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United Way awards \$150,000 to Chelsea community programs

Special to the Record

United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley today announced the distribution of over \$1.4 million in grants to after-school and out-of-school time (ASOST) programs across the region. The funding is part of a two-year grant awarded to the region's largest United Way and six other organizations by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The grants aim to help programs rebound following challenges encountered during the Covid-19 pandemic. Funding will be used for a variety of needs, such as workforce compensation, professional development, transportation, supplies and materials, mental health services, enrichment, and more. United Way will provide ongoing support, training, technical assistance, professional development, and fiscal management to ASOST programs. Funding supports strengthening quality of services and expanding access to enrichment opportunities, which will in turn improve educational and social emotional outcomes of youth.

"After-school and out-of-school time programs are more critical than ever as we recover from the pandemic's impact on learning and ensure students remain engaged in their education," said Bob Giannino, President and CEO at United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. "We're

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More than one million visitors expected for Sand Sculpting Festival in Revere this weekend

By Cary Shuman

More than one million people are expected to attend the International Sand Sculpting Festival this weekend (July 22-24) at Revere Beach.

Adrienne Sacco-Maguire, vice president of the Revere Beach Partnership (RBC) that hosts the event, said that 15 individual sculptors from across the globe will be competing for \$15,000 in total prize money. The theme of the event is "Wonders of the World."

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DIDOMENICO PROMOTING HIS HEALTHY YOUTH ACT BILL



Senator Sal DiDomenico (middle) speaking last week in support of his Healthy Youth Act Bill at a rally in front of the State House in Boston with other elected officials and activists. The Healthy Youth Act will ensure that children are taught sex education that is age appropriate and medically accurate. It will also include curriculum that will include consent, LGBTQ+ inclusive language and healthy relationships. DiDomenico's bill has passed the Senate four times over the last several sessions and is currently awaiting action in the House of Representatives.

Virtual forum hosts Democratic rep candidates

By Adam Swift

The three Democratic candidates for State Representative for the newly formed 11th Suffolk District, representing Chelsea and part of Everett, laid out the cases for their election at a virtual forum hosted by Our Revolution Massachusetts on Tuesday night.

City Councilors Judith Garcia and Leo Robinson and School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera are on the Sept. 6 primary ballot. The winner will face off against another Chelsea City Councilor, Republican Todd Taylor, in the Nov. 8 general election.

"I have dedicated my entire life to service and the community and I believe that this unique opportunity will allow me to give back to the place I love to call home," said Robinson. "Our next state representative needs to know the unique challenges facing the district and have the experience and relationships necessary to deliver the results we so desperately need."

Robinson pointed to writing the city's inclusionary zoning ordinance helping create affordable housing in the city and his role in the Central Avenue Project with the Chelsea Housing Authority as some of his biggest recent

Virtual forum hosts Democratic rep candidates

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Library Street condo development goes back to drawing board

By Adam Swift

It's back to the drawing board for a proposed condominium development at 51 Library St.

Property owner Pedro Florentino withdrew a proposal to knock down the existing garage and single-family home structures in order to build a three-floor, five-unit condominium development at last week's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

The project did garner the approval of the Planning Board, but the ZBA and the city's planning department deemed the project too large for a lot of under 5,000 square feet.

Florentino presented a slightly scaled back version of the project to the ZBA after concerns were raised about setbacks at a ZBA meeting in the spring.

According to the attorney representing the project, David Mindlin, the new plans pulled the upper floors in from the property lines to create more distance between it and neighboring properties.

A communal third-floor deck was also changed so that it would be used only by the third floor occupant.

"There are now four brick garages and one single-family that looks like a brick garage on the property," said Mindlin. "It's a real eyesore. There are some beautiful homes in the neighborhood and an apartment building down the street, and this project would greatly improve the neighborhood and rid it of an eyesore."

The proposal called for two two-bedroom units on the second floor, two two-bedrooms on the third floor, and a two-bedroom with an office and the roof deck on the top floor. The bottom floor would have had five covered parking spaces and an area for trash, with an additional three outside parking spaces.

But the size of the building seemed to be too much for the planning department and the ZBA members.

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On the right Path

Job-seekers looking to jumpstart their careers invited to union building trades information session at Suffolk Downs

Special to the Independent

Area residents interested in learning about life-changing career opportunities in the union building trades are encouraged to attend a free union job information session being held Tuesday, July 26, at Suffolk Downs.

The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, John Moriarty and Associates, The HYM Investment Group and the City of Revere will host their first construction industry-focused job information session to recruit and train the next generation of building trades workers. The event is free to all job-seekers and attendees will learn about the thousands of lucrative new construction jobs coming to the area throughout the 15 to 20 year build out of the Suffolk Downs. No prior construction experience is required to attend.

"The redevelopment of Suffolk Downs will employ thousands in the building trades with fair wages and the benefits they need to support their families," said Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo. "I am proud that Revere is party to the largest Project Labor Agreement in state history, and look forward to working to promote union membership in our neighborhoods."

"Suffolk Downs will only be successful if the people who build, live and work at Suffolk Downs and in the surrounding community are successful. We are thrilled that the redevelopment of Suffolk Downs will provide real

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Licensing Commission reaches compromise with Bar La Cueva on new closing hours

By Adam Swift

Bar La Cueva on Broadway will be able to stay open a little later, but the Licensing Commission wants to make sure the bar remains a good neighbor in the largely residential district near 802 Broadway.

Prior to the pandemic, the commission rolled back the bar’s closing hours to 11 p.m. due to some complaints and incidents.

Bar La Cueva remained closed during the first year and a half of the pandemic, and opened fulltime for business again in September of 2021.

Attorney Jeffrey Turco, representing the bar, said the owner was seeking a return to a 1 a.m. closing from Thursday to Sunday in an effort to improve business.

“Essentially, he is trying to run a business like this with the hours at 11 o’clock and he runs into a profitability gap,” said Turco.

Police Captain Keith Houghton noted that there have not been issues at the bar since the reopening, and added that the licensing commission has typically agreed to restore hours that have had hours rolled back if they have been in good standing for a period of time.

Houghton did state he believed the 1 a.m. closing on Sundays was too late, and preferred the closing time remain at 11 p.m. on Sundays.

City Council President Roy Avellaneda, speaking on behalf of some of the residents near the bar, said he was opposed to letting Bar LaCueva remain open to 1 a.m.

“Yes, it is on Broadway, but it is on a corner and you have Eleanor Street, which is completely residential, and Clark Avenue which is right there, and even Broadway in that area is primarily residential; it’s not a big commercial zone,” he said.

Eleanor Street resident Sarah Neville read a letter

from a neighbor opposing the later hours, and said there were many others in the neighborhood who were also concerned.

“I’ve talked to a lot of people about the bar, and there has immediately been a negative reaction,” she said.

Turco noted that the bar has been a good neighbor since reopening, and if the hours were extended and there were issues, it would be back before the licensing commission to have its hours rolled back again.

“He owns the building and has invested in the building, and since operating fulltime (after the pandemic) he has not had any complaints,” said Turco. “He is committed to make this work.”

The Licensing Commission agreed to extend the closing time to midnight Thursdays through Saturdays, and have the bar back before the commission in six months for a discussion of restoring the hours to 1 a.m. if there are no issues.

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ZBA Chair Janice Tarkata noted that the ZBA recently denied a special permit for a five-unit building on a 5,000-square-foot lot.

Permitting and Land Use Planning Director John DePriest said the planning department was opposed to the project.

“The planning department is not in favor of ap-

proval of five units at this site,” he said. “The site is only approved for one unit as it is, and asking for five is really overdevelopment of the site.”

Tatarka agreed that the plan looked too big for the lot.

“From my perspective, I would not feel comfortable voting on five units,” she said. “I would be will-

ing to look at two or three units, personally, but I think that is just a huge building.”

The ZBA approved Mindlin’s request for his client to withdraw the proposal without prejudice, allowing Florentino to come back before the ZBA with a redesigned and scaled back version of the proposal.

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economic opportunities and meaningful career opportunities to thousands of Revere and East Boston residents,” said HYM Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer Thomas N. O’Brien.

“We are grateful for our partnership with the Building Trades Union, HYM, and the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters to ensure that Suffolk Downs will be union-built and that an entire generation of workers in the area will experience family-sustaining career opportunities at a scale never seen before,” said John Moriarty of John Moriarty & Associates.

Agreement (PLA) for the construction of the Suffolk Downs Redevelopment. The agreement will ensure Suffolk Downs is union-built and creates 18,000 construction jobs, while designing and constructing more efficiently to allow housing to be built more affordably. As part of the agreement, HYM announced \$2 million in investments that will go towards building an employment pipeline to quality, union jobs, and to prepare local residents to join the future workforce at Suffolk Downs. The PLA also creates a new cost structure and a model that sets forth several equity and inclusion provisions that will bring more workers into the trades. This innovative approach will further increase the number of women and people of color who benefit from the career opportunities generated by the project while lowering the overall cost of residential construction.

