

City supports Cottage Street project, some residents concerned

By Adam Swift

Several residents who live near a proposed 66-unit affordable housing development on Cottage Street are concerned the project will be too big for the neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Developers (TND) were before the Zoning Board of Appeals Tuesday night seeking special permits and variances for the project. A similar sized project by another developer was approved by the city several years ago.

TND purchased the property about a year ago, and its latest version of the

project creates more open space on the site by moving all 72 parking spaces to an underground garage. The project still needs to go before the Planning Board on August 22 for a recommendation before coming back to the ZBA in September for potential final approvals.

“Our goal is to create affordable homes for families, especially along the Silver Line corridor where we can provide access to transportation,” said Steve Laferriere, TND’s director of real estate development. “Organizationally, we really want to build

a sustainable and energy efficient building. We’re designing it to passive house standards, it will be our third passive housing project in Chelsea with 1005 Broadway and 25 6th Street.”

The project will be geared toward families with 66 apartments for rent, all at affordable rates, with 12 one-bedroom units, 43 two-bedrooms, and 11 three-bedrooms, Laferriere said. The underground parking garage would have 72 spaces for cars and 70 for bicycles. A variance is needed for the parking because 105 spots

for vehicles are required under the city’s zoning ordinances.

TND is looking to get construction underway next fall with the building being ready for occupancy by early 2025.

City planning director John DePriest said he would like to see a clearer rendering of the access to Bellingham Street.

“It’s very important to the city that we activate that Bellingham Street frontage,” he said.

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino said the city administration is fully supportive of the project.

“It meets our affordable housing goals and it is a vast improvement over the project that was previously approved,” said Ambrosino.

But several residents said they still have some concerns about the project.

Cottage Street resident Minna Marino said she’s been against the large-scale development of the site since the original proposal four years ago. She said there will be no room for the additional traffic to get into Bellingham and Cottage streets.

“My opinion is it’s too

small, this beautiful building and everything like that, there’s not enough room,” said Marino.

Ralph Iannuzzi, who owns a 16-unit apartment building on Willow Street, said he has been a landlord in Chelsea for 50 years and was also concerned about the size of the development and the amount of traffic it would bring to the area.

“I think the Planning Board should send it back put a building of 30 units and 100 percent parking,” said Iannuzzi. “That would be something the city could be proud of.”

Four new firefighters added to the Chelsea force

State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and Deputy State Fire Marshal Maribel Fournier, acting director of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA), announced the graduation of 61 firefighters from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Graduates, including four from Chelsea, completed the 50-day Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program at three campuses: Class #303 trained at the Stow campus, Class #S28 trained at the Springfield campus and Class #BW21 trained at the Bridgewater campus.

“First responders are on the frontlines protecting their communities, and these newest firefighters are needed now more than ever,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “The rigorous professional training they’ve received provides them with the physical, mental, and technical skills to perform their jobs effectively and safely.”



Pictured, from left to right, Leonard A. Albanese Jr. | Chief of Department, Alexander Monterrey, Adam Giancola, Edwin Sola, Nicholas Bridge, City Manager Ambrosino. All four were officially sworn in today to the position of Probationary Firefighter. Probationary Firefighters Giancola and Sola recently graduated from the Mass. Fire Academy Class 303.

Basic Firefighter Skills
Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire con-

ditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack. Fire attack opera-

tions range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple-room structural fires. Upon successful completion of the Recruit Program all students have met the national standards

of National Fire Protection Association 1001 and are certified to the level of Firefighter I and II, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications.

Today’s Firefighters Do Far More than Fight Fires

Today’s firefighters do far more than fight fires. They train to respond to all types of hazards and emergencies. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies, ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to fentanyl overdoses or a gas leak. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice or who has locked himself in a bathroom. They rescue people from stalled elevators and those who are trapped in vehicle crashes. They test and maintain their equip-

ment including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), hydrants, hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, they learn all these skills and more, including the latest science of fire behavior and suppression tactics, from certified fire instructors. They also receive training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, and self-rescue techniques. The intensive, 10-week program for municipal firefighters involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

The MFA, which marked its 50th anniversary last year, provides recruit and in-service training at three separate campuses and has graduated nearly 14,000 firefighters in more than 430 classes.

Save big on sales tax and energy usage during tax holiday weekend

With the upcoming Massachusetts sales tax holiday on August 13 and 14, National Grid is reminding customers to take advantage of opportunities to purchase energy efficient appliances to save energy while maximizing savings.

With energy rates expected to increase this winter due to a variety

of global factors such as increased natural gas demand, Massachusetts customers who choose energy-efficient appliances such as washers, dryers, and refrigerators, can lower their energy use while reducing their impact on the environment.

“At National Grid, we want all customers to take part in the clean energy

transition. A seemingly simple step of switching to an energy-efficient appliance, over time, can truly make a positive impact on the environment and allows our customers to keep more money in their pockets,” said John Isberg, Vice President of Customer Solutions, National Grid. “With energy costs expected to rise this winter, every little bit of savings can help.”

In addition to the tax savings during the holiday weekend, National Grid offers a variety of rebates and additional savings year-round for a wide selection of energy-saving appliances and products:

- Customers looking to save on qualifying certified central heat pumps or mini-split heat pumps may be eligible for rebates of up to \$10,000. Residential customers looking to

learn more about rebates and incentives can visit masssave.com/en/saving/residential-rebates.

- If a customer decides to replace an old working appliance, National Grid offers an Appliance Recycling Program where the company will pick up an unwanted appliance and provide up to \$75 for participating.
- Customers looking to upgrade appliances such as electric clothes washers and dryers, hot water heaters, air purifiers, dehumidifiers, and more, may be eligible to receive up to \$700 in rebates and can learn more at ngrid.com/save. National Grid residential customers in Massachusetts may visit ngrid.com/shop and select “Massachusetts” from the menu to browse the Mass Save Marketplace for energy efficient prod-

ucts with instant rebates already applied to their prices.

National Grid also offers No-Cost Home Energy Assessments for eligible customers, which provides a safe and effective way to look at a home’s energy needs while keeping customers comfortable. Through this program, customers may receive no-cost energy-efficiency products shipped to them, as well as up to 75 percent or more off approved insulation, no-cost air sealing, and additional rebates toward qualifying energy-efficient equipment.

National Grid remains committed to providing customers a variety of energy-saving tips and billing options to help offset the expected increases in this winter’s energy prices. Customers in need of

billing assistance or additional support can visit ngrid.com/winter to learn more.

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DiDomenico’s bill to extend universal school meals included in state budget

On July 28, the Governor signed this year’s state budget into law, which included one of Senator Sal DiDomenico’s top priorities - funding for universal school meals throughout the upcoming school year. This \$110 million investment will provide free breakfast and lunch to all students, regardless of income in the Commonwealth.

Universal free school meals provide economic relief to parents with low income, saves time, helps children learn, and encourages more kids to take advantage by removing any stigma from a school meal program. Throughout the pandemic, increased federal funding has empowered schools to offer free meals to all children. This federal funding has been a lifeline for students and parents with low income, but the money is running out before the upcoming school year. Now that this state funding has been signed into law, 400,000 children will keep their access to free meals and be able to focus on school and their friends.

