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#### CHRISTMAS WITH LA COLABORATIVA



La Colaborative Executive Director Gladys Vega and City Manager Tom Ambrosino joined workers and volunteers who helped make the "Christmas With La Colaborativa" event a success. See more photos on Page 6.

# Council to begin search process for new City Manager in January

When the City Council convenes for the new year, it will have a big task on its hands – beginning the search for a new City Manager.

Earlier this month, current City Manager Thomas Ambrosino announced he will be beginning a new position on Jan. 30 as the Court Administrator of the Trial Court for Massachusetts.

"We have asked Tom to submit a formal letter of resignation so we can move forward with the process," said Council

President Calvin Brown.

As the Council moves forward with the hiring process, Brown said Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe will handle much of the day-to-day business of the city manager's office.

"He'll be able to focus on a lot of projects over the next six months that are already underway,' said Brown. Having the deputy city manager in place will help make the transition to a new city manager easier when the

time comes, Brown said. Brown said he has been

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# A year in review

# Looking back at Chelsea happenings in 2022

By Adam Swift

The city faced a number of major changes and departures during 2022, with the City Council president, the police chief, the public works director, and the city manager all leaving their positions this year.

Toward the end of the year, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino announced he was stepping down to

take a position as the next Court Administrator of the Trial Court in Massachu-

"Tom did an outstanding job for our city," said City Councilor Leo Robinson. "He will surely be missed when he leaves. He kept us on course to achieve the improvement of the city and (moved) the city forward.

Brian Police Chief

Kyes likewise moved onto another position in 2022, being named the next U.S. Marshal for Massachu-

Citing several excellent choices within the department, Ambrosino promoted long-time Captain Keith Houghton to take over from Kyes as the city's new police chief.

"I am a son of this community, I was raised here, educated here, played here, worshiped here, and for 36 years I have worked here as a proud officer of the Chelsea Police Department," said Houghton at his official swearing in ceremony in early December. "I learned quite a bit here in Chelsea, it is true what they say, it really does take a village of ex-

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Robert "Bob" Hart displays the Los Angeles Outstanding Philanthropist of 2022 Award that he received from the Association of Fundraising Professionals at the awards

# HART OF GOLD

## Chelsea native Robert 'Bob' Hart honored as LA's Outstanding Philanthropist of 2022

Special To The Record

Chelsea High School classmates and friends who knew Robert "Bob" Hart remember a brilliant student who was always generous and kind to others. Hart went on to graduate from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) and became president of his class at the UCLA School of Management where he received his MBA.

Now the chief executive officer of TruAmerica Multifamily, a real estate investment firm based in Los Angeles, Hart is setting the standard for beneficence with his numerous philanthropic endeavors. Hart's noteworthy leadership, personal giving, and participation in fundraising activities have served to inspire other business professionals.

Hart recently received the Los Angeles Outstanding Philanthropist of 2022 Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals at AFP's 37th annual National Philanthropy Day luncheon at the JW Marriott Los Angeles at LA Live.

#### 'Bob brings people together'

In addition to leading the firm he founded in 2013 to become one of the most active multifamily investors in the United States with more than \$18 billion in assets under management, Hart is ac-

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Members of the Boston Children's Chorus during a rehearsal.

## Chelsea Public Schools partners with Boston Children's Chorus to create after school chorus program

When the afternoon of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day arrives in January, a group of Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) students will take the stage at Symphony Hall in Boston, Massachusetts for the 20th annual MLK Tribute Con-

cert, "Becoming King". This opportunity is available for students through a new partnership between CPS and the Boston Children's Chorus (BCC), a first-of-its-kind dynamic in Chelsea that brings BCC choral instructors into Chelsea schools to create an after-school cho-

The chorus will rehearse at the Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex where students from the Berkowitz, Hooks, Kelly and Sokolowski Schools comprise the first CPS-BCC chorus. Students and BCC instructors will meet every Thursday after school at

the Elementary Complex (three rehearsals have already occurred) leading up to the concert in January. The CPS-BCC students will also perform a concert for families and friends in Chelsea in February. This work aligns with

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The Independent Newspaper Group office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2 in observance of the New Year's Day holiday...

Deadlines for next week's issue will be Friday, Dec. 27 at noon

#### Planning Board against Spencer Avenue apartment proposal

By Adam Swift

A proposed 15-unit apartment building at 69-71 Spencer Ave. is too dense for the property, according to the majority of Planning Board members.

Last week, the Planning Board voted 4-1 not to recommend approval of special permits and variances for the project, proposed by Zepal Development, to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The project is scheduled to come before the ZBA at its Jan. 10

"My client has also developed another project on Spencer Avenue, so he is familiar with the area and wants to keep doing business in Chelsea," said Anthony Rossi, the attorney for the applicant.

There is currently a two-family house on the nearly 15,000-square-foot lot that the developer is looking to tear down and replace with the apartment building, which would have four affordable units among its 11 one-bedroom and four two-bedroom units.

"Based on the amount of square footage on the lot, 12 units can be done by right by special permit," said Rossi. "We are working with the city to try to compromise and offer additional affordable housing."

Under the city's inclusionary zoning ordinance, the developer would have to offer three affordable units, but is offering up an additional unit.

The apartment building would have 15 parking spaces, where 23 are required under zoning. If approved, residents of the apartment building would not be able to acquire onstreet city parking permits.

Since the lot is in a flood plain, Rossi said there would be no basement and

the elevation of the project would be raised about three feet to remove it from the flood plain.

Planning Board member Sarah Ritch raised some questions about the parking abutting a neighboring property and said she was concerned that the abutter had not given any input on the project.

Rossi said the developer could take some steps, including shrinking the travel land and adding some compact car parking spaces to create a small buffer with the neighboring property.

But some of the board members said the issues extended beyond parking and setbacks.

"I think the scale of the project is too big for the property," said Planning Board member Sharleen McLean. "I think you could achieve having the necessary setbacks if you were to shrink the size of

the building."

Rossi noted that the building itself was similar in size to surrounding development on Spencer Avenue, including an adjacent apartment building built by the same devel-

If the project were to shrink in size, Rossi said the project would not be economically feasible for the developer, and the city would lose an additional affordable housing unit.

Planning Board member Mimi Rancatore said she felt the units were too small, and that the city was in need of affordable home ownership opportunities more than additional rental properties.

In other business, the Planning Board recommended approval of a special permit to renovate an existing first floor space at 260 to 270 Second Street for use as a proposed retail marijuana facility.

#### News in Brief

#### **MENA** PARTICIPATES IN **EMERSON STAGE'S** PRODUCTION OF **OLD JAKE'S SKIRTS**

Luis Mena from Chelsea, participated in Emerson Stage's production of Old Jake's Skirts, which took place November 9th-13th, 2022 at the Semel Theater at Emerson College in Boston, MA.

Old Jake's Skirts tells of the story of a farmer living a dull life. Jake's life is turned around when he discovers a trunk of skirts - the discovery brings color to Jake's life.

Luis Mena is majoring in Theatre and is a member of the Class of 2024.

Emerson Stage and the Department of Performing Arts are where the next generation of actors, designers, stage managers, technicians, administrators, and educators work alongside distinguished faculty, professional staff, and visiting artists to bring skills learned in the classroom to vibrant life on stage.

Photos are available upon request.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, **Emerson College educates** individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has approximately 4,161undergraduates and 554 graduate students from across the United States and nearly 70 countries. Supported by state-ofthe-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than

90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs at Emerson Los Angeles, located in Hollywood, and at its 14th-century castle, in the Netherlands. Additionally, there are opportunities to study in Washington, DC, London, China, and the Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, Greece, France, Ireland, Mexico, Cuba, England, and South Africa. The College has an active network of 51,000+ alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.

#### **SUMNER TUNNEL OPEN** THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing the Sumner Tunnel will be open during the weekend of Friday, December 30, to accommodate the expected high volume of holiday vehicular traffic. Scheduled weekend closures as part of Phase 1 of the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project will resume during the weekend of Friday, January 6.

Phase 1 of the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project work requires scheduled weekend closures of the Sumner Tunnel for 36 weekends between June 2022 and May 2023, (excluding holiday week-

To sign up for project updates, email alerts, and the latest information on the Sumner Tunnel project so that you can stay up to date as the project unfolds: Sign up for project updates.

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traordinary individuals, and I have been blessed with their guidance and kindness over the years as it has exposed me to opportunities leading me right here to stand before you as chief."

Council President Roy Avellaneda stepped down from the council in early October, stating that he could not serve as president while also handling expanding business responsibilities. "Throughout the last

few years, we've worked terrifically together and worked tirelessly in support of bringing this city together," said Precinct 8 Councilor Calvin Brown, who took over as council president following Avellaneda's resignation.

In December, the council selected former Councilor Brian Hatleberg to fill the remainder of Avellaneda's term as an atlarge councilor. Hatleberg said he has no intention to run for a full term when Avellaneda's term expires.

At the beginning of the year, Chelsea lost its public works commissioner, Fidel Maltez. Maltez was hired as Reading's Town Manager.

"Many of you know how highly I regard Fidel," said Ambrosino. "I look at him as someone who is just an incredible administrator and an incredible public servant. He has made my life so much easier here, and a lot of the tremendous progress that we've made in the last five years has come because of his hard work and dedica-

In July, deputy public works commissioner Lou Mammolette was promoted to the top public works

Thanks to the 2020



The lot below the Tobin Bridge viaduct was ablaze in dramatic lights on September 10, during Electronic Chelsea, presented by Chelsea Prospers and Jukebox Events. Shown above, friends gathering around the dance floor beneath the Tobin Bridge for Electronic Chelsea, on September 10.

census and redistricting, Chelsea finally got a state representative who represents the entire city in

In the Democratic primary, City Councilor Judith Garcia topped fellow councilor Robinson and School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera.

In the general election, she defeated another city councilor, Republican Todd Taylor.

"I am honored to be the first Chelsea native to represent my city in this capacity, the first woman or Latina in this position and the first Central American elected to the (Massachusetts) legislature," Garcia stated following the election. "I have spent the last seven years fighting for Chelsea on the City Council, and am more than ready to advocate for Chelsea and Everett on Beacon Hill."

While there was much turnover in city government, school leadership was as stable as it has been since before the Covid-19 pandemic.

The School Committee

extended a new five-year contract to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abey-

"I am grateful that I have been given the opportunity to continue the work in Chelsea Public Schools," said Abeyta. "We have an amazing team in place, and I look forward to working with our community to ensure we deliver a high-quality education to every student

in every classroom." As has been the case in many past years, Chelsea students were able to affect change in the school

This year, it was with district's e-policy, which states a student who has three or more unexcused absences during a quarter receive a grade of 60, regardless of how they do on their work.

