

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCES CITY COUNCIL BID

Kelly Garcia, who currently chairs the School Committee, is running for an at-large seat on the City Council this fall.

“I devoted eight years to the School Committee, where I saw firsthand how much more our youth and our families need,” said Garcia. “There is only so much I can do on the School Committee, so, as I turn 30 in July, I think about what I can do in this next chapter of my life, and it is to continue giving back to the community that raised me.”

Garcia said it is her mission to expand the impact she can make on the city as a whole, especially for youth, families, and its most vulnerable residents.

“I have accomplished many things throughout my leadership role on the School Committee and I am eager to expand my impact.”

But most importantly, Garcia said she is running for City Council to continue to implement the types



Kelly Garcia.

of policies that support and strengthen Chelsea’s families.

“Our families continue to struggle, and I think it is time for a new voice on the City Council, and I am ready for that challenge.”

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in collective bargaining agreements and to the addition of new positions in the operating budget. These new positions, a total of 11, will improve the delivery of services to residents and allow the city to increase internal capacity for handling new projects and programming implemented with ARPA (federal Covid relief) funding.”

The city is able to absorb the increase in new personnel because of its favorable financial position.

The new positions included assistant directors for both the Office of Emergency Management/ Emergency Communications Center and the Housing and Community Development department. Keefe is also looking to move a resource navigator in the community development department to help with resident needs.

Keefe is also requesting an auditing/ARPA financial analyst to help monitor revenue and expen-

diture activity, primarily for the increased capital and grant funded projects obtained through ARPA funding.

The budget also includes funding for three new police officers.

“Funding for this additional group of officers is through a three-year US Justice Department grant,” stated Keefe. “The new officers’ assignments will be to the CPS as a School Resource Officers and the Downtown Task Force.”

Other positions include a permit planner in the permitting and land use planning department and a DPW buildings and grounds parks manager.

“This position takes primary responsibility for the park system, including annual maintenance and repair of park facilities and equipment, cleanup, landscaping, and management of the parks for scheduled recreational leagues and activities,” Keefe said of the DPW position. “Additionally, this role will lead

the development and execution of a comprehensive strategic plan for the parks, engaging public users, and in collaboration with other city departments.”

The other two proposed positions are a part-time electrical inspector and an arts manager in the Health and Human Services department.

The regional school district expenditure for FY24 has increased by \$130,567 to \$1,436,237.

“That line item now includes the second payment on the debt for the new Northeast Regional Vocational High School, a total debt service payment of \$311,533,” stated Keefe. “That debt service figure will rise gradually to approximately \$1.9 million annually starting in FY26.”

The council will be meeting with individual city departments to discuss their proposed budgets in the coming weeks before taking a final vote on the FY24 budget.

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investigators that the man the victim was dating drives a red car with a mismatched hood, according to the DA’s office, which stated that Alvarez’s vehicle is a red car with a black hood.

Investigators then located Alvarez’s vehicle, unoccupied, at the intersection of Addison and Eden streets in Chelsea. From outside the vehicle, investigators observed brown stains on the interior and exterior which appeared to be blood, according to the district attorney’s office.

According to a release from the district attorney’s office, later in the evening, Alvarez contacted Chelsea Dispatch to request medical attention and said he wanted to turn himself into police custody. Alvarez provided his location on

Route 16 in Everett. Massachusetts state troopers along with Chelsea Police officers responded to the location and placed Alvarez into custody. He was transported to the Chelsea Police Department for booking.

The DA’s office stated that during an audio-video recorded interview at Chelsea Police Department, Alvarez admitted to investigators that he had stabbed his girlfriend, Margarita M. Morehead, multiple times after she attempted to end the relationship. According to reports, Morehead had an active restraining order against Alvarez.

“Instead of dealing with the reality of an ended relationship with restraint and dignity, this man chose a shocking act of

violence that ended Margarita Morehead’s life and ushered in eternal grief for her family, friends and relatives,” stated Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden. “They will receive all the support they need from our office as this case moves forward.”

The Chelsea City Council held a moment of silence in Morehead’s memory during Monday night’s meeting.

“We would be remiss if we did not have silent prayer in our own way for that family,” said District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown. “We are here highlighting mothers on this beautiful week leading into Mothers’ Day weekend and we lose one of our mothers here today at the hands of violence.”

Tobin Bridge / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

completed by MassDOT, yet paint chips continue to fall on our streets, sidewalks, and private property adjacent to the bridge,” the letter states. “To avert additional toxic exposure, dedicated cleanup crews are needed to continuously remove fallen paint chips from the affected neighborhoods until the bridge has been fully encapsulated.”

There is also a request that the sides and underside of the bridge be immediately encapsulated to prevent further paint chips from falling into the community.

In addition, the letter states that GreenRoots and other community organizations have received no recent updates on remediation work and timelines for work, and requested more outreach, as well as a multilingual website that would provide updates and a greater commitment to providing information in multiple languages.

“The presentation and slide deck presented at the community meeting on April 13, 2023 was monolingual, a clear violation of the environmental justice principles of the State of Massachusetts and the Climate Roadmap Bill; and an insult to our community and GreenRoots’ language justice values,” the letter stated. “The slide deck should have been

presented in at least two languages. This violation of language access must never occur again.”

