. See page 5 for more photos.

# Dr. Jennings highlights year's equity efforts

By Adam Swift

Aaron Jennings commitment to social service and serving the community makes him a perfect fit in his position as the Chelsea Public School's Equity, Diversity, and Excellence Officer.

"I remember elementa-

ry school with my mother and my nephew at the church, we were serving the unhoused at a soup kitchen," said Jennings, who was born and raised in Washington, D.C.'s Eighth Ward. "That's in my DNA and that is the tradition I was brought up

Jennings is completing his first full year as the dis-



COURTESY PHOTO FROM Dr. Aaron Jennings.

trict's equity officer, having arrived in Chelsea at the height of the pandemic in October of 2020.

Jenning's journey over the past decade alone has taken him from St. Louis, where he earned his

Masters of Social Work from Washington University and stayed to work through 2016, to Harvard, where he earned a Doctorate of Education Leader-

Between Harvard and Chelsea, Jennings served as Vice President of Education and Impact for a national EdTech startup where he provided thought leadership and K12 technical expertise on chronic absenteeism.

"We know what happened in March of 2020, and I was let go and schools were closed," said Jennings. During those early days of the pandemic, Jennings said he did some introspection and

looked at some of the opportunities that were available to him.

"I realized I wanted to come back to the public service realm," said Jennings. "It was great working for a for-profit company, but I'm a public servant and I've always served people. I'm a social worker."

In Chelsea, Jennings said he saw an opportunity to put his best foot forward and serve a tightknit, growing community.

"It was kind of the perfect alignment of stars," he said. "One of the things I really appreciate about Chelsea is that when we

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# Council subcommittee discusses rule changes

By Adam Swift

City Council's rules and regulations subcommittee met last week to discuss several proposed rule changes aimed at improving civility and the level of discourse in the council chambers.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor proposed several additions to rules governing speaking among the councilors as well as the public speaking portion of the council meetings.

His first proposal adds language to rule number 8, which states how long and how many times a councilor can speak on a given topic. Taylor is seeking to add language stating that "no councilor shall use language that is profane or is used to offend or defame another councilor."

Furthermore, "if a councilor breaks this rule and there is subsequent objection, the offending councilor must apologize and have the comments taken down or the offending councilor will be prevented from speaking for the remainder of the meeting as much as possible."

Taylor also asks in the proposed change that the councilors refer to each other not by name, but as the councilor from a specific district or the councilor at large.

In addition, if a councilor does mention another councilor by name, Taylor proposed that the councilor who was mentioned by name would have an opportunity to respond, even if they have already spoken.

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown said he didn't necessarily see the need to add the language to the council rules, adding that it would only add to potential back and forth between councilors distracting from the issue at hand.

"This is taken from Robert's Rules of Orders,' said Taylor. "These are basic rules of decorum that are pretty much universal-

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# A Prestigious Position

Dwyer takes office as an assistant clerk magistrate at Chelsea District Court

By Cary Shuman

James Edward Dwyer took the position of Assistant Clerk Magistrate of Chelsea District Court during an impressive ceremony June 17 at the courthouse.

As a longtime employee in the Massachusetts legal system, "Jim" Dwyer – as he is known best by family and friends - understood the prestige of his new po-

"I humbly accept this esteemed honor. I want to thank Clerk Magistrate Kevin Murphy for

this great opportunity – to have him trust me to fulfill these duties, it's a great honor that he gave to me," said Dwyer. "This is a position of immense responsibility because you're making judgments that are going tonaffect people's lives. There's a fine balance of understanding that

More than 70 family members and friends attended the ceremony, including Jim's mother, Katherine Dwyer, his sis-

responsibility."

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Judge Mary Orfanello swears in assistant clerk magistrate James Dwyer.

# CBC Juneteenth celebration held at Washington Park

Special to the Record

You know you've held an excellent community event when people are still talking about two days lat-

the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Wednesday, President Paul Nowicki and Executive Director Jennifer Hassell both recognized Chelsea Black Community (CBC) President Joan Cromwell and her organization for the Juneteenth Celebration that was held June 20 at Washington Park.

Hassell told the gathering at the breakfast, "I would like to take a moment in honor of the inclusivity and what Chelsea means to me. I had the privilege of joining the



Front row, David Mindlin, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, and Maria Adam. Back row, Richelle Cromwell, John Martin, Darren Cromwell, and Juan Gallego.

CBC with their Juneteenth Celebration at Washington Park, and I just want to say, what a fabulous job

Joan Cromwell did!"

Cromwell and the CBC organized the community event that honored and celebrated the freedom of African-Americans.

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ter-in-law, Susan, and his nieces, Kattie and Kristie. His sister, Jackie, who like Jimmy is known for her sparkling wit and warm personality, was unable to attend due to an employment commitment.

"And my father [the late Robert Dwyer Sr.] my brother [the late Robert Dwyer Jr.], and my sister [the late Mary Dwyer] were here in spirit," said Jim, with a touch of emotion and family pride in his voice.

The installation ceremony was indeed a momentous moment in the life and career of Jim Dwyer, a personable and highly respected, lifelong resident who grew up on Highland Street and attended Shurtleff School and Chelsea High School, graduating in 1982.