Several students noted that the policy is unfair to students with mental health issues, those who have to work to help support their families, and can be confusing and seemingly arbitrary to try to appeal.

One Chelsea High se-

nior noted that she received an E last year because she had to work two jobs, and wasn't able to get up for early classes after getting home at three in the morning.

Abeyta said a new policy was in the works for approval by the School Committee, and that the e-policy was suspended for the first two quarters of the school year.

Early in the year, Chelsea voters went to the polls for a question on the funding of a new Northeast Technical Metropolitan Vocational High School on Tuesday.

The 12 member communities of the vocational school district were asked to weigh in on the proposed \$317 million project. The vote was triggered by the Chelsea City Council's vote not to support the funding of the project, stating it would place an unfair financial burden on the city.

While the project passed by an overwhelming margin across the 12 communities of the district, the majority of Chelsea voters who went to the polls said they did not support the cost of the project. Over 2022, the city

continued to focus on infrastructure and improvement projects in the downtown corridor. The city is moving for-

ward with a partnership to redevelop the former Salvation Army building on Broadway with a mix of affordable housing and retail space.

Local nonprofit Green-Roots, along with the city and several other local and state nonprofits, began the process of attempting to purchase the former Forbes site to develop that 17.7-acre waterfront site to create affordable housing and a public, environmentally resilient water-

front area for residents.

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the Priority Items as identified in the current fiveyear CPS Strategic Plan for Improving Teaching and Learning for Every Student, Every Day: Bridge to Success 2.0. CPS has dedicated itself to increasing access to engaging and enriching opportunities for all students, such as this one with BCC. Involving community organizations like BCC improves both the educational and after-school experience for our students.

"I am thrilled about this partnership! To see the vision come to life is absolutely amazing. I am grateful that our students will get to experience the power and joy of music after school!" commented CPS Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta.

The development of the CPS-BCC partnership has been ongoing since last school year. Staff members from CPS, including Dr. Abeyta, Equity, Diversity, & Excellence Officer Dr. Aaron T. Jennings and Director of Extended Learning Malik Howshan, worked with BCC staff including Executive Director Andrés Holder to organize, plan and implement the chorus program. The CPS team worked to secure funding for the program, obtaining a grant from the Hestia Fund.

sic from a young age, I

am thrilled for Boston

Children's Chorus to be

"As an immigrant to this country, and one who was able to use my voice and talents through mu-

serving in Chelsea. Our collaboration with the fantastic team at Chelsea Public Schools will be a turning point for Boston Children's Chorus, one that will allow our institution to learn how to best serve the needs of young, bright, and talented people in even deeper ways,' said Holder. "We are fortunate to have an excellent partner in Chelsea Public Schools and look forward to many years of collaboration."

"We are thrilled to have been able to build a partnership with the Boston's Children's Chorus and CPS. It is truly wonderful for our elementary students to have an additional opportunity of after school enrichment with an organization that prides itself on excellence in supporting and connecting Greater Boston's local youth and diverse communities," commented Extended Learning Coordinator Malik Howshan. Since last school year,

CPS has both expanded existing relationships with community providers and added new partnerships like BCC to increase opportunities after school for all. Organizations such as For Kids Only, Penn State/YES Engineering, Soccer without Borders and others are examples of CPS partnerships that provide valuable experiences for students and have enhanced the enrichment of CPS after school programs.

## Real Estate Transfers

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#### Baker signs executive order to establish Massachusetts Cyber Incident Response Team

Governor Charlie Baker signed an executive order to establish the Massachusetts Cyber Incident Response Team (MA-CIRT). Led by the Secretary of the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS), MA-CIRT is established with the mission of enhancing the Commonwealth's ability to prepare for, respond to, mitigate against, and recover from significant cybersecurity threats. The Governor signed the executive order as Massachusetts and other jurisdictions confront an overall increase in cybersecurity threats to websites and

networks. "State governments and other organizations across the country are increasingly being targeted by bad actors aiming to disrupt operations and compromise information systems," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This executive order will further strengthen the Commonwealth's policies, procedures, and resources required to prevent potential threats and appropriately respond to attacks on government infrastructure and services. As state governments expand their digital footprints, moving more services online and allowing for a more connected workforce, it's critical that we make the necessary

investments to protect this critical technology infrastructure from acts of terrorism and criminal, organized crime, and gang activity."

"Cybersecurity attacks threaten Commonwealth technology networks and the continuity of essential government services we provide to the constituents we serve," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "With the establishment of MA-CIRT, the Baker-Polito Administration continues to invest and prioritize the delivery of effective and reliable government services to the people of the Commonwealth."

"With my background in public safety, I know the importance that leadership buy-in plays in swift, organized, and effective response to an external threat," said Secretary of Technology Services and Security Curt Wood. "The Baker-Polito Administration is once again leading from the front on government cybersecurity and I thank Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito, and my fellow leaders in cybersecurity and public safety for their partnership on the issuance of this critical executive order that will serve the Commonwealth for years to come."

Under the direction of the EOTSS Secretary, the formation of MA-CIRT convenes cybersecurity

and public safety experts from across state government as required members, including leadership representatives from:

- The Executive Office of Technology Services and Security
- The Commonwealth Security Operations Cen-
- of Public Safety and Se-• The Commonwealth

• The Executive Office

- **Fusion Center** The Massachusetts
- State Police Cyber Crime • The Massachusetts
- National Guard • The Massachusetts
- Emergency Management Agency The Executive Order

reinforces Massachusetts as a leader in cybersecurity enhancement efforts through a variety of strategies. To prevent against attacks and increase the Commonwealth's cybersecurity resiliency, the Order underscores need for preparing for and marshalling a coordinated response, mitigation, and recovery effort from significant cybersecurity threats or incidents. Additionally, the Order:

 Requires MA-CIRT to review cybersecurity threat information and vulnerabilities to make informed recommendations and establish appropriate policies to manage the risk of cyber incidents

for executive department agencies and all other state agencies served by EOTSS.

• Requires MA-CIRT to develop and maintain an up-to-date Cyber Incident Response Plan, which will guide the actions of the Commonwealth's key public safety and information security and technology teams, state agency resources, and security professionals in responding to and minimizing the impact of significant cybersecurity threats to Commonwealth systems. The Plan is required to be submitted annually to the Governor for review and approval.

• Empowers the EOTSS Secretary to serve as MA-CIRT lead, with the approval of the Governor, to direct MA-CIRT in response to a significant cy-

ber incident. Requires the routine

exchange of information related to cybersecurity threats and reported incidents between the Commonwealth Fusion Center and the Commonwealth Security Operations Cen-

• Requires EOTSS and MA-CIRT to consult with the Massachusetts Cyber Center and assist the Center with efforts to foster cybersecurity resiliency through communications, collaboration, and outreach to state agencies, municipalities, educational institutions, and industry partners.

- Requires executive department agencies to comply with protocols and procedures established by MA-CIRT and all related policies, standards, and Administrative Directives issued by EOTSS.
- Requires Commonwealth executive department agencies and other state agencies served by EOTSS to identify and report significant cybersecurity incidents and coordinate efforts to mitigate and prevent further damage from cyber incidents.
- Requires all executive department personnel to annually complete the EOTSS approved security awareness training program administered by the Human Resources Divi-
- And strongly encourages other governmental entities throughout the Commonwealth not served by EOTSS to report cybersecurity threats or incidents to the Commonwealth Security Operations Center.

In 2021, Congress recognized the increased cyber threat posed to state and local governments by establishing a \$1 billion State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program as a part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The four-year grant program requires 80% of funds go toward assisting municipalities in enhancing their cybersecurity posture. This new federal program compliments the various support for municipal cybersecurity efforts offered by the Baker-Polito Administration. including: the Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant Program, Free Cybersecurity Health Check Program, and the Community Compact IT Grant Program, which was established by Governor Baker's Executive Order 554 in 2015.

EOTSS was established in 2017 as the Commonwealth's lead technology and cybersecurity agency via Article 87 government restructuring legislation filed by Governor Baker and approved by the Legislature. Its mission is to lead initiatives to modernize the Commonwealth's IT infrastructure assets, continually strengthen government cybersecurity operations and standards via the consolidation of infrastructure and cybersecurity operations for the Commonwealth into a centrally managed state agency and leverage innovative technology solutions to offer user-friendly digital services to its constituents.

# **Baker-Polito Administration awards** \$4.1 Million to 11 organizations to improve

ministration announced \$4.1 million in grants to 11 community-based organizations and health care providers to improve access to reproductive health, including abortion care, across the Common-

The 11 funded organizations include existing ple, transportation, childcare payments, lodging, translation services, and abortion doulas.

"Today's ment is one more step in affirming this Administration's commitment to ensuring access to reproductive health care, including access to the full spectrum of reproductive health services," said Secretary of panding access to timely and safe reproductive health care that meets the needs of individuals and families."

"Funding provided by these awards will support the infrastructure and capacity of reproductive health providers throughout the Commonwealth to ensure that sexual and reproductive health services are accessible to all Massachusetts residents and other individuals who may come to our state to seek care," said Public Health-Commissioner Margret Cooke.

These funds come from the FY23 state budget, which appropriated \$2 million to support improvements in reproductive health access, infrastructure, and security. An additional \$2.1 million comes from a reserve fund established by Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022 to address repro-

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funds to expand access to abortion services in new regions across the Commonwealth, increase the use of telehealth in abortion care, train providers, implement organizational development for all-volunteer abortion funds, and

Awarded organizations include:

improve outreach.

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**Boston Medical Center** Cambridge Health Alli-

Health Imperatives HealthQ

Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts

Tides for Reproductive Freedom and its sub-grantees, Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts, Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund and the Jane Fund of Central Massachusetts

Women's Health Ser-

#### Manager / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 through the city manager

selection process twice, and that the city has been fortunate with those two selections, Ambrosino, and before him, Jay Ash.

The process for hiring the next city manager will likely be similar to the one used to hire Ambrosino in 2015, with a steering committee and heavy community involvement, Brown

"We need to select a person who cares about Chelsea and focuses on Chelsea and doesn't just see it as a stepping stone,"

fortunate that we've had two great city managers."

The candidates need to focus on the unique population of Chelsea and the many challenges the city faces, from affordable housing and mental health issues, to the city's small businesses and active nonprofit community.

"The challenge we have is that the process has to be fair and involve the community," said Brown.

With a number of changes across city departments, Brown said the new city manager will

ty to form his or her own team, much as Ambrosino did when he started in Chelsea.

The next scheduled City Council meeting is the special meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3, when the council will nominate and elect the new president vice president, and representative to the School Committee.