It is through collective bargaining and the Labor-Management partnership that workers achieve the highest levels of training, safety, and economic security throughout their careers. www.MetroBTC.org

The HYM Investment Group is a premier development company that is leading the development of more than 20 million square feet of real estate throughout Greater Boston. The company creates mixed-use communities that strive to push the needle on sustainability, creativity and technology for a more productive and resilient future.

“The Project Labor Agreement (PLA) at Suffolk Downs will create family-sustaining careers for thousands of construction workers across every neighborhood of Boston and Revere for the next decade and beyond, illustrating the importance of shared economic prosperity through responsible development,” said Brian Doherty, General Agent and Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Boston Building Trades Unions. “We’re excited to partner with The HYM Investment Group and John Moriarty & Associates to make advancements in equity and inclusion as we recruit and train the next generation of construction workers.”

The HYM Investment Group, Building Trades Union, John Moriarty & Associates, and North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters announced in January of 2020 the signing of an unprecedented Project Labor

The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions represents 35,000 working families in the Metropolitan Boston region. The building trades unions advance social and economic justice by providing family-supporting wages, healthcare benefits, and dignified retirement benefits to workers and their families in the construction industry.

The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, an umbrella group of 20 local construction unions, in partnership with more than 3,300 union contractors, provides the highest standards for workers in the construction industry.

The team has an unparalleled knowledge of the development process that allows the company to bring complex projects to market through community input and support. Through experience, relationship building, and transparency with all stakeholders, HYM is able to deliver projects on-time and on budget in order to bring a material return for its investors.

With a team made up of 50% women and 30% people of color, HYM is committed to building projects that prioritize inclusion and embrace Greater Boston’s rich diversity. From projects like Suffolk Downs to Bulfinch Crossing, the team is leading the industry on creating some of the most thriving neighborhoods in the region. www.hyminvestments.com.

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pleased to be able to support our community partners with funding for their programs this past school year and this coming summer, allowing youth throughout our region to access high-quality, supportive learning environments beyond the school day.”

United Way administered grants to ASOST programs serving students in Kindergarten through grade 12, particularly agencies with a demonstrated history of providing comprehensive youth programming with a racial and trauma-informed lens, to ensure organizations align with United Way’s mission and values.

Programs are culturally responsive, antiracist, advance equitable outcomes, and promote social emotional skills like critical thinking, self-management, social awareness, relationship building, communication, teamwork, organizational skills, perseverance, and enrichment opportunities. Agencies receiving the funding serve children and families in the communities of Beverly, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Framingham, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Peabody, Quincy, Randolph, Revere, Salem, Somerville, Westwood, Weymouth, and Winthrop.

“The support from United Way has allowed

us to serve more children in the communities that we serve. Without this funding, many children would not be able to access high-quality, financially accessible programming for the summer,” said Dr. Jennifer Curtis, Executive Director of South Shore Stars. “Our collaboration with United Way has allowed us to impact children and families while ensuring programming that provides resources to meet the social and emotional needs of the whole child as well as needs of their family. South Shore Stars is beyond grateful for this collaboration!”

“The pandemic knocked our immigrant community off its feet - quickly and devastatingly. Our young people are so resilient, but still, they are among the most impacted by COVID-19 shutdowns, economic impacts creating food and housing insecurity, and illness and death among loved ones from the virus,” said Gladys Vega, Executive Director of La Colaborativa in Chelsea. “We have committed to keeping our young people engaged in positive learning and community building throughout the pandemic and we are grateful to have new resources available now through ASOST-R grants to bolster mental health supports and program quality.”

Organizations awarded grants include: Agassiz Village, Beverly Children’s Learning Center, Breakthrough Greater Boston, Cambridge Camping Association, Camp Fire North Shore, Inc., Communities Together, Inc., Community Action for Safe Alternatives (CASA), East End House, For Kids Only Afterschool, Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, Girls Incorporated of Lynn, Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Gregg Neighborhood House, Hoops and Homework, Just Right Child Care, La Colaborativa, Lowell Art Association, Lowell Community Health Center, Mill City Grows, Mystic Learning Center, Inc., New American Association of Massachusetts, Quincy After School Child Care, Inc., Raw Art Works, and South Shore Stars.

United Way is the largest private funder of OST programs in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, providing unrestricted and programmatic grants to over 100 organizations annually. Through its investment in OST programs and initiatives, United Way has prioritized holistic youth development programs serving historically marginalized students.




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REVERE BEACH SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL IS THIS WEEKEND

One of the premier events (if not THE premier event) of the summer season in the Metropolitan Boston area will take place this coming weekend with the 18th annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival from July 22-24.

The theme for this year’s festival is “Wonders of the World” and will feature an event centerpiece depicting the world’s most famous landmarks.

As always, the festival will be highlighted by a competition among 15 master sand sculptors from across the country and the world -- this year’s competitors will come from as far away as Poland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Japan, and Hawaii -- who will vie for the 2022 title and prizes. There are awards both from a panel of judges and the peoples’ choice, who will choose from a dazzling display of artistic creations that truly will amaze and transcend what one might think of as being possible with sand and water.

All three days will feature live musical entertainment, food trucks, specialty food vendors (as well as Revere’s Beach’s own iconic establishments!), exhibitors, and amusement rides that will provide fun for the entire family starting at 10:00 a.m. each day.

A spectacular fireworks display will be the climactic event of Saturday evening’s festivities at 9:00 p.m.

It is estimated that with the good weather that is being predicted for the weekend (as we are writing this, sunny and hot is the forecast for all three days), up to one million visitors will journey to Revere Beach to partake of this truly unique event.

Needless to say, the best means for getting to the festival will be via the MBTA. The Blue Line will bring festival-goers to the Revere Beach and Wonderland stops, which are just a short walk (literally a few minutes) to the sands of Revere Beach itself. In addition, free parking and shuttle service to the T will be available at Suffolk Downs.

As always, the Sand Sculpting Festival, which is spearheaded by the Revere Beach Partnership in cooperation with the City of Revere and the DCR, is free-of-charge.

We urge all of our readers to make the trek to Revere Beach, our nation’s first public beach, this weekend with their friends and family to partake in the fun of this unique event that will create memories that will last a lifetime.

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GUEST OP-ED

Supporting Jiménez-Rivera for State Rep 11th District

By Damali Vidot

Like so many of you, I have witnessed Chelsea through the good, the bad & the ugly. Yes, corruption, crime, drugs, receivership, bankruptcy & leaders who have put ‘self’ before ‘community’ have reared their ugly heads. But when we reflect on what it is that makes us the vibrant community we are- it’s none of those things. The spirit of Chelsea is one of resilience, lifting thy neighbor, celebrating our differences, welcoming newcomers from all over the world & a strong sense of pride for showing up for each other when it matters most.

In my time serving as an at-large City Council member, I’ve learned much about local governance, state representation, residents’ concerns & community needs. When I first jumped into politics in 2015- we had a very dormant campaign cycle and most people didn’t even know who their councilors were. I was proud to be part of the history we made in Chelsea by electing folks that represented the various sectors of our city & to increase the turnout of elections. In every campaign cycle held since 2015- we have seen more and more people becoming more civically engaged.

For too many years,



Damali Vidot and Roberto Jiménez Rivera.

those in power have maintained their status by keeping regular people like us- uninformed & uninvolved. Planes flying over our homes in the middle of the night; jet fuel soot left on our windowsills; underfunded schools; developments robbing us of our green space & a city so dense, we didn’t stand a chance against COVID. Through all of these active fights, we’ve yet to receive explanations for these inequities because quite frankly, folks in power don’t take 1000 municipal votes seriously enough to address those needs. You then add the fact that our city had to split representation between Charlestown & Revere and there lies the recipe for under-representation.

For too long, we’ve been overlooked, yet those

in power have only gotten richer, more powerful. With the new 11th Suffolk district we have an opportunity to elect a State Representative that will cover all of Chelsea and a small precinct in Everett. Meaning that for the first time we will have 1 State Representative that will serve as the liaison between our municipalities’ specific needs and the state house. This is an opportunity to elect someone that will put the needs of Chelsea first and foremost.

I am proud to endorse someone that has shown up for this community when it mattered and not when it was convenient. A husband and father that has organized locally, regionally and beyond to get legislation passed and has the receipts to prove it. An at-large School Com-

mittee member that has topped the ticket in each of his elections and is always accessible/ responsive to our families. An organizer that has stood beside me and supported me during some of our biggest challenges. A candidate that has received endorsements from labor, all (3) teachers’ unions, environmental, social workers and progressive organizations because the answer is clear to them and to me that Chelsea’s first independent seat should be held by someone who understands the wide array of challenges and opportunities we have to finally get the advocacy we deserve. I wholeheartedly endorse Roberto Jimenez-Rivera for Chelsea’s first State Representative seat because he has proven time and time and again that community reigns supreme over self-interest.

