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CITY HOLDS VIGIL IN MEMORY OF MARGARITA MOREHEAD

By Adam Swift

Community leaders, elected officials, and neighbors gathered outside City Hall on Friday morning for a vigil to remember Margarita Morehead, who was killed in a domestic violence incident on May 8.

Angel Alvarez, 65, pleaded not guilty to her murder. Prosecutors allege Alvarez stabbed Morehead to death after she refused to reconcile with him. Morehead had an active restraining order against Alvarez.

“Our heart goes out to Margarita Morehead and her family,” said Kourou Pich, the Chief Executive Officer of HarborCOV, the local domestic violence program serving Chelsea and surrounding communities.

Unfortunately, Kourou said, Morehead’s death is not unique to the city, noting that it is the second domestic violence death in the city in less than two years.

“Domestic violence is everybody’s business, it is not an isolated incident,” said Kourou. “It does not discriminate based on race, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. We must recognize that this type of violence affects all of us, and we need to take a stand to support and educate our friends, neighbors, and families. Domestic vio-

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Community members attended a domestic violence vigil in memory of Margarita Morehead at City Hall on Friday. Also pictured are Police Chief Keith Houghton and City Council President Leo Robinson.

City Council debates free cash priorities

By Adam Swift

The City Council began holding hearings on the proposed \$231,135,736 Fiscal Year 2024 budget this week.

The school side of the proposed budget is just over \$132 million, while the municipal share is just under \$99 million.

One of the topics that came up at Monday night’s hearing centered around

how the city should use its healthy reserve of free cash.

In February, the state’s Department of Revenue certified the city’s Free Cash at the end of Fiscal Year 2022 at just over \$17 million for the city’s general fund, just over \$4 million for the sewer enterprise fund, and \$2.1 million for the water en-

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Robinson objects to Warren Ave. proposal

By Adam Swift

Most of the items on the agenda for last week’s Zoning Board of Appeals meeting were continued until the board’s June 13 meeting.

Citing there being only four members present at the May 9 meeting, several applicants stated they wanted the opportunity to present in front of the full ZBA before moving forward with their projects. A request in front of a four-member requires a

unanimous vote, while if there is a full five-member board, a project can still receive a special permit or variance with one no vote.

One of the hearings that was continued, to the concern of City Council President Leo Robinson, was a project at 122 Warren Ave.

The proposal requires a special permit and variances to build a two-family dwelling within the existing lot and keep the existing three-family

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Licensing Commission approves taxicab fare hike

By Adam Swift

Taxicab fare rates are increasing in Chelsea for the first time in 18 years.

Last week, the Licensing Commission approved new rates that are \$1 more for the first 1/8 mile, at \$2.60, and 15 cents more for each additional 1/8 mile, at 60 cents.

The cost for the first mile of a taxi ride will be \$6.80 under the new fare rates, as opposed to \$4.75 under the old rates.

Licensing Commission Chair Marnie MacAlpine said the new rates are more in line with the current rates in the neighboring communities of Mal-

den and Everett.

Representatives from the city’s three licensed taxi companies attended a public hearing on the increases at the May 11 meeting, noting that they have faced hardships with earning money and retaining drivers due to the lack of a fare increase for nearly two decades, the rise of rideshare services, and the proliferation of gypsy cab drivers in the city.

The representatives from Blue Taxi, Ventura Taxi, and C&M Taxi presented a letter to the Licensing Commission requesting an increase to \$3

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GreenRoots will receive \$150,000 by Partners for Places

Special to the Record

GreenRoots is pleased to announce that it will receive \$150,000 as one of 10 cities recognized by Partners for Places, a project of The Funders Network to address climate impacts and achieve resilience; remediate contamination; create new green space; promote

public access to our waterfront along the Mill Creek, all while centering community and ensuring Chelsea residents are at the table when it comes to decision-making opportunities.

“We are delighted to receive a grant from Partners for Places, a project of TFN,” said Roseann Bongiovanni, Executive

Director of GreenRoots. “For nearly 30 years, GreenRoots has been working to transform what once was a forgotten and untouchable part of our waterfront, along the Mill Creek, into a more accessible, ecologically rich area that offers walking trails, salt marsh, passive and active recreation in Chelsea. While we have

achieved much, there is still much work to do; and this funding will help to support our partnership with the City of Chelsea and the Mystic River Watershed in realizing the additional equity, environmental and recreational goals. Our goals include providing recreational

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Grant will help with electric vehicle charging infrastructure

Special to the Record

The North Suffolk Office of Resilience and Sustainability (NSORS), in partnership with the City of Chelsea, City of Revere and Town of Winthrop, recently obtained a \$100,000 grant to develop a regional plan for electric vehicle charging station infrastructure.

The grant was funded through the state Community Compact Cabinet Energy Efficiency and Regionalization Program. The goal of the project is to create a plan for charging stations and related electrical infrastructure, as well as a pricing model that is fair and equitable for the three communities. Weston and Sampson have been selected as the lead consultant to conduct the scope of work through a competitive procurement process.

“One important aspect of this project is to understand how the network

could be more equitable, potentially charging a lower rate for vehicles owned by low- and moderate-income residents in the region, and a different rate for vehicles that are coming from outside of the community,” said Ibrahim López-Hernández, NSORS Sustainability Manager. “This could become a revenue source for the region to fund continued operations, maintenance, and expansion of the system.”

Alex Train, Director of Housing & Community Development in Chelsea said the grant and plan

will help galvanize an equitable transition to clean energy that benefits Chelsea residents and requires making public transportation and electric vehicles affordable, reliable, and convenient for residents.

“We’re grateful to the Healey-Driscoll Administration, Chelsea City Council, and our partners in Revere and Winthrop for the opportunity to create a model system that works for residents,” said Train.

Last summer, Revere Chief Financial Officer

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**COMING NEXT WEEK:
AN INTERVIEW WITH PAUL
AND TRACY NOWICKI**



The Chelsea Record sat down with Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Paul Nowicki (right) and his wife, Chelsea Senior Center Director Tracy Nowicki (left), to talk about their unparalleled record of public service in the City of Chelsea. The story will appear in next week’s edition of the newspaper.

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for the first 1/8 mile. The letter stated that the cost of living increases due to inflation are having a negative effect on the businesses.

"I think we should raise the rates, the question is what is a fair rate," said MacAlpine. She said the increase to \$3 for the first 1/8 was a little high, since she wanted to make sure fares remained affordable for Chelsea residents.

"It has been since 2005, and clearly everything else in our lives has gone up, it stands to reason that (cab fares) should go up," said MacAlpine.

Representatives from the taxi companies also requested greater enforce-

ment of gypsy cabs picking up fares and causing congestion at cab spaces, particularly at Market Basket and in Bellingham Square.

Chelsea Police Captain David Betz said the department will take action if it sees a gypsy cab at a taxi stand, but said they will often reappear as soon as they clear an area.

"It's not fair that companies that do the right thing do not have the spots to pull in and pick up a fare," said MacAlpine. "None of us want that activity there. There is a reason all of you go through the process with us, so we appreciate that you guys are doing it correctly, and

the city will try to do its part to crack down on the gypsy cabs."

The \$24 per hour prorated waiting charge and the 50 cent fuel surcharge will remain the same as they have been since 2005.

In other business, it was noted that Rincon Latino had completed its seven-day liquor license suspension it was handed at the April meeting for overserving a patron.

Betz noted that there had been no further issues at the restaurant over the past month, and that the business had been cooperative in attempting to address issues.

COOKIES FOR A CAUSE



Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) joined local Girl Scout troops at Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Massachusetts, for the annual Cookies for a Cause event. GSEMA donated over 14,000 packages of Girl Scout cookies to community heroes through the Cookies for a Cause donation program, with a large portion distributed to military members at the event on Saturday, May 6.

Three men arraigned on firearm and destruction of property charges after South End shootout

Three men were arraigned Monday on multiple firearm charges in Boston Municipal Court Central Division after a barrage of gunfire that left 21 cartridge casings in the South End, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Brandon Chacon, 25, of Quincy, is charged with carrying a firearm without a license, possession of ammunition without an FID card, carrying a loaded firearm without a license, malicious destruction of property under \$1,200, and two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (firearm).

Jaysiah Wood, 20 of Boston, is charged with carrying a firearm without a license, possession of ammunition without an FID card, carrying a loaded firearm without a license, possession of a firearm without 500 feet of a dwelling, and two counts of malicious destruction of property under \$1,200.

Stiles Laboy, 18, of Chelsea, is charged with carrying a firearm without a license, possession of ammunition without an FID card, carrying a loaded firearm without a license, discharging a firearm without 500 feet of a building, and two counts of malicious destruction of property.

Judge John Garland ordered all three individuals held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing on May 18.

At about 9:29 p.m. on May 6, Boston police responded to a Shot Spotter activation call at 1514 Washington Street in the South End. Officers located numerous shell casings as well as two vehicles with ballistic damage on Mystic Street. One vehicle sustained a flat tire and a hole in the rear passenger side. The second vehicle sustained one hole in the front passenger door and one in the quarter panel. Officers also observed ballistic damage to a kitchen window in an adjacent home. Officers canvased the area and confirmed no one was struck or injured.