The MassDOT, in coordination with EPA Region 1’s mobile lead testing van, must offer lead testing for any and all private and public properties in Chelsea, the community partners went on to state. They stated the testing should occur on several days over the course of a full month. Additionally, they stated any soil containing lead, above MassDEP background levels, from properties alongside the Tobin Bridge, must be fully remediated by MassDOT within 30 days of test results and the remediation methods must be shared and discussed with GreenRoots and the City of Chelsea.

Additional requested action items include that MassDOT coordinate with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to offer free, mobile blood lead testing for any residents and stakeholders in Chelsea interested in determining their lead exposure. This mobile testing also should be offered for at least 30 days. The letter states that MassDOT, in collaboration with MA DPH and community stakeholders, must determine how to provide free health care support and access for any resi-

dent, particularly children, whose blood tests presented elevated lead levels.

The organizations state that MassDOT must expedite full lead paint removal to begin no later than September 1, 2023 from any and all parts of the Tobin Bridge and underpasses including underpasses at Rte. 16 and Webster Avenue, Everett Avenue and Chestnut Street, and 2nd Street and Chestnut Avenue.

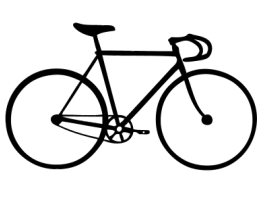
“The \$1 million ‘grant’ program presented by MassDOT at the community meeting for all properties impacted by lead paint stemming from the Tobin Bridge, must be increased to \$15 million for affected residents and businesses without requiring residents to forego or waive other rights or remedies,” the letter states, concluding with stating that MassDOT must explain in writing how and by whom the decision was made to not de-lead the Tobin Bridge spans in Chelsea, closest to residences.

GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni said Fiandaca stated she had received the letter last Friday and would get back to Bongiovanni with a response. As of Wednesday morning, there had not been a response, according to Bongiovanni.

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To apply, please send a one-page essay of why the Rotary Club of Chelsea should send you to Camp Rotary this summer. All essays should be mailed or hand delivered by **Friday May 12, 2023 to The Rotary Club of Chelsea, c/o Susan Gallant, 778 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150. All essays should include your name, address, age and telephone number.** A committee of Chelsea Rotary Club members will review all essays. The committee will notify finalists. The camp week will begin Sunday afternoon and end Saturday morning.

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Clark visits Revere Head Start to highlight vital role amid GOP threats

Staff Report

On Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Democratic Whip Katherine Clark (MA-5) visited the Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) Head Start program at the Irene O’Connell Community Center in Revere to highlight the devastating impact that funding cuts in the GOP’s Default on America Act would have on children and families across Massachusetts.

Every day, Head Start is making a direct, life-changing impact on kids and families here in Revere. Yet MAGA Republicans’ Default on America Act would gut this vital resource – and at a time when families are already struggling to find and afford child care,” said Whip Clark. “Instead of putting everyday people first, the GOP is endangering their financial security to put even more money into the pockets

of billionaires. Democrats are standing in defense of the American people and against these devastating cuts.”

“Slashing Head Start funding would cut off comprehensive early childhood education and services to our communities’ most vulnerable children and families at a time in history when they need it the most,” said Dianne Curtin, Director of CAPIC Head Start. “Young children – who already experienced learning loss during the pandemic – would not have the supports and experiences necessary to close the gaps before going to kindergarten. And parents would no longer have a community of peers and professionals supporting them as they regain their economic footing. We should be doing the opposite: investing in Head Start.”

In Massachusetts, Republicans’ Default on America Act would elim-



Congresswoman Katherine Clark with, from left, Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe, State Rep. Jessica Giannino and Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky talking with other officials and residents.

inate 4,800 preschool and child care slots, leaving kids without care and preventing parents from being able to work. Nationwide, over 300,000 children would lose access to child care.

Whip Clark has long been a champion for kids and families, leading the charge for quality, affordable child care in Congress. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Whip Clark secured historic funding for early education and

child care in this year’s federal budget. In 2020, she secured \$50 billion in pandemic relief funding for the child care industry, helping 200,000 providers keep their doors open to kids across the country. Just weeks ago, she joined with Democratic leaders to reintroduce their Child Care for Working Families Act, comprehensive legislation that tackles the child care crisis and ensures families nationwide can access the high-quality child care they need.



Congresswoman Katherine Clark reads to children in the CAPIC Head Start Program at the Irene O’Connell Community Center in Revere.

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engineering of a boardwalk, connecting the future 88 Clinton St. waterfront park to Broadway,” stated Keefe.

The \$50,000 being requested from free cash will be used to fund the appraisal value and related legal services to begin the process.

Other requests include \$200,000 for additional costs for the Powderhorn Hill staircase refurbishment, \$215,000 for DPW buildings and grounds projects, \$10,000 for DPW buildings and grounds overtime, \$60,000 got street and sidewalk overtime, \$50,000 for sewer enterprise infrastructure,

and \$61,000 for IT department projects.

Additional money is being proposed to pay expected deficits in outside legal services, unemployment costs, redistricting expenses in the City Clerk’s office, and solid waste disposal.

“The total amount of all of these requests is \$1,364,250,” stated Keefe. “The city has sufficient funding to cover all of these costs in our Certified Free Cash and Retained Earnings. Even after these expenditures, the remaining balances will be more than sufficient to cover both the Free Cash allocations in the FY24

CIP (\$11,438,458), the proposed FY24 budget (\$253,835) and any other additional FY23 deficits that may arise before the end of the fiscal year.”