Assistant Clerk Magistrate Edward O'Neil served as master of ceremonies for the program. Clerk Magistrate Kevin Murphy, Attorney Gene O'Flaherty, and Justice Matthew J. Machera were among the speakers congratulating Dwyer on his promotion to assistant clerk magistrate and lauding his past contributions in the court system.

Dwyer started his career in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office in 1986. He worked in the office for nine years before taking a position at Chelsea District Court where he supervised the docket room. In 2002, he became the head administrative assistant, taking care of budget finances and other key responsibilities. This past April, Dwyer was promoted to assistant clerk magistrate.

"This is probably the best job I've ever had in my life," said Dwyer.

He thanked some of his colleagues for their guidance and mentorship.

"I work with some great, great people," said Jim. "Eddie O'Neil was my mentor. He's a great teacher. Bobby O'Leary was the first assistant clerk here for a lot of years. I'd match Bobby up with any lawyer - he was that knowledgeable about the law. Harry Landry. Bobby Sullivan. They cared about people, and they always tried to help people, and I want to be like them. Bruce Glazer was the civil clerk here and he knew that job inside and out. Those are the type of outstanding individuals that I

got to work with over the years."

Jim Dwyer said he will maintain the same positive attitude in his new position and will make helping people a top priority. "I understand the prestige, but I'm still going to be Jim Dwyer. When I walk down the street, I just want people to say, 'Hi, how are you doing?' "I'll always be Jim Dwyer."

And that's just how people in Chelsea want to acknowledge and appreciate one of its favorite sons and most popular residents.



**Court His Honor Matthew** Machera spoke on the appointment of James Dwyer to Asst. Clerk of Courts.



Assistant clerk magistrate James Dwyer, Catherine Dwyer, Clerk Magistrate of Courts Kevin Murphy, Judge Mary Orfanello and Ed O'Neil.



State Senator Sal DiDomenico dropped by to congratulate his friend James Dwyer on his appointment, shown with Clerk Magistrate Kevin Murphy.



Former State Representative Atty. Eugene O'Flaherty addressed the assembly in Court Room 3, recalling his friend Jimmy Dwyer.



Assistant clerk magistrate Jimmy Dwyer presented his mom, Catherine flowers following the ceremony.

# CHS HOSTS FIRST FUNCTIONAL ACADEMICS AND SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS SCIENCE FAIR

Inclusion Instructional Coach at Chelsea High School (CHS) Angela Raimo approached her colleagues in February with an idea. A Science Fair for the Functional Academics and Social Communications students at CHS.

This concept had never been attempted before, but the special education teachers and paraprofessionals were on board to provide this learning opportunity for their students. The end result was a spectacular in-person Science Fair for the students to discuss their work, present their findings, and showcase the scientific process that led

to their discoveries. The fair was a final destination for students that included many stops along the road map to the big day, which occurred on May 23. Once the staff prepared materials to share with students, a months-long process began. Students created 25 different projects. A variety of project types were selected among Biology, Physics, Engineering, or Chemistry. Examples included coding, bridge building, the physics of bouncing balls, and many

others.

fair.

Students began with model drawing and writing predictions for what experiment they were conducting. After model drawing and writing predictions, students conducted research related to their topic and identified goals that they would like to achieve through their experiments. These steps led up to the April Vacation, and upon their return to school, students began the hands-on work including the experiments and designing their posters for the presentations at the

"It was really rewarding and confirming. I knew the students could do this. It was validating, all of the students' hard work," commented Ms.

Raimo. The students complet-

ed work that they had

not done prior to this academic year, and learned valuable lessons through their scientific work. The process of trial-and-error showed students what scientists go through professionally, and the teachers worked with students on how to self-reflect about how to do their experiments differently to achieve different results.

There was also a focus on connecting the work to "Life Skills" such as public speaking, how to not give up during the challenges of life, gaining self-confidence through this work and more. Students were also inspired by examples of scientists with disabilities as shown to them in class by their teachers.

In late May, the Science Fair arrived with tremendous fanfare. Each student prepared to discuss their findings and process as well as answer any questions that attendees had for them.

Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, Assistant Superintendent and Acting Chelsea High School Principal Michael Lovato, and other CPS leaders participated, as did many of their CHS classmates.

All students received a certificate of achievement for participating in the 2022 science fair. Their confidence and academic growth was evident throughout the process, and especially clear as they cheered for all their peers when they were awarded certificates.



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Students Receiving their Certificates.



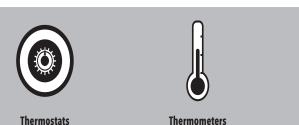
Students and Staffing Cheering at Science Fair.

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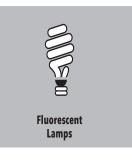
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### EL KIOSCO STEAK HOUSE AND SEAFOOD OPENS ON BROADWAY IN CHELSEA

Last week the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce welcomed its newest business to Chelsea. El Kiosco located at 212 Broadway Chelsea is now officially open and ready to serve its customers the finest in steaks and the freshest seafoods. Owned and operated by the Giraldo family a well-known name in the restaurant and bar industry, El Kiosco will be open from 4pm - 11pm six days a week, closed on Mondays. Further information can be found on kioscochelsea.com.