Video surveillance shows a group of six individuals, two later identified as Laboy and Wood, walking on West Dedham Street. Laboy and Wood cross onto Washington Street while the other four stay at the corner of West Dedham and Washington streets. At about 9:28 p.m. Laboy and Wood are seen walking on Mystic Street, shooting at an individual, later identified as Chacon. Chacon begins shooting back at Laboy and Wood as they fire several more shots at

Chacon. Officers retraced Laboy and Wood's flight path and recovered one of the firearms. A total of 21 cartridge casings and two projectiles were located.

Investigators shared photos from body worn cameras and images compiled from video surveillance to identify the three individuals.

"The sheer number of shell casings at the scene combined with the amount of ballistic damage tells the story of how menacing this gun violence is to our neighborhoods. These individuals pull triggers with no consideration of the havoc and heartbreak they might cause. I'm thankful no one was injured, with two vehicles and a kitchen window being struck. Seizing illegal firearms and pursuing dangerousness hearings to get these individuals off the street are only a small part of a bigger issue. We know these guns are flowing in from states with lax gun laws. We need to get to the root of the problem by fashioning sensible national firearm purchase regulations," Hayden said.

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Photography exhibit at Chelsea City Hall Gallery

A photography exhibit called 'The Tobin Bridge, Past & Present' will be at the Chelsea City Hall Gallery on Tuesday, May 23, 5:30-7 p.m.

Toan Trinh captures the beauty and majesty of the Maurice J. Tobin Memorial Bridge in a striking black and white photography exhibit currently open to the public through May 31 at the Chelsea City Hall Gallery, 500 Broadway, Chelsea. Formerly known as the Mystic River Bridge, the Tobin Bridge represents a significant moment in the City of Chelsea's history. Erected during a time of prosperity from 1948-1949, the construction of the bridge marked a turning point in the city's economic and

social landscape.

Spanning two miles across the Mystic River, the Tobin Bridge revolutionized transportation and commerce in the Boston area. However, the bridge's construction displaced many Chelsea residents and demolished several neighborhoods, leaving a lasting impact on the city's cultural identity.

Today, the Tobin Bridge continues to dominate Chelsea's skyline, though its lasting impact often goes unnoticed. Despite showing signs of age, the bridge serves as a testament to Chelsea's history and resilience through time.

The project was funded by the Chelsea Heritage

Celebrations Grant with support from the Chelsea Public Library and the Friends of the Chelsea Public Library. Chelsea City Hall Gallery hours are Mon.,Wed.,Thurs., from 8am-4pm, Tues. 8am-7pm and Fri. 8am-12pm

Toan Trinh is a Vietnamese-born lifestyle and automotive photographer. Trinh's work is heavily influenced by the works of renowned photographers such as Robert Adams, Stephen Shore, Eugene Atget, and Walker Evans. Trinh has a keen eye for capturing the beauty in every day, and his work often explores themes of identity, culture, and change through time.

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terprise fund. Free cash is the money that is typically left over at the end of the fiscal year.

"In the city, we have a \$98 million budget and we've got \$23 million in free cash," said District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor.

Interim City Manager Ned Keefe later noted that \$17 million of free cash was for the general fund, while the remaining money was in the water and sewer enterprise accounts.

"I know we just experienced a pandemic, I know that we have unforeseen circumstances, we've got serious infrastructure problems with our sewers, there are a lot of things we need money for," said Taylor. "But (that) seems like an awful lot of money. I talked to the previous city manager about this, about a habit of over budgeting on the backs of the taxpayers in order to create this slush fund that we use for necessary unforeseen expenses."

Taylor said he would be remiss as a councilor during the budget hearings if he didn't bring up the option of possibly funneling some of that free cash back to the taxpayers.

"I think it is important for the public to understand what is going on here with the money," said Taylor. "I think that some of our revenues are starting to come back now stronger than we thought ... and things are looking pretty good. I can't help but wonder if we

can try to have a little more mercy on the taxpayers."

Keefe said he understood the point Taylor was making. He also noted that part of the relationship between the council and the city manager is about setting budget policies, and that it warranted further discussion in general.

"I think another point to make on this is that when we are preparing the capital plan, you will find that this year's capital plan had over \$12 million in free cash programmed into it for next year, so what we are essentially saying is that by having free cash, we're not creating long-term liability in our capital plan," Keefe said. "We are borrowing at a very low level to achieve capital projects and we are paying for those out of current operating funds."

Taylor said he understood the point about not creating long-term borrowing liability, but said there should also be a balance between funding capital projects and providing relief for taxpayers.

"Things have gotten pretty tough economically, and I think we can try to give a little money back to the taxpayers to make up for some of this other stuff that isn't caused by the city," Taylor said.

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero said he agreed that there should be measures taken to give more tax relief to homeowners who live in the city,

and asked about the feasibility of using the free cash and forgoing a property tax increase for one year.

"For homeowners, it is getting harder and harder for them to live, and then they have to pass on the cost to their tenants," said Recupero.

Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot said she understood the concerns of her fellow councilors, but had concerns about using the free cash and then not having money on hand for financial emergencies.

"When I think about the 90s and us going into receivership, when I think about how big we are getting and we can't even fit all of our offices in (City Hall), it scares me for us to just give money away because we have it to spend it," said Vidot. "I think that the way we show the wealth or that we treat our residents how they deserve is in the way that we provide quality service here, and that means not nickel and dining people for the smallest of infractions. In order to build morale, I don't think it is necessarily giving the free cash that we have reserved, but it's how we treat the people who come into this building and making sure we are providing quality services.

"I, for one, am a little scared about spending that money; I worry about the day we can't afford how big we are getting."

ZBA did open the public hearing on a commercial and office space at 157 Crescent Ave.

The 20,000-square-foot lot is currently used for equipment storage for Rapid Flow Sewer and Drain Cleaning.

Project engineer Peter Blaisdell said the project was before the ZBA in 2018, but due to Covid and other issues, the permit lapsed.

He said the proposed project for office space and an area for the company's equipment is the same as that previously approved by the ZBA.

The project will go before the Planning Board for a recommendation later this month before the ZBA takes a final vote on June 13.

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"I respectfully request that my client be entitled to a full board for this hearing," said Lynds.

The board voted 4-0 to continue the hearing to June 13.

In other business, the

LATIMER SOCIETY DISPLAYS 'THE BEACON' SCULPTURE



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

The Lewis Latimer Society, led by Co-Directors Ronald Robinson and Leo Robinson, are displaying in Chelsea the Shervone Neckles' public art sculpture, 'The Beacon,' which was inspired by the pioneer American inventor and electrical engineer Lewis Latimer, who was born in Chelsea in 1848. The sculpture will be on display across from the Broadway entrance to Chelsea City Hall. Pictured at the event are the Latimer Society Co-Directors Leo Robinson and Ronald Robinson (front row), and the Department of Public Works contingent that did a great job installing the 12-foot-tall steel sculpture on the site, notably Radames Garcia (front row, right), and (back row), Field Operations Manager Jimmy Caron, Santos Portillo, John Pisaturo, and Mario Perez.

Chelsea man indicted on fentanyl trafficking charges

A Chelsea man was indicted by a federal grand jury in Boston last week in connection with selling five kilograms of fentanyl to an undercover agent after unlawfully reentering the United States after deportation.

Luis Alberto German-Peguero, a/k/a "Alberto Chirry," 32, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl, one count of distribution of and possession with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl, and one count of illegal reentry of a deported alien. Peguero was previously charged by complaint and arrested by federal authorities on April 14, 2023. He has been in federal custody

since his arrest and will appear in federal court in Boston at a later date.

According to the charging documents, German-Peguero is a citizen of the Dominican Republic and, in November 2020, was removed from the United States following a state drug trafficking conviction out of Plymouth Superior Court, for which he served more than one year in prison.

It is alleged that, sometime after his removal, German-Peguero unlawfully reentered the United States. On March 22, 2023, German-Peguero allegedly sold five kilograms of fentanyl to an undercover agent in Peabody. German-Peguero was subsequently arrested in Newton on April 14, 2023 and determined to

be unlawfully present in the United States.

The charges of conspiracy and distribution of and possession with intent to distribute 400 grams or more of fentanyl after committing a prior serious drug felony provide for a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years and up to life in prison, at least five years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$10 million. The charge of illegal reentry provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

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dwelling on the property as well. By subdividing the lot, the two buildings would not meet minimum requirements for frontage, setbacks, and open space.

Richard Lynds, the attorney representing the developer, requested the continuance so his client could speak to abutting property owners about the presentation on the project.

Robinson, who is also an abutter to the project on Warren Street, urged the ZBA to take action at its May 9 meeting.

"This is now going into year three," said Robinson. "We wasted a lot of people's time in regard to the back and forth on this property. It's an insult for them to come tonight with a letter, and in the letter it states that there has been

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Richard Viscay said the city was looking to establish a revolving fund for electric vehicle charging stations.

Viscay said the city has been offering electric vehicle charging stations free of charge in the city, but as the number of stations and vehicles increases, the city may look to collect some revenue from the stations to help pay for their upkeep.