Brown said it currently looks like Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, the council's longest-serving member, has the votes to succeed him as council

#### access to reproductive health services Health and Human Serductive and family plan-Special to the Record vices Marylou Sudders. ning service needs in the The Baker-Polito Ad-"These funds help fulfill Commonwealth. that commitment by exrecipients will use the

health care organizations that provide abortion services, sexual and reproductive health care providers that will begin offering abortion services, and support for costs associated with receiving abortion care, for exam-

# announce-

Rabbi Seth Novoselsky

delivered the invocation at the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Community Living Center at the Chelsea Soldiers Home. Also pictured are Soldiers Home Supt. Eric Johnson and Gov. Charlie Baker. Rabbi Novoselsky's father, Ira, is a member of the Home's Board of Trustees.



**Assistant Supt. Courte**nay Galvin (right) greets Cheryl Lussier Poppe, the Mass. Secretary of Veterans Services who served as the home's superintendent for six years, at the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Community Living

**Center atop Powderhorn** 



Niyonkinzo sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem at the recent ribbon-cutting ceremonies of the Community Living Center at the Soldiers Home as Supt. Eric Johnson, Gov. Charlie Baker, and Secretary of Health and Human **Services Marylou Sudders** 

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### -- NEW YEAR'S EVE

**ENJOY A HAPPY -- AND SAFE** 

The end of one year and the start of another provides all of us with an opportunity for reflection. We are a year older -- but have we become any wiser?

Alfred Lord Tennyson's "Ring Out Wild Bells," which was published in 1850, offers timeless advice about the lessons we hopefully have learned from the past that we can use to guide our future. We quote some of the best-known lines from that poem here:

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow:

The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.... Ring out the feud of rich and poor,

Ring in redress to all mankind. Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife; Ring in the nobler modes of life...

Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times;

Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes, But ring the fuller minstrel in.... Ring in the love of truth and right,

Ring in the common love of good. Ring out old shapes of foul disease... Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;

Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.

As always, we urge all of our readers to ensure that they celebrate the New Year safely and take care that their friends and loved ones do so as well. No one ever died by having a friend take their keys away if they have had too much to drink.

We wish all of our readers a Happy and Healthy 2023.

# Forum

### GUEST OP-ED

## 2023 - Love yourself so you can love others

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

You can lose about one pound a week if you try. If you don't try you won't

If you need to save some money then you need to pay yourself first. If you have a paycheck coming in then set a goal for \$500 a month if possible. Whatever the amount is will grow if you are faithful each week and month of setting money aside. You can always find a place to spend money. Even if you don't need it, you have it just in case you might.

What do you want to accomplish in 2023? If you do not have a goal of some kind, you will accomplish nothing. Maybe your goal is to just enjoy each day. Enjoy your food. Enjoy your family and friends. Make the best of each ay. These are good goals.

Be good to yourself in 2023. Love others as you love yourself. If you

don't love yourself, it's almost impossible to love others. Recently we have heard of people committing suicide. They had given up on themselves but wanted to hurt or kill others before they killed themselves. It's tragic when an individual's so hates themselves that they wanted to hurt others. If they loved themselves more then they wouldn't have had so much venom and hate for others.

One of the tools of the devil is to bring your life down to where you hate all the things you've done. He brings it up to you often so you can feel horrible about your life's mistakes. People often have trouble forgiving themselves so they begin to binge drink, take drugs and hurt themselves to try to deal with their life's pain. God has forgiveness and hope for all. People don't always forgive but God forgives As God forgives you then

you must work on forgiving yourself, loving yourself and forgiving and loving others. You see, that's a great formula. God forgives us, loves us and we are to forgive and love ourselves and then offer this same forgiveness and love to others.

In 2023 you might do something different. Maybe you want to embark on an adventure, change careers or just do better with all you have been handed. Often, all we need to do is focus on what we already have to do ad do it a little better.

My prayer for our nation in the year ahead is that we might see politicians work together to accomplish worthy goals that will benefit our country. I hope Ukraine can overcome Russia but other countries need to step up to the plate. America cannot fight everyone's war physically or financially. We must get con-

trol of our border. Our nation is being overtaken by millions of undocumented immigrants. Who are these people? Do they all really have noble intentions in America? We must bring back our jobs from China in 2023.

Throughout this year may you a continuation of what we talk about and pray for during the Christmas season. May it be ongoing every day and may we share it with all along the way, Peace on earth and good will to all people. May you first experience it in your life so you can extend it to others.

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## Bob Hart / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

tively involved in a wide variety of charitable and academic organizations, helping to raise tens of millions of dollars. Generously giving of his time, Bob also sits on the Board Directors for Chrysalis, Board of Governors for The City of Hope and Board of Trustees for his alma mater, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and The Marlborough School in Los Angeles.

"Bob is a builder - bringing people together to create something better than the sum of its parts," said Chrysalis President and CEO Mark Loranger, who nominated Bob for the award. "He has connected Chrysalis with a huge network of donors, hiring partners, volunteers, and other champions, and he has raised millions to further our mission to change lives through jobs."

"As professional fundraisers we dream of working with donors like Mr. Hart - individuals who are willing to make long-term commitments of time, talent and treasure to causes they care deeply about," Yvette Herrera, Vice President, Netzel Grigsby Associates and AFP - Greater Los Angeles, 2022 Board President.

#### He delivers a humble acceptance speech Bob Hart was presented

the Outstanding Philanthropist Award at AFP's 37th annual National Philanthropy Day luncheon at the JW Marriott Los Angeles at LA Live. Before the large as-

semblage at the luncheon, Hart delivered his award acceptance speech, humbly thanking the Association of Fundraising Professional for the esteemed

recognition of his continuing, philanthropic efforts.

Following are Bob Hart's remarks: Thank you Mark (Lor-

anger) very much for that

kind introduction and to the Association of Fundraising Professionals for this recognition. It has been a great pleasure and inspiration to have worked closely with Mark for the last 15 years. I must also recognize Mark's highly dedicated team of executives who make Chrysalis the success it has become ---and my fellow board members who share the same passion that I do about helping others. Thank you also to my colleagues and friends here today whom I am always asking for help and money- and to my wife Cynthia and daughter Mia who unfortunately could not be here today but faithfully support my spirit of volunteerism and philanthropy through their own efforts. And of course, I want to congratulate my fellow honorees here today for the much-deserved recognition they are receiving.

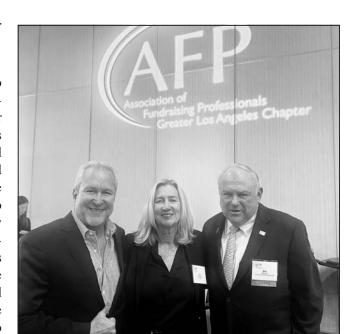
As I look out into the crowd, I'm humbled that you have singled me out. I see before me so many good and decent people who also have dedicated their lives, as much if not more than I, to making an impact on the causes they care most about.

The word philanthropy comes from two Greek words, Philein (Phil-Lane) meaning to love and Anthropos (Anthro Poe) meaning humankind. And while many associate the word with donating large sums of money, the true definition of philanthropy is---the love of humanity. And while I have been fortunate to be able to have helped raise millions of dollars through personal giving and fundraising activities, it is being linked to the original definition for which I'm most proud, and I'm sure all of you are as well. Striving to be

more Humanitarian -pro-

vides a bright light that

guides the journey of our



Outstanding Philanthropist Award recipient Robert "Bob" Hart (right) is pictured with long-time friend and business nartner I im Rosten and Chrysalis Roard Chair Ioan Kramer at the awards luncheon.

Philanthropy is a state of mind that drives action and requires compassion, empathy and intent, and yes, dollars don't hurt. Philanthropy does not know age, space, or any other boundaries. It is shown every day by the good deeds of individuals and corporations alike, which help benefactors, like Chrysalis make our communities better.

We are all here because we want to impact the lives of those people that need a helping hand. And one of the organizations that I'm most passionate about is Chrysalis which helps individuals emerging from homelessness to find jobs and get the training and encouragement they need throughout that process. I'm extremely proud that I have been a member of their board for the past 20 years. During that time, while we've raised millions of dollars, a lot of my satisfaction comes from working with Mark and his dedicated team to help shape the mission and direction of this vital organization. An important part of

sponsibility, but we also

encourage our employees

philanthropy is trying to inspire the act of giving to those around us. Not only is my firm TruAmerica an enthusiastic steward of corporate and social re-

organizations that effect meaningful change. And they have met that challenge, providing individual support and assistance to worthy organizations such as the City of Hope, which touches so many lives through groundbreaking treatment and research. Our long involvement with City of Hope was highlighted in 2017 with a Spirit of Life Award. This award recognizes our deep commitment to

to take an active role in

making a difference in the lives of others. Our own Eryn Mack, Chief People Officer, serves on the Board of the Ronald Mc-Donald House of Southern California. They provide comfort, care and support to families of sick children. Other organizations that TruAmericans Support include the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, The Guardians and the Navy Seal Foundation, just to name a few. I am humbled by the opportunities I have had to work with local organi-

zations like Chrysalis that serve the forgotten individuals of our community and by the knowledge that the world is a little better place because of the thoughtfulness of the people like you in this room.

Thank you very much.

#### CHELSEA POLICE HOLD 'SHOP WITH A COP' EVENT

Cary Shuman Photos

The Chelsea Police Department held a "Shop With A Cop" event Dec. 15 at the John Silber Early Learning Center.

The Police raised money to provide 25 \$75 gift cards for children and their families to enjoy shopping for the holidays.

The guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and dessert before the gift card presentation ceremony

David Rizzuto, lieutenant of CPD Community Services, led the organizing of the event that brought much joy to Chelsea families. ELC Family Liaison Delmy Mejia and ELC Assistant Principal Margo DiBiasio contributed to the success of the event with their assistance and hospitality.



Sgt. John Noftle (left) and Capt. Thomas Dunn are welcomed to the Early Childhood Learning Center by the school mascot, Bee.



Diego Aguire, Bessy Aguirre, and Wendy Gonzalez.



ELC Family Liaison Delmy Mejia joins children for a photo with the ELC school mascot, Bee, as in Busy As A Bee at the ELC.





Chelsea Police officers Richard Bellomo, Garrison Daniel, David Delaney, and David Batchelor Jr. are pictured with ELC Assistant Principal Margo DiBiasio, ELC Family Liaison Delmy Mejia and some of the many children who attended the "Shop With A Cop" event.



Ariel Baxter, Aiden Soto, and Alexis Soto.



Liaison Delmy Mejia.