Council President Roy Avellaneda joins Jose Giraldo and Johanna Lemos at the opening of El Kiosco on Broadway.



Members of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, join City Manager Tom Ambrosino, City Council President Roy Avellaneda and Councilwoman Judith Garcia at the ribbon cutting at 212 Broadway, El Kiosco Steak House and Sea Food Restaurant, owned and operated by the Giraldo family.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino at El Kiosco during the official ribbon cutting at 212 Broadway, shown with owners Jose Giraldo and Johanna Giraldo Lemos.



Jose Giraldo and Johanna Giraldo Lemos welcome you to their newest location on 212 Broadway, Chelsea.





Owner Johana Giraldo Lemos with her children, Lohanny and Luanna.

# **COVID-19 Update**

Starting on June 25, children ages six months to 4 years old can receive a COVID-19 vaccine at Chelsea Senior Center (10 Riley Way, behind the Fire Sta-

Walk-ups only.

Saturdays and Sundays: 10:00 am -5:00 pm.

Read more about the COVID-19 Pediatric Vaccine at https://www.mass.gov/.../ covid-19-vaccinations-for...

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do the new hires, we have a student representatives. One of the students on my hiring committee, he just floored me; I was amazed by him and he was a ninth grader.

"It was because of him and the opportunity to work for (Superintendent of Schools) Dr. (Almi) Abeyta I said this is the type of service that I want, even though there was a pandemic, I was willing to take this risk and to move

Jennings said that when he first came to Chelsea in October of 2020 that he would have to suspend any assumptions or beliefs he had about the district and the city. "What was so special

coming in was that Dr. Abeyta gave me two-anda-half months to spend on a listening and learning

get an insight into what they knew Chelsea to be, and that informed my work." One of the challenges

the school district fac-

tour," said Jennings. "I was able to walk the community and interview over 100 people in the school district, city government, students, and families to

es, and that Jennings and school leaders and staff have been working to address, is that Chelsea is a majority Latinx school system with a majority of white teachers.

"We have great educators in our school district who have been doing the work for many years," said Jennings. "But there is a challenge sometimes with students who don't see themselves, and there is some miscommunication as far as understanding."

In the work Jennings and the district have done so far and will continue to do, he said there is one overarching principle. "We want to ensure

that our school district, through people, practices, and policies, is more equitable and inclusive," said Jennings. "Our mission is to welcome and educate

Jennings said the district can look to achieve that goal through its curriculum and through its practices. During the most

recent school year, school leaders and staff received

direct, hands-on equity and diversity training.

more than a single year of training, Jennings added.

"This process of uncovering, this process of correcting, this process of really understanding your own biases is really going to take more than one year," he said. "Part of what we are doing is that we are laying the plan out for professional development, we are laying the plan out for authentic engagement." In the schools with the

students, some of this work can be seen in the recent establishment of the Black Students United and the Latinx Students United groups. "In January, our Black

students said they felt marginalized and overlooked because we are in a majority Latinx community, and me hearing that, that's the birth of the Black Students United meeting," said Jennings. "They are engaged, and they want to do more, and I am happy to do more with them, and the same is true for the Latinx students and Latinx Students Unite. We want all our students to know that we see

you, we hear you, and we

love you, and we want to

But the process is about respect your personhood."



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### WILLIAM L. "BILLY" MOORE

Chelsea lost one of its all-time best this past past week with the passing of William L. "Billy" Moore.

Everyone who grew up in Chelsea from the 1940s through the '80s knew the Moore family.

Bill was an all-scholastic football player at Chelsea High, where he was a member of the CHS Class of 1947, and served as a detective in the Chelsea police department until his retirement.

Both Bill and his late wife, Nancy, served on the Chelsea School Committee through the 1960s and '70s, and were known for their straightforward (some might say blunt!) and honest dedication to the children of the Moreover, every Chelsea resident of the Baby Boom

generation of that era personally knew at least one of their 10 children, and likewise came to know both Bill and Nancy, who operated the Richdale's convenience store for many years at the corner of Highland St. and Central Ave.

The Moores eventually found their way to Alton Bay, N.H., where they had a large farm with cattle, chickens, and pigs, at which they welcomed their many friends from Chelsea.

They also operated a restaurant, Mama Rina's, (which was named after Nancy's mother), which became the equivalent of a pilgrimage stop on the way to the New Hampshire Lakes and White Mountain region for those of us traveling north. (Our favorite dish on the menu was A Tour of Italy -- Nancy's homemade lasagna, chicken parmesan, and eggplant parm -- it was huge. We always planned on bringing some back to our place for leftovers, but it was so delicious, we always

Bill Moore was just a great guy who served our city well in many capacities.

We know we join with all of our fellow Chelsea residents in offering our condolences to the Moore family upon the passing of their patriarch.

May he rest in peace.

## AMERICA IS IN A MAELSTROM WITH NO WAY OUT

America and the world are in a bad place, with no

Although the worst of the coronavirus is behind us, the unprecedented economic after-effects of the pandemic continue to afflict every aspect of our lives.