Electric vehicles are an important part of the

region's strategy to reduce emissions through the electrification of infrastructure, according to the NSORS. In total, transportation by passenger vehicles accounts for approximately 28% of total emissions in the North Suffolk region (Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop), representing some 185,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent released into the atmosphere. The project will evaluate the current state of EV

charging stations, develop plans for new locations for charging infrastructure, and put forth recommendations regarding pricing and operations.

The North Suffolk EV Charging Plan project held its kickoff meeting this April, and the team expects the plan to be completed by early 2024. In parallel, the NSORS is also pursuing state and federal grant funding to continue the installation of charging stations.

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spaces and access to our waterfront while ensuring community is centered in the process."

Partners for Places is a successful matching grant program that advances equitable and sustainable communities through collaborative partnerships. The fund does this by requiring local government leaders, place-based funders, and frontline community partnerships, and by pairing national and local philanthropic funding sources. These one-to-one matching awards support equitable, sustainable climate action and green stormwater infrastructure projects. National funders invest in local projects to promote a healthy environment, a strong economy, and the well-being of all residents. Through these projects, Partners for Places fosters long term relationships that make our communities more sustainable, prosperous and just.

GreenRoots is a community-based organization dedicated to improv-

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COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS WORKED

During the first days of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring of 2020 when bodies of the dead in our major cities were being stacked into freezer trucks and hospital ships were sailing into the harbors of New York and Los Angeles, forecasts by some experts that the virus could claim more than one million lives in the United States seemed to be in the nature of a doomsday prediction.

Yet here we are, more than three years later, and deaths attributed to COVID-19 now exceed 1.1 million Americans, and are still increasing by about 1,000 per week.

What brought the pandemic's toll to mind was a recent map that showed the death rate per population for every county throughout the United States.

We had expected that the map would have indicated that the highest death rates would be in the major cities along the coasts.

But after more than three years of the virus hitting our shores, we were surprised to see that the places with the highest death rates, by a substantial margin, were not along the coasts or in the major cities that suffered so terribly in those first few months, but rather throughout the South and the country's heartland.

The places where there were strong mask mandates, adherence to social distancing, extended business and school closures, and vaccine uptake -- New England, the mid-Atlantic, and the West Coast -- have significantly outperformed states where there was opposition, both at the grass roots level and by government officials, to all of the measures that appear to have proven effective at reducing the spread of the virus.

The top 11 states for deaths per million of population are Arizona, West Virginia, Mississippi, New Mexico, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Michigan, Florida, Oklahoma, and Louisiana.

We realize that a lot of research still needs to be done in order to figure out whether other factors were involved in the significantly higher death toll in the south and midwest, such as age of the population, obesity, and lack of access to quality health care, all of which are determinative of the outcome from a COVID-19 infection.

But the reason we are pointing out these statistics is that there are "revisionists" who are trying to rewrite the history of the COVID-19 pandemic for what are obvious political reasons. Governors of some of these southern and midwestern states who are suggesting that they handled the crisis better than their counterparts on the coasts simply are ignoring the facts -- namely, that their states had far-higher death rates than the states that had stronger public health mandates.

To be sure, everyone has a right to live their lives as they see fit, but in a public health emergency, sometimes our personal choices have to give way to what is necessary to fight a threat -- and public officials need to be honest with their constituents, rather than pandering to a vocal minority.

For our part, it was heartening to see that we live in a part of the country where COVID-19 was taken seriously and where the sacrifices made by ourselves and others at the height of the pandemic appear to have made a real difference.

Or to put it another way, and to paraphrase the slogan on New Hampshire's license plate, we're glad we do not live in a place where people want to Live Free AND Die.

WILDFIRE SMOKE IS A SIGN OF THE TIMES

The eerie glow, especially at sunrise and sunset, being caused by the haze from the smoke of the wildfires in Western Canada over the past week or so is yet another sign that there is no escaping the effects of climate change.

The record heat wave for this time of year that has hit the Pacific Northwest is helping to spread these wildfires, which have been burning out of control for more than a week. Fortunately, the resulting smoke that has drifted thousands of miles on the jet stream to our part of the continent reportedly is high enough in the atmosphere that it does not pose a threat to our health at this time.

On the other hand, the smoke-induced haze, if prolonged, could have a profound effect on agricultural production and ultimately could pose a health hazard, especially for those of us who have lung issues such as asthma.

Climate change is happening everywhere all at once, from the impacts of tornado season in our South (which has become the new Tornado Alley) to the huge cyclone that intensified rapidly within just days in the Bay of Bengal to become the strongest-ever cyclone and that devastated Myanmar.

Climate change is not a future event. It's happening now -- and it is only getting worse.

Suffolk Downs to host second union job information session on May 23

Area residents interested in learning about life-changing career opportunities in the union building trades are encouraged to attend a free union job information session being held Tuesday, May 23 from 5-7pm at Suffolk Downs. The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, John Moriarty and Associates, The HYM Investment Group LLC ("HYM") and the City of Revere will host their second construction industry-focused job information session to recruit and train the next generation of building trades workers. The event is free to all jobseekers and attendees will learn about the thousands of new construction jobs coming to the area throughout the 15-to-20-year build-out of Suffolk Downs from both union representatives as well as current subcontractors working on site. No prior construction experience is required to attend.

"I've witnessed firsthand how union employment changes lives, and having a project like Suffolk Downs in Revere is transformative for hundreds of residents and their families," said Acting Revere Mayor Keefe. "We're grateful for HYM's support of pushing these opportunities with our residents and I encourage all Revere union trade members to attend if they're interested in being part of this historic project."

"We're grateful for our partnership with the Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, John Moriarty & Associates, and The City of Revere, in ensuring that Suffolk Downs will be union-built and that the construction of Suffolk Downs will provide meaningful career opportunities and real economic benefits to the Greater Boston and Revere communities," said HYM Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas N. O'Brien.

"Ensuring that Suffolk



Local residents at a recent job fair.

Downs will be union-built and that an entire generation of workers in the area will experience family-sustaining career opportunities is extremely important to us. We are grateful for our partnership with the Building Trades Union and HYM to help facilitate that goal on such a significant and rewarding project such as this," said John Moriarty of John Moriarty & Associates.

"The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions have a dual mission of making sure every career in the construction industry is a good one and of creating pathways to ensure that everyone has access to these good, union careers. Partnerships like the one we have developed with Suffolk Downs help us to further that dual mission. We are proud to be part of this great project -- it's a project that will make many positive impacts for workers, for housing needs, and which incorporates a range of innovative and environmentally conscious construction efforts. We hope to see a great turnout at this event so that folks can learn even more about the wide range of great union career opportunities that

will be available through this project," said Brian Doherty, General Agent, Greater Boston Building Trades Unions.

"A career as a union carpenter compares very favorably to other options available. Our members can earn six figure salaries on top of family health care coverage and excellent retirement savings. Even our apprentices are qualifying for benefits and earning great wages without incurring any debt for their education," said Joe Byrne, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters. "This project is an excellent gateway to a tremendous career. HYM, John Moriarty & Associates and the carpentry subcontractors employing our members on this project are among the cream of the crop in our industry."

The HYM Investment Group, Building Trades Union, John Moriarty & Associates, and North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters announced in January of 2020 the signing of an unprecedented Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the construction of the Suffolk Downs Redevelopment. The agreement will

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

Registration for the Suffolk Downs Job Information Session is encouraged, and walk-ins are welcome. The event will take place outside at the Paddock (accessible via The Track at Suffolk Downs). Parking is free and available onsite. Suffolk Downs is accessible from the MBTA Beachmont and Suffolk Downs stations.

Your opinions, please

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Roca celebrates its 35th anniversary at breakfast event in Boston

Roca, which has become a national model for its outstanding work in upending the cycle of incarceration and poverty of high-risk young people under the leadership of founder and CEO Molly Baldwin, celebrated its 35th anniversary at a breakfast May 12 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Boston.

This past year was especially noteworthy for Roca as the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince William and Princess Kate, visited the agency's headquarters in Chelsea on December 1. It will stand as one of the most memorable happenings in the city's history.

The breakfast was emblematic of Roca's excellence in all aspects of its finely-tuned organization

— a wonderfully staged event with an impressive array of state and local officials and leaders in law enforcement, including Mass. Attorney General Andrea Campbell, who delivered the opening remarks, Boston Police Commissioner, Baltimore Police Commissioner Michael Harrison, Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden, Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins, and Essex County Sheriff Kevin Coppinger, and US Marshall for Massachusetts Brian Kyes, former chief of the Chelsea Police Department.

Interim City Manager Ned Keefe, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, State Rep. Judith Garcia, City Council President Leo Robinson, and City Councilors Calvin Brown

and Todd Taylor were part of a large contingent of community leaders in attendance.

Eric Rodriguez, a 1988 participant in ROCA, was the master of ceremonies. Keynote speaker Brian McDonald, an award-winning writer and director and chief storyteller at the Belief Agency, delivered an inspiring address that highlighted his own childhood and adult experiences in encountering racism. McDonald received a prolonged ovation from the audience for his powerful speech.

During the program, Baldwin presented a special achievement award to retired Massachusetts Probation Commissioner Edward J. Dolan, a Chelsea native.