Officer David Batchelor Jr. Officer David Delaney (and police dog Brutt), Sgt. John Noftle, Capt. Thomas Dunn, Officer Richard Bellomo, and Officer Garrison Daniel are pictured with ELC teacher Kristen Faiella ELC Social Work and Counseling Intern Stephanie Boudreau, ELC Assistant Principal Margo DiBiasio, and ELC Family Liaison Delmy Mejia, who all helped make the "Shop With A Cop" event a success.



#### **CITY PAWS**

## What we learn from dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The change from one year to another is a time of reflection on the past and hope for the future. We've been thinking about the lessons we learned from the special dogs we've known and the people they've brought into our

#### **Show Your Love**

We should all emulate the greetings a dog gives to someone they love. Think about how disappointing it is to come home when your dog isn't there. No matter what the reaction of others in the home is, you can count on your dog to greet you with glee and make you feel welcome. Perhaps we should greet the family with a hearty 'welcome home."

#### **Use All Your Senses**

Dogs are great role models for us when it comes to using all our senses. Their world is made richer by the sights, sounds, aromas, tastes, and textures around them. They pay attention to all incoming data.

On the other hand, we often ignore the richness on offer while distracted by our busy minds or addiction to our devices. In the year ahead, watch the dogs in your life and learn to pay attention to what they're investigating in the sensory world. See if you can notice and enjoy some of what they do.

#### **Trust Your Instincts**

We learned this lesson from our first dog, Sassy. She was a great judge of people. Her official title around our office was Vice President for security and morale. Security went beyond barking when the mailman arrived.

Sassy had three approaches to most people. Some of the best people we ever knew were greeted with exuberance and treated to cuddles and kisses. Most people, she welcomed politely.

However, she raised her hackles and growled at visitors in a few instances. In one case, it was a client who eventually proved to

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Poppy likes to cuddle up with a friend after a good play session and nap.

be an unethical person. Another example was a person at a hiring interview. In the end, other staff members voted with Sassy against this hire.

#### **Self Care**

Naps are a way of life for dogs. When they're tired, they find a cozy spot and doze. When we're tired, we try to push through and accomplish more. Perhaps we should build some naptime into our days as a better way to be productive.

Exercise is essential to dogs, and so is stretching. How many times a day do you see your companion doing a downward dog? When they get up from a resting position, they stretch. We are encouraged to stretch by trainers and physical therapists. Learn from your dog and take moments each day to give your body a relaxing stretch.

One way or another, dogs ask for what they need. Poppy jumps up with one of us when she wants a good massage and cuddles. She knows we can't resist giving her the touches she craves. Your

dog may lead you to the door when they need to go out. Now think, how often do you let those around you know what you need right at that moment?

#### Be Thankful for Dogs

We'll end with wise words from one of our alltime favorite dog people, author and animal activist Roger Caras who wrote, "Dogs have given us their absolute all. We are the center of their universe. We are the focus of their love and faith, and trust. They serve us in return for scraps. It is without a doubt the best deal man has ever made."

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

#### CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS WITH LA COLABORATIVA

Cary Shuman Photos

La Colaborativa held a 'Christmas With La Collaborativa" event on Sixth Street during which the

organization headed by Executive Director Gladys Vega distributed 10,000 boxes of food and 4,000 toys to Chelsea families and children.



City Manager Tom Ambrosino stopped by the La Colaborativa holiday event on Sixth Street to thank La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega for her efforts in the organization's distribution of 10,000 boxes of food and 4,000 toys to Chelsea families and children.



Santa Claus makes a special appearance at the "Christmas



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# **Sports**

# Cesar Castro's In Charge

Chelsea's second all-time leader scorer hopes to lead a resurgence as head coach

By Cary Shuman

Cesar Castro's basketball career at Chelsea High School was as good as it gets.

A dynamic, long-range shooting, 6-foot guard, Castro was a four-year starter and highly regarded by all observers as a freshman phenom, sophomore sensation, junior jewel, and senior superstar.

His scoring exploits – 1,252 career points -

are second only to the great Craig Walker, a 1981 graduate.

The awards were plentiful. Castro was a threetime Commonwealth Athletic Conference All-Star, CAC Most Valuable Player, and two-time MVP of the CAC All-Star Game. He later played prep school basketball at Lee Academy in Maine and became an All-Region backcourtman in the

Bunker Hill Community College men's basketball program.

Today, Castro is hoping to recapture Chelsea High basketball's past glories as the new head coach of the boys varsity team.

Chelsea High Director of Athletics Amanda Alpert selected Castro as head coach in June, continuing her well-received trend of naming CHS alumni to leadership positions in the Red Devils' sports programs.

"I love the way Ms. Alpert runs the athletic program, and I thank her for the opportunity to let me be head coach and run this program," said Castro. "She believed in me, and I hope I can lead this program in the right direction."

Building a winning program

A 2010 graduate, Cas-



Chelsea High School head basketball coach Cesar Castro (left) and assistant varsity coach Armani Cheek (right) are pictured with basketball players in the program at a recent practice in the Saul Nechtem Gymnasium.

tro has been an assistant coach at Chelsea High since the 2014-15 season, working on the staff of then-head coach Jay Sei-

" Jay's a great guy. He was my high school bas-

ketball coach and I admire him a lot," said Castro. "I can call him to this day for advice, and he's there for me. I was able to coach at all levels, freshman, JV, and varsity (assistant) with Jay."

Castro, who turns 32 in

January, is quickly making his own mark on the program, trying to establish togetherness and team spirit among all players in the program.

Castro took his team

on a pre-season field trip to Springfield, where the team played a game against Springfield Central and toured the Basketball Hall of Fame building.

Castro is hoping to lead Chelsea to a state tournament berth, which would require 10 victories in the regular season.

"We're in the Greater Boston League now, and it's a tough, Division 1 league," noted Castro. "We've scheduled some tough non-league games against Cambridge, Watertown, and East Boston as well. My whole motto is: to be the best, you have to play against the best."

Castro said he is coaching a young group, but he is seeing improvement

every day in practice. "I have a lot of trust in these guys," said Castro. "They don't know how special they're going to be, but I feel we're going to shock a lot of people this season. We want to be one of the

best programs around."

## Having faith in his assistant coaching staff

Cesar Castro is being assisted in the Chelsea program by Armani Cheek, a 2020 graduate and former standout guard

for the Red Devils.

"Armani is my former

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#### CHS ROUNDUP

#### CHS GIRLS RUN PAST CLASSICAL

The Chelsea High girls indoor track and field team cruised to their second victory of the season with a 43-22 triumph over Lynn Classical last Wednesday.

Keiri Hernandez led a Chelsea sweep in the 300 with a time of 55.4 seconds, followed by teammates Emily Singh (59.3) and Jada Amezquita (100.6).

The Lady Red Devils went 1-2 in the shot-put behind the duo of Dhalia Christmas (26'-5") and Lamari Davis (24'-11").

Gizelle Rodriguez outdistanced the field to capture the two-mile in a time of 14:06 and Darily Sanchez won the mile in a clocking of 6:30.8.

Chelsea went 2-3 in the 50 yard dash behind Farrah Henderson (7.3) and Vanesa Lopez (7.5) and in the 600 meter dash thanks to Hazel Hatleburg (2:10.2) and Reina Martino (2:22.4).

Lauren Nadow added three points to the CHS

scoresheet with a second in the 50 yard hurdles in a clocking of 10.3

The Lady Red Devil 4 x 400 quartet of Rodriguez, Sanchez, Henderson, and Rosalinda Rojas won their race with a time of 5:14, which was 14 seconds faster then their Classical opponents.

Coach Cesar Hernandez and his crew are scheduled to take on Everett next Wednesday.

#### BOYS TRACK ROLLS OVER CLASSICAL

The Chelsea High boys indoor track and field team improved their record to 2-0 on the season with a 51-29 victory over Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Lynn Classical last Wednesday.

The Red Devils swept the shot-put behind the fine performances of the trio of Greandoll Oliva (34'-10"), Emerson Melgar (33'-5.75"), and Jonathan Barrientos (31'-6.5").

Five other Red Devils captured first place in their respective events: Kevin

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Flores in the mile with a clocking of 5:38; Jose Olivar in the 300 dash in 43.9; Nate Nadow in the 600 in 1:43.6; Kyle Leong in the 1000 in 3:29.6; and Josue Hernandez in the two-mile in 13:21.6.

Adding three points to the CHS side of the scoresheet with second-place efforts were: Xavier Guzman in the 600 (1:51.7); Jose Amaya in the 1000 (3:43); and Ajay Singh in the two-mile (13:41).

Contributing single points with third-place finishes were: Ali Warsame in the 50 yard dash (6.3); Jason Rodrigues in the mile (6:17.5); and Joao Cassim in the 300 (47.0).

Cassim in the 300 (47.0). The Chelsea foursome of Olivar, Nadow, Cassim, and Flores placed a bow on the Chelsea victory with a win in the 4 x 400 relay in which they edged their Classical counterparts by three seconds,

4:17 vs. 4:20.
Coach Cesar Hernandez and his Red Devils will return to the oval next Wednesday when they take on Everett.



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Chelsea High School head basketball coach Cesar Castro and assistant varsity coach Armani Cheek are pictured above at a recent practice.

unselfish basketball and

working hard in practice.

"Cesar

1,000-point scorer in the

good outside shooters," said Castro. "I love shoot-

ing the '3', so my whole

take is we're going to play

fast, run and gun, and play

His love of basketball

and dedication to Chelsea

High students undisputed,

Castro is proud to join

such past head coaches as

Jay Seigal, Frank DePat-

to, Jack Niven, Paul Drob,

and Arnie Goodman, as

would like nothing more

than to see one of his players join him on the

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And Cesar Castro

leaders of the program.

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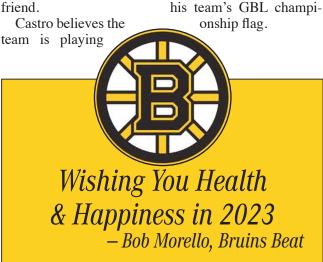
#### Basketball / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

player and was one of the first eighth graders to start on the JV team," said Castro. "He's just a great person. He played basketball with intensity and knows the game, and that's why I have him on my staff. This is our first year coaching together, so we're going to be learning together."

Other CHS assistant coaches are JJ Rivera, Castro's former CHS teammate, JC Sanchez, and Kyle Umemba, who excelled at Buckingham Brown and Nichols. Castro and Umemba are co-directors of the annual Let It Fly Classic, which has become a summertime staple for the best high school players in the

"Kyle is a great, high-energy guy who lifts up everyone's spirits," said Castro about his close

Castro believes the



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## **BCBSMA** Foundation announces grants

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation announced \$250,000 in grant funding to support nonprofit organizations including Centro Present of East Boston that helps connect new immigrants to resources and services for their health care needs in communities across the Commonwealth.