The financial requests were moved to a second reading and will likely be voted on at the City Council’s next meeting.

In other positive financial news, Keefe informed the council that the Clark Avenue Middle School project fund had a surplus of \$2,958,991 and could be closed by the city.

“This notable surplus achievement is the result of the city and Chelsea School Department staff’s collaborative approach

with its contractors to pursue the highest standards for the building within a realistic and balanced approach,” stated Keefe.

Keefe requested that the council approve the transfer of the fund to the School Capital Stabilization Fund.

“The School Capital Stabilization Fund is a source of capital for school building improvements that the council may appropriate for a future school capital project,” according to Keefe.



CAPIC Head Start Director Dianne Curtin, Congresswoman Katherine Clark, and CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell.

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DESANTIS VS. DISNEY: THIS IS WHAT AN AUTOCRACY LOOKS LIKE

The ongoing battle that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has been waging against the Walt Disney Company not only demonstrates what a petty, vindictive, and mean-spirited little man he is, but also illustrates the danger that an autocratic ruler poses to our democracy.

The essence of the dispute, for those who may not be familiar with it, is this: The State of Florida granted special incentives to the Disney Company more than 50 years ago in order to entice Disney to turn what had been swampland in Central Florida into what has become a global behemoth, employing tens of thousands of Floridians and bringing literally billions of dollars into state coffers.

That Florida-Disney partnership was similar to what every state in the country has done over the past 60 years in order to encourage private development. Even Massachusetts, not exactly known as a business-friendly state, has had many programs that have provided tax breaks to private developers for large-scale projects.

In early 2022, former Disney CEO Bob Chapek took issue with a bill signed by DeSantis (the so-called Don't Say Gay law). Chapek did so in support of many of Disney's employees, who found the bill to be offensive.

In response, DeSantis simply could have said, "Disney is entitled to its opinion, but the voters and legislature agree with me," and that would have been the end of it. Instead, DeSantis has turned the disagreement into an all-out war on Disney, seeking to strip it of the special tax-status that has existed for almost six decades. He even went so far as to suggest that he would build a new state prison adjacent to Disney World.

There are two important things to note: First, DeSantis had been governor for four years (and an elected Florida official for more than a decade) and never once had suggested that the long standing Disney-Florida relationship should be changed. It was only when Disney expressed an opinion in opposition to his law that DeSantis took retaliatory action.

Second, similar partnerships exist with other corporate entities in Florida (most notably Universal Studios), yet DeSantis is not suggesting that those agreements be undone.

Ron DeSantis's war on Disney in an obvious attempt to show that he is just as much a "macho man" as Donald Trump in an effort to appeal to Trump's extreme voter base. But as we all know, men who constantly feel the need to prove their masculinity are incredibly insecure — and when these small-minded men are in positions of power, this makes them incredibly dangerous.

Ron DeSantis's actions against Disney have achieved the impossible — he makes Donald Trump look like a reasonable person. As DeSantis contemplates a run for president, his effort to silence the First Amendment rights of Disney and others serves as clear evidence of his unfitness to be President and a stark manifestation of the danger he would pose to our democracy.

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Mother's Day and your time

of course.

Mom helped me with my homework. She washed and ironed my clothes. She put breakfast on the table for me every morning. She had something for me to eat every day when I came home from school. She read to me when I was a child and took care of me when I was sick. During the summer we would carry water from our nearby creek to wash clothes. Typically, we caught rain water in large tubs to wash our clothes but summer months often brought dry weather. We had lunch together every day during the summer break. Usually, it was a homemade sandwich and sometimes a candy bar from Grandpa Hinkle's grocery store. I once wanted root beer and she said, "You won't like it." I debated that I would

but I didn't. I was stuck with the root beer.

She never hesitated to set me straight with a peach tree limb across my back side.

If she were alive today, I would try to make up for all the things I didn't do or didn't consider doing. I always had good intentions for all the things I might try to do for mom and dad but they slipped from this life before I had the opportunity.

Missed opportunities happen often to most of us. We have good intentions but often we don't have the ability to act on those intentions. I'm envious of those who are able to do a lot for their moms and dads and wish that I could have done more.

However, so often what we can do are the simplest things that mean so much. Today, I don't want my

family to do anything for me but call me or visit me occasionally. A hug and some shared times are the most meaningful to me. Some good quality time is actually the best gift we can give to mom, dad or anyone.

Our time is fleeting for us all. To be generous with a visit, conversation and sharing of life is probably the most precious gift we can give.

Mother's Day is coming. Set aside your best gift — your time.

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By Dr. Glenn Mollette

You may have lost your mother early in life or never really knew your mother. My two sons were only 17 and 20 when their mother passed at the age of 49 from multiple sclerosis. Mother's Day is a tough day for them and many others around the world. This day may be very difficult for you.

My mother has also passed on but I remember her as one of the hardest working persons I've ever known. On Sunday and often during the week she loved getting dressed up and going to church. One of the greatest enjoyments of her life was singing in a gospel quartet with my dad and another lovely couple.

Eula Hinkle Mollette was just the best mom ever. Yes, I'm prejudiced

School attendance on the uptick

By Adam Swift

Attendance rates in the Chelsea schools are up from last year, according to Deputy Superintendent of Schools Adam Deleidi.

