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Robinson wins council presidency

By Adam Swift

Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, the body’s longest serving current member, was elected Council President at Tuesday night’s organizational council meeting.

Robinson prevailed by a 6-5 vote over acting President Calvin Brown.

Councilors Damali Vidot, Enio Lopez, Todd Taylor, Giovanni Recupero, and Brian Hatleberg sided with Robinson, while Councilors Judith Garcia, Melinda Vega Maldonado, Tanairi Garcia, and Norieliz DeJesus cast their votes alongside Brown.

In brief remarks Tuesday night, Robinson thanked outgoing acting president Brown for his leadership, and noted that as the council moves for-



City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White swears in Leo Robinson as the new City Council President.

ward, there will be votes the council will have to take in the best interest of the city and its residents.

“I would like to quote the Isley Brothers: We

plan, and more importantly, appointing an acting city manager and start the process and search for a new city manager. I will guide and show leadership when we deal with the above issues to the best of my ability.”

Robinson said the well-being of a community is the sum of its physical, economic, and social matters.

“It is easy to see a community as a place – homes, schools, streets, parks, shops,” he said. “These make up the infrastructure of a community, the soundness and attractiveness is essential for a great community. A good community also includes economic development, jobs, businesses, educa-

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Judith Garcia at the State House, with friends, family, and supporters after she was sworn in as the state representative for Massachusetts’ 11th Suffolk District.

JUDITH GARCIA SWORN IN AS STATE REP.

Special to the Record

Chelsea native Judith Garcia made history this Wednesday, January 4 when she was sworn in as the state representative for Massachusetts’ 11th Suffolk District.

A longtime Chelsea City Councilor and advisor to Vice President Kamala Harris, Garcia is no stranger to politics, but this marks her first state

position. During her tenure as a city councilor, she helped pass legislation in support of affordable housing, cracked down on wage theft, and promoted green initiatives in the city.

Garcia announced her candidacy for state representative in early in 2022 and won in a three-way Democratic race in September.

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Giovanni Recupero is sworn in as the 2023 council Vice President by City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White.



The City Clerk swears in Tanairi Garcia as the City Council's representative to the School Committee.

Broadway marijuana dispensary comes before ZBA Jan. 10

By Adam Swift

With some hesitation, the Planning Board recommended approval for a special permit and variances for a retail marijuana dispensary proposed for 307 Broadway.

The project will now go before the Zoning Board of Appeals on Jan. 10.

The applicant, Concrete Garden, withdrew an application with the ZBA for a special permit at the same location in the summer. Both the ZBA and Planning Board expressed reservations about the number of violations racked up by the owner of the property, Peach Enterprises.

Concrete Garden was back before the ZBA at its December meeting with a new proposal, which included the applicant working with the landlord to address the building code issues, as well as the use violations at the Broadway building.

“The reason we are in front of you again is because there were outstanding violations at this building, not in our unit per se, but in the building itself,” said Concrete Garden co-founder Vladimir Samuel. “On Sept. 9, we were able to receive a list from the city after having the city walk the building. In the past month, we have put in building permits and electrical permits as well as plumbing permits to remedy those violations. We do believe we will be able to begin that work in January, and we will be done and all violations will be remedied by March.”

As they were earlier in 2022, Planning Board members said they had no issues with Samuel or his business plan for a retail marijuana dispensary, but several said they were still concerned about the track record of the landlord, and about Samuel taking on too much responsibility to remedy his issues.

“Call me cynical, but I find it difficult to believe that this landlord who racked up so many violations is going to maintain the property in such a way that is necessary for a business of this type,” said

Planning Board member Sharleen McLean.

A representative for the owner said all the issues at the building are addressable, and that special permits will be sought for the handful of businesses in the property who violate the use ordinance for the building.

“I don’t see why this is any different than your last appearance before us,” said Planning Board Chair Tuck Willis. “It sounds like you are making progress with those issues that were troubling to the board, and progress is great, but that is not a solution. I don’t really see how the board can recommend a special permit which involves a space which is technically illegal to occupy.”

Board member Mimi Rancatore agreed that she couldn’t recommend the special permit in good conscience.

“He has a history which is abysmal and he does not have any credibility with this,” she said about the landlord. “If this was another builder or landlord that had more credibility, I might be willing to trust him. I don’t trust this landlord.”

Planning Director John DePriest said he agreed that it is generally the landlord’s duty to deliver a product to the tenant.

“However, the tenant and the landlord have reached an agreement between them, and it’s really not an issue for the board to require the landlord to do it if they have worked out an agreement,” he said.

The Planning Board voted 4-2 to recommend approval to the ZBA, with the condition that all building code and building issues be addressed before final building and occupancy permits are issued. If those issues are not all addressed and met, DePriest said he will not sign off on the permits when they come before him.

“With great trepidation, I will vote in favor based on all of the conditions being met,” said McLean. “This is about (Samuel’s) business plan, (which) is great. My concern remains with the landlord doing all the work he said he would do.”

Willis and Rancatore voted against recommending approval.

New Year, New Heights

DiDomenico ascends to high leadership post in State Senate

By Cary Shuman

Sal DiDomenico was set to be inaugurated as state senator at the State House Wednesday for his seventh term representing Everett in a newly realigned district.

“I will have a different district than when I started this past session,” reported DiDomenico. “I will have all of Everett, all of Chelsea, all of Charlestown, and half the city of Cambridge.”

Allston, Brighton, and West End will leave the district. All told, DiDomenico will represent 175,000 residents.

“Yes, that’s a lot of people to make happy, but we do our best,” said DiDomenico humbly. “I am very excited and looking forward to continuing to work on behalf of the residents that I represent in Chelsea, Charlestown, Cambridge and Everett.”

Constituents have come to expect the best from the popular state senator, and DiDomenico has delivered. He has been recognized district and statewide for his many legislative accomplishments.

Constituents say DiDomenico’s office quickly and efficiently responds to requests for assistance or guidance. He has become a leading advocate for education, children, seniors, and low-income families.

Though many supporters and friends urged him to consider a run for one of the state’s constitutional offices in the 2022 elec-



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

tion, DiDomenico opted to run for re-election, and he was unopposed on the ballot.

His visibility factor throughout the district is off the charts. DiDomenico is a royal presence at all events, where he always generates a warm reception from city councilors, school committee members, and residents.