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Pictured at the Roca breakfast celebrating Roca's 35 years of services to Chelsea and other communities are, from left, City Council President Leo Robinson, Mass. Probation Services Regional Supervisor Dr. Carmen Gomez, Mass. Trial Court Administrator Thomas Ambrosino, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, Interim City Manager Ned Keefe, and Mass. Trial Court Senior Grant Manager Jessica Fix.



District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor, Interim City Manager Ned Keefe, and Roca Executive Vice President of New England Scott Scharffenberg.



Mass. Trial Court Administrator Thomas Ambrosino and Chief Justice of the Trial Court Jeffrey Locke.



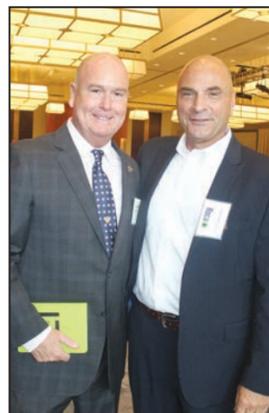
David Batchelor, of the Roca Rewire4 For Law Enforcement Training Program, and Josh Kraft, president of the New England Patriots Foundation.



Molly Baldwin, founder and CEO of Roca, with District 8 Councilor Calvin T. Brown (left) and City Council President Leo Robinson (right) at the ROCA breakfast.



Mass. Trial Court Administrator Thomas Ambrosino, Amazon Senior Customer Advisor Matthew Pandolfo, and North Suffolk Community Services President and CEO Damien Cabezas.



Former colleagues in the Chelsea Police Department, United States Marshal for Massachusetts Brian Kyes and David Batchelor of the ROCA leadership team.



Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox, Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden, Roca CEO Molly Baldwin, Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins, and Essex County Sheriff Kevin Coppinger.



Roca CEO Molly Baldwin presented a Special Achievement award to retired Mass. Probation Commissioner Edward J. Dolan (center). Also pictured is Program Master of Ceremonies Eric Rodriguez.



State Rep. Judith Garcia greets Boston Police Deputy Supt. Pam Harris at the Roca Breakfast.

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La Ciudad de Chelsea y
Los Servicios de Veteranos de Guerra lo invitan a la

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lence is our business.” Kourou said domestic violence can be physical, emotional, economic, psychological, or technological actions or threats of action or other patterns of coercive behavior that influence the other person within an intimate relationship.

Kourou asked everyone who attended the vigil to take a pledge to speak up if they ever encounter an incident or acts of domestic violence.

As many as one in three women and one in four men have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime, and even



Chelsea Housing and Community Development Director Alex Train.

more individuals experience emotional, financial, and sexual abuse, Kourou said.

HarborCOV held the vigil in partnership with the city, the Chelsea Police Department, the Suffolk

County District Attorney's Office, La Colaborativa, and Jane Doe, Inc.

Police Chief Keith Houghton said that sometimes incidents escalate from having to say something to having to do something.

“That’s calling 911, sometimes that may be the last line to end the cycle before we get to where we are today,” said Houghton.

Houghton said the police department has a domestic violence program where it partners with HarborCOV and other community partners to assist the victims of domestic violence in a dignified manner and to guide them through the process.

State Representative Judith Garcia said it was unfortunate that the community had to gather because a life was lost to domestic violence.

“I stand before you, yes, as a state representative, but I stand before you as the daughter of a survivor of domestic violence,” said Garcia. “A Latina woman who took courage to stop the cycle.”

La Colaborativa Execu-



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton.



State Representative Judith Garcia.



HarborCOV CEO Kourou Pich.



La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega and HarborCOV CEO Kourou Pich.



Residents gather at Friday morning's vigil at City Hall.

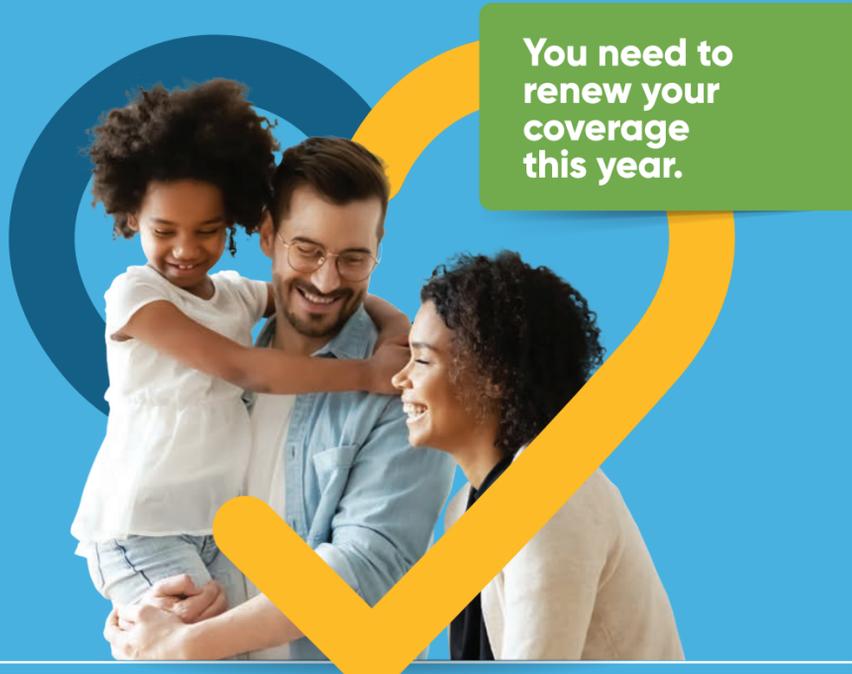
tive Director Gladys Vega said people have to step up to make sure they care and take care of their neighbors, even if they might not know them.

“In our culture, when it comes to marriage, and domestic violence, and

relationships, we look to the side ... we take the bystander effect, we don't care, it's a marriage problem,” said Vega. “Absolutely no ... and that is why our youth need to be taught at an early age, our students should be chal-

lenged to end the cycle. Domestic violence does not have room in a relationship, only love has room in a relationship, and if it is not about that, it is no.”

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CITY PAWS

Dogs friendly or not

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In a report by Forbes Advisor, Boston recently received the dubious distinction of being the 5th least pet-friendly city in the country. Sadly, we agreed with this shameful distinction, so we set off to learn more about what makes a place dog-friendly. As we did, things began to change in Boston.

On May 4, Universal Hub reported that Boston Mayor Michelle Wu had opened the door to allowing dogs in beer gardens and outdoor seating areas. Universal Hub's Adam Gaffin explained, "Restaurants that want to let human/dog combos enjoy nice days dining and drinking outdoors can now apply for a 'Dog Friendly Space' permit from ISD."

Provincetown was one of the first places where we enjoyed knowing we were not breaking the law by having our dog sit on a restaurant patio with us. The rules outlined by the

city are very similar to the sensible ones Provincetown has had in place for years.

What Else Makes a Place Pet-Friendly?

Several factors pushed Boston to its 5th least pet-friendly city rating. One metric used to rate cities was the cost of veterinary care. This area has a very high cost of living, including all aspects of pet care. The rating also included access to veterinary care. With the number of new veterinary resources opening in recent months, that should improve.

Housing available to families with pets is a significant issue in Massachusetts. Last year Newsweek reported that while 46.3% of rental properties will allow cats, only 25% allow small dogs, and only 12% will rent to families with big dogs.

The survey also considered the number of dog parks per 100,000 people and the number of pet businesses. While our

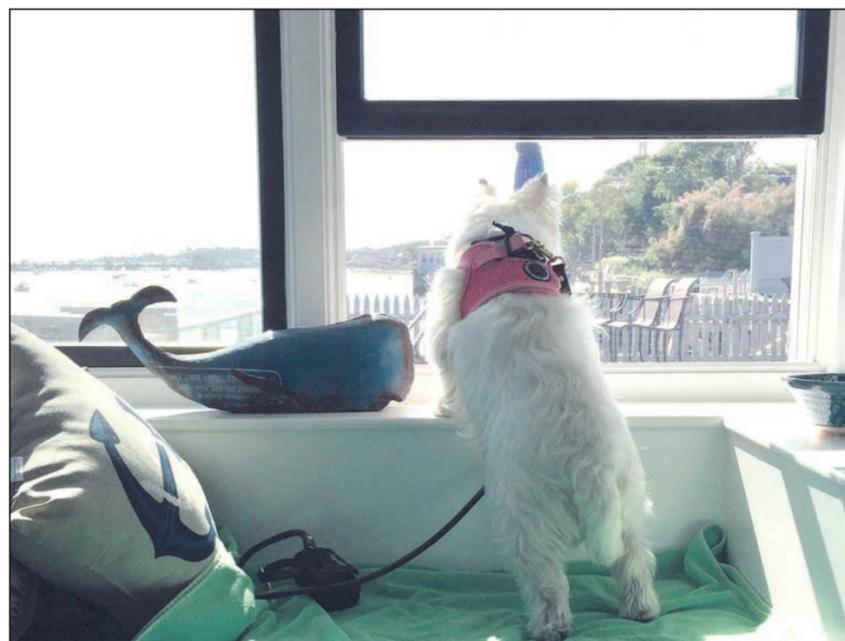
state has a fantastic array of parks and green spaces, a high percentage of those places prohibit dogs.