“As the Universal School Meals lead spon-

sor, and a longtime anti-hunger advocate I am proud of this \$110 million commitment we secured in the budget,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “We must take time to celebrate, spread the word about this monumental victory, and then get back to work to ensure no Massachusetts student goes hungry again. I would like to thank Senate President Spilka and Chair Rodrigues for working to include this in the budget, Representative Vargas, for his leadership in the House, and Project Bread along with all anti-hunger organizations and activists across the state for their tremendous advocacy.”

“The past two years have shown how critical school meals are – as a response to rising food insecurity and as a tool to help students succeed at school. With the program ending on the federal level, we are grateful that the state legislature stepped in to ensure that families and school nutrition programs did not lose this important resource, the number one source of food for fami-

lies during the pandemic. Massachusetts is stronger because of Senator DiDomenico’s advocacy and leadership in addressing child hunger. We look forward to continuing to work together to ensure that students have the nutrition they need during the school day,” said Erin McAleer, CEO and President of Project Bread.

Senator DiDomenico and Representative Andy Vargas filed this legislation in 2021. The two elected officials first teamed up during the previous legislative session to pass the Breakfast After the Bell law, which provides breakfast in school to countless children from families with low income. Project Bread, one of the most effective anti-hunger organizations, and activists across the state have been indispensable partners in achieving these milestones. DiDomenico will work with the coalition and continue to press forward in the next legislative session to make Universal School Meals permanent in Massachusetts.

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Academy will also include backpack distribution, community resources, and a Covid-19 vaccination clinic.

The Chelsea High, Chelsea Opportunity, and

Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy joint event will include backpacks and school supplies while supplies last, as well as the Covid-19 vaccination clinic.

The first day of school for grades 1-12 is Wednesday, August 31. The first day of school for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten is Wednesday, Sept. 7.

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the occupancy of a three-unit building to four units.

The board also approved a request to add an additional unit at 62 Washington Ave., replacing a current commercial space on the ground floor with a rental unit and increasing the building from seven to eight units. Ad-

ditionally, the ZBA approved a small addition for a three-unit building at 120 Bloomingdale St. to assist with past flooding issues at the building.

A request for special permits and variances for the demolition of a three-unit building at 275 Washington Ave. to be replaced

by a six-unit building was moved until the ZBA’s Sept. 13 meeting.

The ZBA also moved a request for the construction of a light manufacturing and wholesale building at 295 Eastern Ave. to its September meeting.

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sic was held outdoors at Highland Park, drawing a sizable crowd. The atmosphere was electric like Rucker Park in New York City. Kyle knew that he and Cesar were on to something big, and the tournament’s following grew steadily the next year.

The duo moved the tournament indoors to the Jordan Boys and Girls Club which was packed for the games. One of the special guests one year was University of Kentucky and NBA 6-foot-11-inch center Nerlens Noel, who came over from his hometown of Everett to be a spectator for what was now a showcase event for elite high school basketball players.

“At the first tournament, I saw the crowd of people around Highland Park on a hot summer day, and I felt like, wow, we were really about to have something special in the city,” said Cesar. “The crowds kept getting bigger and bigger and we had to move from the Jordan Boys and Girls Club to Chelsea High.”

Kyle isn’t surprised that the tournament has grown to be one of the most anticipated events on the New England high school basketball scene.

“I knew Cesar and I had the mindset to get it there,” said Kyle. “It’s just pushing through and having that vision.”

Chelsea students will

once again benefit from Kyle and Cesar’s efforts. Let It Fly will present eight scholarships to Chelsea students at the tournament.

Free Food For All

One of the unique aspects of the Let It Fly Basketball Classic is that the tournament provides free food for all - players, coaches, and spectators alike.

Kyle’s mom, Joan Cromwell, is one of the primetime caterers, and she never disappoints with her keen culinary talents. You can ask the Georgetown University football program for whom last season Joan Cromwell prepared 120 post-game dinners for the players’ return trip from Holy Cross in Worcester to Washington, D.C. Her son, Kingsley Umemba, played football at Georgetown.

There will be free breakfasts thanks to Muffin Town, Dunkin Donuts, and McDonald’s.

Michael G’s, owned by Chelsea High Class of 1982 graduate Michael Giannasca, will provide lunches.

Each player will receive complimentary game jerseys and customized Let It Fly shorts.

The championship game uniforms are being dedicated in memory of Kentucky basketball star Terrence Clark, who grew up in the Boston area.

Directors thank tournament supporters

Both Kyle and Cesar are grateful to the tournament’s sponsors and supporters, with the main sponsor being the Chelsea Black Community (CBC), which is led by Joan Cromwell, the organization’s president.

Converse returns as a major sponsor.

Concepts, a fashion boutique based in Cambridge, is also on board. Basketball publication Slam Magazine will show highlights of the tournament.

“We want to thank the school administration for allowing the use of high school and for the efforts of the Chelsea High custodians and security,” said Cesar. “I want to give a big shoutout to Chief [Brian] Kyes] and the Police Department for always supporting us and having their officers at the tournament and keeping everybody safe.”

Tournament kicks off at 10 a.m.

Saturday’s tournament starts at 10 a.m. There will be a girls basketball All-Star game at 2 p.m. The championship game is 6 p.m.

“This is going to be our biggest and best tournament yet,” promises Kyle. “Last year, we were big. This year it’s even bigger.”

Residents asked to report rodent issues

By Adam Swift

Growing rat populations have been an issue in urban areas across the country, and Chelsea is no exception.

City officials are asking residents to report any rat and rodent activity in their neighborhoods and providing information on how they can lower the rodent risk in their homes and across the city.

The three ways residents can report rodent issues in their neighborhoods are by dialing 311 (or 617-466-4209), downloading the Chelsea 311 app on the Apple or Google Play store, or by visiting <https://chelseama.qscend.com/311>.

To help keep the rodent population in check, officials are asking residents to make their houses inhospitable to rodents by eliminating the resources that rats and mice need to survive, such as shelter, food, and water sources. People should also seal up all openings in their buildings and seal any burrows

outside. Residents are also asked not to feed any stray animals, keep grass short, and pick up any pet waste.

There are several additional steps residents can take through the city, including getting free city issued trash barrels and taking advantage of the city’s residential rodent control program.

All residents are required to place trash in city issued trash barrels or city issued orange trash bags. Free trash barrels are available for residents through dialing 311 or online at www.chelseama.gov/311.

Chelsea homeowners can also request that rodent bait stations be installed on the exterior of their property at no cost. Homeowners can apply at the inspectional services department at City Hall, room 201 during business hours or online at www.chelseama.gov/rodent.

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino increased the budget for rat baiting in the city in this year’s budget in response to an

increase in the number of complaints about rodent activity in Chelsea.

The growing rodent problem was also one of the reasons the city added an additional housing inspector in the current year’s budget.

“There has been a lot of activity with housing and trash and rats,” said inspectional services director Mike McAteer during the spring budget hearings. “Two years ago I was here and I remember telling you we had five complaints; this year already we have had over 100.”

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

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

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RECORD HEAT? BRING IT ON!

To paraphrase Bob Dylan, we don’t need a weather-man to tell us how hot it has been these past few weeks. Still, even we were surprised to learn that the past 21 days have set a record for the hottest 21-day period in Boston history.