A return as the Senate’s assistant majority leader

During the past session, DiDomenico, 51, was the third most powerful leader in the 40-member State Senate, having served as assistant majority leader.

“I look forward to continuing in that role,” said DiDomenico. “I’m hopeful to be reappointed [by Senate President Karen Spilka] as chair of the Bills in Third Reading Committee and vice-chair of the Education Committee as well.”

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WE ARE LIVING -- AND DYING -- WITH COVID-19

Although the restrictions -- masking, social distancing, etc. -- that were imposed during the first two years of the COVID-19 pandemic are largely gone and forgotten by the vast majority of Americans, the unfortunate reality is that COVID-19 has not forgotten us.

More than 315 Americans still are dying each and every day from COVID-19 -- that's about 115,000 deaths per year -- making COVID-19 the third leading cause of death in the U.S. after heart disease and cancer.

Ordinarily, those huge numbers would be cause for a public health emergency. But in comparison to the 3,000 deaths per day that were occurring during the first two years of the pandemic, we've become complacent.

We also would note that beyond the still-shocking death toll, COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc with our economy, with even the most conservative estimates asserting that thanks to time lost from work, hospitalizations, long-term medical care, and other disruptions, COVID-19 continues to cost us more than \$500 billion per year -- a huge sum attributable to a little bug.

Perhaps one reason why we have become so blasé about the risks of COVID-19 -- beyond "pandemic fatigue" -- is that COVID-19 has become a deadly disease almost exclusively among our country's senior citizens.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, people 65 and older accounted for 75 percent of all American Covid deaths. That dropped below 60 percent by September, 2021. But today, Americans 65 and over account for 90 percent of new COVID-19 deaths, even though 94 percent of American seniors have some level of vaccination.

However, far too many seniors have not received the new bivalent booster that became available a few months ago. Given that the immune systems of those over 65 are weaker to begin with and that the protection of the vaccine weakens over time, especially for seniors, the failure of senior citizens to get the latest bivalent vaccine booster has created a perfect opportunity for COVID-19 to infiltrate our senior population.

In our view, there are two takeaways from these statistics: First, every senior should get the new bivalent booster ASAP. Second, those who come into contact with seniors, whether in their personal or business lives, should wear a mask in order not to spread the disease to our most-vulnerable population.

Sorry to say, COVID-19 is not going away anytime soon. But two simple steps for our seniors and those who care about them -- an updated vaccine and a mask -- can go a long way toward mitigating the ongoing human tragedy of this pernicious disease.

PELE, THE ONE AND ONLY

Over the course of the past 60 years, there was one person who indisputably was the most famous man on the planet -- and that person was Pele.

Even those who knew nothing about soccer -- or any other sport -- still recognized his name in all four corners of the globe.

Pele revolutionized not only the game of soccer with his speed, finesse, power, and skill, but also the sports world in general. He became the first global superstar and elevated athletic competition into the realm of the international arena more than any person ever has.

It is because of Pele that more American children -- boys and girls -- play soccer today than any other sport in our country.

But what truly made Pele great was his incredible humility. He became an international star at the age of 17 when he led Brazil to the first of three World Cups in 1958, but throughout his long life, he never forgot his roots in the impoverished favela of his hometown of Santos, where he learned his soccer skills on the streets.

Pele served as an ambassador both for his country and the world of sports for decades, radiating his warm smile and joy wherever he went.

Pele was a beautiful man who played the beautiful game as no one ever has, both on and off the pitch. He will be missed.

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GUEST OP-ED

Those who are grieving and suffering loss

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Throughout the years, many of us watched Barbara Walters from NBC to ABC. I always tried to watch her special interviews. Often, the people she interviewed on prime-time television specials were "the" high profile people at that given time. She became the highest paid journalist of her day being the first to sign a million-dollar contract with ABC.

Regardless of what we do in life we are still confronted by difficulties that often debilitate us. Walters had survived her own personal struggles, like we all do, including four divorces. Unfortunately, her reported battle with dementia took its toll on her health. We can all accomplish much in life. Maybe not as much as Walters or maybe even more. Regardless, there is much about life we can't do anything about other than try to deal with it and do the best we can.

At least 37 people died

from the recent winter storm in Buffalo, New York. Families are grieving. Hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, freezing temperatures, and snow have wreaked devastation on our country in the last twelve months. Loss of life can come from disease, weather, accidents or unconscionably by design.

We all have been horrified by the death of four college students in Moscow, Idaho. It's been beyond us how four beautiful people could be stabbed to death in their beds reportedly between 3:00 and 4:00 in the morning. A young man who is a student at nearby Washington State University on the Pullman campus has been arrested at his parents' house in Albrightsville, Pennsylvania. Moscow police believe they now have the murderer in custody.

How anyone could commit such a heinous crime is beyond our comprehension. I'm sure it was beyond the scope of thought for these innocent

young adults. We never know who is taking note of our lives, whereabouts and activities. Regardless of how calm and safe your community seems you can't take anything for granted. Lock your doors. Lock your bedroom door. Keep your handgun on your lampstand and try your best to create an environment that protects you as much as possible. With so many people sleeping in the rental house in Moscow, I'm sure these young college students felt safe. What appeared to be safe for them became an opportunity for an evil mind.

Typically, the attacker has the element of surprise on his side. It's always best to try to think ahead. Sadly, four Idaho University students were killed by someone who planned, plotted, and was patient enough to find the right

moment to carry out the murders.

Accepting and dealing with what we cannot change is one thing. Preparing for life but rolling with the punches, the turns and twists is another. Being watchful, careful, and never taking anything for granted could make the difference between life and death

Pray for these families and all the many friends and loved ones as they grieve and suffer from such devastating loss.

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The DiDomenico family celebrated St. Patrick's Day for a good cause.

Priorities for the new session

“Education has always been one of my top priorities,” related DiDomenico, a 1995 graduate of Boston College. “Also lifting people out of poverty and food insecurity, helping children and families, and our elderly population as well.”

In fact, one of DiDomenico’s top accomplishments in the past year was working to provide universal school meals for every student in the Commonwealth. The state’s \$110 million appropriation ensures that every student in Massachusetts, regardless of family income, receives free breakfast and lunch in the schools.

DiDomenico said he has been following the issue of surging enrollments in the Everett schools and the need for a new high school.