The Great Resignation has disrupted supply chains for goods of all kinds and made air travel, which formerly used to be a pleasure, a fraught experience, with thousands of flights cancelled every week because of a shortage of pilots and crew.

All of us are griping about the high cost of energy, but with oil refining capacity at an all-time low relative to demand, it is all but certain that gasoline prices will remain at record levels for the foreseeable future.

Electric cars are still a long way off from becoming practical for most Americans for a host of reasons.

The war in Ukraine, the largest in the world since WWII, is exacerbating shortages of commodities of all kinds, especially food.

Avian flu, the worst on record, continues to devastate both domesticated and wild bird populations.

Our health care system, which proved so inadequate during the pandemic, is completely incapable of handling the coming influx of aging Baby Boomers -- just visit any ER, anywhere and everywhere.

Our public educational system not only has fallen far behind because of the pandemic, but the looming teacher shortage means that catching up will be all but impossible.

Drug overdose deaths are at their highest rate ever, with no solution in sight.

Mass shootings are a routine occurrence with [p;iticians too-cowed by the gun lobby to take even the simplest, most common-sense action.

Climate change continues unchecked and unabated. Life on the planet as we know it never will be the same.

And last but not least, it is apparent that a large percentage of Americans are committed to overthrowing our democracy. What happened on 1/6 is just a prelude to what is to come in the 2022 and 2024 elections.

Yes, the present is tough going -- but the future is even bleaker.



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# Forum

# Fran Rowan Meridian House to celebrate 50th Anniversary next Tuesday

By John Lynds

In January 1972 a small article appeared in the East **Boston Community News** inviting the community to a 'housing warming' hosted by the staff of a new halfway-house that had opened three months prior on Meridian Street.

It was the first article introducing the community to the Meridian House. There was some debate at the time whether or not a halfway-house that helps people struggling with substance abuse was the right fit for the community. After all, a program like the Meridian House was a foriegn concept in 1972 and some living in the area were weary of living next door to drug addicts trying to get sober.

However, the Meridian House's Director at the time, Buster Genualdo, said in the article the "need" for the Meridian House in Eastie was "great"--as many struggled with substance abuse issues and had nowhere else to turn.

Genualdo wanted the house warming to stimulate community support for the Meridian House and give residents an opportunity to see the magic that was happening within its walls.

Now, 50 years later the Meridian House has become an Eastie and regional institution and one of the most respected residential treatment programs in the state.

On Tuesday, June 28 at 5 p.m. at the Cottage Park Yacht Club the Meridian House staff, as well as past and current residents, supporters and special guests, will celebrate 50 years as the first and oldest residential addiction treatment program in Bos-

"It's going to be a great event," said Meridian House's current Director, Audrey Clairmont. "We're going to be honoring a few people. We're going to be honoring a staff member who has been with the



The Meridian House will celebrate its 50th Anniversary next Tuesday at the Cottage Park Yacht Club.

Meridian House for over 17 years as well as airing a 50th anniversary video. There will be a couple of alumni speakers that will talk about how the Meridian House changed their life as well as Rep. Adrian Madaro, Chair of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, who will talk about the impact the Meridian House has had in the community."

Clairmont said the Meridian House will use the event to launch the inaugural John Neaney Award.

"We will be presenting the first John Neaney award to John and he will be honored at the event," said Clairmont. "John is 36 years in recovery and was a resident of the Meridian House from 1985 to 1986. Since he graduated from the program he has been a consistent support for the Meridian House and its residents. Every year on his anniversary of getting sober he brings residents pizza and tells his story. John has really been a huge asset to the house for the last 36 years. So the first award in his name will be ceremonial and after he receives the award this year we plan on making it an annual award going forward."

Over the course of the

past five decades, Meridian House, working through North Suffolk Mental Health Association, has helped hundreds and hundreds of people find their way to recovery since its inception in the fall of 1971.

A few years ago Help. org, a trusted online resource for individuals who struggle with addiction, named the Meridian House one of the best treatment facilities around.

During the pandemic, many struggling with substance abuse and recovery were isolated from support services and in-person peer to peer meetings. The pandemic has had disastrous consequences on the recovery community.

Recent state reports showing 2021 was one of the worst years for addiction and overdoses, so Clairmont said it is more important than ever to celebrate the Meridian House's work, and the work of similar treatment facilities.

"I think this would have been an important event at any time but given the pandemic that really set us back, not only here at the Meridian House, but the recovery community in general it definitely seems

more poignant than ever," said Clairmont. "This is our first major event since the pandemic and this work is so much about being connected, building support, being involved in the community and building that foundation. The nature of COVID just took that away from us and so many people. The ability to attend meetings, the fear of entering a residential treatment program because of the virus, treatment programs shutting down all had an impact. While remote meetings did help, I think if you ask people who are seeking treatment services, it's not quite the same as sitting in a room with people. That human interaction, that human touch that is so important was missing."

Clairmont added that the Meridian House and its residents in treatment have always been about the community.