Each of the 10 organizations receiving funding from the Foundation's Special Initiatives grant

program has extensive experience assisting with the health care needs of immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. Their work has taken on a new level of urgency with the recent influx of individuals and families arriving in Massachusetts.

"Community-based organizations across Massachusetts have stepped up to meet the needs of families entering the United States with limited means, by connecting them with health care and other needed services," said Audrey Shelto, President and CEO of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation. "As we did when the COVID pandemic first hit, we are investing in the organizations on the front lines that are filling critical gaps and providing the life-sustaining services that these new members of our community urgently need."

The Foundation regularly awards Special Initiatives grants, in addition to its major grantmaking programs, to support nonprofits that seek to positively impact health or health care access for Massachusetts residents who have been economically, socially, culturally or racially marginalized.

Centro Presente, a statewide Latin American immigrant organization based in East Boston, is dedicated to the self-determination and self-sufficiency of the Latino immigrant community of Massachusetts will receive \$25,000 in one-year funding.

## MassDOT study considers alternatives for Rte. 1A corridor

By Adam Swift

It's still in the early stages, but MassDOT is coming to the end of a study on the best use of the inactive rail line corridor along Rte. 1A and Chelsea Creek.

MassDOT held an online forum last week to discuss two potential alternatives for the corridor stretching from Day Square in East Boston to Bell Circle in Revere. The first alternative is a shared use path for bicycles and pedestrians along the MBTA right of way, and the second is a shared use path combined with a bypass road that could be used by authorized truck

"Back in 2019, there was a lease proposal that was before the MassDOT board to use an inactive rail line running along the Chelsea Creek, and based on feedback we received at that public meeting, MassDOT did not lease the parcels," said Mass-DOT project manager Ethan Britland. "Instead, they initiated the study to look at the rail parcels from a transportation perspective for what could be done in the corridor."

That study should be completed by the end of January, according to Brit-

further action will depend on the will of the community and stakeholders to move forward and funding for the alternatives.

The two alternatives would both connect into the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway at its southern end and travel to Bell Circle in Revere to the north.

The bypass road alternative would see the road end at Tomasello Way, and have just a shared use path to Bell Circle.

Brittland said the goal with either alternative is to increase safety, provide environmental benefits, and address equity issues in the communities it travels through.

While Britland said there are not a lot of good connections for the path to connect to once it gets to Bell Circle.

"We just wanted to try to bring the shared use path as far as possible," he said. "We often build pieces in segments and connect later, and also, along the shared use path, we do assume that Suffolk Downs will be building out a lot of their infrastructure. There are opportunities in the future to potentially connect into whatever Suffolk Downs is going to do."

Ned Codd, a consultant on the study, said both alternatives were evalupleted, Britland said any categories of safety, con- peak hours. That number

nectivity, resilience, and

"We also looked at the feasibility of the alternatives relative to the cost and permitting challenges," said Codd.

Codd said both of the alternatives would raise the level of the water's edge to 16 feet above existing mean sea level to address 2070 projections for sea level rise and storm surge. However, he said the shared use-only alternative would create more park and green space.

"Relative to connectivity and vehicular access and mobility, the principal feature of alternative two is the provision of a twolane bypass road that we have assumed is limited to authorized vehicles only, including heavy trucks," said Codd.

That bypass road would provide a more reliable connection for trucks traveling to and from Logan Airport.

"This bypass road would be less subject to congestion and variabilities in travel time and would be more reliable and faster than a highway connection, mostly during peak periods in the peak-demand direction," Codd said.

Estimates show the bypass road would carry roughly 42 to 67 trucks Once the study is com- ated relative to the major in each direction during

represents about 35 percent of the Rte. 1A current truck traffic, and about 2 percent of total traffic, Codd said.

The bypass alternative also provides potential future access for public transportation.

Both alternatives would improve safety, although Codd said the second alternative would create pedestrian and bike conflicts with the traffic from trucks on the bypass route

When it comes to equity, Codd said the first alternative would be better for path users since users would be separated from all truck and vehicle traffic. The second alternative, he said, would benefit East Boston residents by taking more truck traffic off Rte. 1A.

"Both alternatives provide better neighborhood connections for environmental justice communities, but alternative one (shared use path only) would provide recreation and access to natural resources for environmental justice com-

munities." The shared use path would have a lower capital cost, coming in at roughly \$71 million, while the path with the bypass road would have a price tag about 50 percent higher at



#### **James Kenneth Smith**

June 16, 1932 - December 26, 2022

James Kenneth Smith (90), formerly of Chelsea, Massachusetts and originally of Winterset, Ohio passed away on December 26, 2022 surrounded by family. Services will be held at 10:30am on Friday, December 30th at Torf Funeral Chapel, 151 Washington Ave, Chelsea, MA with burial to follow at Chevra Kadisha cemetery, 232 Fuller St, Everett, MA. We are endlessly grateful for your support and welcome you to join us in celebrating his life.



Jim was predeceased by his beloved wife of 58 years, Lillian, the woman to whom he devoted every fiber of his being. Also preceding him in death were his parents Ethel and Arley; and his older brothers, Richard "Dick" and Arley "Junior".

Jim was born in 1932 and grew up a country farm boy, both a charmer and a class clown. He attended a one-room schoolhouse before graduating in 1950 from Madison High School in Lore City, Ohio, where he loved playing basketball and had the underhand free throw nearly perfected. Jim enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he attained the rank of Petty Officer Second Class during the Korean War aboard the Destroyer USS Charles H. Ware. His experience in the service brought him to numerous countries around the globe and eventually to the love of his life, Lillian.

James went on to work for Johnson Heater Corporation, while at the same time moonlighting at Chelsea Tire and Cycle and delivering groceries for a local market. Years later, he and Lillian obtained their Real Estate Broker's Licenses and owned and operated Smith Realty until their retire-

He is survived by his beloved family - Children, Howard & Laurie Smith, Sherri Rubin and Rose D'Orazio & Jim Dascoli; Grandchildren, Alana & Moe Butler, Joshua & Lesley Smith and Jared & Nicole Smith. Nothing made him happier than being a great-grandfather/"Papa"/ and "Papa Jim" to Calynn, Hannah, Ethan, Madison, William, Liliana, and Alexandra.

He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Myra, and nieces and nephews Patty, Debbie, Bryan, Timmy, Nick, Kelly, Kim, Brittany, Nikki, Arley,



Krissie; and of course, Fred. He will additionally be missed immensely by his "lapdog" Buster.

Jim's humor, white New Balance sneakers, and his radiating smile brought joy to us all and he will be forever missed by his many adored friends in Massachusetts, Florida, Michigan, as well as "the boys" at various Mickey D's across New England.

Jim, along with his late wife Lillian, dedicated time to volunteering with the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home and the Cohen. Florence, Levine Estates where their charisma, kindness, and generosity brought comfort to all.

Jim was an excellent baker, an avid fisherman, and questionable stir fry chef. He cherished new experiences, travel, and time with those he loved. Honoring his memory is to work tirelessly with a strong commitment to helping those you care about however, wherever, and whenever possible.

Dad/Papa/Uncle Jim has left us with a legacy of love, compassion, and the importance of family which we will hold in our hearts forever and strive to pay forward as our way of honoring his memory. We thank our friends and family for your support over the years and certainly during these last several months. He loved you all as do we.

We are forever grateful to the incredible care providers at the Connecticut VA Hospitals and Hospice. Special thanks to the medical team of Dr. Chao, Tracy, Marsha (and your fellows, nurses, techs, support staff), Dr. Wadia, Dr. Maduka, Rosemary, and the Thoracic Surgery team at Yale New Haven Hospital. You made the hardest things so much gentler and gave us a little extra time along the way. Thank you.

He is now at rest and reunited in eternal peace with his beloved Lillian. His memory is forever our blessing.

In lieu of flowers, please do something to honor his memory. Volunteer with a cause close to your heart, take someone you love fishing on a bright spring morning and if you have the means, consider a donation to the US Department of Veterans Affairs, Hospice, or a cancer-fighting organization of your choice.

# **OBITUARIES**

All obituaries and death notices will be at a cost of \$150.00 per paper. Includes photo. No word Limit. Please send to obits@reverejournal.com

or call 781-485-0588

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **Ann Marie Leonard** A most unselfish and giving person

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Immaculate Conception Church on Tuesday, December 27 for Ann Marie Rita (Melchione) Leonard, 88, of Chelsea who passed away

peacefully on Sunday afternoon surrounded by her loved ones. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Born in Boston and

raised in East Boston, she attended Mount Carmel School and Fitton Central High School. When she married, she moved to Chelsea where she raised her family and remained for the rest of her life.

Ann Marie was the most unselfish and giving person, always thinking of others before herself. She was an amazing cook, which made her happy to see how much others enjoyed her meals. She soon became a true homeowner, mastering repairs, maintenance and stunning landscaping for her gardens.

Ann Marie cherished her two grandchildren and "Loved" her Nana role, spending as much time as possible in their day to day lives.

Even at an older age, she would go sledding, roller blading, biking, dancing and more, just to spend time with them. She was an avid reader, loved British TV, mystery novels and gardening. She



had a heart of gold and was loved by anyone who knew her.

The devoted wife of the late Lawrence T. Leonard, she was the beloved mother of Laurene A. Palladino of North Hampton, NH, Lisa Leonard, Lynne Ann Leonard and Lydia Leonard, all of Chelsea; daughter of the late Anthony D. and Marie C. (Bonimano) Melchione; sister of Lillian Cahill and her late husband, Patrick of Roslindale, Rosalie Castellano of Wilmington and Elaine Twitchell and her husband, James of Ipswich; cherished grandmother of Kristin Marie Thompson and her husband, Mac-Gregor, Andreas Leonard-Calcano and great grandmother of Peyton Jaymes Thompson. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests any memorial contributions be made to the Chelsea Public Library, 569 Broadway, Chelsea.

#### Robert Desrochers

Of Saugus, formerly of Chelsea

Robert J. Desrochers, a resident of Saugus and formerly of Chelsea, passed away on Thursday, December 22, at the Melrose Wakefield hospital after living courageously with cancer for several months. He was 58 years of age.

Born in Revere, he grew up in Chelsea and was the beloved son of the late Albert and (Arsenault) Desrochers. Robert attended Our Lady of the Assumption Parochial School and graduated from Chelsea High School. He was a resident of Sixth Street in Chelsea for most of his life and settled in Saugus sixteen years ago.