“I can be helpful with the Massachusetts School Building Authority, which is under the control of State Treasurer Deb Goldberg,” said DiDomenico. “I would have a role in advocating for a new school with state funding, for sure. I know the City of Everett and the School Department have expressed strong interest in getting a new high school, and I look forward to working with them to accomplish that goal.”

Working with the new administration to achieve goals

DiDomenico will be working with a new gubernatorial administration

as Maura Healey takes office as governor and Kim Driscoll become lieutenant governor.

“I’m looking forward to working with Gov. Healey and Lt. Gov. Driscoll. They’ve been longtime friends, and I know they care about the issues that we care about in my district,” said DiDomenico. “Because of our strong relationship and friendship, I know we’ll be able to get a lot accomplished together.”

DiDomenico will also be building on his strong, professional relationships with Rep. Joseph McGonagle, Rep. Dan Ryan, and Rep. Judith Garcia.

“I will work closely with them to get funding for our communities and legislation that will help our communities as well,” said DiDomenico.

Aided by an excellent team in the senator’s office

Sen. DiDomenico begins the new session with the same staff working in his office on Beacon Hill.

Chief of Staff Christie Getto Young and Director of Constituent Services Jim Henry have been on DiDomenico’s office leadership team since his first day in office. Getto Young was the recipient of the prestigious National Conference of State Legislatures Legislative Staff Achievement Award for 2019. The other members of the staff are Legislative and Budget Director Martina Matta, Director of Communications Eli Fenichel, and Legislative

Aide Ayla Thornton.

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner will be held in March

Outside of his numerous successes in the State Senate, DiDomenico and his wife, Tricia, have built the Domenico Family Foundation’s annual Saint Patrick’s Dinner into one of the most anticipated and fun happenings on the social calendar, one that kicks off the celebratory season of events in March. Tricia serves as president of the Foundation.

“We’ll be back hosting the dinner the first Friday or Saturday in March,” said DiDomenico. “Because of that successful, annual event, we’re able to hold the toy drive, which allowed us to purchase \$35,000 in toys for low-income families. It was an amazing event, but the behind-the-scenes stuff is a lot of work. An event like that requires a lot of help, and we’re fortunate to have it.”

Also helping the Foundation and supporting the family’s charitable endeavors are Sal and Tricia’s two sons, Matthew and Sal, who are students at Everett High School.

“My family has been very supportive,” said the senator. “Obviously being in public office requires the whole family being a part of it. They’ve been great, and I’m lucky that they love it as much as I do.”

“And don’t forget my dog, Buddy – he’s part of the family, too,” said DiDomenico.

State Treasurer’s office launches small business toolkit and resource map

Special to the Record

Massachusetts State Treasurer, Deborah B. Goldberg, recently announced the launch of the Treasurer’s Office’s newly designed Small Business Resource Toolkit website. The toolkit provides access to comprehensive resources and materials for small business owners and future entrepreneurs in Massachusetts.

Under the direction of Treasurer Goldberg, the toolkit was designed to provide a range of relevant, important information, often needed, when facing the enormous challenge of starting a small business for the first time. Typically, it has been impossible to easily find the resources and advisors that can help lead to success. This website offers valuable educational materials on how to plan, maintain, and grow a successful small business.

“By collecting relevant resources in one place online, we are providing an understandable road map for people as they begin to develop and open their own businesses,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “One of my top priorities has been to ensure that everyone has equal access to the tools and information they need to succeed. And by

supporting the growth of independent small businesses, we not only positively impact their own development, but also our local communities and the state’s economy, in many positive ways.”

To help ensure that small businesses thrive, this toolkit provides additional information about banks, community development financial institutions (CDFIs), and community partners available across the Commonwealth.

“Successful small businesses are critical generators of wealth, they are the backbone of the economy,” said State Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston). “I am so thankful to Treasurer Deborah Goldberg and her team for creating a website that serves as a one-stop-shop for small businesses new and old. I look forward to sharing this new resource with my constituents.”

“The State of MA Treasurer’s Office has taken yet another step to actively support economic empowerment for entrepreneurs and small businesses throughout the Commonwealth,” said Samilys Rodriguez, Director – Eastern Massachusetts Center for Women & Enterprise. “The Center for Women & Enterprise Women’s Business Centers are just one of many business re-

sources in the Treasurer’s new Small Business Resource Toolkit, which can provide additional support and guidance for clients to achieve their next business milestones.”

“Congratulations to the Office of the Treasurer’s team for their hard work and dedication in creating a website that connects and provides resources for business owners in Massachusetts,” said Aliesha J. Porcena, City of Boston Director of Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion. “At the City of Boston, we are committed to working across agencies, to make sure business owners have the resources and tools to start, grow, and build a business in Boston. As we work to address the many hurdles that businesses face, and build a community of support for businesses, this tool is an effort in that direction.”

There are several organizations and community partners across the state that help business owners with technical assistance and business counseling. The Treasurer’s Office’s website has identified these organizations and placed them by county and category on a Small Business Resource Map. This map will be updated on a regular basis.

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tion, and sources of capital investments.”

Without economic life and opportunity, Robinson said a community cannot meet its material needs and a good quality of life cannot be enjoyed.

Robinson closed with a quote from W.E.B. DuBois stating that “We

should never forget to urge corresponding duties upon our people: the duty to vote; the duty to respect the right of others; the duty to work; the duty to obey the laws; the duty to be clean and orderly’ the duty to send our children to school; and the duty to respect ourselves even as

we respect others.”

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero was elected as the council’s vice president for 2023, and District 6 Councilor Tanairi Garcia was elected as the council’s representative to the School Committee.

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Upcoming weekend service changes on Orange, Green, Red lines

Special to the Record

The MBTA announced upcoming service changes this month on the Orange, Green, and Red lines. Because of the continued demolition of the Government Center Garage by private developer HYM Construction, Orange and Green Line service changes will take place in January in the downtown Boston area. Additionally, the Medford Branch of the Green Line will be replaced with shuttle bus service from start to end of service on Sunday, January 8, to accommodate water line work. The Red Line will also experience service changes during the weekend of January 7-8 in order for the MBTA to perform work at JFK/UMass station.