"In April, every single grade with the exception of 10 and 11 improved their attendance rate from March to April," Deleidi said at last week's regular meeting of the School Committee.

Deleidi said the dips in attendance for grades 10 and 11 were not that far off from the March attendance rates.

"As far as the year to date totals, every grade between 5 and 12 are on pace to improve their attendance as compared to the total last year," said Deleidi.

There has also been an improvement in the district's dropout rate compared to last year, he said.

At this point last year, the dropout rate was 6.06 percent, while this year, it currently sits at 5.22 percent.

The dropout rate for non-English Language Learners at this point last year was 3.99 percent, compared to 2.75 percent

so far this year. The dropout rate for ELL students at this point last year was 16 percent, compared to 10 percent this year.

"While that 10 percent is way higher than we want it to be, it is still six points lower than it was last year," said Deleidi.

The update on failing grades over the past quarter wasn't quite as encouraging.

"We are holding steady to where we were the last time we did this at the end of quarter two," said Deleidi. "I know we weren't happy to hear this data, and we're still not but, but we are right around the same ballpark."

In ninth grade, just over 47 percent of 531 students were failing at least one class, while in tenth grade, the rate was just over 38 percent.

"Part of that has to do with the move towards increasing rigor, and as we increase rigor, we have to make sure we increase the supports that go along with that," said Deleidi.

In other business, the School Committee recognized Principal Appreciation Day.

"I just don't think our principals get enough recognition, because they work so hard, and I know how hard it is to be a principal, I have been in their shoes," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta. "I just remember feeling the weight of the world on my shoulders all the time. I know how hard this work is, and the research shows us that the principal is the second key

linchpin to improving instruction in the building.

"The first is the actual teacher in the classroom; the responsibility that our principals have to improve instruction is huge."

Abeyta also took a moment to recognize School Committee member Jeanette Velez for her recent graduation from college.

"You inspire all of us, and thank you for being a role model," said Abeyta.

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CHELSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS KENTUCKY DERBY HAT DAY

The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce held a Kentucky Derby Hat Party May 4 at the Chelsea Station Restaurant.

The guests enjoyed food, Mint Juleps, and conversation leading up to the television broadcast of the “Run For The Roses” from Churchill Downs in Louisville.



Jennifer Hassell, Renee Caso, Arthur Arsenault, and Kelina Orlando.



Enjoying the Chamber of Commerce Kentucky Derby Hat Party are, from left, DeAnna Griffin, Kelina Orlando, Renee Caso, Donna Selock, Beth McDougal, and Jennifer Hassell.



Antonio Nieves, Marisol Nieves, Jennifer Hassell, and former CHS sports great John Hassell.




Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell welcomes Arthur Arsenault and Sheila Arsenault to the Kentucky Derby Hat Day Party.



Taylor Showell and Tasha Adeyemi of Breaktime, a non-profit organization that supports youth experiencing homelessness.



CCC Administrative Assistant Carolina Bonilla and CCC Executive Director Jennifer Hassell.



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SENATOR DIDOMENICO HOSTS FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS COALITION AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AT STATE HOUSE

Last week, Senator DiDomenico joined the Feeding Our Neighbors Coalition for a legislative briefing in support of his bill to provide basic needs assistance for Massachusetts immigrant residents (S.76/H.135). The event highlighted the need for DiDomenico’s legislation and funding in the budget to restore basic food and cash assistance benefits for legally present immigrants, and included remarks from Senator

DiDomenico, Representatives Judith Garcia and Tony Cabral, medical professionals, and community leaders, such as Gladys Vega of La Colaborativa, that work with immigrant families. Thousands of immigrants remain ineligible for federal SNAP and cash assistance benefits due to harsh eligibility restrictions put in effect since 1996. Massachusetts has provided state-funded nutrition and cash assistance

benefits in the past, from 1997 to 2002 when the Legislature unanimously voted to provide key benefits. “While the prices of food and housing are rising, thousands of Massachusetts residents are being denied vital food and cash assistance benefits because of unreasonable and cruel eligibility restrictions,” said State Senator Sal DiDomenico. “Government can and should do everything

it can to ensure its residents have basic living standards, and this is an easy step to take to protect countless people who are suffering in my district and across our state. I want to thank the Feeding Our Neighbors Coalition for their work on this issue and I will continue to partner with these organizations and my colleagues to get this unjust policy fixed.”



Senator Sal DiDomenico (back row, fourth from right) hosting coalition advocates and in his office after the briefing.

Mass. April revenue collections total \$4.782 billion

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that preliminary revenue collections for April totaled \$4.782 billion, \$2.163 billion or 31.2% less than actual collections in April 2022, and \$1.435 billion or 23.1% below benchmark. April 2023

revenue collections were impacted by the elective pass-through entity (PTE) excise. After adjusting for DOR’s estimate of the net impact of PTE excis April 2023 collections are \$1.447 billion or 20.2% below actual collections in April 2022, and \$915 million or 13.8% less than benchmark.

FY2023 year-to-date collections through April totaled approximately \$32.317 billion, which is \$2.174 billion or 6.3% less than collections in the same period of FY2022, and \$1.171 billion or 3.5% below the updated year-to-date benchmark. After adjusting for DOR’s estimate of the net impact

of PTE excise, FY2023 year-to-date collections are \$406 million or 1.2% below actual collections in the same period of FY2022, and \$841 million or 2.5% less than the updated year-to-date benchmark. “The decrease in April

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News in Brief

AFFORDABLE HEALTH SCREENINGS COMING TO REVERE

Residents living in and around Revere can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Casa Lucia at Joseph L Mottola Post 4524 will host this community event on June 19, 2023. The site is located at 61 Lucia Ave. in Revere.