Join me in voting for Roberto Jimenez-Rivera for State Representative on Tuesday September 6th. (Second on the ballot)

If you want to hear more about why Roberto is the candidate we deserve- come hear from him directly on Saturday July 23rd at 11AM at the Chelsea Public Library.

Damali Vidot is a Councilor-at-Large in the City of Chelsea.

GUEST OP-ED

Tick Talk

Ticks are tiny pests that live in dark, thick vegetation, wooded areas, or places where the grass is not mowed. They latch onto people, pets and even clothing, and often evade detection due to their minuscule size.

To maximize a tick-unfriendly environment in your backyard, the following are suggested:

- Keep your lawn mowed, with no more than 2 inches of growth.
- Don’t place playsets/picnic tables closer than 3 feet from wooded areas. Create a 3-foot buffer zone between picnic table and play areas, consisting of gravel, mulch, and wood chips.
- Keep leaves raked and do regular weeding around trees and shrubs.
- Trim plants, shrubs, and bushes to allow more sunlight into the depths of the plant. Ticks don’t like dry, sunny areas.

- Make your yard tick-host hostile: ensure that mice and rodents do not have woodpiles or stone walls where they can set up housekeeping. Ticks love to attach to rodents.
- Move any bird feeders or bird baths as far from the house as possible. Birds are lovely to look at, but immature ticks hitch rides on them. Use binoculars to watch the birds from afar.

For more information, follow the links below: (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/tick-prevention>)

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By Marianne Dalton, RN

Today, we are going to talk about ticks: where they breed, what can be done to reduce the risk of harboring ticks on your property, tick-borne illnesses, personal protection for you and your pets against ticks, and how to properly remove a tick.

LETTERS to the Editor

I SUPPORT ROBERTO JIMÉNEZ RIVERA

To the Editor.

I would like to express my support for Roberto Jiménez Rivera for State Representative.

What occurred to me while thinking about this new position is that it is somewhat like having a ‘new country’ with all the possibilities for governing. We now have the chance for self-governance in a way we haven’t had before. This chance cannot be wasted.

I look to government to represent my values, to be my voice. These days it is a tricky business no doubt.

But I have no doubt that Roberto with his local and statewide connections, with his grounded vision and his energy will represent my values.

As a retired teacher and counselor, a parent and grandparent, I want a representative who understands how schools works at all levels, and what youth need to succeed and grow.

As an elder I want someone whose energy

surpasses mine in order to get the work done for the long term, someone who builds upon the hard work we’ve done in the past.

As a union member for more than a half a century I want someone with union values.

As a long-time volunteer at Chelsea Community Connections who sees the needs throughout our city, I want someone in the State House who speaks for us all, documented, undocumented, young and old, and of all racial and ethnic groups.

Because I believe in Roberto’s campaign, I gathered friends and neighbors to hear directly from him. Roberto listened to their stories and histories in a way that reflects his intelligence and genuine interest.

I believe that we need Roberto’s intelligence and energy now. We cannot waste this opportunity and for that reason I encourage people to vote for him on September 6th for the 11th Suffolk State Representative District.

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THEATER REVIEW

And Your Little Dog Too • Y Tu Perrito También

by Brooks Reeves

Samuel Regueros as Toto, Gabriela Medina-Toledo as Dorotea (Photo: Danielle Fauteux Jacques)

The Emerald City is in Chelsea Square this summer! Actor/Playwright Brooks Reeves has set the beloved classic, The Wizard of Oz, in present day Chelsea, where Dorotea and her little dog too must face the Wicked Witch and her Flying Monkey Army in order to protect her family and the place they call home. This comic adaptation will be staged in the streets, parks, and by the fountain. Audiences will move with and be creators of the action of this immersive production.

The evening begins at

6:00 with Live Music, Performances, and Craft Brews at the pop-up BearMoose Beer Garden on Winnisimmet Street by the Chelsea Theatre Works. Guests are encouraged to enjoy dinner via take-out or delivery from Chelsea’s exciting culinary delights. And Your Little Dog Too, performed in a bilingual adaptation (English/Spanish), begins on stage at the Beer Garden at 7:30. The production is designed to engage English speaking and Spanish speaking audiences alike.

The cast of 22 is helmed by recent Boston University BFA graduate Gabriela Medina-Toledo as Dorotea, with current BU BFA student Samuel Regueros as Toto. Apollinaire favorites Brooks Reeves (The

Importance of Being Earnest, The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart, etc.), Paola Ferrer (Don’t Eat the Mangos, Romeo and Juliet, etc.) and Ann Carpenter (The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart, The Visit, etc.) are joining the cast as Tio Henry, Tia Emilia, and Glinda. The production also features additional stand-outs from last summer’s Romeo and Juliet. Alan Kuang (Tybalt) is returning as Lion and Ethan Williams (Mercutio) as Scarecrow.

Gabriela Medina-Toledo (Dorotea) is a first generation Mexican American Actress with extensive experience onstage, in front of and behind the camera. She studied Acting at the University of Cincinnati College-Con-

servatory of Music and at Boston University, where she received a BFA in Theatre Arts focusing on Performance with a Minor in Arts and Leadership and Concentration in Film & TV. She has received multiple nominations for her performances. Some of her notable work: Juliet in William Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet, Lorena Bobbit in Elaina Pipes’s Lorena: A Tabloid Epic, Joan in Caryl Churchill’s Far Away, and principal roles in the short films “Me or You” and “Seed Cede.”

Actor/Playwright Brooks Reeves is best known to Boston audiences for his outstanding acting work, including 12 shows with Apollinaire: The Importance of Being Earnest (Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Ensemble), The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart (Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Ensemble), Romeo & Juliet, Midsummer Night’s Dream, Three Sisters, The Visit, Hamlet, Brilliant Adventures, Midsummer, From White Plains, Blood Wedding, and the Norton winning Stupid Fucking Bird. Brooks has worked with the Golddust Orphans (Legally Blind: The Helen Keller musical), with Bridge Rep (Julius Caesar, The Libertine), Stoneham Theater (Neville’s Island), Company One (An Octaroon, Shockheaded Peter), Central Square Theater (Arabian Nights), Zeitgeist Stage (Love! Valour! Compassion!, Bent, Boys



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Samuel Regueros as Toto, Gabriela Medina-Toledo as Dorotea.

in the Band), Hub Theatre of Boston, Brown Box, Happy Medium, and Bad Habit Productions. He made his Boston area directing debut at Apollinaire with Winter Solstice by Roland Schimmelfennig, and subsequently directed The Christians by Lucas Hnath in 2019 and Hir by Taylor Mac in February 2020. His play The City that Cried Wolf was produced in New York at 59E59 Theater.

Performances are FREE! (No pre-registration required)

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Pre-show begins at 6:00 • BearMoose Beer Garden opens at 6:00, and will also be opening following the show until 10:30.

Chelsea Square • in the park & street by the Chelsea Theatre Works, 189 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea

The production will move through the street and the park in front of the Chelsea Theatre Works. Audiences will be on their feet following and joining the action. Run-time is about 90 minutes.

MGC releases June 2022 Gross Gaming Revenue

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission reported that the month of June 2022 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor generated approximately \$93 million in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR).

PPC, a category 2



slots facility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that total taxed amount, 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund. MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor, category 1 resort-casinos, are taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are allocat-

ed to several specific state funds as determined by the gaming statute.

To date, the Commonwealth has collected approximately \$1.127 billion in total taxes and assessments from PPC, MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.



REVENUE REPORT

JUNE 2022		GROSS GAMING REVENUE		TAXES
MGM SPRINGFIELD SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	 TABLE	\$4,209,619.31	\$5,286,501.88	
	 SLOTS	\$16,936,388.21		
	TOTAL	\$21,146,007.52		
ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	 TABLE	\$28,589,032.87	\$15,014,328.90	
	 SLOTS	\$31,468,282.71		
	TOTAL	\$60,057,315.58		
PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO SUBJECT TO 49% TAXES	 SLOTS	\$11,967,439.63	\$5,864,045.42	
	TOTAL	\$11,967,439.63		
	TOTAL TAXES			\$26,164,876.20

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gov/service-details/tick-management-around-the-home)

(https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/in_the_yard.html).

I won’t attempt an exhaustive list of all the tick-borne illnesses. However, the black-legged (deer) tick carries Lyme disease. All the tick-borne illnesses have common symptoms: fever, headache, fatigue, muscle aches. Since all those symptoms can be linked to any number of ailments, it is best to see your healthcare provider. He or she can evaluate if the symptoms are tick related.

(<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/diseases-spread-by-ticks>).