The MBTA has been working closely with the City of Boston and the developer in order to accommodate the private Government Center Garage work affecting both the Orange and Green Lines:

- Riders should note that Haymarket-area buses will not be diverted during these weekends and will continue to stop at the temporary Hay-

market bus stops. A list of Haymarket bus routes and these temporary stops is available at mbta.com.

- Orange and Green Line trains will bypass Haymarket station during the weekends of January 7-8 and January 21-22. Orange Line riders should exit at North Station or State and walk to the Haymarket area. Green Line riders should exit at North Station or Government Center station. These stations are less than a half-mile from Haymarket, or a four- to eight-minute walk.
- Closures will also take place on the Orange Line between Back Bay and North Station and on the Green Line between North Station and Government Center Station during the weekend of January 14-15. Orange Line riders are asked to use Green Line service between Copley and Government Center stations. Green Line service between North Station and Government Center Station will be replaced with shuttle bus service. The purpose of these weekend diversions is to accommodate the private Garage

demolition work. The MBTA will also perform maintenance on track, signal, and power systems, including the replacement of rail between Chinatown and Tufts Medical Center stations.

- Extra MBTA personnel and Transit Ambassadors will be on-hand to assist customers. Accessibility vans will also be available for on-demand transportation – riders should ask MBTA personnel for information and assistance. More information on alternate paths of travel will be available at mbta.com/alerts.
- Riders are also advised that, due to the complexity of the continued demolition of the Government Center Garage by HYM Construction, additional weekend diversions will be necessary in the coming months to accommodate the ongoing work. The MBTA apologizes for this inconvenience and will announce additional service changes in advance as they are confirmed and scheduled. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on Twitter for up-to-date ser-

vice information.

- Green Line Medford Branch trolleys will also be replaced with accessible shuttle bus service between Medford/Tufts and East Somerville stations in both directions from start to end of service on Sunday, January 8. The purpose of this one-day diversion is to perform emergency repair work on the water lines that service Medford/Tufts station, which require additional insulation. Riders may also utilize Bus Routes 80 and 87 for service throughout the area on January 8.
- Red Line Ashmont and Braintree Branch trains will be replaced with accessible shuttle buses between Broadway and Ashmont stations and between Broadway and North Quincy stations during the weekend of January 7-8. The purpose of this weekend diversion is to perform work on the pedestrian bridge between Columbia Road and the lobby at JFK/UMass station. After necessary repairs are completed, the MBTA will reopen the pedestrian ramp at Columbia Road.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Victor Rojas Avalo, 25, of Revere was charged in Chelsea District Court today with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (knife) stemming from an incident at the Market Basket parking lot in Chelsea yesterday. Judge Jane Prince set \$500 bail and ordered Avalo to stay away from the victim and from Market Basket.

Assistant District Attorney Jared Hirsch said

Avalo attacked the victim at about 5 p.m. Sunday after the two got into a dispute over a parking spot in the lot. When police arrived they found the victim bleeding heavily from a wound in his left backside. Avalo was arrested shortly after in Revere. Avalo was represented by defense attorney Steven Topazio. Avalo will return to court March 22 for a pre-trial hearing.

Paul Casino honored for years of service to Chelsea

By Adam Swift

The City Council's retiring long-time clerk, Paul Casino, was honored for a half-century of service to Chelsea at Tuesday night's council meeting, even as some members said they hoped he might stick around a little longer.

Casino officially retired as the council's clerk at the end of December, but on Tuesday night, he was at his familiar position in the council chambers next to the council president's chair.

Council President Leo Robinson said Casino agreed to help with the transition into the new year as the council continues to search for a new clerk.

Robinson presented Casino with a Chelsea Clock from the council.

"The inscription on it is Paul Casino: School Committee, Alderman, Acting Mayor, City Council Clerk – thank you for your 50 years of service to the City of Chelsea," said Robinson.

While it can be hard to get 11 city councilors to agree on anything, all the members were united in their words of respect and best wishes for Casino on Tuesday night.

"I've known Paul for many, many years, and he used to be my boss, and he was a great boss," said District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero. "It has been my pleasure to know Paul all these years ... he's always been fair, he's always been open to all of us, anybody that needed any help can go see Paul and Paul will try to help us."

One theme that came up from several councilors was Casino's role in helping new councilors acclimate to life and the challenges of municipal government.

"When I first became president of the City Council, he was threatening to retire, and I was like, oh no, you're not going to

leave me," said Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot. "I was grateful that you were able to extend your plans and stay longer. I know you have given your all to this City Council and a lot of the things that people don't see on the other side and all the things that happen behind the scenes."

Making the jump from community activist to being on the council, Vidot said Casino and departing City Manager Thomas Ambrosino were the two people who restored her hope for what municipal government could be and representing and doing the work of the people.

"I'm super grateful that I've had the opportunity to work beside you, what you've taught me, not just about the City Council rules and Robert's Rules of Order, but just in terms of temperament and how to navigate in terms of getting work done and how to work with people and reach across the aisle," said Vidot.

District 5 Councilor Judith Garcia celebrated Casino as a cornerstone of the council.

"I've been here for seven years and you've shown to be a person with a wealth of knowledge, you are someone who is fair, patient, but above all, you have dedicated not only your personal time to this city, but you have also dedicated years and years of service," said Garcia. "Getting to know you, learning a lot about the parliamentary procedure, learning a lot about how to navigate City Council and be effective is something that I am going to carry with me in my years of service that are to come."

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown thanked Casino for his service, and said he hoped the council would be able to keep Casino around for a little while longer on a part-time basis to help with the search and transition to a new clerk for the body.

Nearly \$2.74 Million awarded to combat violence against women

The Baker-Polito Administration announced that dozens of law enforcement, criminal justice and victim services organizations have been awarded grants through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant program including the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office with a grant of \$119,919.88.

The federal funds will help Massachusetts agencies in efforts to prevent, reduce and improve responses to acts of gender-based, sexual and domestic violence; stalking; and human trafficking. The 44 grant recipients were selected through a competitive application process administered by the Office of Grants and Research (OGR), a state agency that is part of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS). Each organiza-

tion funded in FY23 will be eligible for additional funding during the three following years.

"These grants allow our Commonwealth to enhance our work combatting domestic violence and sexual offenses. Meeting the needs of survivors, providing safety nets for those seeking to escape, and holding perpetrators accountable requires a coalition of law enforcement and service providers. VAWA funds have allowed us to build these vital partnerships and provide resources, not just in 2023, but for years to come," said Governor Charlie Baker.