The combination of the extreme heat and the lack of rainfall has browned our lawns and dead-headed our flower beds, although the abundant sun has given us a bumper crop of tomatoes, which we water by hand in their pots on our patio.

We realize that the onset of the high heat and humidity these past few weeks is not everyone’s cup of tea. But for those of us who crave this kind of weather, summer finally has arrived.

Our fondest childhood and young-adult memories are of languid summer days; as if perhaps the heat seared them into our brains.

Playing in summer basketball leagues in the early evening, when the heat was radiating off the asphalt courts and we would end up drenched in sweat -- well, that was the best.

Admittedly, we do not have the same tolerance for summer heat and humidity -- especially the humidity -- that we had when we were much younger.

On the other hand, the feel of a hot breeze on our face brings us back to the carefree days of our youth like nothing else can.

OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN

Although Olivia Newton-John was Australian (by way of England), for a period in the 1970s and ‘80s, she was America’s sweetheart, the proverbial girl next door. She’d already had great success as a singer in the mid-70s, but her appearance in the movie Grease in 1978 catapulted her to international fame and acclaim.

Even at the height of her stardom, her genuineness as a person shone through. It was her down-to-earth qualities that made her the perfect spokesperson for breast cancer when she disclosed that she had been stricken with the disease in the early 1990s while barely 40 years old.

Her courageous fight for the next three decades, and her tireless advocacy for research and adequate care for victims, will be her greatest legacy.

Still, we’ll always think of Olivia Newton-John as Sandy, her iconic character in Grease, to whom the millions of her fans always will be hopelessly devoted.

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I PROUDLY ENDORSE JUDITH GARCIA

To The Editor,

On September 6, I will confidently be voting for Judith Garcia for State Representative. I ask my supporters, friends and family to do the same. Her mother came to Chelsea like my parents did, worked hard to make the American Dream happen for themselves and their family, and like my family, adopted Chelsea as the home to raise their children.

Judith Garcia as I did, chose to not only live here but to make Chelsea a better place for hard working families who deserve and demand better service from local and state government. I have watched her work alongside me on the council for the past seven years and make a difference.

When I introduced the Community Preservation Act, Judith voted in support, and as a result we had funds that helped restore historic places like the Walnut Street Synagogue, the Garden Cemetery, redevelop parks and create new open spaces like 88 Clinton St, helped create Affordable home ownership on Orange St and provided COVID relief funds for homeowners and tenants in Chelsea. But we need an advocate to increase state funding for the CPA, and Judith will be that voice!

When I advocated for the city to push MASSPORT for sound mitigation for our homeowners, Judith supported the funding of our own sound study so we can make MASSPORT increase its home sound proofing program.

When COVID hit Chelsea, Judith went door to door to make sure our vital downtown businesses applied for the relief funding she helped put in place.

As a city councilor, Judith joined me to go to MBTA Headquarters and lobby for support of the Student Free Ride program for our kids. With the MBTA being the mess that it is right now, we need a champion like Judith Garcia to demand better public transportation.

I have served at both the local and state level of government, I’ve worked with and have relationships with state senators and state representatives, and I know that Judith Garcia not only has what it takes to be OUR state representative, I know that she will excel at doing so.

**Roy Avellaneda
Chelsea City Council
President**

To The Editor,

What an exciting time to live in Chelsea! For the first time in history, we are in a position to elect the first 11th Suffolk State Representative. I’d say that is a pretty important seat so we better pick someone good. Someone with a proven record to get results and that is why I am choosing to support Roberto Jimenez Rivera

for State Representative. I am a long-term resident of Chelsea and I have witnessed firsthand who are the true changemakers, and most importantly, who are the authentic leaders in the community, and Roberto always jumps to the top of the list. Roberto is truly invested and committed to helping Chelsea grow. He consistently shows up in all spaces with innovative ideas and passion—the passion I seek in our next leader.

Whether it’s volunteering, at a community gathering/event, at a local political meeting, or enjoying the local parks, you are sure to see Roberto always with a big smile. His demeanor is welcoming and friendly.

As part of the Chelsea School Committee, Roberto has not shied away from important resolutions and votes, always putting the students and community first. He is truthful and transparent and is able to unite and re-energize our people.

As a Latina woman, I understand the power and importance of my vote, which is why I am choosing to support a candidate who speaks on behalf of women’s rights and truly understands the needs of the Latinx community. I know Roberto is a person who will represent everyone equally and fairly. He will tirelessly for the voiceless, uplift communities that have been overlooked, and will seek common ground when making difficult decisions.

Roberto Jimenez Rivera is the clear choice for State Representative for the 11th Suffolk district. If you want change and are excited about the real opportunities ahead, I invite you to join me in voting for Roberto Jimenez Rivera on September 6.

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**LEO ROBINSON IS
THE BEST PERSON
FOR THE JOB**

To The Editor,

My name is Bruce Harrison a long time resident of Chelsea. I have known Leo Robinson for over 50 years. Leo Robinson is running for State Representative for the City of Chelsea and parts of Everett.

Leo has lived in Chelsea for most of his life. Leo is a family man. Leo has been an elected official in Chelsea for more than years. Leo is very dedicated to his community. Leo Robinson has the most experience for this job and is the most qualified candidate for this job.

Leo knows how to work together with other councilors to get things done. Leo will bring his leadership to the State House and work very hard with other representatives to help Chelsea and Everett. Leo has been with all the people in the city of Chelsea for many years. Leo will do the same with the people of Everett. Leo has been president of the Chelsea City Council several times. I know that with Leo as our state representative, Chelsea and Everett will be in good hands. So go vote on September 6th for Leo Robinson, the best person for this job.

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EBNHC hosts Health Resources and Services Administration representatives

By John Lynds

Monday kicked off National Health Center Week and to mark the occasion the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) had the privilege of hosting Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Region 1 Intergovernmental and External Affairs Regional Administrator Jeffrey Beard and other HRSA representatives on Tuesday.

The hosting of Beard and other HRSA representatives, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is part of EBNHC's annual celebration of National Health Center Week. The week is dedicated to raising awareness of the mission and contributions of the nation's health centers in providing access to affordable, high quality, cost-effective health care to the underserved.

"East Boston Neighborhood Health Center has always been on the front lines in service to their communities—they were there long before-COVID-19 and will continue to be there long

after," said Beard. "So today, we celebrate you for your hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. We recognize you for stepping up and stepping in when your communities need you the most. We honor you for being at the heart of what we stand for at HRSA. Thank you for all that you do to make our communities healthier."

On Tuesday, Beard and the other Massachusetts-based HRSA regional leadership visited EBNHC's Maverick Square and Gove Street locations to acknowledge the health center's work and thank staff for their commitment. The visit provided an opportunity to strengthen existing relationships, create new connections, and identify additional areas for partnership and innovation.

"On behalf of HHS and Secretary Becerra, I would like to applaud the incredible work of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to ensure people in your community can access and receive vital primary care services, regardless of their financial situation," said Region 1 HHS Regional Director



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During the visit, EBNHC and HRSA discussed timely care delivery topics such as maternal child and women's health, behavioral health and COVID-19 response and recovery.