Other surveys on this topic included factors like an area's walkability, the number of dog-friendly restaurants with outside seating, dog-friendly shopping centers, the number of pet-friendly visitor accommodations, and even the number of days of precipitation per year.

Advocate for Change

There are things we can do to change the pet-friendly status of our local area. First and foremost, we must be responsible pet guardians who make good neighbors, great tenants, and positive examples in public.

See that your pet is licensed, vaccinated, trained, leashed when required, and under your control. If you disagree with a rule, work to change it rather than disobey it. Think beyond yourself



In pet-friendly Provincetown, it's easy to find rental properties to share with our dog Poppy.

and your dog when you advocate. Consider those people with dogs who are not as well-behaved and friendly as yours. Think about people who are afraid of dogs or have little or no positive canine experience.

Tell local officials you prioritize time with your dog over other forms of recreation. Penny once took a Boston City Coun-

cilor on a dog walk with her. She handed him the bag she had used to pick up after our dog and asked him to find a place to dispose of it. He quickly learned why she kept asking for more trash receptacles.

Ask for the changes you would like in local and state regulations: allowing dogs in outdoor seating areas of restaurants, open-

ing more parks and green spaces to dogs, and setting aside sites at beaches, in state parks, and on hiking trails for people with dogs. As we've seen in Boston, advocates can and do bring about change!

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

CHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

WARSAME DOMINATES IN MEET WITH REVERE

Chelsea High track and field standout Ali Warsame turned in yet another dominating performance for the Red Devils, this time against Greater Boston League (GBL) rival Revere last week.

Ali took first place in four events to score 20 points. He won the long jump with a leap 20'-3.5", the triple jump with a final landing of 41'-4.75", the 100 meter dash with a sprint of 11.4, and the 200 meter race in a clocking of 23.3.

Although the Red Devils came up on the short end of a 71-60 decision, a number of other Chelsea athletes turned in strong performances:

-- Theodore Joseph-Seal won the shot-put with a throw of 39'-9.75" and took second in the discus (107'-8").

-- Nathaniel Nadow won the 400 hurdles in a time of 1:00.7 and took second in the mile (5:13).

-- Alexander Cano took second in the javelin (81'-1"), second in the 110 high hurdles (20.5), and third in the long jump (17'-3").

-- Austin Freeman captured second spot in the 800 (2:16.1).

-- Kyle Leong took second in the triple jump (34'-5") and third in the 800 (2:25.9).

-- Ariel Aracena grabbed second in the shot (39'-1.75").

-- Jose Amaya finished second in the two-mile run (12:13.8) and third in the javelin (64'-6").

-- Sherwin Kim finished third in the 400 hurdles (1:09.8).

-- Kevin Flores took third place in the mile (5:16.4)

-- Jose Hernandez finished third in the two-mile (12:48.1).

Revere won both the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relays to clinch the victory.

The Red Devils are set to wrap up their dual meet season today (Thursday) at Medford and will compete in the GBL Meet this Monday at Somerville.

CHS GIRLS TRACK FALLS SHORT TO REVERE

Though the Chelsea High girls outdoor track and field team came up short in its meet with Revere last week by a score of 83-47, a number of the Lady Red Devils turned in fine performances.

Chelsea swept the shot-put, led by Kiara Ramirez with a throw of 29'-8.25" and teammates

Dhalia Christmas (28'-5.5") and Lamari Davis (23'-6"). The same trio also swept the discus, led by Ramirez with a spin of 72'-2" and followed by Christmas (70'-10"), and Davis (69'-1").

Marcaylla Louis-Jean won the triple jump with a final landing of 28'-1", grabbed second in the 100 dash (14.6), and took third in the long jump (13'-1") to place nine points onto the CHS side of the score-sheet.

Additional point-scorers for Chelsea were:

-- Lauren Nadow won the javelin with a throw of 64'-0".

-- Giselle Olivar grabbed second in the 110 hurdles (17.7) and third in the 200 dash (30.9).

-- Rosalinda Rojas finished second in the 800 (2:56.3).

-- Keiri Hernandez took thirds in the triple jump (25'-2") and in the 400 dash (1:15.2).

-- Reina Moreira finished third in the mile (7:34.6).

The Chelsea girls also won the 4 x 100 relay.

Coach Cesar Hernandez and his crew are set to wrap up their dual meet season today (Thursday) at Medford and will compete in the GBL Meet this coming Monday at Somerville.

WARSAME, RAMIREZ WIN MEDALS AT INVITES

A contingent of members of the Chelsea High outdoor track and field teams competed in a pair of invitational meets this past weekend.

At the Lou Tozzi FR/SO Meet, Kiara Ramirez earned a third place medal in the shot-put with a throw of 31'-6.25", which was a personal record by more than a foot. Kiara also finished 12th overall in the discus with a toss of 72'-1". For the boys, Ariel Aracena finished ninth in the shot-put with his throw of 36''-6".

At the Weston Twilight meet, Ali Warsame finished fifth overall in a highly competitive meet in the triple jump with a hop, skip, and jump of 42'-3.25". Ali also was part of the 12th place Swedish relay team (which is comprised of legs of 100, 200, 300, and 400 meters) with teammates Jose Olivar, Alex Cano, and Nate Nadow.

CHS SOFTBALL TEAM EARNS 17-10 VICTORY

The Chelsea High softball team put it all together to earn a 17-10 victory over Roxbury Prep recent-

ly.

"It was a good team win," said CHS head coach Gena Restiano. "All of our players on the roster contributed. We had strong efforts from Hazel Martinez, who had three RBI; pitcher Julianna Hassel, who struck out 15 opponents, and Jaliene Artica, who contributed two RBI."

Restiano and her crew are scheduled to play Medford today (Thursday) and will host Whittier at Carter Park next Tuesday. They will wrap up their season next Thursday at Somerville.

CHS BASEBALL TEAM FALLS TO TECH BOSTON

The Chelsea High baseball team came up on the short end of a 15-3 decision at Tech Boston Academy on Friday.

Assistant coach Michael Lopez (stepping in at the helm for head coach Mike Lush) had to make a few changes in the CHS lineup, most notably at catcher, where Greandoll Oliva was called upon for the first time this season and turned in a fine job.

Chelsea threatened to get on the board in the top of the first when Elijah Rivera singled and stole second and third, but was caught stealing home.

CHS starting pitcher Elijah Rivera struck out the side in the bottom of the inning, but Tech nonetheless pushed across four runs thanks to two walks, an HBP, and a base hit.

Chelsea struck back in the second with three runs. Nazareth Aquino led off with a walk, stole second, and scored on an RBI-double by Xavier Santiago. Oliva then tripped to right field, scoring Santiago, and Greandoll himself sped home when the Tech right fielder overthrew a cut-off man.

In the bottom of the second inning Rivera struck two more out Tech hitters and the inning ended when a Tech Boston hitter tried to stretch a single into a double, but was thrown out by the Chelsea defense on a 7-5-4 relay.

In the Chelsea third, Yared Rodriguez singled and stole second, but was left stranded. Tech nicked Rivera for a run in the bottom of the frame to make it 5-3, but then broke the game open in the fourth thanks to a combination of some passed balls and errors.

Lush and his crew are scheduled to wrap up their season this week when they host Lynn Tech tomorrow (Friday) and Medford on Monday.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

POLIO.

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

Photos and stories by Cary Shuman

The Chelsea High School Chapter of the National Honor Society held its Induction Ceremony May 11 in the school auditorium.

Twenty-six students were inducted during an impressive ceremony.

The students were hon-

See HONOR SOCIETY Page 12



Keynote speaker Lisa Molina, a 2020 graduate of Chelsea High School.



Equity, Diversity, and Excellence Officer Dr. Aaron Jennings and School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera.



National Honor Society Advisor Ilana Ascher and Jamairys Rivera, who sang the National Anthem.



School Committee Chairperson Kelly Garcia, Chelsea High School Principal Obed Morales, and National Honor Society Advisor Ilana Ascher.



National Honor Society Advisor Ilana Ascher, keynote speaker Manuel Tesche, and School Committee Chairperson Kelly Garcia.



National Honor Society Advisor Ilana Ascher, keynote speaker Lisa Molina, and NHS officer Roberto Aguilar.



Chelsea High School Principal Obed Morales (center), with National Honor Society officers, from left, Juman Ismael, Amy Landaverde, Roberto Aguilar, and Nate Nadow.



National Honor Society officers Nate Nadow, Amy Landaverde, Juman Ismael, and Roberto Aguilar, and Angely Romero, stage technician for the event and NHS member.



National Honor Society members Jimmy Merino, Gizelle Rodriguez, Isra Bana, Alessandra Campos, Camila Beato Hernandez, and Jeshua Calleja.



National Honor Society members Eva Molina, Dania Escobar, Sara ElMahil, Giselle Olivar, Stephanie Martinez, and Jasmine Funes Morales.



National Honor Society members Bryan Santos, Jonathan Recincoy-Herrera, Marilyn Romero, Rosalinda Rojas, Yamil Rivera, and Melany Ruiz Rodriguez.



National Honor Society members Alejandra Romero, Dhalia Christmas, Karla Lopez, Carlos Flores, Jose Ollivar, Paola Barrera, and Rileigh Connors.