How should one prepare to go outside during tick season? It’s not welcome news to hear “wear long sleeves and long pants” during summer weather. However, there are precautions (and compromises) one can make when venturing forth into the great outdoors:

- Wear light-colored clothing, on which ticks are more visible.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, with

white socks pulled up over the pants bottoms (bad for fashionistas, good for tick avoidance).

- Treat clothing with the chemical permethrin (EPA approved for tick repellent, on clothing only).
- For any repellent, always read product labels before applying, to ensure proper use and effectiveness.

When returning from your outside excursion, check your body for ticks. Check children and pets as well. Ticks gravitate to areas of the body that are warm and dark, such as in or around hair, belly buttons, ears, underarms, groins, waists, etc. Talk to your vet about tick prevention products for your pet.

(<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/index.html>).

If you follow all the above instructions, and you find a tick with its jaws attached to your flesh anyway, don’t panic. There are a few things to remember when removing a tick.

Don’t coat it with petroleum jelly or touch a recently blown-out match head to its body. Ticks have delicate nervous sys-

tems, and when stressed by suffocation from Vaseline or barbecue by match-head, the critters react by regurgitating their saliva into your bloodstream. This is in effect the tick vaccinating you with any number of tick-borne diseases. This is to be avoided.

The correct way to remove a tick, from either yourself, a child, or your pet:

- Get clean tweezers.
- Grab hold of the tick as close to the skin as possible.
- Pull straight up, slowly, and steadily. Twisting will behead the tick with his jaws still under your skin.
- After removal, wash the area with alcohol, iodine or soap and water. (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/personal-protection-against-ticks>).

You are now equipped with all you need to know for a safe, tick-free rest of the summer!

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Marianne Dalton, RN, is a member of the Winthrop Board of Health

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State health officials announce season's first WNV-positive mosquito sample

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced that West Nile virus (WNV) has been detected in mosquitoes in Massachusetts for the first time this year. The presence of WNV was confirmed today by the Massachusetts State Public Health Laboratory in a mosquito sample collected July 11 in the town of Easton in Bristol County. No human or animal cases of WNV or Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) have been detected so far this year. There is no elevated risk level or risk-level change associated with this finding.

“West Nile virus is part of summer in Massachusetts, and we expect to see infected mosquitoes at this time of year,” said Public Health Commissioner Margaret Cooke. “Now is the time to start taking steps to avoid mosquito bites. While WNV can cause serious illness, there are things that you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones.”

WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. There were 11 human cases of WNV in 2021. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare cases, more severe illness can occur.

“Simple actions can help protect you from mosquito bites and the diseases they can cause,” said State Epidemiologist Dr. Catherine M. Brown.

“Use a mosquito repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient, wear clothing to reduce exposed skin, drain standing water and repair window screens. We also encourage you to make it a habit to check the mosquito-borne disease webpages on mass.gov so you know when and where WNV activity is occurring.”

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluidide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-Menthane-3,8-diol (PMD)) or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discard-

ing items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly-fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito-to breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito-to breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at Mosquito-borne Diseases | Mass.gov, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

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Wai Leong of the Chelsea Department of Works gives a plant and flowers situated on a Carter Street traffic island some nourishment during a hot, summer afternoon last Friday in the city.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Cool summer buffet

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Summer brings all sorts of opportunities to prepare and serve meals buffet style. Potluck gatherings, last-minute entertaining, or even as a way to use leftovers, an array of cold or room temperature offerings can make the cook’s task more manageable. What’s more, with a few of our tips, you may decide not to cook at all.

Too Hot to Cook

Our meal planning is somewhat informal, but it all begins with a look at the weather this time of year. That determines what days we can enjoy outdoor dining. In summer, a quick check of the weather forecast also helps us decide what days we will want cool food or takeout and what days we might opt to cook at home.

Over the years, we’ve learned what type of cooking heats up our tiny home, puts a strain on our

air conditioning, or results in food that doesn’t appeal to us in hot weather. We use induction cooking for stovetop foods. The speed and efficiency of an induction burner produces less excess heat. We also use our toaster oven, Instant Pot and sous vide appliances rather than turning on the oven to make batch- es of favorite ingredients like chicken, salmon, or sweet potatoes that will be the basis for future meals.

Finally, we may opt to buy a rotisserie chicken, order an extra take-out dish, or use something like canned tuna or salmon rather than cook on hot days.

To Theme or Not to Theme

Cool summer buffets can come together with a theme. Our favorite approaches to this are tacos, sandwiches, grain bowls, charcuterie, bruschetta, or crudités. If your plan includes some takeout, you can use your choice from

the restaurant as a theme. For example, if you order kabobs from a Middle Eastern spot, you could make an array of mezze or a big salad to round out the meal. A quick look in our refrigerator would find olives, roasted peppers, feta, yogurt, and most likely some hummus ready to move to the table.

Marinated Foods

Jenny McGruther, writing in her blog Nourished Kitchen, gave us a great idea when she wrote about marinated chickpeas. She explained that her chick-pea recipe is just that, “Olive oil, vinegar, garlic, green onions, and plenty of fresh parsley come together with chickpeas in a recipe that takes less than 15 minutes.” While she chose chickpeas, you could do the same with any legume or pulse.

Today, you can buy precooked lentils, grains, and minimally processed beans in any supermarket. Add a flavorful marinade,



A hearty vegetable dish like this fattoush salad from Tatte could be a great addition to a cool summer buffet.

and you have a delicious no-cook dish.

Food Safety

Of course, we all have to consider food safety when we arrange a selection of food on a table for friends and family to enjoy. Follow the guidance from the CDC to make your cool summer buffet a safe meal. They recommend:

“Keep hot foods hot at 140°F or warmer. Use slow cookers, chafing dishes, and warming trays to keep food hot on the buffet table.”

“Keep cold foods cold at 40°F or below. Use small serving trays and replace often with fresh platters from the refrigerator, or place serving dishes in bowls of ice so they stay chilled.”

“Leftover foods should be refrigerated at 40°F or below as soon as possible and within 2 hours of preparation.” And, they cut that time to one hour if the ambient temperature is more than 90 degrees.

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

Jimenez-Rivera speaks at State House rally in support of low-income workers

Roberto Jiménéz Rivera, candidate for State Representative for Chelsea and Everett, spoke at a rally at the State House last week in favor of including low-income workers in the Legislature’s proposed tax rebate. Under the pro-

posed economic package, which draws from the projected \$3.6 billion budget surplus, all residents making between \$38,000 and \$150,000 per year will receive a \$250 check. Because many of our residents earn below that

figure, likely over half of Chelsea residents will not receive this rebate. State Representative Tami Gouveia filed an amendment to remove the income requirement, but it was not adopted.

Following are

Jimenez-Rivera’s remarks

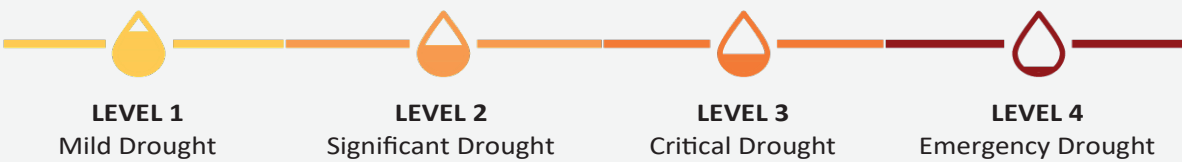
“I believe the surplus would be better invested in public transportation or improving other public services, but if the Legislature is so set on these payments, they should not exclude our families,

who are still struggling as we recover from the pandemic and deal with the inflation crisis,” said Roberto. “This underscores the need for strong leadership from our next State Representative. We need someone who will

fight these battles, time and time again, on behalf of Chelsea and Everett. As State Representative, I will stand up to those who try to deny our residents the assistance and services we deserve.”

MASSACHUSETTS DROUGHT ALERT

July, 2022



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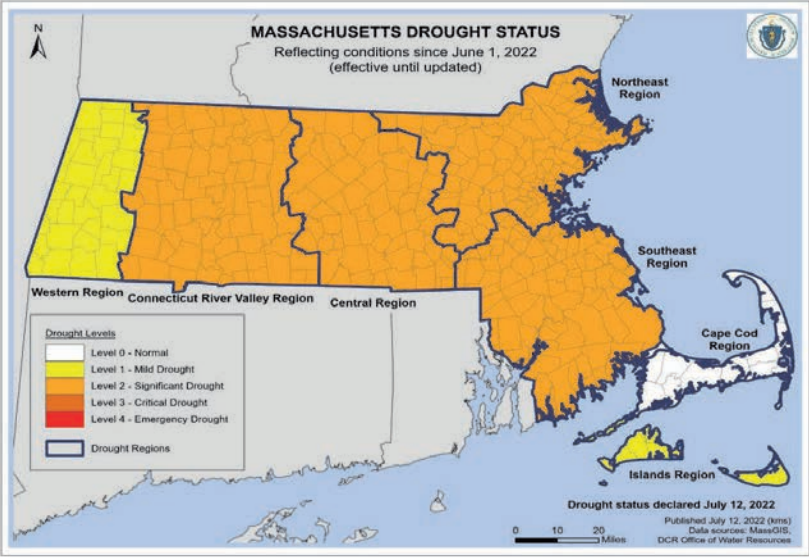
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CURRENT CONDITIONS

With over four months of below normal rainfall, drought has spread to 90% of the state, and intensified in many regions. Streamflow is severely impacted with dry stream beds and ponding visible in many locations. Fire danger especially in the northern half of the state is steadily on the rise, with noticeable drought stress on foliage in shrubs and grasses. Also, drought conditions are starting to impact our farms, with losses in soil moisture, more heavy irrigation needed in some areas due to lack of precipitation, and some initial signs of crop loss.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Be mindful of your water use to ensure essential needs, such as drinking water and fire protection, are being met, and habitats have enough water to support their natural functions. Exercise caution when using charcoal grills, backyard fire pits, & other open flame outdoor activities to prevent outdoor fires.