Robert worked as a counter manager deli for MacKinnon's Meat Market and recently with J. Pace in Saugus.

In his lifetime, Robert was an all-around Boston sports fan and dedicated Bruins Fan. He enjoyed dinning at Floramo's and playing Keno as his pas-

He is survived by his sisters, Josephine Wilson



and her husband, Richard of Saugus and Marie Trapani and her husband, Andrew of Derry NH. He was the cherished uncle of Andrea Trapani, Melissa Perrin, Ashley Pollumbo, Amber Wilson, and adored granduncle to his "little scooch" Mason Perrin and Sean Trapani and Anthony Pollumbo

Funeral Services were private.

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.WelshFH.com.



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#### Larry H. Levine

Graduate of Chelsea High School,

Class of 1964

Larry H. Levine, 76, of Malden, entered eternal rest on December 23. Born and raised in Chel-

sea, he was a graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1964. The son of the late Sid-

ney and Lena Levine, he was the devoted husband of Carol (Kaplan) Levine; beloved father of Heather Levine-Vogel and her husband, Jason Vogel and Amy Levine and her partner, Tim Bernier; adored



grandfather of Alyssa, Rani, Alexandra, and Audrey and dear brother of Linda and Richard Dall and Debra Keller.

### Frank D. Spinale

Retired Restaurant Owner

Frank D. Spinale of Fort Myers, FL passed away peacefully, on December 10 at Hope Hospice in Fort Myers with family by his side. He was 82 years

Born in the West End of Boston, he was the son of the late Salvatore and Letizia (Savoia) Spinale. Frank grew up in Chelsea but moved to Saugus with his wife Lucille, where they raised their children and built a life for them-

Together they owned and operated Spinale's Pizza and Sub in Saugus. They later opened Spinale's Italian Restaurant in Milton, NH, which they ran very successfully for 25 years before retiring to Fort Myers, FL.

Frank was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Lucille, his parents and his brothers and sister. He is survived by his five children: Frank, John, Dan, Rob and Elena, their significant others, his grandchildren and great grandchildren and many family members and friends. He was loved by many and will be missed.



Frank's Funeral Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday, December 29 at Our Lady of Grace Church, 59 Nichols St., Chelsea at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with inurnment at the Laurel Room Columbarium, Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinsons Research, P.O. Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea. We encourage family and friends to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book at carafafuneralhome.com or to send a personalized sympathy card.

#### Josefina Pazos

November 4, 1937 – December 24, 2022

Josefina Pazos passed away at home on her favorite day of the year, December 24, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was 85 years

She is lovingly survived by her soulmate Jose V. Pazos, who has been by her side for more than 60 years. Together they left Cuba to raise their two children in Chelsea which they have called home for five decades.

Fina, as she is affectionately known, was a fantastic cook. Her personality was as feisty and hospitable as her food was savory and nourishing. Preparing feasts for others brought her as much joy and satisfaction as it did to those who were blessed enough to partake in those meals. Fina marveled at the

beauty and elegance of the world. Some of her favorite places include Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Cape Cod and the mountains of New Hampshire. She delighted in observing her grandchildren at amusement parks, the ocean or simply at a barbecue in her backyard. In addition to her hus-

band, Fina is survived by her two sons and their spouses: Lazarus Karen Pazos of Chelsea, Jorge and Danielle Pazos of Chelsea, her seven grandchildren: Christopher James Pazos of Wenatchee, Washington, Joseph Pazos, Anthony

Pazos of Chelsea. Chris-



topher Gerard and Kaitlyn of Haverhill, Emily Rose Pazos of Rowley, Jacob Andrew Pazos of Medford and Nathaniel Lewis Pazos of Chelsea. She is also survived by two great grandchildren, Easton Michael and Myles Lawrence Pazos of Haverhill.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invitto attend visiting hours at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Tuesday, January 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. A memorial service will immediately follow the visitation at 7 p.m. Services will conclude at the funeral home. Should friends desire, in

lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Massachusetts Chapter, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 www.Alz.org/ donate

For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit; www.WelshFH.com.

Burial and Cremation Service

#### **NEWS FROM AROUND** THE REGION

#### LOCAL RESIDENTS IN MOVIE

**EVERETT** Phunk Phenomenon dance choreographer and instructor Devin Woolridge and teenage dancer Maya Sutton will appear in the new Whitney Houston movie, "I Wanna Dance With Somebody," which hits theaters nationwide this Dec. 23.

The Phunk Phenomenon Dance Complex has a studio in Everett and is owned by former New England Patriots cheerleader Reia Briggs-Connor, whose husband Rick Connor, is an Everett Police officer.

At the popular studio this week, the excitement was brewing for the premiere of the movie about Houston, one of the greatest vocalists of all time.

"It's awesome to have two people from our studio in this movie," said Briggs-Connor. "Devin is an amazing choreographer and performer, and Maya is a tremendously talented dancer for L'il Phunk. We are so excited that Devin and Maya have this incredible opportunity to be featured in a major motion picture. I can't wait to see them on screen."

Woolridge, 37, will appear in the movie as a back-up dancer to singer and songwriter Bobby

Brown, who is being portrayed by Ashton Sanders. Sutton, a 13-year-old, eighth-grade student, will appear as a back-up dancer to Whitney Houston, who is being portrayed in the movie by Naomi Ack-

Woolridge is an international award-winning dancer and choreographer who holds a degree in Fashion Design and Merchandising from Fisher College.

Woolridge previously appeared in the movie, "Ghostbusters 2," and performed with Phunk on the TV reality show, "America's Best Dance Crew." He also performed in Hip Hop International and was featured in a videogame, "Dance Central," for Xbox 360.

Woolridge is especially excited about his role in the Whitney Houston movie because his mother, Robin Woolridge, was a huge fan of the best-selling musical artist. "My mother was the

biggest fan of Whitney Houston," said Woolridge. "She was a singer and used to perform Whitney Houston songs, and I became familiar with her music. It's really heartwarming to see Naomi Ackie act as Whitney and hear her sing these songs that my mother used to

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multifamily dwelling with

parking area, landscaped

areas, utility connections,

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facilities, and incidental

site grading at 69-71

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must be included in order

to be read during the

Public Speaking section

address in order to join

A copy of the Notice is

available for review

in the Department of

Permitting and Land Use

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

CHELSEA CONSERVATION

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In accordance with the

Massachusetts Wetland

Chelsea Conservation

Commission will hold a

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via Zoom video confer-

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for replacement of the

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12/29/22

Planning, Rm 106, City

Hall, during City Hall

business hours.

Stephen Sarikas

Per Order

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Spencer Avenue

play all the time."

Woolridge said his scene in the movie was filmed last year at the Wang Theatre in Boston.

"The set was made to look like the Soul Train Music Awards," related Woolridge. "It took two days of rehearsals for the choreography, which consisted of old-school dance moves."

Woolridge was humbled by being selected for a role in the movie. Hundreds of dancers auditioned for the role.

"I was glad I was picked for the movie because there are so many talented dancers in Boston,"said Woolridge, who will be heading to theater Friday to view the movie. Maya Sutton, daughter

of Gregory Sutton and Cathy Sutton, has been a hip-hop dancer at Phunk Phenomenon for four years. She has performed for Lil Phunk at Boston Celtics home games in front of 19,000 fans at TD Garden. Her brother, Isaiah, 15, is a current dancer at Phunk. An older sister, Jada, is a former dancer at Phunk In the movie, Maya is

one of three dancers backing up Naomi Ackie to the song, "I'm Every Woman." The concert scene was filmed in November (2021) at the House of

#### WINTHROP LODGE OF ELKS HOST CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE KIDS



Children of the Winthrop Elks members gear up for present time at the Winthrop Lodge of Elks Christmas Party and Santa has a list of all the names.

Blues in Boston.

"It's really exciting to be in the movie," said Maya. "The whole process was a great experience. Everyone was so nice when we were filming our scene."

Maya said she is thankful to Briggs-Connor and her staff for developing her dancing skills and being an inspiration in her "I just want people to

know what a great person Reia is, and she really loves what she does," said Sutton. "She is such a great influence to all of her students." Cathy Sutton also ex-

pressed her gratitude to Phunk for setting the foundation to her daughter being selected among hundreds of dancers for a role in the movie.

"It's very, very exciting," said Cathy. "We didn't expect it. It was an amazing opportunity and we're so proud of her. We're so thankful to Phunk for giving her this opportunity. The actress, Naomi Ackie, who plays Whitney, was super nice. It was just a really cool experience for Maya and the other girls to go through hair and makeup, then actually be filmed for the

movie, and see how the whole movie scene takes place."

#### **GROUPS FILE** APPEAL ON **SUBSTATION**

EAST BOSTON - Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) and GreenRoots have filed an appeal with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court of a recent state decision that would allow a proposed electrical substation in East Boston to bypass an important permitting process. After hours of com-

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**



NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2022-34 In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be City Hall, Council Chambers, 500 Broadway Tuesday, January 24,

2023, 6:00 p.m. with reference to the application of: DMS Trinity, LLC for Major Site Plan Review to establish a recreational marijuana dispensary at 260-270 Second Street All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Plans and copies of the application and petition may be viewed at the office of the City Clerk,

12/22/22, 12/29/22

Hall business hours.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**



Case No. 2022-38 In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be City Hall, Council Chambers, 500 Broadway Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 6:00 p.m. with reference to the application of: Concrete Garden Inc for Major Site Plan Review to establish a recreational marijuana dispensary at 307 Broadway All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Plans and copies of the application and petition may be viewed at the office of the City Clerk, Chelsea City Hall, 500



Broadway, during City Hall business hours. 12/22/22, 12/29/22

#### Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, during City



Case No. 2022-41 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: St. Mary Orthodox Church For Special Permit seeking approval for a

curb cut at the premises known as 8 Addison Street A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during

8 a.m. to noon

Thursday 8 a.m. to 4

p.m. - Tuesday,

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

CHELSEA CONSERVATION

COMMISSION

In accordance with the

Massachusetts Wetland

Chelsea Conservation

Commission will hold a

Protection Act, the



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NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2022-40 In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a

public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held City Hall, 500 Broadway, Rm 305 Tuesday, January 24,

2023, 6:00 p.m. with reference to the application of: Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Boston, LLC for Major Site Plan Review for storage of vehicles for hire or return from hire at the premises known as:

245-257 Marginal Street 146-150 Williams Street & 65 Pine Street All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Plans and copies of the application and petition may be viewed at the office of the City Clerk, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, during City

Hall business hours. 12/22/22, 12/29/22

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Chelsea City Hall - 500

normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and

8 a.m. – 7 p.m. – Friday, 12/22/22, 12/29/22



PUBLIC HEARING AND PARKING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and

Permitting and Land Use Hearing of the Chelsea Planning, Rm 106, City Hall, during City Hall

12/29/22

#### **LEGAL NOTICE** COMMONWEALTH

business hours.