"For 50 years we have been ingrained in the community, attending community events, supporting those events, partnering with event organizers and hosting our own events," said Clairmont. "We are excited to really be getting back to those partnerships and this event will highlight the good we are doing post-pandemic. This is the first opportunity we'll have to really do that in two years so we're all really, really excited for it. It's nice to just be able to gather and celebrate something positive in the recovery community. Meridian House is just such an institution in the community. If you've ever been to Meridian House or worked there or worked closely with us then you've heard people use the phrase "Meridian Magic". It's something that you can't really explain. I've overseen a lot of programs but the Meridian House is really unique in a lot of ways. There's just something

# MBTA Blue Line service changes another headache for commuters

By John Lynds

At every meeting leading up to the Sumner Tunnel restoration project that began earlier this month, MassDOT officials promised they were coordinating with the MBTA to ensure public transit options and that the T was committed to uninterrupted Blue Line service.

At a time when elected officials have been demanding increased Blue Line service during the Sumner Tunnel project the MBTA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) dropped a bombshell last week. Last Thursday, the

MBTA announced weekday subway service changes that took effect Monday on the Blue Line as well as the Red and Orange Lines.

MBTA officials said these changes are the result of staffing challenges among the ranks of subway dispatchers in the

MBTA's Operations Con-

trol Center. With a limited

number of dispatchers, the service changes will allow the MBTA to schedule dispatchers in compliance with new FTA directives after an investigation into a recent spate of derailments, crashes and railroad crossing accidents.

On Monday, Blue Line weekday trains began operating every seven minutes until 9 a.m. and every eight to nine minutes for the rest of the day. Blue Line weekday summer service is typically five minutes between trains during morning and evening peak periods, every nine to 10 minutes between trains in the midday mornings, and every five to six minutes between trains in the mid-

day afternoons. The MBTA said the Blue Line volume was about 44% below pre-

Covid ridership levels according to data collected last week. In a statement last week the MBTA said it is ex-

ploring multiple options

to add capacity at the

Control Center, including an aggressive recruitment campaign, offering bonuses, and potentially hiring back former dispatchers.

"If dispatch capacity permits, there may be days when the MBTA can increase the number of trains in service," said the statement. "And as soon as sufficient dispatch capacity exists, the MBTA

will revert to its previous level of service."

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here."

There is one exception to the revised summer schedule. In the afternoon and evening of Monday, July 4, the MBTA will provide regular weekday service in order to accommodate people attending Independence Day festivities.

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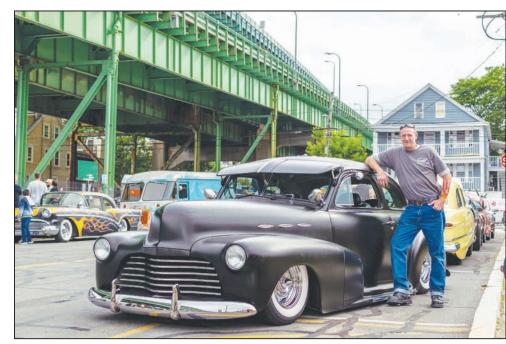
Over 50 modified vehicles were on display beneath the Tobin Bridge during Cruising Chelsea on June 18. Curious onlookers peered into passenger side windows to marvel at the detailed interiors that featured a furry pair of dice hanging from a rear view mirror, a hot pink, shaggy ceiling carpet, and a chain steering wheel. Crowds cheered when hydraulic cars hopped, and enjoyed the music of Joe Resnek, Diablo Gato, LT Pon D'Riddim and Sounds of Fabe, and DJ Basi. David Bachelder, of Wakefield, won "Best Looking Car" for his matte black 1948 Chevy.



Julio Lopez pacing his car club plaque, "Made You Look," onto his 2009 Genesis.



Mimi Graney, Chelsea's Civic Design and Engagement Strategist, and Bruce Williams.



David "Sea Ray Dave" Bachelder, winner of the "Best Looking Car" award, with his 1948 Chevy.



Max Corona and F.F. Danny, of the Chelsea Fire Department.



Andrew Suy, Nicholas Martinez, Steven Robles, Nathian Rivera, and Nicholas C.



Vicky Rosa, David Chirinos, Andrew Suy, Acel Chirinos, Nicholas C., and Denisse Viera.

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ly recognized."

As for letting councilors respond when their names are mentioned, Taylor said it is a matter of fairness and adherence to the rules.

During the meeting, several councilors brought up an executive session meeting that was held last term to address issues of decorum in the council chambers.

"The reason we had that meeting was because a lot of the rules were being violated and we stated there needed to be some responthat we needed to change the rules," said Brown.

Brown added that he wanted Taylor to produce a copy of the language from Robert's Rules of Order that Taylor said he used for the addition to the council rule.

Taylor said the request

"I am proposing a change, so nobody needs to have a copy," said Taylor. "If you want to get Robert's Rules of Order and look it up, you can ... or any of the other parliamentarian books out there, or look at the U.S. House

of Representatives or othproposals to silence the er deliberative bodies. A public is unconstitutionnumber of these are readal," said Brown. ily accessible on the inter-Avellaneda said he net." agreed with some of what

additional rule An change proposal by Taylor governing public speaking generated a healthy amount of debate by the subcommittee members and Council President Roy Avellaneda.