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In Level 2-Significant Drought Areas

Residents & Businesses:

- Minimize water use
- Limit outdoor watering to hand-held 5:00 pm - 9:00 am
- Conserve water indoors
- Fix Leaks
- Be careful w outdoor flames

Cities & Towns:

- Limit outdoor watering to at least hand-held only 5:00 pm - 9:00 am
- Limit new landscapes and outdoor washing
- Implement drought or seasonal water rates
- Establish water use reduction targets
- Establish a leak detection program

In Level 1-Mild Drought Areas

Residents & Businesses:

- Focus water conservation indoors; fix Leaks
- Reduce any outdoor watering to one-day/week 5:00 pm - 9:00 am

Cities & Towns:

- Limit any outdoor watering to no more than once a week and from 5:00 pm - 9:00 am
- Limit new landscapes and outdoor washing
- Implement drought or seasonal water rates
- Check emergency connections
- Develop local drought plan for water supply



Lewis Latimer Society Co-Directors Ron Robinson (left) and Leo Robinson will be hosting the Science Festival (Friday) and Black Heritage Festival (Saturday) in the city.

Latimer Society will host two events this weekend

By Cary Shuman

The Lewis Latimer Society, led by co-directors Ron Robinson and Leo Robinson, will hold two special events this weekend: the fifth annual Science Festival Friday, July 22 (12 p.m.-4 p.m.) at the City Hall Lawn, and the first Black Heritage Festival Saturday, July 23 (4-8 p.m.) at Port Park on Marginal Street.

The Science Festival returns after a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We’re happy to be back,” said Ron Robinson, who founded the Latimer Society with his brother, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, in 1998. “We have the Chelsea Public Library assisting us. The Museum of Science will have a great display, and we’re proud to have the Chelsea

Fire Department participating. They’ve been a part of our festival here every year.”

Robinson said the goal of the Science Festival is to give students the opportunity to enjoy hands-on scientific activities.

“It also presents an opportunity for our students to talk with people about future careers in the field of science and technology,” said Robinson.

The Black Heritage Festival will feature performances by the award-winning Mamadou Band, Sister Noel’s African Dance Company, the Haitian contemporary dance company, Jean Appolon, and the Chelsea Drum Circle. T and D Entertainment will provide a disc jockey for the event.

The Science Festival and the Black Heritage Festival have free admission.

MBTA issues update on safety work progress

The MBTA reported on its progress to address ongoing safety concerns raised during a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Safety Management Inspection (SMI) last month. Over the last several weeks, the MBTA has implemented safety plans to address track conditions and maintenance, updated safety trainings and directives, and has addressed staffing shortages.

“Following the FTA’s initial safety review, the MBTA was asked to implement changes to the system to improve the way it is run and operated,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “I am pleased that the MBTA has completed many of those updates and continues to make progress on many more. These recommendations will make the T safer and more reliable for both our riders and our employees. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to work closely with these safety experts to improve the MBTA system.”

The MBTA has met all the FTA’s deadlines and requirements to date in response to the four special directives issued and continues to develop Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) to address them. As part of these CAPs, the MBTA has

taken the following actions to date:

- Issued a new series of safety directives, trainings, and policies for operators regarding train movements in the MBTA’s yard facilities and car houses.
- Ensured all active rail transit employees are certified (completed in June). The MBTA is developing an improved internal tracking system and policies for ensuring recertifications are up to date.
- Prioritized track projects that address track conditions in need of most repair and that currently have substantial speed restrictions. This work is being coordinated with current construction activities already underway and service diversions already scheduled to take place to improve rider experience. For example, on Sunday, July 10, the MBTA’s Track Department installed approximately 500’ of rail on the southbound tracks between Back Bay and Massachusetts Avenue stations. This rail is a specific kind of rail that is used in sharper curves. This track replacement work allowed the T to lift a speed restriction that was approximately 1500’ long from 10 mph to 25 mph, speeding up trips by about one minute. When all

track work is completed in this area, the speed will be able to be increased to 40 mph.

- Updating procedures for accessing track areas to safely increase the time crews have to perform work on the tracks during the overnight hours when subway service does not operate in order to make the Orange line, Blue line, Green line, and Red line safer.

- Launched an aggressive hiring campaign to attract qualified candidates as drivers, dispatchers, and inspectors to improve safety and rider experiences, and updated work rules to allow for more manageable shifts and necessary rest time. Newly hired dispatchers will soon begin a rigorous 10-week training program prior to being assigned to the Operations Control Center (OCC) in the coming months. The T has rehired three former dispatchers (who are currently supervisory employees) to temporarily work in the OCC.

The MBTA also has several ongoing initiatives underway as part of these CAPs, including:

- Exploring ways to accelerate the maintenance of its existing rail construction equipment.
- Developing a PPE com-

pliance checking program.

- Increasing staffing at rail yards.

- Developing a pilot program for Blue Flag procedures on rapid transit. A codified standard in railroad operations, Blue Flag procedures are clearly distinguishable blue flags/lights by day and blue lights by night that indicate workers are on, under, or between rolling cars or equipment. The purpose of the Blue Flag procedure is to protect workers from the movement of rolling equipment.

The four special directives received by the MBTA involve delayed critical maintenance, train movement operating procedures, staffing within the OCC, and the employee safety recertification process. The CAP to address delayed critical maintenance is due to the FTA on July 15. The CAP to address train movement operating procedures was submitted on time to the FTA on June 30. The CAP to address staffing issues within the Operations Control Center was submitted on time to the FTA on July 5. The CAP regarding employee safety recertifications is due to the FTA on July 20.

CHA named to Newsweek’s list of Best Maternity Hospitals

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston’s metro-north communities, has been included on Newsweek’s list of Best Maternity Hospitals 2022. This prestigious award is presented by Newsweek and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. This honor reflects CHA’s extensive efforts to reduce pregnancy risk, including adoption of the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative model and low Cesarean section rates.

Newsweek and Statista developed a complex methodology to ensure the quality and validity of the ranking. Three data sources were used for the evaluation:

- Nationwide online survey: hospital managers and healthcare professionals

with knowledge about maternity processes e.g. Midwives, neonatal and O B / G Y N s were asked to recommend leading maternity hospitals in the US

- Medical KPIs on hospitals with a focus on indicators relevant to maternity care
- Results from patient surveys

To reduce pregnancy



risks, Cambridge Health Alliance adopted key elements of the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative model, which is proven to reduce death during or after childbirth. “It’s

more than bringing departments together – it’s about having a toolkit in place that we practice regularly,” explained Kathleen Har-

ney, MD, CHA’s chief of OB/GYN. “We now identify patients at higher risk before there’s a problem, allowing us to be better prepared to respond quickly. Our OB/GYN team worked very hard to put this system in place and we’re saving women’s lives.”

Newsweek and Statista invited more than 10,000 medical professionals to participate in the survey. Only 350 winners were recognized on the Best Maternity Hospitals 2022 list, which can currently be viewed on Newsweek’s website.



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Aurora M. Jimenez

August 8, 1946 – July 13, 2022

Aurora M. Jimenez passed away on Wednesday, July 13 at the Light-house nursing care center in Revere.

Born and raised in San Jose, Costa Rica, Aurora married Alejandro Jimenez and began to raise her family in Costa Rica. She came with her family to Chelsea in 1978 and has been a resident of Chelsea since. Aurora worked for many years at Beacon Wiper where she made many lifelong friends. Her life devotion was to her family, raising three children and wel-coming and assisting in raising her five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was the beloved wife of 57 years of the late Alejandro C. Jimenez, the devoted mother of Evelyn Lopez of Weymouth, Alexandra Jimenez and Alexander Jimenez, both of Chelsea; loving daughter of the late Antonio Alvarado and Paulina Monge; dear sister of Maria Walker of Florida, the late Theresa Greaux, Francisco Alvarado and Flora Cook; cherished grandmother of



Adolfo Lopez, Alejandro Lopez, Evelen Lopez, Raisa Jimenez-Builes and Cristian Jimenez., adored great-grandmother of 15 and one great-great-grandson. She is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends

Relatives and friends gathered at Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St., Everett on Monday, July 18 at 10 a.m. to pray and honor her at graveside services.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home. For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.Welsh-FH.com.