National Honor Society members Jasmine Maradiaga Varela, Ajay Singh, Edisa Ndaikeza, Hellen Turcios, Airana Zelaya Canelas, and Karen Cunha Da Costa.

NEWS IN BRIEF

VENDORS NEEDED

The City of Chelsea is looking for entrepreneurs and food businesses to become vendors at the Chelsea Neighborhood Market.

All types of food vendors for produce, meat, seafood, grains, spices, oils, and other products. Prepared products must be prepared in a commercial kitchen that meets all health and safety standards.

Submit the vendor interest form at https://www.chelseama.gov/news_detail_T2_R102.php

- Food Business Grant Program: This grant opportunity is open to Chelsea-based food businesses and first-time entrepreneurs interested in becoming vendors at the Chelsea Neighborhood Market in 2023.

- How to apply: Please submit completed applications online at https://www.chelseama.gov/news_detail_T2_R102.php or in-person at City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 101. APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 9, 2023.

- Chelsea Neighborhood Market Survey: What do you want to buy at the market? When do you want to shop? Let us know so we can make it happen! Take the survey at bit.ly/ChelseaMarketSurvey

For additional information, please email Anna Bury (abury@chelseama.gov).

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La ciudad de Chelsea está buscando empresari-

os y empresas de alimentos para que se conviertan en vendedores en el Chelsea Neighborhood Market.

Estamos interesados en todo tipo de vendedores de alimentos: productos agrícolas, carnes, mariscos, granos, especias, aceites y otros productos. Los productos preparados deben prepararse en una cocina comercial que cumpla con todos los estándares de salud y seguridad.

Envíe el formulario de interés en https://www.chelseama.gov/news_detail_T2_R102.php

- Programa de Subvenciones para Empresas Alimentarias: Esta oportunidad de subvención está abierta a empresas de alimentos con sede en Chelsea y empresarios primerizos interesados en convertirse en vendedores en el Chelsea Neighborhood Market en 2023. Cómo presentar la solicitud: envíe la solicitud completa en línea en https://www.chelseama.gov/news_detail_T2_R102.php o en persona en City Hall, 500 Broadway, Oficina 101. LAS SOLICITUDES VENCEN EL 9 DE JUNIO DE 2023.

- Encuesta de mercado de Chelsea: ¿Qué quieres comprar en el mercado? ¿Cuándo quieres comprar? ¡Háganos saber para que podamos hacerlo realidad! Realice la encuesta en bit.ly/ChelseaMarketSurvey

Para obtener información adicional, envíe un correo electrónico a Anna Bury (abury@chelseama.gov).

OBITUARIES

Milagros Serrano

November 18 1944 – May 9, 2023

At 78 years of age, Milagros Serrano passed away on Tuesday, May 9th.

Born and raised in Luquillo, Puerto Rico, she was a loving daughter of Jose Serrano and Maria Batista. As a teenager, she settled in New York with her family. She came to Chelsea as a young lady and was a resident of this city for 40 plus years.

Her life's devotion was to home and family, raising three daughters and providing a warm and immaculate house where she enjoyed cooking, tending to her many house plants and her pet birds.

Milagros was predeceased by her parents and a daughter, Brunett Ramos. She was the beloved mother of Nancy Maldonado of Chelsea and Munet Ramos of Winthrop; cherished grandmother of Melissa Maldonado Cornejo and Caridad N. Vasquez; adored great-grandmother of Richard Graciana, Jr.,



Elijah Cornejo, Omar Cornejo, Adrian Vasquez, Aden Martinez and Diogenes Cornejo.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Monday, May 15 and Funeral Services were conducted from the Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 16th. Services concluded with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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



Anthony Ramos Smith

Well Known Musician and member of band, "Five Daze and a Knight"

Anthony Ramos Smith, a longtime resident of Chelsea, passed away unexpectedly on May 3 at 86 years of age.

Born in New Bedford, he was the son of the late Elaine Hodge.

Anthony was a high school graduate. He enlisted in the US Navy on December 9, 1955, at the end of the Korean War and was honorably discharged on September 12, 1957. Anthony was a well-known musician in the band Five Daze and a Knight. Music was a passion of Anthony's as he could sing and play various instruments, such as the drums, the keyboard and the guitar.

The beloved father of Leann Smith of Rhode Island, Toni King of Dorchester, Kenneth Daniels and Jeffery Smith, both of Roxbury and Anthony Sandler of Chelsea, he was the dear brother of



Armand Smith of Georgia, Ethel Smith of Connecticut and the late Howard Smith, George Matney, Eddie Smith, Anna Smith, Dot and Doris Smith; cherished grandfather of Ashiya Nicole Smith and Jazmyn Chemere Smith, both of Roxbury and many other grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Anthony's funeral arrangements are private.

We encourage family and friends to visit carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Justina Lopez

September 26, 1938 – May 10, 2023

Justina Lopez passed away on Wednesday, May 10 at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. She was 84 years old.

Born and raised in San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico, she was the beloved daughter of the late Santos Rodriguez and Maxamina Lopez. She was married to Adolfo Lopez, raised two sons and three daughters. She was a resident of Chelsea for the past 45 years and was the matriarch of her multi-generational family. In addition to her own children, she welcomed and helped to raise eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents and was widowed in 1990 with the passing of her beloved husband, Adolfo Lopez. She is survived by her loving children: Luis Lopez, Maria S. Flores, Adolfo Lopez, Jr., Norma Perez and Maria A. Lopez. She is also survived by eight adoring grand-



children and 17 cherished great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours and her funeral on Wednesday, May 17 at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway Chelsea. Services concluded with Justina being placed to rest with her husband at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

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Crime prevention measures to protect Postal employees announced

The United States Postal Service (Postal Service) and United States Postal Inspection Service (Postal Inspection Service) announced expanded actions to protect Postal employees and the security of the nation's mail and packages as threats and attacks on letter carriers and mail fraud incidents have escalated concurrently with a national rise in crime. The Postal Service and Postal Inspection Service held a joint briefing for Congress members and staff on these efforts on May 11.

"As crime rises, so do the threats against our public servants," said Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy. "The men and women of the Postal Service are walking our nation's streets every day to fulfil our mission of delivering mail and packages to the American people. Every Postal employee deserves to work in safety and to be free from targeting by criminals seeking to access the public's mail."

"We're doubling down on our efforts to protect our Postal employees and the security of the mail. We are hardening targets – both physical and digital – to make them less desirable

to thieves and working with our law enforcement partners to bring perpetrators to justice," said Postal Inspection Service Chief Gary Barksdale.

Incidents of letter carrier robberies are on the rise across the nation. In FY22, 412 USPS letter carriers were robbed on the job. With 305 incidents reported in the first half of FY23, these incidents are increasingly more prevalent. Additionally, the agency reported an increase in high volume mail theft incidents from mail receptacles including blue collection boxes: 38,500 in FY22 and more than 25,000 in the first half of FY23. The Postal Service will continue to work with its unions and management associations on training and employee education for letter carriers and other postal workers.

Recognizing these ongoing safety threats, the Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service are expanding their Project Safe Delivery crime prevention initiative to protect Postal employees and facilities, prevent mail and package theft and enforce the law against individuals who perpetrate crimes against Postal employees or engage in mail and package theft.

Expanded Project Safety Delivery actions include:

- Reducing Letter Carrier Robberies and Mail Theft – As part of Project Safe Delivery, USPS and USFIS are taking action to harden physical targets against criminal activity and reduce criminal acts against postal employees including:
 - 12,000 High Security Blue Collection Boxes To Be Installed Nationwide. The Postal Service is hardening blue collection boxes making access to their contents more difficult for criminals. These boxes are now being deployed in high security risk areas through the next fiscal year. The Postal Service will continue to evaluate replacing additional existing blue collection boxes with these enhanced boxes.
 - 49,000 Electronic Locks to Replace Antiquated Arrow Locks. There has been an increase in letter carrier robberies nationwide where criminals are targeting letter carriers for their Arrow and Modified Arrow Lock (MAL) Keys. Criminals use Arrow and MAL keys to steal mail from secure mail receptacles to commit financial crimes, including altering checks to commit check fraud. To make Ar-

row Keys less valuable for criminals, the Postal Service will replace 49,000 antiquated arrow locks with electronic locks. New locks have been installed in select cities with installation to occur in additional major metropolitan areas soon. The Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service are also increasing Arrow Key accountability reviews in select high Postal crime areas.

- Preventing Change of Address Fraud –The Postal Service processed more than 33 million change of address (COA) transactions in FY22. The majority of COA frauds are driven by an identity theft motive separate from the Postal Service. The Postal Service is not the intended target but implicated as the fraudster intercepts financially oriented mail, credit cards or checks. The Postal Service is embarking on strengthening authentication processes for all methods of COA – electronic, and hard copy format whether by mail or in-person. Actions include:
 - In April, the Postal Service implemented dual authentication Identity Verification Services for online change of addresses transactions to provide en-

hanced security controls to reduce fraud.