Taylor asked that new language be added stating that "no person shall use language that is profane, insulting, or threatens viduring public speaking."

If any councilor objects to any such comments in violation of the rule, Taylor proposed that the speaker must retract the comments or lose the right to publicly comment for that meeting.

"This is going in the same vein as the previous addition, we are trying to bring a basic level of decorum to this chamber," said Taylor. "These are basic rules that almost every deliberative body has as far as public speaking goes. It's not a very high bar."

District 5 Councilor Judith Garcia, the chair of the rules and regulations subcommittee, said she was concerned the rule changes would limit public speaking and about who would police the comments made by the public.

"It's giving way too much power to the council to allow public comment to be in their favor," said Garcia. "I think public speakers should be able to say whatever they want because it is their first amendment right."

public Garcia said speaking gives citizens an opportunity to hold the council accountable and that she would not want to put limits on public speaking.

Brown agreed.

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was irrelevant.

Avellaneda said he agreed with adding language that prevents some-

Taylor was proposing.

"We should have a

sense of decorum," said

Avellaneda, adding that

residents should also have

the opportunity to criticize

the council.

one from using profanity, defamatory language, or racist comments during public speaking.

However, he said he did have concerns about policing what language would be considered slanderous or libelous.

"I'm a Libertarian, so I take civil liberties very seriously, especially free speech, because I think that free speech has been under assault recently,' said Taylor. "That being said, the councilor mentioned that this is unconstitutional, it is not unconstitutional. There are limits to free speech and there has clearly been a precedent by the Supreme Court for years and years."

As for defamatory and slanderous language, Taylor said it would be up to the council as a whole to decide that.

"(If) somebody gets up and says something that's blatantly untrue and meant to hurt somebody and meant with malice, that should not be allowed," said Taylor. "I don't care about prattling on about free speech rights, there slander laws and there are libel laws. This is where the government has restricted speech, and rightly so. "For this body to bring

up free speech issues, this is the furthest thing from restricting free speech, this is restricting inflammatory speech."

The proposed council rule changes will be brought before the full council at a future meet-

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The Neighborhood

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There was live entertainment, free food, games, and community-building activities.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, and Councillors Leo Robinson and Calvin Brown led a large delegation of city leaders that attended the event.

Congresswoman Ayana Pressley and State Sen Sonia Chang Diaz also attended the celebration.



Chelsea High friends Joan Cromwell and Scotty Leonard.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell and District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown.



Chelsea Police Officers Joanne O'Brien, Rich Bellomo, and Tim Broman served free ice cream treats to Richelle Cromwell and her granddaughter, Londyn Elgart, and other guests at the Juneteenth Celebration.



Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot, State Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, candidate for governor, her daughter, Mila Chang-Diaz, Maria Belen Power, and her daughter, Maya.



Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera, and Equity, Diversity, and Excellence Officer Dr. Aaron Jennings.



Former Chelsea High Principal Joseph Mullaney, Maria Schneiderman Cheevers, Darren Cromwell, and Michael



Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes and Officers Garrison Daniel, David Batchelor Jr., and Carlos Del Compare showcase a police vehicle to the delight of a young guest at the Juneteenth Celebration.



The Chelsea Senior Center Table, Program Coordinator Michael De Jesus (front), and Director Tracy Nowicki, John Paul Nowicki, and Paul Nowicki.



Mass. Competitive Partnership President and CEO Jay Ash, Candidate for Attorney General Andrea Campbell, Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden, and District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown.



Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino greets Reading Town Manager Fidel Maltez, his wife, Maria Belen Power, and their daughters, Ana Victoria and Maya, at the CBC



Anthony Agostini, Lewis Latimer Society Co-Director Ron Robinson, and Chelsea schoolteacher Brittany Hickson.



Chelsea Schools Equity Diversity, and Excellence Officer, Dr. Aaron Jennings., Deborah Washington, Michael Fields, and Darren Cromwell.



CBC President Joan Cromwell and members are pictured at one of the food tables at the Juneteenth celebration.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino, Candidate for Attorney General Andrea Campbell, and former City Manager Jay Ash.



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### TEMPLE EMMANUEL CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE ARTS DAY



Dr. Hinda Sterling, Herb Selesnick, and Marianne Ramos.

Temple Emmanuel held a Cultural Diversity In The Arts event June 18 in the Temple Courtyard. The program was supported in part from a grant from the Chelsea Cultural Council.



Cindy Millman, Herb Selesnick, and Stacey Perlman.



Marianne Ramos and Herb Selesnick, with special guests at the Temple Emmanuel event celebrating cultural diversity in the arts.



Guests at the Temple Emmanuel event were treated to musical selections by this talented trio.



Rabbi Oksana Chapman and Carol Brown welcomes guests to the event at Temple Emmanuel including Devra Zabot and Lisa Santagate.

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### FIRST ANNUAL CHELSEA BIKE RODEO

The Chelsea Biking and Pedestrian Committee, the Chelsea Public Library, Chelsea Recreation, and the Chelsea Police De-

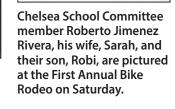
Sarah Neville and her son, Robi, enjoy an art activity at the

First Annual Bike Rodeo.

partment held their First joyed by bicyclists, ages Annual Bike Rodeo Saturday at the Mary C. Burke Complex. joyed by bicyclists, ages 6-11, and it celebrated safe biking in Chelsea.