"Since taking office, this administration has shown an unparalleled dedication to ending domestic and sexual violence. As chair of the Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence,

I've had the privilege of working with professionals and organizations across the Commonwealth that are committed to this mission. This funding will allow state agencies, police and service providers the resources they need to effectively respond to and reduce these offenses," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito.

"These grants help improve how law enforcement and the criminal justice system respond to violence against women through training opportunities and enhanced capacity to investigate and prosecute these offenses. It also ensures that the victims of domestic and intimate partner violence, sexual assault and exploitation, and stalking have access to the services they deserve," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy.

"The VAWA Grant Program is one of the most impactful programs administered by the Office of Grants and Research. These funds help ensure that victims have access to the protections of law enforcement and the criminal justice system, as well as trauma-informed and culturally-competent services. We look forward to working alongside all our funded partners to achieve this mission," said OGR Executive Director Kevin Stanton.

The VAWA Grant Program is funded by the Department of Justice. Through an application review process, recipients were selected from across four categories: Courts, Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Victim Services, and Discretionary.

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tember. She won the general election in November.

"I'm continually in awe of my community. The people of Chelsea and Everett are bold, vibrant, and resourceful, and I'm so honored that they've chosen me as their representative," Garcia said at the Swearing-In ceremony.

"I promised the 11th Suffolk District that I would fight for our fair share, and that's exactly what I intend to do."

Garcia's state representative term began on January 4, 2023 and will last until January 8, 2025. She remains in the Chelsea City Council.



Judith Garcia at the State House, before she was sworn in as the state representative for Massachusetts' 11th Suffolk District.



City Council President Leo Robinson presents a Chelsea Clock to Council Clerk Paul Casino for his 50 years of service to the city.

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What's for dinner?

The image displays three circular diagrams, each representing a 'Wheel of Tastes' for a specific food category: Fruit, Meat, and Fish. These wheels are designed to help identify the primary and secondary tastes (Sweet, Sour, Salty, Bitter, Umami) present in various food items.

Wheel of Tastes: Fruit

This wheel is divided into five main segments, each representing a primary taste. The segments are color-coded and labeled with various fruits and vegetables. The central circle is labeled 'Taste'.

- Sweet (Yellow):** Includes items like Apple, Banana, Orange, Peach, Pear, Pineapple, Strawberry, Watermelon, and others.
- Sour (Red):** Includes items like Lemon, Lime, Orange, Grapefruit, and others.
- Salty (Blue):** Includes items like Cucumber, Tomato, and others.
- Bitter (Green):** Includes items like Kale, Spinach, Broccoli, and others.
- Umami (Purple):** Includes items like Mushroom, Parmesan, and others.

Wheel of Tastes: Meat

This wheel is divided into five main segments, each representing a primary taste. The segments are color-coded and labeled with various meats and seafood. The central circle is labeled 'Taste'.

- Sweet (Yellow):** Includes items like Pork, Beef, and others.
- Sour (Red):** Includes items like Lamb, and others.
- Salty (Blue):** Includes items like Chicken, and others.
- Bitter (Green):** Includes items like Fish, and others.
- Umami (Purple):** Includes items like Beef, and others.

Wheel of Tastes: Fish

This wheel is divided into five main segments, each representing a primary taste. The segments are color-coded and labeled with various fish and seafood. The central circle is labeled 'Taste'.

- Sweet (Yellow):** Includes items like Salmon, and others.
- Sour (Red):** Includes items like Tuna, and others.
- Salty (Blue):** Includes items like Shrimp, and others.
- Bitter (Green):** Includes items like Crab, and others.
- Umami (Purple):** Includes items like Lobster, and others.



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Top five pet new year's resolutions for 2023

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Richard C. Pizzano

Retired Department of Defense Computer Systems Analyst

Richard C. Pizzano, a longtime resident of Rye, NH, passed away after a period of declining health on Monday, January 2. He was 88 years of age. Born and raised in Chelsea, he was the only son of the late Salvatore F. and Bertha M. (Bourinot) Pizzano.

Richard attended local schools, graduated from Chelsea High School and continued his education attending Boston University for two years. He enlisted in the US Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged in October of 1955.

He was married to Grace A. (Kornechuk) for 65 years and together raised their daughter. Richard resided in Chelsea for most of his life and later settled in Woburn for many years before moving full time to Rye, NH 25 years ago.

Richard worked for 30 years as a civilian employee for the Dept. of Defense as a Computer Systems Analyst. He began his career at the Charlestown Navy Yard and completed his career at Hanscom Airfield retiring in 1994.

In his lifetime, Richard enjoyed Middle Eastern and Greek folk dancing with his wife and time spent at the family mountain house in Harts Location, NH where he enjoyed snowmobiling, skiing, hiking. He also enjoyed recreational boating in the summer, and he would frequently return to Chelsea to Morley's Barber Shop to have his cut by Sonny, socialize and reminisce with old friends at the shop. He was also



a past member for many years of the American Legion Frank E. Booma Post 6 Portsmouth, NH.

Richard was predeceased by his wife, Grace in 2019. He was the father of Heidi Cady of Rye and her late husband, Michael; grandfather of Jeffrey Cady and his wife, Lauren of Dover, NH and Daniel Cady and his companion, Anna Stevens of Rye, NH and great-grandfather of Michael Cady. He is also survived by several cousins, extended family members and friends.

Visiting hours will be held from the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, January 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. His Funeral will be from the Welsh Funeral Home on Friday, January 6 at 8 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea at 9:30 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Should friends desire, contributions in Richard's name may be made to a charity of their choice.



Kevin M. LaCount

The world will miss his kindness

This led to a couple of Radio DJ spots at WALE in Fall River and WLKN in Maine.

In 1985, they purchased the shop where Valerie had been working and renamed it Washington Park Florist. In 1987, their first born, Branigan Lei, made her debut, and shortly after that they moved to Chelsea to be closer to the shop.