"At East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, we have been committed to providing high-quality innovative community-based health care for more than 50 years," said President and CEO of EBNHC Greg Wilmot. "We are incredibly honored that HRSA has taken the time to recognize the critical contributions of our health center team in advancing health equity, in

addition to reflecting on the vital role community health centers play across Massachusetts and the U.S."

During National Health Center Week, HRSA highlighted that community health centers provide care to over 30 million patients, or 1 in 11 people in the United States. This includes 1 in 9 children and adolescents and 1 in 3 people living in poverty.

The number of health center patients has increased from 21.1 million patients in 2012 to 30.2 million patients in 2021. This increase illustrates health centers' critical role in providing accessible, high-quality primary care to medically underserved patients during the past decade, and throughout COVID-19 response and recovery.

Fiscal Year 2022 revenue collections total \$41.105 billion

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that preliminary revenue collections for June 2022 totaled \$4.143 billion as of August 4, 2022, which is \$470 million or 12.8% more than actual collections in June 2021 and \$780 million or 23.2% more than benchmark.

June 2022 revenue collections were impacted by the recently enacted elective pass-through entity (PTE) excise. After adjusting for PTE excise, June 2022 collections are \$213 million or 5.8% above actual collections in June 2021, and \$710 million or 22.3% more than benchmark.

Revenue collections for FY2022 were \$41.105 billion, which is \$6.982 billion or 20.5% more than collections in FY2021, and \$3.438 billion or 9.1% more than the benchmark. After adjusting for PTE excise, FY2022 collections are \$4.932 billion or 14.5% more than collections in FY2021 and \$2.668 billion or 7.3% more than benchmark.

Since FY21, when sales tax acceleration was implemented, entities subject to sales tax acceleration make estimated payments in June for which returns are due in late July, and only once those returns are filed can DOR assess the split between taxes that are collected on behalf of the state, versus local option taxes that go

to municipalities and taxes owed to the convention center fund.

"Fiscal Year 2022 revenue collections reflect unprecedented capital gains tax revenue, the temporary impact of PTE excise payments, current labor market conditions, and strength in retail sales", said Commissioner Snyder.

In general, June is a significant month for revenues because many individuals and corporations are required to make estimated payments. In most years, the month of June has ranked second (behind only April) in the proportion of annual revenue received during the month.

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CAPIC holds re-opening reception

Cromwell, staff assisted 7,500 residents during the pandemic

By Cary Shuman

Richelle Cromwell, executive director of CAPIC, chose the agency headquarters' reopening celebration awards to some of the individuals who had been so supportive of CAPIC during the pandemic.

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden, Sarah Bartley of the United Way, Vet-to Casado of the Boston Foundation, Senator Sal DiDomenico, and Darlene Lombos of the Greater Boston Labor Council were among the honorees.

But the true spotlight of the day fittingly shone brightly on the exceptional leadership of Cromwell, who took over the helm of the agency just four months before the pandemic struck in March, 2020, and the efforts of her hard-work-

ing and dedicated program directors and staff. With most of the staff working remotely during the pandemic, CAPIC succeeded in overcoming the unprecedented challenge, managing to provide vital services to 7,500 residents and their families during the health crisis that hit Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop hard.

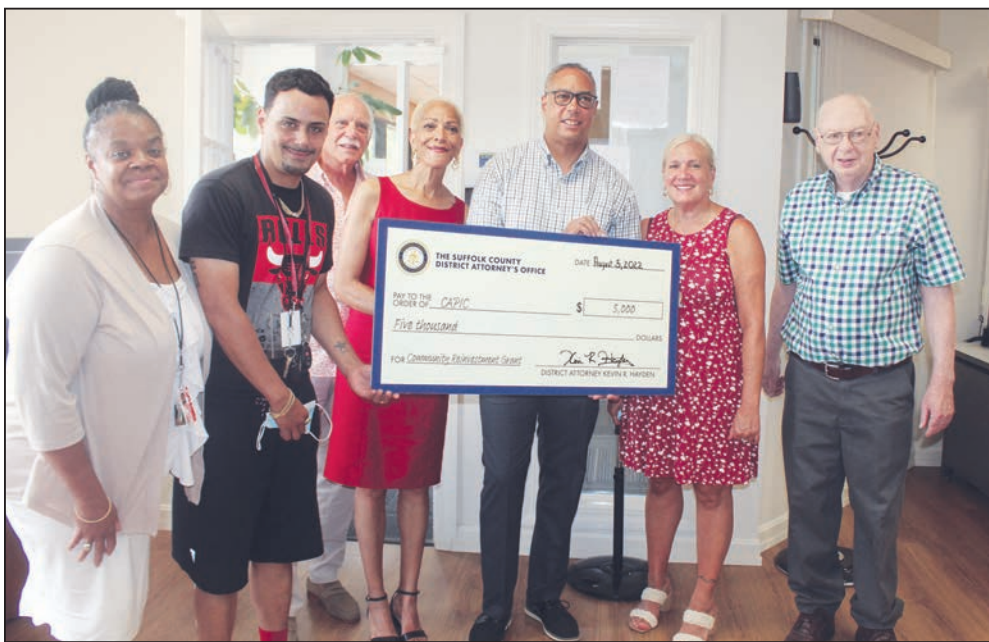
Charles Randall, president of CAPIC's Board of Directors, personally lauded Cromwell for her incredible guidance and management of the agency during the pandemic.

"I would just like to say that we did put Richelle in the baptism of fire and she went through and did things that were phenomenal," credited Randall. "Not only did she work through the pandemic, she opened up avenues that CAPIC had never seen before – councils, organizations, everything. We are



Emergency Services Director Cary Havey of CAPIC speaks at the grand re-opening celebration Friday at CAPIC headquarters in Chelsea.

blessed to have Richelle." CAPIC's Director of Human Resources Dolores Benoit, Energy Director Aicha Idhsaine, S.U.D.S. Director Gladys Valentin-Agneta, Emergency Services Director Cary Havey, and Director of Planning and Operations Kerry Wolfgang were called upon to illuminate on the highlights and accomplishments of their respective divisions of CAPIC.



Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden presents a check on behalf of the DA's Office for \$5,000 to CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, who accepted the grant on behalf of the agency.

It was a great day for CAPIC, an agency that has served residents so well during its 55-year history. Richelle Cromwell is carrying on well the mantle of excellence established by her predecessor, Robert Repucci, and the agency's offices officially re-opened Monday.



CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, Christie Getto Young, Chief of Staff to Sen. Sal DiDomenico, accepting a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the senator, and CAPIC Board President Charles Randall.



CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, CAPIC Board of Director Clerk Sharon Caulfield, and Kevin Caulfield.



CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell and City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation.



Jose Aponte-Guzman, CAPIC Substance Use Disorder Services Program Director Gladys Valentin-Agneta, and Keisha Brown.



CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, Sarah Bartley (center) of the United Way, recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation, and CAPIC Board President Charles Randall.



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City Council President Roy Avellaneda, CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, and Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden.



GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, Appreciation Award recipient Darlene Lombos of the Greater Boston Labor Council, Chelsea Housing and Community Development Director Alex Train, Chelsea Community Connections Director Cara Cogliano, City Planner Karl Allen, and GreenRoots Associate Executive Director Maria Belen Power.