Charles Shields

He loved his family dearly

Charles “Charlie” Shields has been living courageously for several years with ongoing illnesses and he passed away unexpectedly in his home on Monday, June 20.

Born and raised in Chelsea, he was a loving son of Sarah (Shields) Brennan of Chelsea and the late William R. Shields, Sr.

A lifelong resident of Chelsea, he attended the Shurtleff and Chelsea High Schools. He worked as a carpenter and bricklayer for many years.

He was a loving and devoted husband to Donna Mae (Doucette) Shields and was devastated by her passing in 2017.

Charlie loved his family dearly. In his lifetime, he enjoyed hearing a good joke or a bad one, he just loved to have a good laugh. He also enjoyed sharing a nice meal with his family, his favorite request was always a simple plate of spaghetti and meatballs.

Charlie is survived by his daughter, MacKenzie Shields and he was the most loving brother and brother-in-law to: Ellen (Shields) Osborn and her husband, Dave of Michigan, William R. Shields, Jr. of Port Charlotte, FL., the late Thomas M. Shields and his late



wife, Ann, the late James Shields, Judith (Shields) Kwiatkowski of Revere, the late James T. Brennan, Susan (Brennan) Griffin of Chelsea and her late husband, Bruce, John Brennan and his wife, Tia of Chelsea, Patrick Brennan of Everett, and his late wife, Kimberly. Charlie is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, extended family members and friends.

Although no service is planned at this time, friends can honor Charlie’s life by making contributions to a charity of their choice.

Arrangements were given to the care and direction of the Welsh Funeral Home.

To send additional expressions of sympathy or offer online condolences, please visit: www.Welsh-FH.com.



Raymond Champagne

Ray Champagne, celebrated exoneree, father, grandfather, husband of Roca’s Molly Baldwin

A private memorial service was held for Raymond J. Champagne – loving partner, father, grandfather, exoneree, leader, community member, and dear friend – who passed away suddenly on Tuesday, July 12 in a motorcycle accident. He was 67 years old.

Ray leaves behind his wife, Mary “Molly” Baldwin, his daughter, Mechele Champagne Sholler, his grandchildren: Katelin, Jacqueline, Jacob and Jordyn, his great grandchildren: Keon, Titan, Kalista and Bristol Mae and his sister, Laura Champagne.

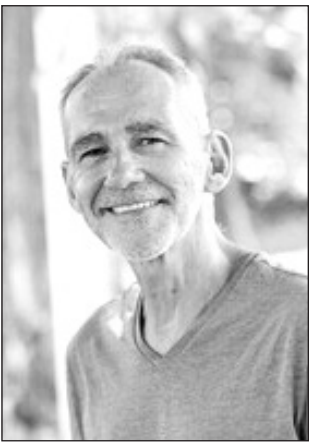
A deeply humble, acutely funny, and truly generous person, Ray was a rare joy and an inspiration to those who knew him.

Ray was born in Springfield, Massachusetts. Life was hard and, early on, he was more often on his own than not. In and out of trouble, he hitchhiked across the country several times and was sent to prison at age 19 where, within a few short years, he was wrongfully convicted for a prison murder he did not commit. In prison, he found his love for reading, taught himself law, became an activist, and began helping one person after another. Respected always for being straightforward, fair and helpful, he became well-known as “the old guy.”

He and Molly fell in love the day they met in the mid-1980’s. Over the years, and through many challenges, they found a way to stay connected and help each other. Ray learned to love more than hate and Molly learned more about love. They helped each other become better people.

After his wrongful conviction, Ray spent 41 more years behind bars, relentlessly fighting for his freedom alongside his lawyer and close friend, Lisa Kavanaugh, Director of the CPCS Innocence Program. Throughout his incarceration, Ray maintained an unshakeable sense of gratitude for those he loved and those who loved him. Ray’s zeal for learning and his openness and curiosity toward those with different struggles from his made his innate empathy, brilliance, and natural authenticity apparent to anyone who spent time with him.

While in prison, Ray followed an intentional path of education and advocacy work, participating in the Prison Book Program, earning high marks in college-level courses offered through Curry College and Bunker Hill, and serving as an “inside” board member of Prisoner’s Legal Services



(PLS). Ray continuously partnered with lawyers and community advocates to promote prison reform and litigation efforts and worked with his daughter, Mechele to support child development experts studying the impact of parental incarceration. In 2019, Ray was selected to be one of ten prisoners in a Tufts University course studying the literature of confinement, an experience in which he wrote many beautiful essays of self-examination and was deemed by the professor to be “a leader” and “a mentor and teacher for all of us.”

Ray came home to Molly, his daughter and sister on February 18, 2020, immediately prior to the onset of the pandemic. Upon his long-deserved exoneration and release from prison, Ray barely left time to celebrate his new life before channeling his energy into civic participation, relishing the privilege to vote, and developing a targeted plan for helping others. Along with fellow exonerees, Sean Ellis and Victor Rosario, Ray co-founded The Exoneree Network, a welcoming community to support the practical, emotional and spiritual re-entry needs of exonerees as they work to rebuild their lives in freedom. Each day, Ray committed himself to developing resources and healing spaces for the growing community of people freed from wrongful convictions.

Ray spent the last 30 months of his life in the community, flanked by friends and family who were, and still are, in awe of his hard-earned wisdom, unwavering strength, and compassionate spirit. Several times in the past few months, Ray would say to Molly, “Today, I feel free.”

To honor Ray’s memory, in lieu of flowers, donations in Ray’s honor may be made to the Exoneree Network at <https://bit.ly/3uMLscp>.

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Judith García receives endorsement from MWPC PAC

Massachusetts Women’s Political Caucus Political Action Committee (MWPC PAC) has announced their endorsement of Chelsea City Councilor Judith García in the race for the 11th Suffolk district’s state representative seat.

MWPC PAC is dedicated to increasing the amount of women in office. Women are drastically underrepresented at

the state level in Massachusetts. Just 12 out of 40 state senators and 38 out of 160 state representatives are women, meaning that women account for 25 percent of the state legislature despite making up more than half of the population. Massachusetts currently ranks 24 out of 50 for the percentage of women in the state legislature.

Garcia was the first

woman and the first Latina to be elected to the Chelsea City Council in 2015, to which she has been re-elected four times. During her tenure on the city council, she has prioritized issues that disproportionately impact women and girls, such as providing rental assistance and mortgage relief, cracking down on wage theft, assisting female business owners, and ed-

ucating Chelsea Public Schools students about public service careers. García also sits on the board of Chelsea’s HarborCOV domestic abuse shelter.

“It is an incredible honor to stand shoulder to shoulder with my sisters in service as I receive MWPC PAC’s endorsement,” García said of the endorsement. “Their mission and work is

awe-inspiring, and I look forward to collaborating with them in the future.”

News of this endorsement comes after García received the endorsement of Chelsea City Councilor Tanairi Garcia; Chelsea School Committee Chair Kelly García; and Chelsea School Committee Members Yssenia Alfaro, Claryangeliz Covas, and Kati Cabral; received official support from SEIU

Local 888, and took Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley’s Pressley Policy Pledge.

García is the only woman running for state representative in 11th Suffolk. She faces two opponents in the Democratic Primary, which will be on September 6, 2022.

Learn more at electjudithgarcia.com.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2022-18
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
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A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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With reference to the application of: Jean & Ramona Bourguignon For Special Permit seeking approval for a Driveway Opening Permit which does meet the City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance, which states that parking of a vehicle is not permitted within five (5) feet from a rear property line nor within five (5) feet of a side property line at the premises known as: 175 Orange Street

Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Mario Claros For Special Permit seeking approval to remodel the first floor unit including the creation of additional living space into the basement to include an additional two (2) bedrooms within the unit, which does not meet the minimum requirement for off-street parking spaces at the premises known as: 65 Shurtleff Street
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With reference to the application of: Silcared Harvest, LLC For Special Permit seeking approval to establish a parking area and curb cut, which does meet the City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance, which states that parking of a vehicle is not permitted within the required front yard setback of a property nor within five (5) feet of a side lot line. This also includes per City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance, no entrance or exit from any off-street parking area with four (4) or more parking spaces shall be located within 50 feet of an intersection of any two street lines at the premises known as: 655 Washington Avenue
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Tuesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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With reference to the application of: 295 Eastern Chelsea, LLC For Special Permit seeking approval to construct a facility with the proposed use of Light Manufacturing and Wholesale business and storage in connection with Wholesale business, which does meet the City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance, which states when a Building/Occupancy Application is submitted to alter or build a building with greater than eight thousand (8000) square feet and requiring more than twenty-five (25) parking spaces it shall be reviewed by the City of Chelsea Planning Board regarding the premises known as: 295 Eastern Avenue
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The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking sealed bids to purchase and deliver of KN95 ventilating masks and pediatric masks for the City of Chelsea Health Department.
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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL LOOKS AT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AGAIN

EVERETT - The City Council unanimously voted at its meeting last week to send to the Legislative Affairs and Election Committee an order that once again might change the rules for the Public Participation part of the council's regular agenda for the second time in as many months.