Working with the Boston Globe, in 1988, Branigan had to be hospitalized for kidney issues. Asking for time off, his supervisor gave him a hard time. Notice was given which began a 20 year window of Kevin and Valerie working together full time at the shop. This gave Kevin the opportunity to become interested in the balloon industry, eventually becoming one of the first 59 Certified Balloon Artists (CBA) in the world. Additionally, he was one of the first designers to begin incorporating florals into balloon work. Because of his skill in this area, he travelled across the country and internationally, to teach other professionals in the industry, long before YouTube existed.

As the business expanded, the shop relocated to a larger space and in 1990, their son, Damien Dakota, forced his sister to share the familial stage. As the kids grew, they caught the acting bug and got involved with theatre. Kevin was a very proud dad and could always be counted on to cover the shop so that Valerie could be where she needed to be for BnBear!

In 2008, with both kids in college, Kevin took a part time job with Home Depot in Saugus to help with tuitions. When the economy tanked that same year, he was offered a full time position and grabbed it. He moved from store associate to the travelling MET team when the opportunity presented itself and when the teams became store-centric, he was

conveniently located at the Home Depot in Chelsea. All this time, remaining Valerie's bestest back-up at the shop and self-titled longest term employee! Recipient of many, many Homer Awards, throughout Covid, Kevin was many times one of the few and sometimes, the only member of his team to report for work.

Those are the facts, but anyone who knows Kevin, knows there's way more than facts! Falling in love with motorcycling, long distance annual solo bike trips, lots of family vacations, master of puns (or PUNishment, if you ask the BMRH), gardening, Rotarian, Mason, lover of the long way around, man of many words, cribbage teacher, IPA aficionado, Church and Karaoke singer, Spiritualist, lover of his canine kids, slave to his feline kid, big fan of his Kowloon folks, and huge cheerleader of the Rusty Can... their food, their servers and the line!!!!

Valerie, Branigan and Damien would like him to know that he will forever be the first man we remember and the last man we'll forget!

Kevin will always be the much loved, first born son to Mary Lou (Ingerson) LaCount and the late Harry P. LaCount, Sr.

He is the greatly missed husband of almost 46 years to Valerie Rae (Johnson) LaCount of Chelsea. As their loving and devoted dad, he leaves his daughter, Branigan Reed of Salem and her husband, Dewayne, as well as his son, Damien LaCount of Peabody and his fiancée, Anetta Rauf to carry on his legacy of love as he continues to be proud of his bonus grandson, Vaughn Reed. Additionally, he leaves brothers: Harry P. LaCount, Jr. and his wife, Sue, Dennis LaCount and his wife, Jan and his sister, Karen LaCount of Chelmsford. In addition, he leaves his brother-in-law and riding



buddy, Erick Johnson and his fiancée, Liz Metcalf of Weymouth. Brian, Karen Michael, Heather, Brett Stephen, Mike and Dan know that Uncle Kevin will be watching over all of them and their families. Kevin was predeceased by his sister, Tracey (LaCount / Lucontoni) Savage but we know there was a joyful reunion when he crossed. Since he got over the Rainbow Bridge first, he'll have the company of Noodle, Bito, Shredder and NuttaButta while Valerie takes care of Kneesaa, Gizmo, Stripe, Calliope and occasionally, his grandpuppy, Phoenix.

Yes, we have a flower shop, but...If you would like to do something to honor Kevin's memory, we would respectfully ask that you instead consider a donation in his name. His preference was to the church that taught us about Spiritualism and brought him comfort, where he had become the music coordinator.

Donations can be sent to: GBCS (Greater Boston Church of Spiritualism), c/o Rev. Mary DiGiovanni, 24 Arlington St., Brighton, MA 02135. Donations can also be made thru Venmo@GBC Spiritualism. We would also be honored, should you choose instead to donate to a charity that aligns with your concerns. The world will be missing his kindness, let's band together to try to make up for the loss. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

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EVERETT WORKER SAVES FAMILY

EVERETT - On Thursday morning, Dec. 22, Parking Enforcement Officer for the City of Everett Brian Gianelli prevented tragedy at a 2-alarm fire at a multi-unit residence on Vine Street.

While he was doing his overnight shift, Gianelli smelled and spotted smoke coming from the building and quickly sprang into action by calling the Everett Fire Department (EFD) and alerting residents to the danger to ensure they got out safely.

“I was in the right place at the right time,” said Gianelli. He also told NBC10 Boston, “There were alarms going off, couldn’t tell from what. I got them up, got them out,” he recalled. “And second floor, and I said, ‘You got to get out, we have a fire.’”

The EFD quickly responded with help from Metro Boston mutual aid to get the fire under control. Firefighters also did all they could to save the presents under the Christmas tree on the first floor.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria expressed his gratitude to Gianelli and the firefighters who responded to the fire.

“As we all celebrate this season, let’s be thankful for the people like Brian and our first responders for keeping us all safe,” said Mayor DeMaria.

MASSDOT LOOKS AT USE OF OLD RAIL LINE CORRIDOR

EAST BOSTON - 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 traffic.

“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 MassDOT 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 Britland.

Once the study is completed, Britland said any 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 evaluated relative to the major categories of safety, connectivity, resilience, and equity.

“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 two-lane 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 some 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 in each direction during peak hours. That number 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 nearby.

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 better recreation and access to natural resources for environmental justice communities.”

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 \$106 million.

NEW BIOSAFTEY REGULATIONS APPROVED

REVERE - The Revere Board of Health held a brief (15 minutes) but consequential meeting last Thursday evening in the City Council Chamber at which Chairman Dr. Drew Bunker and colleagues Dr. Craig Costanza and Neza Louaddi unanimously approved the new Regulations on Biosafety and the Use of Regulated Biological Agents within the city.

The new regulations are an update of the previous regulations in anticipation of the development at Suffolk Downs that is expected to attract a number of life sciences companies as tenants.

The board had discussed a draft of the proposed regulations at its October meeting and scheduled the public hearing on the new regulations for last Thursday.