Chelsea Community Connections Director Cara Cogliano, Dr. Sarah Neville, School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera, and Assistant Superintendent of Schools Adam Deleidi.



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YAMIR RODRIGUEZ’S MASS WARRIORS SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE IN CHELSEA

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The Mass Warriors Summer Basketball League, under the direction of Yamir Rordiguez, plays its games at the Morris H. Seigal Clark Avenue Middle School gymnasium.



Mass Warriors Summer Basketball League Director Yamir Rodriguez is pictured with program co-founder Jordan Lopez, Xavier Felipe, Kevin Ingles, and Avian Sanchez.



Basketball players and coaches in the Mass Warriors Summer Basketball League are pictured above.



Players and coaches in the Mass Warriors Summer Basketball League are pictured with League Director Yamir Rodriguez at the Morris H. Seigal Clark Avenue Middle School gymnasium, home of the league.

MGC awards \$10.6 million in grants from Community Mitigation Fund

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) recently approved the award of over \$10.6 million in Community Mitigation Fund grants to numerous municipalities and other eligible entities across Massachusetts including \$167,600 for Chelsea Projects.

Since 2015, the MGC has awarded approximately \$37.7 million in grants from the Community Mitigation Fund. The fund, established by the gaming law, helps host and surrounding communities and other qualified applicants to offset costs related to casino construction and operation. Grant awards support a range

of community needs including education, transportation, infrastructure, housing, environmental issues, public safety, and emergency services. “The more than \$10 million in grants awarded through the 2022 Community Mitigation Fund is yet another example of the Commonwealth’s

commitment to fully realize the benefits of its gaming industry as well as the Gaming Commission’s continued fulfillment of the mandate made by the Legislature to mitigate any unintended impacts tied to gaming in Massachusetts,” said MGC Chair Cathy Judd-Stein. The MGC is proud to support communities in the Commonwealth as they seek to improve government services and make advancements in road safety, tourism marketing, wellness and recovery services, public safety training and

personnel, and job readiness programming. On behalf of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, I extend congratulations to all of our 2022 grant recipients and look forward to the numerous ways those awards will make innovative, tangible improvements to the Commonwealth and its communities.” The Community Mitigation Fund review team conducted a comprehensive review of all applications to ensure compliance with the 2022 Guidelines and made recommenda-

tions to the Commission over the course of several public meetings throughout the spring of 2022. After deliberation on those recommendations, the Commission voted to award the following grants: Spruce Street — Transportation Planning; \$167,600 Funding for a comprehensive study to devise a conceptual design of multi-modal infrastructure enhancements on Spruce Street, between Everett Avenue and Williams Street.

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Ryder Revere hosts FUNraiser for Nantucket Animal shelter

By Melissa Moore-Randall

As latest summer heat wave continues to bring flocks of people to Revere Beach, Ryder Revere hosted a FUNraiser for four legged friends. On Sunday, three local area businesses hosted the fundraiser to benefit the Nantucket Safe Harbor for Animals (NiSHA). Local dogs were treated to cookies from Nana's Tea Time Treats, collars from Marjon Tondravi, Artisan bones from The Dirty Doodle, and doggie nails trims from All That Jazz Grooming Salon.

Proceeds from the events went to NiSHA which is a non profit animal shelter and welfare organization based in Nantucket, MA that houses homeless, abandoned and relinquished pets. NISHA takes in and cares for Nantucket's stray and surrendered pets, whether given up due to a move or allergies or found wandering the lanes of Nantucket. All incoming animals receive sterilization, vaccines and a microchip before going on to new homes. They find new homes for those pets who can no longer stay with



Homemade dog bones from The Dirty Doodle



Cookies from Nana's Tea Time Treats.



Ryder residents Nicole and her pup Candy visiting the FUNraiser.



Susan Demetri, owner of Nana's Team Time Treats, Sarah Castine, owner of All That Jazz Grooming Salon, and Karen Millerick, owner of The Dirty Doodle at Ryder's FUNraiser.

their families and have a 100% adoption rate for our adoptable animals. Beyond animal care and re-homing, they also of-

fer behavior counseling, animal care training, and financial assistance information to pet owners.

Nana's Tea Time Treats, owned and operated by Susan Demetri, is a registered 501c3 charity that makes homemade and handmade dog treats that are human grade meaning people can enjoy them too. All of her treats are made out her home. 100% of all proceeds are donated to monthly dog rescue organizations. You can follow Nana's Tea Time Treats on Instagram and Facebook.

The Dirty Doodle and All That Jazz Dog Grooming operate out of 236 Main Street in Stoneham.

Karen Millerick is the owner of The Dirty Doodle. A Revere native, Karen offers unique dog treats, handmade accessories some including bandanas, poop bag holders, bow ties and collar flowers, raincoats, sweaters, and stylish harnesses, as well as dog grooming, and pet photography. Her husband makes homemade dog bones with 100% portion of the proceeds going to Soi Dog Foundation. The Foundation was established in 2003 in Phuket, Thailand to help street dogs and cats. You can

learn more about The Dirty Doodle at www.thedirtydoodle.com.

All That Jazz Dog Grooming is owned and operated by Susan Castine who has worked with animals for over 20 years. The name was inspired by her Dad and his love of Frank Sinatra and Perry Como. Services include grooming and pampering for your pooch. For a quote call 978-404-2903 or visit her website or Facebook.

To learn more about NiSHA you can visit their website at www.nishanimals.org.

U.S. Attorney rollins announces 'end hate now' hotline for reporting acts of hate

Staff Report

United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins announced the rollout of: 1-83-END-H8-NOW (1-833-634-8669) The "End Hate Now" hotline is dedicated for reporting hate-based incidents or potential criminal activity. Massachusetts residents and visitors are encouraged to call the hotline to report concerning or troubling incidents of hate, potential hate crimes, or concerns regarding individuals believed to be espousing the hate-filled views or actions we learn of far too often in the wake of mass shootings

and/or acts of hate-based violent extremism. Callers are encouraged to leave their contact information but may remain anonymous. At this time, the hotline is available in English, Spanish, Cantonese and French. Hate crimes are illegal acts committed based on a victim's perceived or actual race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability. Beliefs are not hate crimes. Distasteful ideologies, advocacy of political or social positions, use of discriminatory rhetoric, or the general philosophic embrace of biased or

hate-filled beliefs are not crimes. Under federal law, investigations may not be based solely on an individual's beliefs or their protected First Amendment activity. "With the uptick in horrific mass-shootings and unimaginable acts of racially motivated violent extremism we have seen across our country, people are scared. In Massachusetts, we have recently seen multiple incidents of groups espousing deeply offensive and hurtful ideologies displayed on our streets. A recent act of hateful vandalism at the future PRYDE senior housing facility in Hyde