The program was en-







Johnny Rordriguez and Yasmin Rodriguez, with the children, Mateo Rodriguez and Adrian Rodriguez, who learned how to ride her bike without training wheels Saturday.



Chelsea bicyclists and community leaders are pictured at the First Annual Bike Rodeo June 18 at the Mary C. Burke School Complex.





From left, Marcos Jadiel Reyes, Leonor Mono, Laura Gray, and Sonya Lenore Reyes, pictured at the Chelsea Bike Rodeo.



From left, Laura Gray, Sarah Neville and son, Robi, Nick Jackson, CPL Librarian Sarah Gay Jackson, Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs Bea Cravatta, Peter Pearlmutter, and Alex Christmas.

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# **OBITUARIES**

## Sandra Ramirez

July 14, 1964 – January 7, 2022

CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND COMMIT-TAL SERVICE:

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend a Celebration of Life and Service of Remembrance on Saturday, June 25th in the Welsh Funeral Home, Broadway, Chelsea from 9 to 11 a.m. for Sandra Y. Ramirez who passed away unexpectedly at the Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett on Friday, January 7. She was 57 years of age.

Born in Laredo Texas she was a beloved daughter of the late Adolfo S. "Fito" and Berta C. (Cadena) Ramirez.

Sandra came to Chelsea with her family many years ago and was a resident of Chelsea for most of her life. She attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School. She also attended the Butera School of Art in Boston. For the past 23 years, Sandra worked at Dana Farber specializing as a grant management specialist.

In her lifetime, Sandra always enjoyed watching various crime shows and was a passionate animal She always expressed her concerns for all sorts of environmental issues and her love of na-

She is best remembered for her fun-loving boisterous personality. She was always a joy to encounter by all who knew her. Her sympathetic nature was exemplified by her deep concern for the needs of



others.

She was most fond of her Mexican American Heritage, sharing the many family traditions cooking with countless spices, all passed down to her by her beloved mother. She could always be depended on to bake holiday platters of goodies for family and friends, especially her Apple Walnut Cake.

She will be the forever loved sister of Leticia Ramirez, Adolfo S. Ramirez Jr., and Raquel Ramirez, all of Chelsea. She was the loving niece of Maria Estelle Garcia and is also survived by her many cousins, extended family members and friends.

Should friends desire, contributions in Sandra's memory may be made to: Alzheimer's Association Massachusetts Chapter 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 www.Alz. org/donate, The American Lung Assoc. of Massachusetts, 480 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA 02451 https://action.lung. org/site/Donation or any charity for the benefit of

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# Rosa Odila Anezquita

April 16, 1975 – June 11, 2022

At 47 years of age, Rosa Odila Anezquita passed away on Saturday June 11 while at the CHA Everett Hospital.

Born and raised in Boston, she was a beloved daughter of Aixa Amezquita and the late Israel Sanchez, and stepdaughter of Daniel Rivera. Rosa grew up in Dorchester and graduated from West Roxbury High School.

She was a resident of Chelsea for the past 26 years. A devoted homemaker and mother, she raised two children and welcomed a granddaughter into her life. Rosa worked for 15 years at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston in the Rehabilitation Dept as a supervisor.

In her lifetime, Rosa was mostly devoted to home and family and enjoyed following all Boston Sports teams, She also loved music, dance, cooking, dining, traveling and

She is lovingly survived by her children, Thomas Reyes-Amezquita and Nina Reyes. She was the loving daughter and stepdaughter of Aixa Amezquita and Daniel Rivera of Chelsea and the loving daughter and stepdaughter of Aixa Amezquita and Daniel Rivera of Chelsea and the



sister of Ray Amezquita, Julie Rivera, Daniel Santiago and Anissa Santiago-Amezquita and cherished grandmother of Nia Reyes. She is also survived by her grandmother, Matilda Amezquita, beloved aunts: Iris, Carmen and Diana, beloved uncles: Pedro, Rafael and Louis and also by Angelo, Louie and Jimmy. And Rosa also has an extended family in Thomas Reyes, father to Thomas Jr. and Nina, Gina Reyes, Ridley Johnson, surrogates Mami Becca, Charlene Hunter and tribe.

Relatives and friends gathered to honor Rosa's life at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, Saturday morning, June 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. immediately followed by a prayer service in the Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Services concluded with Rosa being placed to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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# Arthur R. MacDonald

December 11, 1940 - November 24, 2021

Relatives and friends attended a Service of Remembrance with Military Honors and Inurnment at Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St., Everett on a.m. for Arthur R. Mac-Donald who passed away on Wednesday, November 24. He was 80 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, a beloved and Loving son of the late Frances M. (Bradley) MacDonald and the late Leo A. MacDonald, Sr. Arthur attended the Shurtleff elementary school and Chelsea High School. As a young man he enlisted in the US Air Force in 1957 and served during the Vietnam Era. He was honorably discharged in 1961 holding the rank of Airman Second Class.