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- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
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- Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available. Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com Pre-registration is required.

COMMUNITY VIGIL WILL BE HELD MAY 12 FOR MARGARITA MOREHEAD

Our community mourns the loss of Margarita Morehead, a resident who died from alleged domestic violence homicide last Monday, May 8.

A community vigil will be held this Friday, May 12 at 10AM at Chelsea City Hall to honor the life of Margarita and raise awareness about the lethality of domestic violence. Please refer to www.harborcov.org for more information about the vigil.

A call to HarborCOV’s hotline can be a first step toward safety. To receive confidential help, call 617-884-9909.

Nuestra comunidad lamenta la pérdida de Margarita Morehead, una residente que murió por presunto homicidio por violencia doméstica el pasado lunes 8 de mayo.

Una vigilia comunitaria se llevará a cabo este viernes 12 de mayo a las 10 am en el City Hall de Chelsea para honrar la vida de Margarita y crear conciencia sobre la letalidad de la violencia doméstica. Consulte www.harborcov.org para obtener más información sobre la vigilia.

Una llamada a la línea directa de HarborCOV puede ser un primer paso hacia la seguridad. Para recibir ayuda confidencial, llame al 617-884-9909.

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Sports

CHELSEA RED DEVILS IN SOFTBALL ACTION AGAINST REVERE

The Chelsea High School softball team fell to Revere High in a Greater Boston League game Monday at Griswold Park in Revere.

ROBERT MARRA PHOTOS



Hazel Martinez makes contact for a Chelsea hit.



Catcher Ariel Rodriguez reaches for a pitch in the dirt.



Pitcher Ada Figueroa begins her windup.



Something the umpire said brought a smile to the face of Chelsea shortstop Yareliz Gonzalez Falcon.



Left fielder Hellen Turcios Funez throws the ball to the infield.



Third base player Monica Cespedes Cruz tags out Revere's Jordan Martelli after fielding a ground ball.

CHS ROUNDUP

WARSAME WINS FOUR EVENTS IN MALDEN MEET

Chelsea High track and field standout Ali Warsame continued to stake his claim as the top performer in the Greater Boston League (GBL) this season with a dominating four-victory performance in last week's meet with GBL rival Malden.

Ali went a perfect 4-for-4 with wins in the long jump with a flight of 20'-2.5", the triple jump with

a final landing of 42'-0.5", the 100 dash with a sprint of 10.9, and the 200 dash with a clocking of 23.6.

Teammate Alexander Cano turned in a strong meet, scoring a total of 10 points, with a trio of second-place finishes in the long jump (18'-7"), the 400 hurdles (1:07.9), and the 110 hurdles (20.0) and a third in the javelin (83'-4).

Other first-place winners for Chelsea were: -- Theodore Joseph-Seale, who won the

shot-put with a throw of 38'-8.25". Theodore also took a third in the discus with a spin of 100'-1";

-- Nathaniel Nadow, who won the 800 with a clocking of 2:07.9, a time that was almost nine seconds faster than his Malden counterparts; and

-- Jose Amaya, who outran the field in the two-mile run with a clocking of 12:17.5.

Red Devils who scored

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CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS “MAMMA MIA!”

Photos by Devon Chhoeun

The Chelsea High School Drama Club and the Performing Arts Department recently put on

a weekend of shows of the hit musical, “Mamma Mia!” Students performed three shows in the Chelsea High Auditorium on May 4, 5 and 6.



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three points with second-place finishes were: Kyle Leong in the triple jump (33’-7.5”); Jose Olivar in the 200 dash (25.2); and Jose Hernandez in the two-mile (12:17.7).

Adding single points with third-place efforts were: Ariel Aracena in the shot-put (35’-9”) and Austin Freeman in the 400 dash (57.6).

Coach Cesar Hernandez and his crew are scheduled to take on GBL rival Medford next Thursday.

CHELSEA GIRLS SHINE IN MEET WITH MALDEN

Although the Chelsea High girls outdoor track and field team came up on the short end of an 81-54 decision to Malden last week, a number of Lady Red Devils turned in strong performances.

The Chelsea shot-put trio of Dhalia Christmas, Kiara Ramirez, and Lamari Davis swept away their Lady Golden Tornado counterparts to take all nine points. Dhalia led the way with a throw of 29’-2”, followed by Kiara with a toss of 28’-8.75” and Lamari with her throw of 28’-5.75”.

Christmas made it a personal double-victory by winning the discus with a spin of 72’-10”, with Ramirez tying for second in the disc with a toss of 72’-6”.

Chelsea also swept the javelin behind the trio of Anais Artica (68’-1”), Lauren Nadow (58’-8”), and Angely Mejia (54’-2”).

Altogether, the CHS throwing team garnered 25 of the 27 possible points in the three events.

Giselle Olivar scored eight points for Chelsea with a victory in the 110 high hurdles in a time of 18.1 and a second place finish in the 400 hurdles in a clocking of 1:24.8.

Emily Singh grabbed first place in the 400 dash with a time of 1:16.4, which was nine seconds faster than her Malden opponent.