Park threatened burning and death against the LGBTQ+ community. Enough is enough. My office is offering our residents and visitors a new outlet for bringing these critical and concerning issues seeped in bigotry and hatred to the attention of law enforcement," said U.S. Attorney Rollins. "I am asking people – when you see hate, call this number and let us know. If you have serious concerns about a loved one, a friend, or even an acquaintance, call this number and let us know. We have dedicated resources to stand ready to act when necessary. This too is a vitally important form of community policing." As part of this effort, U.S. Attorney Rollins also formally announced the leadership of her newly created Civil Rights and Human Trafficking Unit in her Criminal Division, which will focus on pros-

ecuting cases involving civil rights violations, including hate crimes, human trafficking, and police use of excessive force. U.S. Attorney Rollins announced the establishment of this dedicated Unit at her Investiture in April 2022. It is now fully staffed and operational. The Unit will be led by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Riley in the role of Unit Chief. Ms. Riley recently served as the Chief of Human Trafficking and Exploitation Unit for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, where she prosecuted and supervised cases involving human trafficking and online exploitation of youth and adults. During her more than 10 years as an Assistant District Attorney for Suffolk County, Ms. Riley prosecuted over 300 cases and secured successful convictions in over 50 jury trials. In 2015, she was awarded as the Suffolk County Outstanding

Prosecutor of the Year. She is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross and Suffolk University Law School. Ms. Riley will supervise a Unit of three federal prosecutors and exceptional support staff and will work closely with the Office's existing five-member Civil Rights Unit in the Civil Division, led by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Serafyn. "Protecting Massachusetts residents from violence and hate is the top priority of my administration," stated U.S. Attorney Rollins. "In Massachusetts, we have a long history of standing up to hate and intolerance. Today, we continue that honored tradition. By establishing this 1-83-END-H8-NOW hotline and a Civil Rights and Human Trafficking Unit, my office is fully equipped and dedicated to fighting hate-fueled criminal activity across our Commonwealth."



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OBITUARIES

Joseph A. Wozniak

November 10, 1963 – July 28, 2022

Joseph A. Wozniak, 58, passed away on Thursday, July 28 at the Hartford Hospital.

Born in Everett, he was a beloved son of the late John P. and Kathleen J. (Connors) Wozniak. Joseph grew up on Watts Street in Chelsea. He attended St. Rose Parochial School in Chelsea and graduated from Dom Savio High School in East Boston. He continued his education at East Coast Aero-Technical School in Lexington and also held an associate degree from Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT.

He was the beloved husband of Jean Bodnaruk-Wozniak and together they resided in Terryville, CT. for the past 30 years. Joseph worked for many years with Pratt Whitney Aviation as a mechanic and traveled around the country and the world servicing and repairing airplane engines.

In his lifetime, Joseph enjoyed boating at the Cape, Boston Harbor and Gloucester. He loved to go bicycling on long 20-mile excursions. He also liked hiking and walking along trails at various nature preserves. He really enjoyed the fact that his job afforded him the opportunity to work and visit many countries such as Switzerland, China, Thailand, and spending three months in Seattle, Washington.

Joe had a deep abiding devotion to the Blessed Mother and made it a point to visit her many shrines and churches throughout the country. He is fondly remembered for remaining in contact with his old Chelsea friends, posting Dom Savio Vintage pho-



tos and for having a great love for his family and his wife, Jean.

He is lovingly survived by his beloved wife of 30 years Jean Bodnaruk-Wozniak and he was the dear brother of Kim M. Wozniak of Chelsea, June Ann Catalano and her husband, Michael of New Hampshire, Michael Wozniak of Chelsea and John P. Wozniak of Florida. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Sunday, August 14 from 3 to 7 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. His funeral will be from the Welsh Funeral Home on Monday, August 15 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Should friends desire, contributions in Joseph's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-1905.

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Oscar Ramos

October 13, 1994 – August 8, 2022

Oscar Ramos, 27, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, August 8 in his home in Chelsea.

A lifelong resident of Chelsea, he attended Chelsea Schools. He later attended NETTTS, received his Commercial Driver's License "CDL" and worked as a professional truck driver for Jacob Trucking, hauling soil and paving asphalt to and from construction sites.

He was best known as a great son, brother, nephew, cousin and friend. A humble but charismatic man, he was someone who could always be counted on by friends and family.

In his lifetime, Oscar enjoyed attending car shows and shopping and was proud of his Acura ILX. He also enjoyed music and he is fondly remembered for his humor, sharing a joke, his distinctive voice and dancing.

He was the loving son and stepson of Maritza Bello and Joan Mendoza of Chelsea and Oscar Ramos of Honduras; dear brother of Pamela Ramos, Joan Eddyl Mendoza, and Anthony Mendoza, all of



Chelsea; cherished grandson of Maritza Sevilla of Chelsea and beloved nephew of Cristina Sevilla and Julio Sevilla, both of Chelsea, Adolfo Bello of Lawrence, and the late Yanira Bello.

Family and friends are invited to honor Oscar by gathering at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Friday, August 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, immediately followed by a funeral service in the funeral home at 12 noon. Services will conclude with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

EBNHC PULLS OUT OF PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DAVIS COMPANIES TO DEVELOP BREMEN STREET LOTS

EAST BOSTON - Last year the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) entered into a somewhat controversial partnership with the Davis Companies to redevelop four parcels along Bremen and Orleans Streets used for Health Center employee parking into over 300 units of mixed-use development.

Under the partnership with the Davis Company the Health Center will make around \$80,000 per unit off the sale of the market rate units. These proceeds were to be used to expand and enhance EBNHC programs throughout Eastie and the other communities the Health Center serves. In return the Health Center was prepared to commit \$2.4 million in proceeds back to helping the East Boston CDC create the 70 affordable units on Orleans Street.

However, the EBNHC has decided to pull out of the partnership.

In a statement released last week, EBNHC said after careful consideration the Health Center has decided not to proceed with the sale of its four parcels of land along Bremen and Orleans Streets at this

time. "The decision to sell the land in 2018 was an opportunity for the health center to secure resources for necessary investments in infrastructure and facility improvements," said EBNHC in the statement. "It also presented an opportunity to collaborate with our development partners, The Davis Companies and East Boston Community Development Corporation, who were committed to providing affordable housing to the East Boston community. Over the past two years, EBNHC has worked diligently to provide COVID-19 testing, support services, education, treatment and vaccinations in the communities we serve. We have done this while continuing to provide comprehensive healthcare and expanded social services to our community, including the opening of the Community Resource and Wellness Center on Meridian Street and the completion of a first of its kind merger with the South End Community Health Center, both in 2020."

EBNHC said they are proud that local, state and federal elected officials recognize the Health Center's unique ability to serve vulnerable populations and, as a result, have helped EBNHC obtain

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much-needed supplemental federal and state funding to meet these growing needs.

“This funding has allowed the health center to continue to provide necessary health care services, while also investing in critical new services, including our multi-year renovation of the James Taylor Building at 10 Gove Street, as well as the upcoming development of a 24/7 behavioral health urgent care access point at the same location,” the statement continued. “Ultimately, the health center feels that now is an appropriate time to pause and reflect on additional opportunities for the future of these parcels. We will continue to evaluate options for the land and look forward to working with the City and neighbors on any future projects, always with the goal of uplifting our wonderful community and ensuring that the best interests of our patients, staff and the community continue to guide our process.”

The four parcels of land are located at 75-115 Bremen Street, 135B Bremen Street, 147-163 Orleans Street, and 164 Orleans Street, respectively.

However, since floating the idea of redeveloping the lots with the help of the Davis Companies and CDC the overall project was met with hostility due to the parcels’ close proximity to the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway.