Stephen Sarikas

Per Order

OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate **And Family Court** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 **DIVORCE SUMMONS** MAILING **DOCKET NUMBER:** SU22W1476WD

Vanessa Alfaro Plaintiff Giovanni Guzman Defendant

Defendant: Giovanni Guzman A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Vanessa Alfaro, seeking a Complaint for Custody-Support-Parenting Time. You are required to

To the above named

serve upon the Plaintiff Vanessa Alfaro at 75 Bellingham St. Apt. 2 Chelsea, MA 02150, your a newer on or before 2/16/2023. If you fail to do so, the

court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 09, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

12/29/22

**LEGAL NOTICE** 



CHELSEA TRAFFIC

pursuant to Section 6-3

of the Charter of the City

of Chelsea that a Public

Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers 500 Broadway Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment

regarding the permanent changes to the Bus/Bike lane on Broadway. Per Order Chief Keith E. Houghton Chairperson



12/15/22, 12/29/22

#### **LEGAL NOTICE** NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

**CLASSIFIED LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT** MASSACHUSETTS **EXECUTIVE** OFFICE FOR ADMINIS-TRATION

AND FINANCE DIVISION OF CAPITAL **ASSET MANAGEMENT &** MAINTENANCE **Electronic Bids submitted** in the format furnished by the Division of Capital Asset Management &

Maintenance (DCAMM) and clearly identified as a bid will be received through DCAMM's E-Bid Room at www.bidexpress. com/businesses/10279/ home no later than the date and time specified and will forthwith be publicly opened remotely by DCAMM Bid Room personnel and read aloud over a conference call line. Persons interested in accessing the remote bid opening can do so by using the following phone number: Audio Conferencing Dial-In Number (617)-315-0704, Meeting Number 2333 916 4237#. If prompted for attendee ID, please press #.

General Bids at 2:00 PM: **Every General Bidder** must be certified by DCAMM for the category of work listed below and for no less than the

bid price plus all add alternates of this project, if applicable. The Category of Work is: Electrical Mass. State Project No. IFM2303 Contract No.

January 24, 2023

7003 Electrical Equipment Preventive Maintenance Contract, Mass. Informational Technology Center, Chelsea, MA

This project is scheduled

for 1,095 calendar days

E.C.C: \$481,814

to substantial completion with three one-year options to renew. Scope: **Provide Preventive** Maintenance as specified to maintain daily operations and conduct all legally required and all regularly planned preventive and predictive services, but not limited to, all regular inspection, testing, and preventive maintenance of all Electrical Equipment in order to maintain optimum operating conditions and optimum safety levels. A Pre-Bid/Site Visit will be held on January 4, 2023 @ 10:00 AM at 200 Arlington Street, Chelsea, MA Bring valid ID and register at the front desk

prior to going through

Minimum rates of wages

screening.

to be paid on the project have been determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor Standards. These rates are incorporated into the bid documents. Bid documents for this project may be accessed or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through DCAMM's E-Bid Room https://www.bidexpress. com/businesses/10279/ home, A hard copy set can be made available for viewing in DCAMM's Bid Room located at One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor, Boston, MA during

normal business hours by appointment only by contacting DCAMM's Bid Room. In order to access bid documents and submit bids through DCAMM's E-Bid Room potential bidders must first be verified by DCAMM's Bid Room and then register with the E-Bid Room vendor. Instructions on the processes can be found on DCAMM's website www. mass.gov/dcamm/bids or contact DCAMM's Bid Room at (617) 727-4003 or bidroom.dcamm@ mass.gov. Carol W. Gladstone COMMISSIONER

12/29/22

#### DEPARTMENT OF



AND PARKING

COMMISSION

**PUBLIC HEARING** 

Notice is hereby given in

accordance with Chapter

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

THE TRIAL COURT DOCKET NO. 20 SM 000921 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Gonzalo Gonzalez and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50

§3901 (et seq):

MidFirst Bank

of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers 500 Broadway Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval of a second vehicular A.M. peak lane on Everett Avenue southbound. Per Order Chief Keith E. Houghton Chairperson

90 of the General Laws

claiming to have an

interest in a Mortgage

covering real property in

Chelsea, numbered 153

Grove Street, given by

Simon Gonzalez, Marina

Gonzalez, and Gonzalo

Gonzalez to Mortgage

**Electronic Registration** 

Systems, Inc, as mort-

gagee, acting solely as

a nominee for Old Kent

dated October 29, 1999.

and recorded in Suffolk

in Book 24366, Page

243, as affected by a

Loan Modification Agree-

ment dated February 11,

said Registry of Deeds in

Rook 51160 Page 278

and further affected by

Judgment recorded at

said Registry of Deeds in

Book 62634, Page 336,

Plaintiff by assignment,

and now held by the

has/have filed with

this court a complaint

for determination of

Defendant's/Defendants'

Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the

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of the United States of

America, then you may

of the Servicemembers

Civil Relief Act. If you

object to a foreclosure

of the above-mentioned

property on that basis,

written appearance and

02/06/2023 answer in

this court at Three Pem-

berton Square, Boston,

MA 02108 on or before

opportunity to challenge

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PIPER Chief Justice of this

Court on 12/20/2022.

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Witness, GORDON H.

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**County Registry of Deeds** 

Mortgage Company,

12/15/22, 12/29/22

## **LEGAL NOTICE**



PUBLIC HEARING CHELSEA TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. **City Council Chambers** 500 Broadway Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval of the

installation of curbing

Avenue.

Per Order

Chairperson

and sidewalk on Fremont

Chief Keith E. Houghton

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

COMMONWEALTH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT

son, Recorder 12/29/22 **LEGAL NOTICE** 12/15/22, 12/29/22



CITY OF CHELSEA Request for Proposals After School Academic Tutoring Program for in Grades 1 to 12 The City of Chelsea Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement als for an "After School Academic Tutoring Pro-Students in Grades 1 to 12".

Proposals will be available on or after December 29, 2022 by visiting the City's website at https://www. chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/ current\_bids\_\_ tations.php. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "After School Academic Tutoring Program for Low Performing Students in Grades 1 to 12" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:30AM on Thursday, January 12, 2023. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This invitation for bid is

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

in accordance with M.G.L.

School Business Manager 12/29/22

Chapter 30B.

Dylan Cook



PUBLIC HEARING CHELSEA TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

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of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers 500 Broadway Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose

of the public hearing Low Performing Students is to receive comment regarding the approval of a 10-minute short term parking zone at the end of Walnut Street. Officer, is seeking propos-Per Order Chief Keith E. Houghton Chairperson 12/15/22, 12/29/22 gram for Low Performing

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munity testimony in opposition, the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board decided to fasttrack the project in a vote on November 29.

"How many times does the community have to say no to this facility while decision-makers fail to listen?" said Staci Rubin, Vice President of Environmental Justice at CLF. "At every turn, the state has ignored laws governing community input and alternative location of these types of facilities. East Boston does not need yet another environmental burden, and we will continue challenging this substation until the end."

"For eight years the community of East Boston has fought this project and at no point was there ever a moment that Eversource or State entities like the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) and the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), tried to negotiate some sort of alternative solution," said John Walkey, Director of Waterfront and Climate Justice Initiatives at GreenRoots. "They've been jamming this project down our throats with the so-called 'mitigation measures' actually being paid for by rate-payers. The disdain shown towards the community is perhaps the greatest injustice of all."

CLF and GreenRoots have joined community residents in opposing this substation for years, but the state has allowed Eversource to bypass community input and critical environmental reviews. CLF and GreenRoots testified and pushed for a vote delay last month since most of the siting board members will be changing with the new administration in January. Relevant regulations and policies will be changed in the coming months as well, but the

board voted to approve the plans to bypass permitting anyway.

#### CITY OFFICIALS **HOLD OPIOD** HOTLINE

REVERE - The city and school department held an online forum on fentanyl and opioid use Monday night, spurred in part by the discovery of a small baggie of powdered drugs at Revere High School earlier this month.

Initial test results showed the powder to contain MDMA and ketamine, and the Revere Police Department is awaiting state lab test results to determine if there was fentanyl in the mix of drugs.

During the forum, several local and state experts discussed the statistics for fentanyl and opioid use by young people, and discussed ways to talk about drugs with young people and help prevent overdose deaths.

"I did speak with the (police) chief again today, and he said the tests are still not back from the state lab," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly. "He said it could take several months, as the state lab is backed up with testing demands. As students and parents know, we did work with local law enforcement to have the drug dogs and the firearm dogs do a sweep of the school, just to see where we are, and that happened last Thursday."

While no drugs were discovered, Kelly said there were a few areas of concern where the dogs caught the scent of marijuana in a locker or backpack. She said those concerns would be addressed with the individual students and their families.

Revere High Principal Chris Bowen said the incident does provide an opportunity for the schools and community to collaborate to help make the high school a better place.

"This was a disturbing and unsettling discovery for all of us involved, and I hope that we can use that to launch some great between collaboration the high school administration, family, students, families, and the broader Revere community," said Bowen.

Opioid-related deaths in Massachusetts have risen from an average of about 500 to 600 annually a decade ago, to over 2,000 per year in recent years, according to Dr. Alexander Walley, an internist and addiction specialist at Boston Medical Center.

"What drove that surge was fentanyl being introduced into the heroin supply, primarily," said Walley.

While the majority of opioid-related deaths are among people over the age of 25, Walley noted that those under the age of 25 account for 1 percent of all deaths in the state, but 5 percent of opioid overdoses.

"Young people are overrepresented, which is an important reason for us to think about overdose prevention in young people," Walley said.

While overall drug use has remained fairly consistent for people aged 14-18 over the past decade, Walley said the number of fentanyl overdose deaths has surged.

"It really points to concerns of the toxic drug supply," he said.

While fentanyl is most prevalent in heroin, there has also been a surge in deadly counterfeit pills cut with fentanyl and other substances that have helped fuel overdose deaths.

Dr. Sarah Bagley said when she talks to youth about drug use, she typically asks them why they turn to drugs. While peer pressure remains a top concern, she said that more recently, there has been an uptick in young people who state they use drugs to help deal with depression or anxiety.

"I also hear a lot about isolation or boredom, especially during Covid, that was so common," said Bagley.

A high percentage of youth who turn to drugs or overdose also have a history of mental health issues, said Bagley.