- Effective May 31, the Postal Service will offer enhanced in-person change of address transactions at Post Offices and retail outlets. COA customers can verify their identity by presenting an approved form of identification to a retail clerk.
- Postal Service customers seeking a COA will now receive a validation letter at their old address and receive an activation letter at their new address.
- As an additional safeguard, the Postal Service will no longer accept third-party change of address submissions.
- Defeating counterfeit postage – In FY2022, the Postal Service and Postal Inspection Service seized more than 340,000 packages with counterfeit postage and more than 7.7 million counterfeit stamps with an estimated \$7.8 million loss avoidance for the Postal Service. Expanded actions to crack down on fraudulent postage include:
 - Postal Service interdictions of packages with counterfeit labels affixed. The Postal Service will fully exercise new authority to take possession and dispose of packages identified with counterfeit postage.

- Reviews of shipments on Postal Service docks and during warehouse outreach visits
- Shut down of websites and closure of eCommerce accounts selling counterfeit postage
- Engagement and partnership with eCommerce companies to disrupt activity
- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) collaboration
- Promotion of the Inspection Service's rewards program which provides rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person that unlawfully uses, reuses, or forges postage stamps, postage meter stamps, permit imprints, or other postage; or uses, sells, or possesses with the intent to sell any used, forged, or counterfeit postage stamp or other postage.

Throughout the year, the Postal Inspection Service will continue to partner with federal, state, and local authorities to enforce the laws and bring criminals to justice. The Postal Service and Postal Inspection Service will continue to adapt to evolving security threats and implement

See PROTECT Page 11

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF HEARING
 Case No. 2022-13
 Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Conference Room, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
 With reference to the application of: Nicole Dunn
 For a modification of a previous approval made by the Zoning Board of Appeals for the construction of a single-family structure. The requested modification is for a two-family home, which does not meet the minimum requirements for lot area, side yard, combined side yard, and off-street parking at the premises, known as: 30 Hillside Avenue
 A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 5/11/23, 5/18/23

bin side yard setback, maximum floor area ratio, and lot coverage at the premises known as: 51 Library Street
 A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 5/11/23, 5/18/23

Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m.
 With reference to the application of: 305 Eastern Avenue, LLC
 For Special Permit seeking approval for a parking lot for the parking and repair and storage of electric vehicles which require a Special Permit at the premises known as: 305 Eastern Avenue
 A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 5/18/23, 5/25/23

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tations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY RENOVATION" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement. * A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk Through will be held at Chelsea High School, 299 Everett Ave. Chelsea, MA, 02150, on May 15, 2023 at 10:00 am. General Bids will be received until June 8, 2023 at 11:00AM and publicly opened, forthwith online. Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until May 25, 2023 at 10:30 AM-Electrical and May 25, 2023 at 11:30AM-Painting and publicly opened. Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement. SUBTRADES Electrical and Painting 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 Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. 149. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 5/18/23

Freedom Acquisition LLC dated September 25, 2009 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 45580, Page 252, and Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC, its successors and assigns dated December 15, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 53913, Page 54, and Assignment from CIT Bank, N.A. F/K/A OneWest Bank N.A., its successors and assigns dated December 15, 2014 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61374, Page 71, and Assignment from Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust dated June 6, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 61374, Page 71, and Assignment from Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust to Mortgage Assets Management, LLC F/K/A Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. dated February 2, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 68679, Page 336, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 96 Bellingham Street, Chelsea, MA 02150 will be sold at a Public Auction at 3:00 PM on June 12, 2023, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The land in said Chelsea, together with the buildings thereon and being shown as Lot N on a Plan of Land in Chelsea, Massachusetts, drawn by John Marion, Registered Land Surveyor, dated February 25, 1956, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 7140, Page 400, and bounded and described as follows: Southwesterly by Bellingham Street, Sixty and 18/100 (60.18) feet; Northwesterly by Lot 1, as shown on said plan, One Hundred Fourteen and 15/100 (114.5) feet Northwesterly by Lot F and part of Lot G, as shown on said plan, Sixty-four and 74/100 (67.74) feet; Southeasterly by Lot B1 through the middle of a twelve (12) inch brick wall, Twenty-five (25) feet; Northeasterly by Lot B1, as shown on said plan, Thirteen and 50/100 (13.50) feet;

Southeasterly by part of Lot B, as shown on said plan, Twenty-two and 50/100 (22.50) feet; Southwesterly by part of Lot B, as shown on said plan, Eighteen and 06/100 (18.06) feet; Southeasterly by part of Lot B, as shown on said plan, Sixty-seven (67) feet. Containing Seventy-four hundred eleven (7411) square feet of land, more or less and all according to said plan. Said premises are hereby conveyed subject to and together with the right to use the five (5) foot passageway located adjacent to the Northwesterly side of the premises herein conveyed, in common with Lot 1 and Lot M as shown on said plan; together with the use of the several passageways of varying widths located on and adjacent to the southeasterly side of said premises in common with Lot B and Lot B1, as shown on said plan. Subject to rights of others lawfully entitled thereto to use this common passageway located along Southeasterly side of said premises. The legal description above was modified to correct the scrivener's errors in the mortgage description to conform to the deeds recorded in book 67400 page 61 and in book 41735, page 345, to which further reference and comparison may be had. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 67400, Page 61, and Book 41735, Page 345. The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession. Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase

price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication. Other terms to be announced at the sale. Mortgage Assets Management, LLC F/K/A Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. Korde & Associates, P.C. 900 Chelmsford Street Suite 3102 Lowell, MA 01851 (978) 256-1500 Lopez, Frank G and Sandra P Lopez, 22-041627 5/18/23, 5/25/23, 6/01/23

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 With reference to the application of: Maria Teixeira
 For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the subdivision of an existing lot to allow for the construction of two (2) two-residential dwelling unit structures at 83-85 Library Street (See also Case 2023-09). The proposed subdivision at: 81 Library Street does not meet the requirements for minimum lot size, side yard setback, and combined side yard setback. Existing residence / lot fails to meet requirements for minimum lot size, side yard setback, and combined required side yard setback. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 5/11/23, 5/18/23

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 CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS Combined Sewer Outfall (CSO) Monitoring Services The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "Combined Sewer Outfall (CSO) Monitoring Services". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after May 11, 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. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Combined Sewer Outfall (CSO) Monitoring Services" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, May 25, 2023. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea". 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 Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 5/18/23

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 With reference to the application of: Pedro Florentino
 For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the demolition of a garage structure and a residential structure and the construction of a four unit dwelling structure which does meet the City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance for minimum side yard setback, front yard setback, lot size, rear yard setback, and com-

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City of Chelsea, Office of the Treasurer/Collector

Notice of Tax Taking

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED YOU ARE HEARBY NOTIFIED that on June 1, 2023 at 10 o'clock a.m. at the Collector's Office, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, the following described parcel/s of land will BE TAKEN FOR THE City of Chelsea for non-payment of taxes due thereon, with the interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

Patrice Montefusco, Treasurer/Collector

Property Location:..... 65 BLOOMINGDALE ST
 Assessed Owner (s):.....RIVERA GABRIEL TRUSTEE
 C/O CORONA-PEREZ ESQ, ALBA C
 Subsequent Owner:.....
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....477 Map/Parcel ID:
 64-0139
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 4699 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 23510 Page 0202
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 8467.42
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 0.00
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 1429.02
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 9916.44

ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 267.10
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 1602.83

 Property Location:.....55 HEARD ST
 Assessed Owner (s):.....SINGH THALWANTI MAHARAJ
 Subsequent Owner:.....
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....3775
 Map/Parcel ID:.....47-0032
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 3550 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 63595 Page 118
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 4997.26
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 0.00
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 737.95
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 5755.21

approximately 4999 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 36896 Page 0128
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 104.22
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 784.32
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 134.61
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 1043.15

 Property Location:.....27 LIBRARY ST
 Assessed Owner (s): RIVERA GABRIEL TRUSTEE OF 27 LIBRARY STREET TRUST
 Subsequent Owner:.....
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....4128
 Map/Parcel ID:.....39-0062
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 1890 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 22285 Page 0084
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 4810.20
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 0.00
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 811.80
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 5642.00

Tax Bill#:.....5146
 Map/Parcel ID:.....12-0059
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 1449 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 8821 Page 0582
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 1992.47
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 545.10
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 501.84
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 3059.41

 Property Location:.....111 SHURTLIFF ST
 Assessed Owner (s):.....STAMOS CONSTANTINE
 Subsequent Owner:.....
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....5221
 Map/Parcel ID:.....20-0102
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 1107 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 19206 Page 0330
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 5801.28
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 0.00
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 1186.91
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 7008.19

Property Location:..... 948 BROADWAY 12
 Assessed Owner (s):.....MOSS NAMALA T
 Subsequent Owner:.....
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....1165
 Map/Parcel ID:.....67-075L
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 0 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 51101 Page 0003
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 99.26
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 618.36
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 109.34
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 846.96

Property Location:.....57 HEARD ST
 Assessed Owner (s): SINGH THALWANTI MAHARAJ
 Subsequent Owner:.....
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....3777
 Map/Parcel ID:.....56-0164
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 5012 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 63595 Page 116
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 2584.65
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 0.00
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 391.60
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 2996.25