The board heard a brief presentation from Claire Inzerillo, a Policy Writer & Analyst with the City Solicitor’s Office, who had discussed a draft of the proposed regulations in detail at the October meeting. After hearing suggestions from the members in October, Inzerillo returned with the final version last

REVERE POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE HOLDS HOLIDAY HOOPS TOURNAMENT



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

The Revere Police Activities League, under the leadership of director Kris Oldoni, held its second annual Holiday Hoops Tournament Tuesday at Revere High School. Junior varsity and freshman teams from Revere, Medford, Malden, and Somerville competed in the tournament. The players enjoyed a post-tournament luncheon that was catered by DeMaino’s. Pictured above are PAL officials, Revere Police officers, and Revere High basketball coaches. Front row, from left, are PAL Official Brian Taylor, RHS boys basketball head coach David Leary, PAL Director Kris Oldoni, and RHS assistant coach Bobby Sullivan. Back row, from left, are RHS Athletic Director Frank Shea, Police Officer Christina Bagnera, Police Officer Christian Orellana, Police Sgt. Joe Internicola, PAL Official Michael Micciche, and RHS assistant coach John Leone. The event was made possible by the Shannon Grant and the Revere Community Reinvestment Grant. Kris Oldoni thanked Mayor Brian Arrigo, Police Chief David Callahan, the Revere Police Department, and the Revere community for their support. Missing from photo: Sgt. Milton Alfaro.

Thursday

“These regulations will provide for the health and safety of the citizens of Revere,” Inzerillo told the board. “Revere anticipates the exciting arrival of the life sciences industry. I am confident that the regulations before you will guarantee safe and transparent procedures.”

The chief highlights of the new regulations are that they limit research in the city only to Biosafety Levels 1 and 2 (Biosafety Levels 3 and 4 deal with the most dangerous pathogens) and they forbid experimentation with animals.

The new regulations also establish fees for annual permits and fines for violations. Inzerillo also noted that the work being done by the firms will be highly-regulated by state and federal agencies in conjunction with Revere’s public safety departments.

There were no members of the public at the hearing and after thanking Ms. Inzerillo for the fine job she had done to prepare the new regulations, the members voted unanimously to adopt the new regulations. The members then affixed their signatures to the document.

In other business, the board heard from Lauren Buck, the Director of Public Health, who presented the monthly communicable disease report (which included both November and December because the board did not meet in November).

Buck said there were 361 reported cases of flu in the city during the past two months.

“This is a very big number, but not a surprise, given the high numbers in Massachusetts and across the country,” said Buck. “The patients ranged in age from one month to 92 years old.”

She said the most at-risk age groups for death

are the very young and the very old and that she expects the numbers to remain high in the coming months.

Buck reminded residents that flu vaccine shots are available at the Board of Health.

Michael Wells, the city’s Health Agent/Director of the Inspectional Services Dept. (ISD), presented his monthly report in which he detailed the number of inspections and complaints that were addressed by the ISD.

He also noted the number of citation issued by the ISD in the past two months for various violations of the city ordinances: 69 for accumulations of trash and debris; five for commercial vehicles parked in residential areas; 171 for improper placement of bulky items; and 560 for improper placement of trash and debris.

Julia Newhall, the Director of the Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness Initiatives (SUDHI) Office, made a brief presentation in which she noted there will be emergency warming centers available from January through April in the Revere area, as well as emergency shelters for families and individuals.

Newhall said Revere has a consistent homeless population of about 30-40 persons.

MANAGER GIVES YEAR’S END UPDATE

WINTHROP - Town Manager Tony Marino gave his last update of 2022 to the Town Council last week, hitting on several issues he has been actively involved with over the past several months.

“I sent out the draft for the trash ordinance out for review, and I will have that for the meeting of January to take a look at and discuss,” said Marino.

Marino said an outside consultant hired by the town has begun an inventory and assessment of the town’s capital assets in preparation for planning of a long-range capital plan.

“They have the building list, they have passed it off to the vendor who is going to be doing the assessments, and they should be starting in January,” said Marino.

The town manager also gave an update on dealing with what no one wants to talk about, but what everyone knows is on the way this time of year.

“It’s getting colder, and that means that snow is coming,” said Marino. “DPW Director (Steven Calla and I have had many conversations about it, and we are ready for the plow season, even though we are down some staff members with retirement and other reasons. We’ve got private contractors, and staff members, so while we feel like it will certainly be a strain, we will be able to get through this winter season.”

Marino said he and Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard have interviewed three finalists for the Chief Financial Officer position for the town and schools, and could be making a decision on filling that new position soon.

There have also been meetings with several law firms that responded to a request for proposal to provide legal services to the town, and Marino said there could be more information on that front by the beginning of the new year.

Contract negotiations have also gotten underway for a new contract with the police patrolman and sergeant’s union for a contract that would run through 2025, Marino said. He added that he expected there would be a meeting set up with the superior officers union in the near future, as well.

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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.
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No. SU22C0577CA
In the matter of: Aelani Polanco-Mendez
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Aelani Polanco-Mendez of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Aelani Mendez
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at:Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day

of 01/19/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 19, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
1/5/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE


SECTION 00100 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
City of Chelsea, Massachusetts (Owner)
Sealed bids for construction of Franklin Avenue Staircase Reconstruction, Contract No. 2023-189, for the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, will be received at Room 204, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 until 11:00 a.m. prevailing time on February 9, 2023, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.
The scope of work includes the reconstruction of a 155 linear foot concrete staircase on Powderhorn Hill between Franklin Avenue and Lafayette Avenue. Work under this project includes demolition of existing stairs, concrete walk, railings, fence, and brush; construction of new precast concrete stairs and cast-in-place walks; construction of new handrails; construction of new lighting systems; and construction of site finishings including masonry wall, landscaping, and planting. The required contract completion date is November 17, 2023.
Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, cash, certified check, treasurer's or cashier's check payable to the Owner, is required in the amount of five percent of the bid, in accordance with Section 00200, INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS. Copies of the contract documents are available through the City of

Chelsea Purchasing Department online at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current bids solicitations.php. The Purchasing Department website requires prospective bidders enter their name, organization, address, telephone number, fax number, and email in order to secure contract documents. Addendum will be published to furnished email addresses.
The selected contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in amount at least equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price as stipulated in Section 00700 GENERAL CONDITIONS of these specifications.
A Prebid Conference will be held at 2:00 PM on January 25, 2023 at Franklin Avenue Staircase (Approximately 49 Franklin Ave.), Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150. Any request for interpretation of plans and specifications may be submitted in writing at that time. Bidders will have an opportunity to view the site of the work following the Prebid Conference.
All bids for this project are subject to applicable bidding laws of Massachusetts, including General Laws Chapter 30, Section 39M as amended and all applicable Federal law.
Prevailing Wage Rats as determined by the Director of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27H, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Bidder, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Prevailing Wage Rates for those trades people who may be employed for the proposed work under this contract.
By submission of a bid, the Bidder agrees that his bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded

after the opening of bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any or all bids.
CITY OF CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS
BY ITS CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER
Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.
Reading, Massachusetts
1/5/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE


(LEGAL NOTICE) CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Mill Creek Resilience Program Design + Engineering Services
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Qualifications for "Mill Creek Resilience Program Design + Engineering Services". Request for Qualifications will be available on or after January 5, 2023 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids____solicitations.php.
Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Mill Creek Resilience Program Design + Engineering Services" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, January 26, 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.
Dragica Ivanis
Chief Procurement Officer

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
DOCKET NUMBER: SU22D075DR
Nhu Nguyen Plaintiff
VS.
Ty Phan Defendant
To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Pamela A. Thomure, Esq., Attorney
Pamela A. Thomure, 185 Devonshire St. Suite 302 Boston, MA 02110-1407, your answer, if any, on or before 02/07/2023. 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, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 14, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
1/5/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
DOCKET NUMBER: SU22D1339DR
Nora Ester Perdomo Plaintiff
VS.
Edwin W. Perdomo Defendant
To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Nora Ester P Perdomo, 1 Clinton CT Apt. 1 Chelsea, MA 02150, your answer, if any, on or before 01/31/2023. 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, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 06, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
1/5/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU22P0521EA
Estate of: Sandra Yvonne Ramirez
Date of Death: 01/07/2022
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Leticia Ramirez of Chelsea, MA.


Leticia Ramirez of Chelsea, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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LEGAL NOTICE


COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114
Docket No. SU22P2862GD
In the matter of: Mekhi Anthony Montgomery-Green
Of: Chelsea, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Loretta Green of Chelsea, MA in the above captioned

matter alleging that Mekhi Anthony Montgomery-Green is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Loretta Green of Chelsea, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/06/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 28, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
1/5/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE


NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2022-38
In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held at
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.
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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 held at
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, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, during City Hall business hours.
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CHELSEA HOUSING AUTHORITY
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The Director of Finance and Administration reports to the Executive Director, and s/he is responsible for fiscal functions relating to the Conventional Public Housing, Rental Assistance and Resident Services programs. The Director of Finance and Administration is responsible for delegating tasks, monitoring work, and overseeing compliance with established procedures and practices in the following areas: accounts payable, rent collections, cash management, investment, insurance, payroll, personnel, rental assistance receivable and payables. They will supervise employees in the finance department, also assist in the oversight and operation of the data processing functions of the agency.

Responsibilities:

1. Prepares monthly expense statements.
2. Reviews CHA programs and significant financial outlays.
3. Oversees cash management, consisting of the Authority's cash flow and investment activities.
4. Reconciles bank statements.
5. Reviews and oversees all accounts receivable and payable, including Leased Housing owner payments.
6. Monitors and reports on the Section 8 Mobility Program.
7. Prepares biweekly payroll on computerized payroll system.
8. Performs daily functions of financial department including accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll and leased housing payables and receivables.
9. Responsible for budget preparation and monitoring (Federal and State Conventional, Leased Housing, Modernization, and development budgets to ensure expenditures fall within budget guidelines.
10. Works closely with Fee Accountant to produce financial statements.
11. Maintains the inventory records.
12. Maintains all CHA Modernization financial records.
13. Maintains personnel records, computes employee benefits.
14. Acts as liaison with employee benefit providers- Group Insurance Commission, Chelsea Retirement Board, Credit Union, and Dental Plan providers.
15. Coordinates all new hire procedures (advertising, scheduling, interviewing)
16. Prepares written evaluations of financial staff.
17. Monitors all Administrative contracts (Auditors, Fee Accountant, Insurance, Utilities)
18. Performs other related duties as required.

Minimum Qualifications and Experience:

Excellent financial and organizational skills. Thorough knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Supervisory and management skills, ability to delegate responsibility and monitor tasks. Strong math, writing and computer skills including, but not limited to, MS Office and QuickBooks. Knowledge of PHA-WEB is preferred. Ability to work with numbers in an accurate manner. Knowledge of GAAP and bookkeeping practices. Effective communication (written and oral) skills, must be well-organized and accurate in making mathematical calculations and data-entry, must be able to work well with persons of diverse backgrounds. Must exercise good judgement in maintaining the confidentiality and integrity of CHA's financial information. Good organizational and office skills

A minimum of five years of related financial experience including supervisory responsibility. Previous experience in a housing authority environment is preferred. Bachelor's Degree in Finance, Accounting or related field is required.

Starting Salary Range: \$100,000 to \$110,000 based on experience

Interested candidates may submit resumes by email at employment@chelseaha.com, (subject line FD2023) or mail (address below) by January 17, 2023, or until position is filled.
Chelsea Housing Authority Human Resource Department (FD2023)
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Chelsea Pride would like to thank all the athletes and their parents for a great season.



The Chelsea Pride fifth-and-sixth grade football team with Coaches Jack Grigorian and Kevin O'Regan. City Council President Calvin Brown (front row, left) made the trophy presentations.



The Chelsea Pride third-and-fourth-grade football team with Coach Joao Lobo (right), City Councilor Tanairi Garcia (left) made the trophy presentations.



Pictured at the Chelsea Pride Football and Cheer season-ending banquet are Football Director Kevin O'Regan, President Lou Cetina, State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, Vice President Shawn O'Regan, and Field Director Michael Lopez.



The Chelsea Pride cheer team, with Coach Brittany and Coach Sabrina. City Councilor Tanairi Garcia (back row, right) made the trophy presentations.



State Sen. Sal DiDomenico, City Councilor Tanairi Garcia, and Council President Calvin Brown are pictured with some of the Chelsea Pride players at the awards banquet held Dec. 11 at the Political Club.



Chelsea Pride President and Coach Lou Cetina, with the 2002 flag football team.



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Chelsea Pride President Lou Cetina presents Pride attire to City Councilor Tanairi Garcia and Council President Calvin Brown in appreciation of their support of the organization and their attendance at the banquet.



he recipients of the Martin Scott Sportsmanship Awards are pictured with their coaches, Jack Grigorian and Kevin O'Regan.