Since the first meetings were held community activists worried that the proposed height of the buildings would cast a portion of the bright and sunny greenway into darkness.

Longtime activist and member of the Friends of the Mary Ellen Greenway Karen Maddelena said one of the main concerns for greenway members is potential shading from the larger building being proposed that are five to six stories.

EVERETT RECEIVES STATE GRANT FOR STREETS

EVERETT - The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$16.4 million for 184 new awards to 138 municipalities including Everett, and seven Regional Transit Authorities through the Shared Streets and Spaces Program. The program provides technical assistance and project funding to help Massachusetts cities and towns design and implement changes to curbs, streets, and parking areas in support of public health, safe mobility, and community growth and revitalization. This round of funding placed particular emphasis on two new types of projects: those to reduce vehicle speeds in order to increase safety, and those to purchase equipment needed to improve and maintain infrastructure for active transportation.

“Our Shared Streets and Spaces grant program is just one of the many municipal grant programs that has demonstrated what we can accomplish by working together with our partners at the local level,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Today’s announcement represents the largest award round since the program was

launched and we are glad to be funding projects that reduce vehicular speeds and provide safe mobility for children, for seniors, to public transportation, housing, and to open space and parks.”

“We’ve been proud to award a total of \$50 million dollars in grant funding to cities and towns to facilitate 494 projects since launching Shared Streets and Spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic in June of 2020,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. “We are pleased to partner with local leaders to create safer and more connected cities and towns.”

This grant round also offered municipalities a new opportunity to apply for grants for up to \$50,000 to purchase equipment to support active transportation. Eligible items include such things as snow removal equipment for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, speed feedback signs, pedestrian-activated warning devices such as Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), and bicycle lane delineators.

“With speeding and speeding-related crashes becoming more and more prevalent as we emerge from the pandemic, safety and driving at appropriate speeds has never been so important,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. “MassDOT encourages municipalities to think strategically an implemented speed reduction measures to reduce crashes and the severity of injuries in crashes. Many of the projects funded in this grant round will make our streets safer for everyone, whether they are walking, bicycling, taking public transportation or driving.”

This announcement represents the largest award round since the program was launched in June 2020. The awards made in this round provide funding to 138 municipalities and seven Regional Transit Authorities for a total of 184 individual grants. Of the awarded municipalities, 53% are designated Environmental Justice communities. A total of 31% of today’s award recipients have never received a Shared Streets and Spaces grant before.

Everett received \$75,000.00 to install crossing improvements including ADA-compliant curb ramps and a new crosswalk at the intersection of Spalding and Main Streets, as well as wayfinding signage and temporary speed bumps at locations around the city.

BOARD OF HEALTH LOOK AT REGULATIONS

REVERE - The Revere Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting July 28, at Revere City Hall in the City Council Chambers.

On hand for the meeting were chairperson Dr. Drew Bunker and fellow members Dr. Craig Castanza and Nezha Louaddi.

Also in attendance were Lauren Buck, the city’s Director of Public Health; Michael Wells, the city’s Health Agent/

Director of Inspectional Services; Paula Sepulveda, Administrative Assistant; Bonny Carroll from the Six City Tobacco Initiative; Ann Marie Kissel, the Regional Epidemiologist from the North Suffolk Collaborative; and Lisa Stevens-Goodnight, the new tobacco control coordinator for the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

The principal business conducted at the 90-minute meeting was a public hearing at which the board discussed adopting new tobacco control regulations for the sale of tobacco products in the city.

Prior to that public hearing portion of the meeting, the board heard presentations on a number of other matters.

Buck presented the monthly Public Health Communicable Disease report and highlighted two specific areas of concern, monkeypox and vibrio.

She said there have been three confirmed cases of monkeypox in the city, all of which involve men who have sex with other men. She said all three have been doing well with treatment.

Vibrio is a bacterial infection in seawater, which typically is more pronounced in the warm months of the summer season. Vibrio can be contracted by ingesting infected raw shellfish, swallowing sea water in an infected area, or having an open wound while swimming.

She said there has been one confirmed case in Revere and it did not come from eating shellfish in local restaurants.

Buck said there is one case of tuberculosis in the city and the patient is doing well with treatment.

As for COVID-19, there have been 23,803 cases in the city since the start of the pandemic and the total deceased in the city is 186. Buck noted that the positivity rate in the city has increased in the past two weeks.

Wells then presented the Inspectional Services monthly report, a relatively new report that he had initiated last month, in which he told the board members of the many and varied number of inspections conducted by his department for housing, restaurants, temporary food vendors, and pools.

He noted that the department issued 48 violations for outside accumulations of garbage and trash, 24 for improper and bulky yard waste placements, 99 for improper placement of garbage and trash, and two for improper signage by persons posting hand-made signs on utility poles and public property.

In addition, there were five citations for improper trash storage, 15 for junk-keeps of automobiles that were stored improperly, two for rodents, 50 for unclean and unsanitary grown vegetation, and three for unpermitted dumpsters.

There also were 11 violations issued to residents or contractors who were doing work without proper permitting.

Ms. Kissel made a presentation on the results of the Community Health Needs Assessment survey that was conducted

TASTE OF EASTIE AT TALL SHIP PIER 1 DRIVE



East Boston Main Streets recently hosted its Taste of Eastie event at the Tall Ship 1 Pier Drive. The event featured food from more than 30 local “Eastie” restaurants, music, as well as raffles and prizes. Pictured (above and right) show the large turn-out of residents who sampled the variety of food offered by the local restaurants.

by the No. Suffolk Collaborative, which includes Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop.

In addition to COVID-19, some of the other primary areas of health needs that the collaborative works on include environmental health, housing, economic opportunity, and behavioral health. The collaborative's most recent survey sought to identify the specific concerns of residents in their communities.

There were 1401 respondents to the survey, of whom more than 50 percent were from Revere.

In 2015, the top concerns of Revere residents were substance abuse, crime, mental health, environmental issues, and poor diet and inactivity.

In 2019 there was a shift, with the top five concerns being substance abuse, mental health, environment, housing, and

poverty.

In 2022, the Revere respondents to the survey -- which asked the questions in a slightly different format -- cited more affordable housing, better schools, lower crime and violence, better access to healthcare, and a cleaner environment as their top five areas for improvement in the Revere community.

In addition, 44 percent of respondents said they do not have access to good local jobs with living wages and benefits. The per capita income in the city of \$30,591 in 2020 was well below the state average of \$45,555.

One ominous statistic revealed that 13.9 percent of respondents said they were unable to access behavioral health care during a crisis, including suicide. The city has a slightly higher rate than the state per 100,000 persons for mental health issues, 3056/100,000 in

Revere vs. 2807/100,000 in the state.

A total of 12.9 percent of those who needed substance abuse services said they did not have access to that type of care.

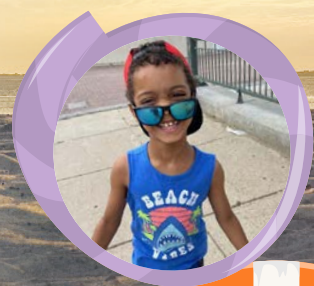
Revere's overdose and hospitalization rate for substance abuse was 54.8 per 100,000 of population vs. 46.9 per 100,000 for the state.