Property Location:.....139 PEARL ST
 Assessed Owner (s): RAMIREZ LUIS J
 Subsequent Owner:.....
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....4819
 Map/Parcel ID:.....20-0065
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 1159 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 21321 Page 0173
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 657.57
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 4253.87
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 744.12
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 5675.56

Property Location:.....163 WALNUT ST
 Assessed Owner (s): RIVERA GABRIEL TRUSTEE OF 163 WALNUT STREET REALTY TRUST
 Subsequent Owner:.....
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....5719
 Map/Parcel ID:.....38-0051
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 1972 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 20860 Page 0262
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 4042.27
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 0.00
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 682.20
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 4744.47

Property Location:.....453 EASTERN AV
 Assessed Owner (s):ANTZAK CHARLES J & EDITH M TRUSTEES ANTZAK FAMILY TRUST
 Subsequent Owner: ANTZAK JR CHARLES J
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#: 2867.....Map/Parcel ID: 68-0053
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 4999 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 68705 Page 106
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 3568.67
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 1344.32
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 956.97
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 5889.96

Property Location:.....61 HEARD ST
 Assessed Owner (s):.....RIVERA GABRIEL TRUSTEE C/O ALBA CORONA-PEREZ
 Subsequent Owner:.....
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....3781
 Map/Parcel ID:.....56-0162
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 2699 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 19491 Page 0064
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 8127.38
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 0.00
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 1646.19
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 9793.57

Property Location: 274 REVERE BEACH PARKWAY
 Assessed Owner (s): COLARC HOLDING LLC
 Subsequent Owner: REVERE BEACH ASSOCIATES 274 LLC
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....5034
 Map/Parcel ID:.....80-0014
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 8540 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 65501 Page 303
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 11024.24
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 20015.31
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 5610.73
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 36670.28

Property Location:.....71 RR WOODLAWN AV
 Assessed Owner (s):.....MERIDA HUGO R
 Subsequent Owner:.....
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....6555
 Map/Parcel ID:.....94-0006
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 1709 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 62030 Page 310
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 1078.96
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 0.00
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES:..... 20.00
 INTEREST:..... 224.44
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:..... 1323.40

Property Location:.....83 ESSEX ST
 Assessed Owner (s):.....LEWIS MARGARET E
 Subsequent Owner:.....
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....3042
 Map/Parcel ID:.....12-0061
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing approximately 3300 square feet of land and being a part of the premises recorded at Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 9670 Page 0146
 2022 REAL ESTATE TAXES:..... 1315.73
 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:..... 0.00

Property Location:.....4 HOOPER ST
 Assessed Owner (s): ANTZAK CHARLES J JR & REGAN WILLIAM J
 Subsequent Owner:.....
 (if applicable)
 Tax Bill#:.....3854
 Map/Parcel ID:.....68-0054
 A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, containing

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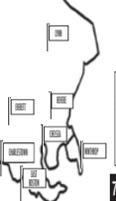
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GREENROOTS HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTS BOARD MEMBERS

Special to the Chelsea Record

GreenRoots held its Annual Meeting on May 11, 2023 where it elected and renewed board members and recognized community leaders for their contributions to achieving environmental justice and improved quality of life in Chelsea and East Boston.

Pastor Elaine Mendes, Chelsea resident and director of the International Revival Center, joined the Board of Directors for a three year term. And Vice-Chair Sandra Perdomo's and John Valinch's three year terms were renewed.

Community Leaders Ana Vanegas, Sandra Nijjar, Alex Defronzo and

the XR Rebels were recognized for their leadership to advance food justice, climate justice and energy democracy. Jean and Jordan Krasnow received recognition for their vast pro bono landscape architecture and legal expertise. And longtime Chelsea resident and leader Tony Hernandez was recognized for his lifetime commitment to social and environmental justice. Former Councilor Juan Vega and GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni highlighted Tony's decades of leadership and activism that have left an important and notable impact on every corner of the city. Tony's wife and life partner of more than



Elaine Mendes.

50 years, Blanca, and their family was by his side for the celebration.



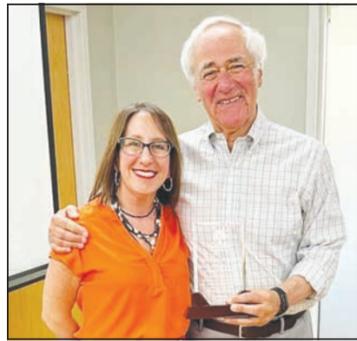
Juan Vega, Blanca and Tony Hernandez, Roseann Bongiovanni and Emma.



Noemy Rodriguez, XR Rebels, Sandra Nijjar, Alex Defronzo and John Walkey.



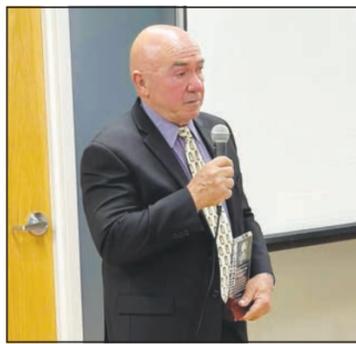
Tony Hernandez pictured with his family.



Roseann Bongiovanni and Jordan Krasnow.



Sandra Perdomo speaking.



Tony Hernandez speaking.



Sara Arman, Ana Vanegas and John Valinch.

Northeast Metro Tech students participate in DECA International Career Development Conference

Special to the Record

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to announce that five Northeast Metro Tech Business Technology students earned their way to DECA's International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida last month, paving the way for them take leadership positions in the school's developing DECA chapter.

The International Career Development Conference (ICDC) is held annually by DECA, and features over 20,000 high school students from across the globe coming together to participate in competitive challenges and learn skills in leadership, collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity. This year's ICDC was held from April 22-26. Students participating at ICDC must earn their way via their performances in district- and state-level competitions.

Asaf Aramendis Giraldo, a junior from Revere, attended ICDC to compete in the Business Growth Plan competition, which requires all participants to be a business owner. Giraldo is a part owner of Artinmet, a Revere company that manufactures custom furniture.

The Business Growth Plan competition involves the idea generation and strategy development needed to grow an existing business. Participants in the Business Growth Plan competition analyzed their current business operations and identified opportunities to grow and expand their business.



COURTESY NORTHEAST METRO TECH

Shown (left to right) are Melissa Domingos, Iliana Ramos, Liliana Valle Mendez, Ashley Estrada Ramos, and Asaf Aramendis Giraldo.

Juniors Liliana Valle Mendez, of Chelsea, and Iliana Ramos Reyes, of Revere, won the state-level Quiz Bowl competition, which earned them seats in the Ignite Leadership Academy.

Sophomores Ashley Estrada Ramos, of Revere, and Melissa Domingos, of Revere, also earned seats in the Ignite Leadership Academy by participating in the state level School Based Enterprise competition, where they established a 50-page operations manual for the Northeast Metro Tech school store.

The ICDC Ignite Leadership Academy accepts only 200 students from the across the globe and teaches participants how to build and develop their local DECA chapter, how to present themselves professionally across a wide

variety of arenas, and how to collaborate across a diverse workforce.

Mendez, Reyes, Ramos and Domingos learned business etiquette in networking, dining, and the office during daily academy meetings. Students in the academy were placed into teams, where they assumed leadership roles in a mock company.

Fresh off their lessons learned at the ICDC, Giraldo, Mendez, Reyes, Ramos and Domingos will now serve as the inaugural officers for Northeast Metro Tech DECA.

Northeast Metro Tech has participated in DECA for six years, but will now add student leaders to the organization. Juniors Giraldo, Mendez and Reyes will serve as co-presidents, while sophomores Ramos and Domingos will serve as co-vice presidents.

The five students will work together to establish a charter for the Northeast Metro Tech DECA Chapter, and will represent the chapter on the local and state level.

All five students are hoping to leverage their experience and lessons to increase DECA participation among Business Technology students, who are the only students eligible for DECA at Northeast Metro Tech.

"We are extremely proud of these five students for earning their way to ICDC and for the maturity and eagerness to learn that they showed while there," said Superintendent DiBarri. "These five students are now equipped to be fine leaders of our DECA chapter, and will surely help us expand the chapter to reach even more students."



GreenRoots had a packed house for the Annual Meeting.

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ored for displaying, maintaining, and encouraging high standards in scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

The NHS senior inductees were: Roberto Aguilar, Jorge Andino, Karen Costa, Angely Romero, Ajay Singh, Edissa Ndayikez, and Jasmine Valera.

The NHS junior inductees were: Irsa Bana, Camila Beato, Alessandra Campos, Jeshua Calleja, Dania Escobar, Sarah El Mahil, Jasmine Funes, Sarai Galdames, Stephanie Martinez, Jimmy Merino, Eva Molina, Giselle Ol-

ivar, Gizelle Rodriguez, Jonathan Reincoy, Rosalinda Rojas, Yamil Rivera, Marilyn Romero, Melany Ruiz, Bryan Santos, Helen Turcios, and Ariana Zelaya.

The other NHS members previously inducted are: Paola Barrera, Rileigh Connors, Glendy Cortez, Dhalia Christmas, Carlos Flores, Juan Hernandez, Juman Ismael, Amy Landaverde, Karla Lopez, Ariel Marquina, Nate Nadow, Jose Olivar, Manuela Orrego, and Alejandra Romero.

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