Since the first of the year, there have been a number of residents expressing their opinions on a variety of topics at the council meetings. Earlier in the year, councilors voted to extend the total amount of speaking time from 10 minutes to 20 minutes. However, this did not allow all those who attended the meeting to speak. The rules were changed to allow speakers for those 20 minutes, but then to have those who still wanted to speak to be able to do so after the council had completed its agenda.

However, Sandy Juliano, a resident who has spoken almost on a regular basis at the council's meetings since the first of the year, told the councilors on Monday night that she had wanted to speak at a recent meeting on the matter of the reappointment of Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas, but by the time she was provided with an opportunity to to speak, the council already had approved his reappointment.

"Public participation is a good thing," Councilor Michael Marchese told his colleagues. The proposed new measure, he said, "would not restrict anyone. We need structure only on matters happening on the agenda."

Councillor Richard Delisola suggested that there be two sign-in sheets for speakers, one for participants who wish to express their views on matters that are appearing on the agenda that night, and the second for those who wish to speak about matters not on that night's agenda.

Councilor Stephanie Smith asked that the order be sent to the Legislative Affairs and Election Committee, with the public being asked to send in their comments on the structure of public participation.

"We want public input," Smith added. She noted that all councilors can be reached by any residents to offer their views on the shape of the Public Participation at the council's meetings.

In other matters:

Councilors voted to accept a grant from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission in the amount of \$100,000 for the Industrial District Design Guidelines. The councilors initially had held up their approval of this grant until they were able to definitely find the area being earmarked for the grant.

Erin Deveney, the Chief of Staff of the Mayor's Office, appeared before the council to answer their questions. Deveney explained that this is the old Exxon site area. This study will provide "a consistent vision" for the area, she said.

The councilors wanted to know if the \$100,000 was enough to complete the entire study. Deveney said that she did not know, but noted that there is money in the FY23 budget to provide additional funding if needed.

Councilors voted to send to the Traffic Commission a resolution to eliminate on-street parking in the vicinity of 73

Clarence St. Marchese noted that this is a very dangerous corner and at most there would be only three spaces lost.

WU AND OTHER OFFICIALS TOUR ZUMIX

EAST BOSTON - Zumix hosted Mayor Michelle Wu and a group of local city and state officials for a tour of the neighborhood's popular music and performing arts nonprofit.

During the tour the group of dignitaries saw first hand how Zumix programs, and programs like it that immerse youth in music and the arts, has a positive impact on their mental health and overall well being.

Wu has committed city resources to begin addressing youth mental health in the wake of the pandemic that saw many children isolated from many peers and social settings for nearly two years. Wu also created the Mayor's Office of Behavioral Health that is headed by Dr. Kevin Simon, who served as Assistant in Psychiatry at Boston Children's Hospital and has extensive experience in dealing with pediatric and adolescent mental health.

"We are in a moment of tremendous stress coming out of the pandemic, coming from changes in our economy and struggles with our housing crisis, with transportation reliability," said Wu. "We see it concentrated among our young people as well. Mental health is an underlying epidemic of the COVID 19 pandemic and that's why in Boston, we are so lucky and fortunate to have brought on Dr. Kevin Simon. Dr. Simon's work focuses on the



The Cottage Park Yacht Club (CPYC) celebrated its Blessing of the Fleet with a barbecue and boat parade on July 9. A moment of silence was held in honor of Past Commodore Mike Gahan, who began the maritime tradition at CPYC. Shown Cottage Park Yacht Club members praying for safety of boats and families this summer during the annual Blessing of the Fleet.

mental health of young people in particular, and we know that our young people have faced enormous disruptions in every aspect of their lives."

Wu said to address the deepening need for mental health support for youth here in Boston the city has already worked to place a social worker in every Boston Public Schools to increase the support services for social and emotional health directly through the school system.

"But we need to do a lot more in collaboration with the Boston Public Health Commission and local partners," said Wu. "There are incredible examples all across our city of work and services that's being built that directly support and strengthen the mental health of our young people. Organizations like Zumix recognize the arts as a powerful vehicle for self expression, community building and strengthening social and emotional well being. Music has been shown to decrease depression, to boost self esteem, and reduce the symptoms of PTSD in young people. We heard stories of the alums who have gone on to be superstars vocalists, or working in our state house in representing their communities, or having taken careers as arts expression therapists, or leading arts education efforts statewide. It changes lives when we truly integrate mental health, community building, arts and culture and every other possible support that we can give to our young people."

Mayor Wu has prioritized efforts to improve equitable access to mental and behavioral health care by proposing several investments in this work in her FY23 budget. Dr. Simon will collaborate with community partners and City agencies and departments. He will drive the development of ambitious, innovative prevention and response models for mental health and substance use that promote whole wellness. These efforts will strive to address historical systemic racial inequities through a comprehensive and coordinated citywide response in Boston.

Dr. Simon added that it is particularly important for youth, as well as adults, to have safe spaces to come and be themselves and express themselves.

"I think one of the key things that can be missed is investment into spaces that are not necessarily "therapeutic" (settings) like a doctor's office," said Simon. "I think a place like Zumix allows fam-

ilies to feel comfortable knowing that they can go to work and their children are safe. We're going to try and think creatively with the City Council and state partners in reference to the opportunities that exist already like Zumix and how we can get more spaces like Zumix or expand Zumix so that way they can help serve more students or more youth. I think Zumix is a prime example of what exists and how we need to be doing more for youth. We need to be doing more for our families so that we can have a decrease in the number of individuals experiencing anxiety or experiencing depression."

Rep. Adrian Madaro, Chair of the Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse thanked his colleagues in government, the city councilors, and Mayor Wu for having the foresight to create an Office of Behavioral Health for the city.

"This comes at a time when behavioral health issues, which were bad before the pandemic, have only worsened since the pandemic," said Madaro. "I think it's appropriate that we're here at a youth services organization in East Boston because one of the focal points of our Mental Health reform legislation was youth behavioral health and school based behavioral health. In addition to redoubling our efforts to uplift and support community based services we are also uplifting amazing youth programming like Zumix, which has for decades offered safe places for young people to come, make friends, be themselves, have positive adult role models, and of course, learn music. We all know that the arts can be unbelievably healing and incredibly therapeutic for one's mental health and one's overall health and well being. So this program really is a gem for our community because it really grounds young people here and allows them to have a positive outlet through the arts. That's certainly in line with what we're trying to do with the mental health reforms—focusing on new behavioral health, on school based health, and of course on community based programs, like Zumix."

Zumix student Angelica Munoz said Zumix said when she came to Zumix as a young girl she was shy, had terrible stage fright but in a few short years she has become a positive, outgoing and confident teen.

"I feel like Zumix is just such an empowering organization that can

change your life or someone else's life which is just something very inspirational," she said.

Zumix Co-Founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski said she was very excited to see the intersection of so many people really trying to do what's right for the community on many levels and collaborating across various sectors. Steczynski said while Zumix is not a mental health organization—improving one's self, gaining skills and confidence, and becoming a holistic member of the Eastie community has always been embedded in the work Zumix does.

"It's so interesting that we didn't have to mention music and the arts, but it's embedded in everything that we do," she said. "We don't sit around talking about mental health on a regular basis. We do projects together, we do creative artistic things, we write songs, we perform together, we do videos together, we do radio together, we go out in the community and you know, provide services for folks in the community. In doing that we learn about each other, we learn skills, we become assets to our neighbors, to our friends, and we become family."

COMMUTER RAIL STATION TO CLOSE

LYNN - Lynn Commuter Rail station on the Newburyport/Rockport Line will temporarily close on July 25, 2022, to allow the MBTA's Capital Delivery and Operations teams to perform important work as part of the Lynn Commuter Rail Station Improvements Project. The MBTA will also host a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, to discuss the work to be accomplished and details of the station closure. Details regarding the public meeting will be posted at [mbta.com/events](https://www.mbta.com/events) this week.

"I want to thank our Lynn riders for their understanding while we accomplish these upgrades at the station, and the Lynn community for their patience as we make these critical investments," said MBTA General Manager Steve Pofak. "We'll be taking full advantage of this station closure by also making many upgrades and improvements at Lynn, like new elevators for improved accessibility and a new platform for better passenger flow."