Kissel also told the board that vaping has been on the increase in the Revere schools, which makes for unclean and unhealthy air for students who do not vape.

The board then held its public hearing regarding the new regulations for the sale of tobacco products in the city, which last were updated in 2019. Buck explained that the proposed Revere regulations are needed in order to conform to the changes that have been made at the state level over the past few years.

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Celebrating Farmers Market Week

Staff Report

In recognition of the important role that farmers markets play in expanding access to fresh, healthy, and local food in Massachusetts, Governor Charlie Baker has declared to August 13, 2022, as Massachusetts Farmers Market Week. In celebration of Governor Baker’s declaration, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) Commissioner John Lebeaux, along with state and local officials, are spending the week touring farmers markets throughout the Commonwealth to highlight the impact these markets have on their communities, serving as a vital link for the public to buy direct from local farmers.

“Farmers Markets offer us all with the opportunity to support the Commonwealth’s many farms – big and small, and to meet and engage directly with our farmers and their staff,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card. “That special relationship between farmer and consumer highlights how local food is embedded in the culture of so

many communities across the Commonwealth. The Baker-Polito Administration is proud to continue to support the state’s growers and producers.”

In addition to the local food that they provide, farmers markets afford the public a chance to learn about the local food supply and how their food is grown. They are educational for all ages, allowing consumers to understand and recognize the hard work that goes into growing and harvesting food.

“While we support them in every season, now is an especially fantastic time to go out and support your local farmers market,” said Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner John Lebeaux. “It is the perfect time to be celebrating farmers markets during the height of summer as Massachusetts is currently in the midst of its peak harvest so consumers will find a vast and varied array of fruits, vegetables, and other wonderful, delicious products at their local farmers market.”

Over 7,200 farms in Massachusetts keep approximately 491,000 acres

of land as open space and produce over \$475 million in agricultural goods each year. Massachusetts ranks fifth in the nation for direct market sales with over \$100 million annually, which accounts for 21.1% of the state’s total sales of agricultural products—the highest proportion in the country. Additionally, there are approximately 216 summer and fall farmers markets and another 37 winter farmers markets in communities across the Commonwealth.

Increased access to the healthy foods available at farmers markets is made possible through partnerships and programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Healthy Incentives Program (HIP), the Women Infants and Children (WIC), and Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Programs. Furthermore, farmers markets provide direct access to the state’s agricultural sector, help build a strong sustainable local food system, serve as public and community gathering places, and foster a closer connection between the consumer and the food that they consume.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST

Tufts University recently announced the dean’s list for the Spring 2022 semester. Among students earning dean’s list honors are:

Karina Avalos of Chelsea class of 2024

May Lam of Chelsea class of 2022

Fazila Nasimi of Chelsea class of 2022

Guadalupe Romero Celaya of Chelsea class of 2023

Dean’s list honors at Tufts University requires a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university’s schools is widely encouraged.

MALDEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL – THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTER

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the third and fourth quarter of the 2021 - 2022 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: Headmaster’s List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes.)

Malden Catholic Honors – QUARTER THREE

Headmaster’s List (90 to 100 in all classes)

Valerie Umipig

First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)

Pedro Barahona
Nain Escobar
Chi Linh Nguyen

Malden Catholic Honors – QUARTER FOUR

Headmaster’s List (90 to 100 in all classes)

Valerie Umipig

First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes)

Nain Escobar
Chi Linh Nguyen

Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)

Jarah Alvarenga-Melendez

Pedro Barahona

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation’s most renowned universities including Harvard, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Dartmouth, Tufts, Georgia Tech, Boston College and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic’s codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curriculum is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles, success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org/>

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LEGAL NOTICES

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

Docket No. SU14P0436EA

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

Boston, MA 02114

(617)788-8300

Estate of:

Lee J. Dunn, Jr.

Date of Death: 10/14/2013

A petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Mitchell J Sikora, Jr. of West Roxbury, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such


relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 08/25/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty(30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.

LEGAL NOTICE



Chelsea Planning Board

Public Hearing

In accordance with MGL Ch. 40A, Section 5, the Chelsea Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 6:00 PM, Chelsea City Council Chambers, Third Floor, 500 Broadway, to discuss a proposed amendment to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance Section 34-241 Definitions, by adding, in alphabetical order,

a definition of Electric vehicle collision repair, to read as follows: Electric vehicle collision repair means structures or lots used for the service of electric powered vehicles, including tire changing, wheel alignment, hardware replacement, windshield wiper fluid replacement, software updates, painting or major body repairs, with all work on the vehicles occurring within the structure, vehicles awaiting repair stored within a screened area, and no outside storage of materials, parts, and/or vehicles undergoing repair. and a proposed amendment to Section 34-215(a), by adding a new subsection (5) to read as follows: (5) Construction or expansion of an electric

vehicle repair facility will require major site plan review, and a proposed amendment to Section 34-300, Table of principal use regulations, by adding in Section C. Commercial uses, Electric vehicle collision repair allowed subject to the issuance of a Special Permit by the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Shopping Center (SC) District and the Industrial (I) District and not permitted in any of the other districts, to read as follows: Electric vehicle repair: R1-N, R2-N, R3-N, BR-N, BR2-N, BH-N, B-N, SC-SP, P-N, WU-N, W-N, I-SP, LI-N, LI2-N, NHR-N, NHC-N. A copy of the proposed amendment is available for inspection in the City Clerk’s office, Chelsea City Hall, Chelsea, MA; during City Hall business

hours.

Tuck Willis

Chair

8/04/22, 8/11/22

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP) PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF INVITATION FOR BIDCAPIC Head Start

Attention:

Vended Meals Companies

The above institution is soliciting invitations for bid for vended meals to their Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) program site(s). The Vendor would provide meal services according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and guidelines as well as Massachusetts Department of Elementa-

ry and Secondary Education, Office for Food and Nutrition Programs policies and guidelines. Vendors and/or their representatives may submit bids to: Name of Institution: Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) Institution’s mailing address: 100 Everett Avenue, #14, Chelsea, MA 02150 A bid packet will be available by email at cgrandon@capicinc.org to all potential bidders by August 10, 2022. Potential bidders should email questions to Carole Grandon at cgrandon@capicinc.org by August 19, 2022. The institution will email its response to these questions by August 23, 2022. All bids must be submitted no later than 1:00 PM on Wednesday, August 24, 2022. All bids are subject to review by

the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office for Food and Nutrition Programs, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148. The public bid opening will be at 9 AM on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 100 Everett Avenue, #14, Chelsea, MA 02150 This institution is an equal opportunity provider. July 2022

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Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc., (CAPIC)

Request for Proposals for HEARTWAP PROGRAM

CAPIC seeks proposals from heating contractors who can provide heating system efficiency modifications, such modifica-

tions may include: clean, tune and evaluations, repairs and retrofits, as well as heating system replacements. Asbestos abatement contractors are also needed to remove asbestos from residential heating systems. To request a proposal package contact Aicha Idhsaine at (617) 884-6130 x1107. To be considered for selection all proposal packages must be received by CAPIC, 100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14, Chelsea, MA 02150 by 4 PM on Friday, September 23, 2022. This notice is subject in all respects to the Terms and Conditions of the Request for Proposal package. Minority contractors are encouraged to apply.

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