"It's really clear from the data that there are a lot of opportunities available for us to provide more overdose education, distribute more naloxone, and be able to train people on how to respond when there is an overdose," said Bagley. Statistics show that

over 60 percent of overdoses for young people happen in their own homes and with someone nearby. Nearly 70 percent of those overdoses have no response from someone who is nearby, Bagley strategies Response

for youth are focused on strategies of detection, prevention, and empowerment, according to Traci Green, an epidemiologist and professor at Brandeis In addition to mak-

University. ing sure people have and know how to use naloxone, Green said it's also important for there to be

access to fentanyl test

strips, which can help drug

users determine if there is

fentanyl present in drugs.

strategies Prevention include regular medical check ups, youth having a confidential person they can talk to, and empowerment strategies can include having a safety plan in place that includes hydration and having someone available to check in on someone using drugs.

#### FREEZIN' FOR A PLUNGE

LYNN - The Sonia and Capano families have chosen Camp Fire North Shore as this year's Freezin for a Reason beneficia-

Camp Fire, which is led by executive director Laurie Hamill, will receive all net proceeds from the annual plunge on January 1, 2023, at 12 p.m. at the Nahant Coast Guard Station.

"We are so grateful that wee were chosen this year as their beneficiary," said Hamill. "The work we do is so important in the community, and we cannot do it without the support and donations from our community partners. We are so grateful to the Capano and Sonia families."

Attorney Mario Capano noted that it was George Sonia who started the "jumping-into-the-water" tradition on New Year's Day 14 years ago.

"This is our seventh year doing it to raise funds for local charities," said Capano. "We're glad to be doing it this year for Camp Fire. Laurie is a hard worker who does tremendous work for the children in the city and the North Shore. It's an outstanding charity that we're helping out."

Following the plunge, there will be a fundraiser at 2 p.m. at Rolly's Tavern. All raffle donations, along with a portion of food and drink sales that Rolly's generously donates, will go directly to Camp Fire North Shore.

Camp Fire North Shore is a non-profit youth organization serving children and families across the North Shore. They are a co-ed organization whose

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mission is to provide safe and inclusive out of school time programming that empowers youth to thrive and become caring and confident leaders. They serve over 700 children throughout the year by offering a variety of programming including, State Licensed After School Programs, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, a homeschool program, Teens in Action, and a 10 week summer day camp for kids ages 5-13. Since its inception

"Freezin for a Reason" has raised over \$120,000 for several "reasons", including donating a handicap golf cart to Gannon golf course, helping Lynn Special Needs Camp get a splash pad, Homes for our Troops, the Michele Durgin Scholarship Fund, the Kelly Martin Autism Fund, Camp Rotary of Lynn, and Rally for Ricky Fund for West Syndrome.

#### **OFFICIALS MAINTAIN** UNIFORM TAX RATE

WINTHROP - As has been the case in past years, the Town Council voted to accept a uniform tax rate for residential and commercial property Tuesday night.

With the uniform rate, Interim Assessor Patrick Harring said the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2023 should come in at \$10.70 per \$1,000 of valuation. The average tax bill

would go up about 2.25 percent, or a little over \$172 per year for a homeowner with a single-family house assessed at just over \$624,000. "The average

gle-family home in Fiscal Year '22 was \$554,013, and that increased by about 12.8 percent," said Harring. "The average single-family bill last year was \$6,515.19. With the estimated tax rate that we are proposing tonight, that single-family tax bill would rise to \$6,687.30."

The average assessed value for a commercial

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or industrial property in the town for FY23 stands just short of \$820,000, an increase of 16 percent over FY22, according to Harring. The tax bill on that assessed value would be \$8,667, he said, an increase of around 6 percent.

This year, there were 267 residential properties, 21 commercial properties, and 191 personal properties that contributed to new growth.

"New growth is utilized in calculating the levy from year to year, the amount to run the town," said Harring. "As you know, the increase of the levy is 21/2 percent plus the amount of growth. So the growth is an important amount that we calculate, and it's kind of average for this year, it's contributed \$236,683."

Harring said that there is not enough commercial development in the town to justify shifting a heavier burden of the tax rate on to commercial property owners wouldn't make much sense, since less than 7 percent of the town's property is commercial, and over 93 percent is residential property.

Legally, municipalities can vote to shift the tax burden onto commercial property by up to 150 percent. According to the assessor's office, that maximum shift would result in only a 3 percent decrease in the tax bill for residential property owners, while commercial tax bills would increase by about 50 percent.

"The law does allow you to shift more on commercial, as high as 50 percent," said Harring. "The history of the differential tax rate over the years, Winthrop has historically maintained a single tax rate. Shifting the rate on to the commercial, industrial personal property would create a greater tax burden on those properties while the residential properties would only benefit from a small savings, mainly because Winthrop is comprised of residential property at 93.8 percent."

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## Boston Harbor Hotel announces lineup for 2023 Boston Wine and Food Festival

Special to the Record

The Boston Harbor Hotel is continuing its celebrated tradition presenting exceptional wine events and dinners with the return of its annual Boston Wine and Food Festival this January 2023. The nation's longest-running wine and food festival will be directed by Boston Harbor Hotel Executive Chef David Daniels and longtime food and wine festival expert, Nancy Bean, along with Boston Harbor Hotel Wine Sommelier Nick

Daddona. Kicking off on Janu-

ary 12, this year's Boston Wine and Food Festival will feature an all-star lineup of intimate winemaker-hosted dinners, seminars, thematic receptions, and celebratory brunches at the iconic Boston Harbor Hotel. A portion of the proceeds from this year's festival will benefit the Greater Boston Food Bank and the James Beard Foundation.

"This year we will bring some new and exciting events and programming to the three-month long Boston Wine and Food Festival, courtesy of the hotel's Executive Chef, David Daniels, the hotel's advanced sommelier Nick Daddona, and respected wine festival veteran, Nancy Bean."

Tickets are available online now for purchase and will make a perfect holiday gift for the oenophile in your life. The upcoming Boston Wine and Food Festival features an array of events that will ignite the senses to lure both novice and expert wine aficionados out of the house this winter. The five-star Boston Harbor Hotel's 34th annual celebration will continue the tradition of welcoming top vintners and personalities from the world of wine and food. Events will run on the waterfront destination from January through March, kicking off with the opening weekend on January 12, 2023.

The exciting lineup of wine dinners for 2023 will include Opus One (Napa), Staglin Family Vineyard, Far Niente (Napa Valley), Battle of the Cabs, Hitchhiking through Napa with Kevin Zralv, a Wine, Dine, Divine Women's Leadership Dinner, and many more.

Tickets to this year's events are available on the website for pre-purchase. There is a special Boston Wine & Food Festival package for guests that will make a perfect holi-

All Boston Wine and Food Festival events take place within the iconic Boston Harbor Hotel. For additional information on the Boston Wine and Food Festival calendar or to purchase tickets, please visitwww.bostonwineandfoodfestival.net.

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ic Rowes Wharf Harbor. the Boston Harbor Hotel's inviting ambiance and unparalleled service provide the ideal home away from home for travelers. Luxurious accommodations with sweeping views of Boston's cityscape or breathtaking waterfront, world-class dining and a 34-slip marina make the Boston Harbor Hotel a destination Beyond compare. For additional information, please visit our website at www.bhh.com, call 617-439-7000 or follow us on Twitter @harborhotel or on Facebook.

## Drought persists in several regions of the Commonwealth; Cape Cod, islands, Northeast still impacted

Special to the Journal While some parts of Massachusetts experienced minor improvements through the month of November, several regions within the state continue to be impacted by long-term drought conditions, and today Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card announced the following drought declarations: the Northeast and Cape Cod Regions have been downgraded and will join the Islands Region at Level 2-Signficant Drought, the Connecticut River Valley Region will remain at Level 1-Mild Drought, and the Western, Central, and Southeast Regions will remain at Level 0-Normal Conditions. Recent rain and snow events in the past few days offer potential improvements, particularly in the Northeast Region of the state; however, precipitation will need to continue in

order to make a difference. As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level state's Drought Manage-1-Mild Drought warrants ment Task Force, which

drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, and technical outreach and assistance to the affected municipalities. Additionally, a Level 2-Significant Drought calls for the convening of an interagency mission group, which is already meeting, to more closely coordinate on drought assessments, impacts, and responses within state government.

"Even though weather is getting colder and wetter, we can't lose sight of the fact that several regions within Massachusetts continue to be impacted by drought conditions," said Energy and Environmental **Affairs** Secretary Beth Card. "It is important that everyone, especially those living and working in the Northeast, Cape Cod, and Islands Regions, continue to practice water conservation in order to ensure that our water resources fully re-

Today's declarations are the result of recommendations made by the

bound."

federal officials, and other entities. The taskforce will continue to meet until water levels return to normal in all affected regions of the state. The task force noted that the Commonwealth experienced below-normal precipitation during the month of November, with departures ranging from 0 to 3 inches below normal, with the northeastern area ranging 2 to 3 inches below normal. Additionally, normal conditions in several regions of the state for this time of year have historically been even colder and wetter than what is cur-

rently being experienced. Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 2 - Significant Drought region and a Level 1 - Mild Drought region, including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are also asked to check with their local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place.

2 – Significant Drought

- 1. Minimize overall water use; and,
- 2. Follow local water use restrictions.

Immediate Steps for Communities:

3. Limit washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; and, 4. Establish water-use

reduction targets for all

water users and identify

- top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use. and Short-Medi-
- um-Term Steps for Communities: 5. Establish a year-
- round water conservation program that includes public education and communication;
- 6. Provide timely information to local residents and businesses;
- 7. Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates:
- 8. Check emergency inter-connections for water supply; and,
- 9. Develop or re-For Regions in Level fine your local drought of emergency connections will meet again on Monmanagement plan using and water supplies.

state Drought Management Plan.

For Region in Level 1 -Mild Drought

Residents and Busi-

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Shortand Medium-Term Steps for Communities:

- 11. Establish a yearround water conservation program that includes public education and communication;
- 12. Provide timely information to local residents and businesses;
- 13. Check emergency inter-connections for water supply; and,
- 14. Develop a local drought management

Furthermore, the Massachusetts Department of **Environmental Protection** (MassDEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing systems, including assistance on use

significant rain has fallen so far in December. droughts reflect deficits that build up over time and it will take time for water levels in some parts of the Commonwealth to return to normal," said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. "We continue to urge residents to follow the water-use recommendations of their local water supplier to help protect their water resources for

the future." It is important to note that the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply system is not experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual plan. Private wells, local streams, wetlands, vernal pools, and other water-dependent habitats located within MWRA-serviced areas are being impacted by drought conditions, while water quality in ponds can deteriorate due to lowering of levels

The Drought Management Task Force day, January 9, 2023, at

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