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Visibility into Executive Branch workforce with expansion of diversity dashboard

The Baker-Polito Administration announced updates to its state employee diversity dashboard that will increase visibility into the composition of the Commonwealth Executive Branch workforce and encourage further accountability as the Administration continues to prioritize efforts to promote diversity and inclusion.

The diversity dashboard, launched in October 2020, is an interactive, publicly available tool on [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) that visualizes data describing the Commonwealth's Executive Branch workforce. It was created to allow the public to better understand the employee demographics that make up the state government's various secretariats, agencies, and departments.

The first phase of the dashboard included the

total number of employees, total employees over the previous 12 quarters, and geographic distribution, racial demographics, and gender breakdowns of the workforce. This data could then be filtered by Secretariat, Agency, fiscal quarter, job category, and/or full-time/part-time status. Data is updated in April, July, October, and January, after the close of each fiscal quarter.

The upgrades rolled out today will triple the number of data fields displayed on the dashboard. The additional data will show Executive Branch employee promotions, hires, separations, salary bands, age bands, lengths of service, disability status, and veteran status. This data will also be able to be filtered by the fields listed above.

"We recognize the importance of a diverse

workforce and continue to work towards reflecting the diversity of Massachusetts in all facets and levels of government," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We are proud to expand the diversity dashboard, which will give the public a more comprehensive view into the makeup of the Executive Branch and hold us accountable to our workforce goals."

"The enhancements to the dashboard we are announcing today reflect our administration's continued commitment to transparency and diversity in hiring," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "We will continue to strengthen our efforts to ensure the Commonwealth's public workforce reflects the vibrant communities across the state."

Since taking office, the Administration has made progress in diversifying

the Executive Branch workforce. The overall net percentage of diverse employees has increased by 18%, with the percentage of women in the workforce increasing by a net 4.1% since 2015 and the percentage of People of Color in the workforce increasing by 5%.

"There have been measurable improvements in the diversity of the Executive Branch and we are proud of our accomplishments so far; however, we realize that more work is needed," said Chief Diversity Officer Sandra Borders. "We remain focused on increasing diversity and inclusion in all aspects of hiring and employment."

"The enhanced transparency that the updated diversity dashboard offers will not only ensure accountability on this critical priority but also pro-

vide a fuller view of our workforce demographics for those looking to join public service at the state level," said Chief Human Resources Officer, Jeff McCue.

"I would like to thank Governor Baker on the continued efforts to make data about the reality of our workforce available to our communities on a transparent, user friendly platform," said State Representative Chynah Tyler (D – Boston), Chair of the Black and Latino Caucus. "The Black & Latino Caucus was proud to lead in discussions with the Administration that led to these recent platform upgrades and additions. This workforce dashboard will help to make progress on diversifying state personnel and ensure equitable hiring and promotions."

Massachusetts moves forward with greater

transparency that will lead to a better future for the state's workforce overall," said State Representative Russell Holmes (D – Mattapan). "It is imperative that the public see the diversity of the hiring, promotions, and terminations of the state's workforce segmented by department and at every level of government. Aggregating the workforce and comparing the workforce to the state's population can mask poor hiring and retention performance by department managers. Today's update to the dashboard lives beyond this administration and will ensure that masking is prevented for years to come."

View the updated diversity dashboard here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/state-employee-diversity-dashboard>.

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Routes 441/442 and 455 from Lynn to connect to Wonderland station for continued Blue Line subway service into Boston, and those who typically purchase a monthly Commuter Rail pass are instead encouraged to purchase a Monthly LinkPass for buses and subways. Riders should note that bus schedules are adjusted quarterly by season, and can check [mbta.com](https://www.mbta.com) for the latest bus schedules. While buses will continue to operate at the station during the closure, bus stop areas may be moved to accommodate construction. Riders are encouraged to check [mbta.com/Alerts](https://www.mbta.com/Alerts) for full information on service alternatives. Swampscott station may also be used as an alternative, which is approximately 1.5 miles (or a 5-minute drive) from Lynn station, but riders should note that Swampscott is a Zone 3 station.

As part of these critical investments and to address the progressing deterioration, the parking garage at Lynn station will be demolished. The parking garage will remain open until spring 2023 when work on the garage will commence. The MBTA is currently in the process of identifying temporary alternative parking options while work on the garage takes place beginning next spring, and will share more details as they are confirmed.

The total budget for the Lynn Commuter Rail Station Improvements Project is \$74,265,055 with \$72,519,591 allocated in the MBTA's FY23-27 Capital Investment Plan. Originally scheduled to begin in spring 2023, the Lynn Commuter Rail station closure is being advanced to July 25 to address concerns about deteriorating conditions of the station and associated infrastructure, and to accelerate the station rehabilitation project. The closure will allow the MBTA to expedite existing conditions surveys, design activities, and to advance early demolition work. The new Lynn station will include a new high-level center-island platform and canopy; accessibility upgrades, including new ADA-compliant elevators at both ends of the platform; new stairs and ramp, signage, and wayfinding improvements; track improvements; and other associated infrastructure improvements. When

complete, the station's upgraded structure will improve safety, accessibility, and the customer experience.

The project is currently at 75% design. The specific length of time for the station closure will be determined when the design is fully complete, and the MBTA will communicate these details to riders as they become available.

VOTES AGAINST INCLUSIONARY ZONING PROPOSAL

REVERE - Believing that an inclusionary zoning proposal would not help provide "real affordable housing opportunities" to residents, the City Council voted against establishing an inclusionary zoning ordinance in the city at its meeting last week.

The Zoning Subcommittee, under the direction of Chair Patrick Keefe, the Ward 4 councillor, began the meeting by opening the floor to questions for the city's Chief Innovation and Data Management Officer, Reuben Kantor.

Before the questions began, however, Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo said bluntly, "In the interest of full disclosure, I am completely against it [inclusionary zoning] for several reasons. I cwwould not be any more against this than I am. I plan on voting against it."

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino agreed with Rizzo's ardent opposition to the proposal. "I just don't think this is what we need in Revere right now."

Council President Gerry Visconti also agreed with Rizzo's assessment of the proposed ordinance. "My colleague has really pointed out the obvious and really the negative impacts that this is going to have in our city," said Visconti.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said he would like to see more affordable housing units in the city. "But in this case, I have a problem with the way it's written, with the numbers themselves."

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna also expressed her opposition. "If it was written differently, I might be [in favor of it], but it's not."

Keefe then commenced a series of questions for Kantor and Alexis Smith of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council

(MAPC), who with Kantor provided statistical data that inclusionary zoning has been successful in other communities.

From the outset of his questioning, Keefe demonstrated that he had done a remarkable amount of research on inclusionary zoning and his distaste for the proposal was evident.

Keefe further illuminated on his opposition to the proposal in an interview following the meeting.

"I truly didn't believe this inclusionary zoning ordinance would help in offering real affordability to the residents in our city," said Keefe. "More recently, we have seen these developments only offer a benefit to someone being pushed out of Boston."

"I felt it takes too much control away from the neighborhoods it will ultimately impact. As a city, I believe we can reassess and come back with a better plan that serves our residents' true needs. Revere's developmental track has had good guidance up to now, and in no way are we being obstructionist, but we also need to be true to some over-congestion concerns and our ability to serve our current residents' needs," concluded Keefe.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE LOOKS AT CHANGING TITLE

WINTHROP - The Winthrop School Committee met last week at Winthrop High School, where it discussed changing Curriculum Director Lori Gallivan's official title.

The committee is evaluating whether or not to change Gallivan's title from Curriculum Developer to Assistant Superintendent, a position the district has not had since 2013.

Gallivan would maintain her current responsibilities but have more authority when working with the state. Her salary would remain the same.

In her role as superintendent, Lisa Howard makes decisions that impact the district. With the title of Assistant Superintendent, Gallivan could share some decision-making authority.

Supt. Howard has numerous duties connected to her role, and this change could allow her

to delegate some of them. This could include issues of licensure, grant management, the Dept. of Education and audits.

Supt. Howard emphasized that Gallivan is already performing the duties of an assistant superintendent, along with her duties as curriculum director. She noted a time when Gallivan filled her shoes when she had to

take extended leave due to health issues.

The proposal would change Gallivan's title for one year, with the possibility of an extension. The committee will vote on the proposal at its next meeting.

Summer Programs
Summer programming is in full swing. Supt. Howard reported that "students are attending

and having fun."

The staff has also been working hard, hiring new personnel and attending professional development opportunities. All staff will be certified in ALICE, an active shooter training and preparedness program. The Winthrop Police Dept. officers trained in ALICE will provide the instruction.

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4PM - 5:45PM: TRIF3CTA

6:30PM - 9PM: MASSIVE GROOVE BAND

6:00PM - 9:00PM

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