Marcaylla Louis Jean tallied seven points with second-place finishes in the long jump (14’-3.75”) and the triple jump (28’-7”) and a third in the 100 dash (14.6).

Earning three points for the Chelsea cause with second-place finishes were Keiri Hernandez in the 200 dash (31.1) Rosalinda Rojas in the 800 (2:55.1).

Adding single points to the CHS scoresheet with third-place efforts were: Hernandez in the long jump (14’-0”); Nadow in the 110 hurdles (20.2); and Isabela DeMatos in the 200 dash (32.5).

The Lady Red Devils will complete their GBL dual meet season next Thursday at Medford.

Michael Alexander Mongiello

Full of life and joy, he was a generous friend to everyone he met

Michael Alexander Mongiello was an incredibly dynamic and beautiful person - full of life and joy, a generous friend to everyone he met. Michael also known as Aldo by many from his birth name Everaldo X Aguilar.

Michael lived to live, he seized each moment and enjoyed it to the maximum. In good or bad times, he found joy, the most precious time for him was with family, friends, coworkers, his husband, John and his chihuahua, Miguelito. Five years clear of cancer, it came back to call him home to eternal life, with little pain or suffering.

Born in Honduras, he came to the United States at the age of 14 to be with his mother. With no English and only dreams, he moved forward. Later, he graduated from Chelsea High School and went on to Bunker Hill Community College to study English and Computer Programming. In High School he was a peer counselor, helping younger students and those from troubled backgrounds.

He began working for Marriott in Cheers and other restaurants at Boston Logan International Airport. It is here that he met his husband, John and immediately the two were inseparable. At a time when marriage was not an option for same sex couples, the two were clear that they would spend the rest of their lives together. Aldo and John were known around Boston and Logan Airport for being an amazing couple, dedicated to each other, out on the town every night enjoying every moment together and with their friends.

In the airport restaurants, Michael became manager for multiple Dunkin’ Donuts. Next, Michael worked for The Boston Copley Plaza Hotel as a waiter, where he was named Employee of The Year. He later moved to customer service at Delta Airlines at Boston Logan International Airport, then on to Inflight Services, later International Customer Service in Atlanta Airport and most recently customer service in Maimi International Airport. He took tremendous pride in providing premium service to every passenger. He enjoyed the companionship of working through a shift with his co-workers, good or bad weather, he still managed to deliver a warm smile.

Though serious, professional and confident at work, Michael was laid back and outgoing in his personal life. His most joyous times were when he was with his or John’s family. He loved his nine brothers and sisters tremendously, his 34 nieces and nephews and 27 great nieces and nephews – many aunts and uncles. He knew each of them by name, whether he saw each of them regularly or not, he always checked in with family to inquire how everyone was.

Outside of work, you could find Michael traveling to visit family in Honduras and Miami. A fully stamped passport from



Europe, to Israel, to Costa Rica. He loved traveling, fashion, fine dining, clubs, casino, country club, pool parties, BBQ or anywhere he could be enjoying his family and friends. A good glass of wine and some fine Italian, Latin American or gourmet cuisine!

But, the best times of all, he was at home in Boston with his husband of 31 years, John and Miguelito, their seven year old chihuahua and their many great neighbors.

He never looked back, he never forgot where he came from, he never judged anyone, he had a deep belief in God and lived his Christian faith with action, well rooted in what was important in life!

At only 49 years on this earth, he returned to the next life. For all those that know Michael, his life and joy will always be present with them!

He is loved and survived by: John A Mongiello Jr (Husband), Regina Cruz (Mother), Juan Fransisco Aguilar Alonzo (Father – Deceased), Andrea Mongiello (Mother-In-Law), John A Mongiello (Father-in-Law), Juan Aguilar (Brother), Hugo Aguilar (Brother), Suyapa Cruz (Sister - Deceased), Manuel (Brother) and Elena (In-law) Aguilar - (Nephews) Erick, Jennifer, Jefry, Hellen, Marylin, Mildred (Sister) Aguilar and Orlando (In-law) Sierra - (Nephews) Stefany, Isacc, Nicole, Maribel Aguilar (Sister) - (Nieces) Karol, Katia, Fabiola, Juan Ramon (Brother) and Rosa (In-law) Aguilar - (Nephews) Juan Ramon Jr., Rosa Andrea, Jonathan, Andres, Dora, Wilmer Aguilar (Brother) and Balbina (In-law) Machado - (Nephews) Fanny (Deceased), Wilmer Jr., Josef, Darwin (Brother) and Suyapa (In-law) Aguilar - (Nephews) Darwin Jr., Allan, Alexander, Reyna, Sarahi, Abraham, Angel, Juan Carlos (Brother) and Marlene (In-law) Aguilar - (Nephews) Bryan, Briana, Juan Francisco, Dayasi, Kenneth, Dangelo Jean Carlos, Dania (Sister) and Silvio (In-law) Sanchez – (Nephew) Juan Carlos Jr. Sanchez, Alex (Brother) Pagoaga, Steven (In-law) and Angela (In-law) Riehl - (Nieces) Mary Kate, Emily, Racheal and many great nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends attended Michael’s visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, Chelsea, on Monday, May 8 followed by a Holy Eucharist Service at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Chelsea on Tuesday. Interment will take place on May 18 at Funerales del Recuerdo in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.