A former resident of Chelsea and Dorchester, Arthur has been living in Boston's North End for the past 25 years. He worked for many years at

the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston as the manager of the banks printing de-

In his lifetime, he enjoyed playing tennis, trav-Wednesday, June 22 at 10 eling to Las Vegas and other destinations and always enjoyed his lively debates with friends and companions at Rocco's Cucina & Bar in the North End.

In addition to his parents, Arthur was also predeceased by siblings, the late Beverly Pappalardo, Leo A. MacDonald, Jr. and Robert McAleer and his former wife and friend, Helen Laima (Jakutis) MacDonald. He is lovingly survived by his sister, Maureen Harris and her husband, Michael of the North End, several nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

Should friends desire, contributions in Arthur's name may be made to a charity of their choice. To send expressions of

sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com.

## Baby Bonds Task Force announced State Treasurer Goldberg announced last week

a group of experts, leaders, and community members to spearhead the Baby Bonds Task Force. This Task Force is charged with providing the Treasurer, the Office of Economic Empowerment, and the Economic Empowerment Trust Fund with recommendations on creating a Baby Bonds initiative in Massachusetts. The Task Force will meet monthly and will provide their fi nal recommendations by November, ahead of the legislative filing deadline.

Baby Bonds is an initiative that provides government-supported trust funds for children. When account holders reach adulthood, they can access their funds and spend it on assets that can grow over time or generate wealth (e.g., higher education, buying a home, starting a business, etc.). Studies show Baby Bonds can help close the racial wealth gap.

The Task Force's diverse cross-sectoral group is filled with people who have expertise and lived experience in racial wealth equity, community engagement, child welfare, and asset-growth initiatives. The members personal experiences and professional backgrounds will help the Task Force design a Baby Bonds program that is feasible, impactful, lasting, and tailored specifically to Massachusetts. The Task Force will be chaired by former Massachusetts State Treasurer Shannon O'Brien. A full list of Task Force members can be found on our website, www.mass. gov/babybonds. "Baby Bonds has the

potential to narrow the racial wealth gap and provide our youngest generation with a foundation

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- sues, such as confusion, speech or hearing impairments, language prefer-
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for success in adulthood,' said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "Our task force members have multiple and diverse experiences in developing impactful programs that make a difference for Massachusetts residents of all backgrounds."

"As a former Massachusetts State Treasurer, I am so thrilled to work alongside Treasurer Goldberg to improve the lives of all children and set up our economy for contin ued success," said former State Treasurer and Baby Bonds Task Force Chair Shannon O'Brien. "Baby Bonds presents Massachusetts with an opportunity to close the racial wealth gap and create a bright future for all new-

born Bay Staters."

Several policy proposals on Baby Bonds have been introduced on the federal level, including Massachusetts Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley's American Opportunity Accounts Act, which would establish federally funded savings accounts for all children in the United States. Multiple cities and states are exploring or have launched these wealth-generating programs as well, including Washington, D.C. and Connecticut.

Treasurer Goldberg created the Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE) with the goal of increasing financial stability for everyone in Massachusetts. The office works to promote programs that serve women, families. high school students, Veterans, and seniors. Its initiatives focus on closing the race and gender wage gap, racial equity, increasing access to financial education, improving college affordability, and investing in STEM careers and education.

# Delia J. Connors June 26, 2017 - June 26, 2022



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### GREEN ROOTS SEVENTH ANNUAL EVENING ON THE CREEK

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

The environmental and social justice advocates, Green Roots, held its 7th Annual Evening on the Creek on June 17, featuring live music by Clave and Blues. For over two decades, the organization has fought for waterfront access and cleaner water; but now, like many East Boston and Chelsea residents, Green Roots is being displaced from its Marginal Street office, and will relocate to a temporary space. Green Roots has announced a capital campaign to raise funds for a new, permanent

home for its community. "This is a beautiful, yet bittersweet moment, because we are celebrating on the Chelsea Creek, the river that we have worked so hard to access over 25 years. When there is crisis, we come together," said Roseann Bongiovanni, Executive Director. "We wouldn't be successful without the amazing staff that we have. Our team is dedicated, passionate and makes sure that the community is always first."



Maria Belen Power, Associate Executive Director, welcoming guests.



Iliana Panameno, Community and Members **Engagement Specialist, and** Priyanka Rangadass, Development Coordinator



**Jody Leader and Paul** McLeon.



Fatema Ahmad, Liza Behrendt, and Janhavi Madabushi.



Sandro Figarol, Roseann Bongiovanni, Grace and Derek Muwina.



Stacy Amaral, Jazmany Reyes, Irma Mazzoni, and Stephanie Sanchez.



Senator Lydia Edwards presented Green Roots with a citation for years of environmental



Blues and Clave singer performing Cuban and Latin music.



Eco Healthy Neighborhood Study Team: Troy Arnold, Greandoll Olivia, Arianna Perdomo, Emily Wong, Rebecca Houston-Read, Patrice Williams, Vedette Gavin, and Darien Rodriguez.



Friends dancing to Cuban and Latin music.

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- Chelsea Public Works Department 380



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