Alice Conlon

Her gentle demeanor and charitable nature will be greatly missed by all who knew her



Alice P. (Kelly) Conlon, 88, of Tewksbury, formerly of Chelsea and Boca Raton, Florida, died at her home on April 27th. She was surrounded by her loving family as she passed away with grace and peace.

The daughter of the late Marcella (Wangrocka) and Edward Kelly, Alice was born and raised in Chelsea, the community in which she and her late husband Joseph V. “Joe” Conlon chose to live and raise their six children on Eleanor Street. She was an active member of Saint Rose Parish and could often be found volunteering there in a variety of capacities. She was an avid supporter of all the activities her children were involved in, from dance to scouts, little league to hockey. She was her children’s biggest fan and most passionate cheerleader. Alice was a woman of great faith and a weekly communicant at Saint Michael’s Chapel. Alice’s gentle demeanor and charitable nature will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Alice attended Saint Rose Elementary and High School after which she went to work at Chelsea City Hall. She left City Hall to raise her family, only to return with stints at the City’s Public Library and Water Department. After retiring from the city, Alice worked for a time as a real estate sales associate for Century 21 in Everett, eventually opting to join Joe in full retirement. Alice and Joe enjoyed splitting their time between their Massachusetts and Florida residences.

Alice was predeceased by her husband Joe, the love of her life and best friend of 62 years. She was the loving and devoted mother and mother-in-law of Patricia Cooper and her husband, the late Dennis Cooper, Mary Leverone and her husband, Andrew, Janet “J.” Conlon and her wife, Nancy Azar, Kathleen Ruggieri and her husband, John, Joe Conlon and his wife, Tracy and Bill Conlon and his wife, Christine. She

was the cherished Nana of Joshua Richard and his wife, Marisa, Alissandra, Jillian, Brian and Jack Conlon, Joseph Leverone and his wife, Jenna, Daniel Leverone, Samantha Leverone and Nicholas Leverone and his wife, Elisa. She was the adored Nana Alice to Matthew, J.J., Antonio and Owen Leverone.

She was also predeceased by her loving brother, Edward J. Kelly and his wife, Anne (Costello) Kelly and brother-in-law Daniel J. Farren. She is survived by her close friend and sister-in-law Mary (Conlon) Farren, her nieces and nephews: Anne Kelly Byerly, Ed Kelly, Joan Kelly McNeill, Mary Ann Farren Tobin, Dan Farren, Kevin Farren and their families. In addition, Alice is also survived by her dear cousins: Walter Kelly, Barbara Castle, Mary Massinger, Regina Targee-Ribeiro, Fredericka Noble, Janice Dullea, and Fred Targee, as well as by many treasured friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea today, Thursday, May 11 at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Michael the Archangel Chapel at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, 91 Crest Avenue, Chelsea with interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Donations in Alice’s memory can be made to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, c/o the Oblate Residence, 486 Chandler Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

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



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How to save water with a natural lawn

By Valerie Smith

Conserving water has become a major concern with residential and commercial sites alike. From indoor application to landscape and irrigation outdoors, water conservation has been a goal for many builders and homeowners—and a lot of natural turfgrass is being wrongly accused of excessive water usage.

Although synthetic turf is a rising trend for its environmental benefits, it is quite possible to grow natural grass while still conserving plenty of water. Many irrigation techniques have been made available through modern technology for using less water on plants...even during droughts.

Discover a few simple tips for saving water on lawns and how to get the most out of your water and save money on your water bill.

1. Refrain From Overwatering

One of the ultimate ways to save a ton of water is to simply stop overwatering your lawn. This is a common mistake many homeowners make as it's incredibly easy to water too frequently or for too long. After all, the amount of time spent watering your lawn depends on many factors that differ for each household. For example, irrigation systems deliver different amounts of water, and various soil profiles have different water-holding capacities.

There's also the misconception that more water is better while too much water can drown or damage your lawn and encourage disease outbreaks. Many overwater their lawns out of habit by following a regular schedule without taking any weather into consideration.

The majority of turfgrass only needs about 1-inch of water per week including rainfall. If the weather forecast states it'll be raining later in the week or if it's already rained, go ahead and turn those irrigation systems off.

2. Audit Your Irrigation System

A great way to save water is to audit your irrigation system. This will provide homeowners with information on how much water each zone of a lawn is receiving from each irrigation head so that adjustments like moving a sprinkler head or shortening the amount of time irrigation systems run can be made.

To perform an irrigation audit, use a few measuring cups or beakers and place them in various locations around the lawn to see how much water is being delivered to each area within a set amount of time.

3. Install Drought Tolerant Turfgrass

Selecting the proper turfgrass for your climate is essential for conserving water. Lawns that are tolerant of heat and drought will be less likely to require more irrigation during these warm, dry periods.

Depending on the type of grass, it may be possible to even let the lawn naturally go dormant during extreme dry spells to avoid overwatering. EMPIRE® Zoysia, for example, is a type of zoysia grass that will turn brown during periods of drought faster than a St. Augustine lawn will, but when EMPIRE turns brown, it's entering a state of dormancy as a defense mechanism to conserve nutrients. When regular irrigation resumes, EMPIRE will come out of its dormancy state and return to its lush, green color. On the other hand, when St. Augustine turns brown, it's dying.

Drought-tolerant lawns are incredibly resilient and will bounce back as soon as cooler temperatures and regular irrigation return.

Drought Resistance vs. Drought Tolerance

"Drought tolerant" and "drought resistant" are terms used to describe different characteristics of turfgrass in relation to their ability to withstand periods of limited water availability, such as during drought conditions. While these terms are sometimes used interchangeably, they have slight differences in their meanings.

- Drought Tolerant: Drought tolerant

turfgrass refers to grass species or varieties that can withstand or tolerate drought conditions without showing significant signs of stress or damage.

Drought-tolerant grasses can survive with reduced water availability by going into a state of dormancy or slowing down their growth during periods of drought, and then recovering when water becomes available again.

- Drought Resistant: Drought-resistant turfgrass, on the other hand, refers to grass species or varieties that are resistant to drought stress. Instead of simply tolerating periods of drought, drought-resistant turfgrasses have genetic traits that allow them to use water more efficiently, such as reduced water loss through transpiration, or more effective water uptake through their root systems. In turn, this keeps them from entering stages of drought stress.

It's important to note that even drought-tolerant or drought-resistant turfgrasses still require some water to thrive, and proper lawn management practices, including appropriate irrigation, soil preparation, and maintenance are still important for promoting healthy turfgrass growth—even during drought conditions. Here are a few turfgrass varieties that work well in drought conditions:

1. Bahia
2. Celebration Bermudagrass
3. Latitude 36 Bermudagrass
4. NorthBridge Bermudagrass
5. TifTuf Bermudagrass
6. Tahoma 31 Bermudagrass
7. Common Buffalo
8. EMPIRE Zoysia
9. Geo Zoysia
10. CitraZoy Zoysia
11. Innovation Zoysia
12. CitraBlue St. Augustine
13. Palmetto St. Augustine
14. Common Centipede
15. Seashore Paspalum

4. Follow Proper Lawn Care Practices

The best way to conserve water is to always

maintain a healthy lawn. Most lawns require only 1-inch of water per week, either from irrigation or from rainfall. Deep, infrequent watering will encourage healthy growth as well as assist in avoiding water wastage. Avoid irrigating when the Sun is at its peak, but instead water in the early morning hours. Always watch for stress in your yard and reduce irrigation as needed if overwatering becomes an issue.

Spring Tips to Reduce Water Usage

In the spring, it's important to water more frequently but with less volume as this will establish more roots after cold winter temperatures and before transitioning to the hottest time of the year.

Summer Tips to Reduce Water Usage

On the other hand, water less frequently and increase the volume a little bit to build deeper roots. Deeper roots going into the fall season encourage the turfgrass to have a better cold tolerance and hold more nutrients.

Fall Tips to Reduce Water Usage

Water the lawn less as temperatures begin to drop. If the grass is watered too much, it could lead to disease during this time. Lawns generally only need about 1-inch of water weekly including rainfall. It's best to water a little less than this during the fall months, though.

Fall is one of the most opportune times of the year for fungus to start appearing. This becomes even more likely if lawns are overwatered or covered with fall leaves on the ground that create areas of shade.

Regardless of disease outbreaks, it's best to water your lawn to prevent drought stress while the grass is actively growing.

Winter Tips to Reduce Water Usage

Lawns are living organisms that require water, but they don't need nearly as much during the winter as they do during other times of the year. However, lawns in areas that experience dry winters should be watered enough so that the soil receives



There are a few simple tips for saving water on lawns and how to get the most out of your water and save money on your water bill.

nourishment and keeps grass blades from drying out.

5. Irrigate in the Early Morning

Water the lawn in the early mornings—not evenings—as this reduces the chances of disease outbreaks. Fungus tends to grow in areas that are warm, dark and moist, so when the lawn is watered in the evening, there isn't a lot of sunlight to keep disease at bay.

6. Have a Regular Irrigation Schedule—But Only When the Lawn Needs It

It's important to provide turfgrass with the water it needs. It's good to follow a regular schedule to keep the lawn hydrated without forgetting, but watering the lawn when it doesn't need additional irrigation is a waste of water and money. Lawns should only need 1-inch of water per week. Perform an irrigation audit to determine how much water your lawn needs.

A regular watering schedule also decreases the chances of chinch bug outbreaks. There is evidence to suggest that irregular lawn irrigation schedules may contribute to chinch bug outbreaks, although it is not the sole factor.

Chinch bugs are small insects that can infest lawns and cause damage by feeding on grass blades and stems, which can result in yellowing, thinning, and wilting of the turfgrass. Chinch bugs thrive in dry, stressed lawns, and their populations can increase rapidly under favorable conditions.

7. Adjust the Irrigation System

Making a habit of reg-

ularly checking the irrigation system to ensure proper functioning will save the lawn from being overwatered as well as add additional charges to the water bill. Things to check for include:

- Leaks
- Broken Irrigation Heads
- Misaligned Irrigation Heads
- Proper Spacing
- Placement
- Operation pressure

8. Use Modern Technology

The result of incorrect irrigation techniques often causes concern about water usage in lawns. Overwatering lawns is a common issue that not only wastes our natural resources but also leads to unhealthy turfgrass. Fortunately, numerous modern devices are available for homeowners to monitor their lawn's moisture intake and set appropriate irrigation schedules.

Among the many tools to consider installing are rain-shut-off devices and smart irrigation systems. These simple yet effective devices will detect moisture in the soil and prevent your irrigation system from overwatering your lawn. Choosing a smart irrigation system over traditional water practices will save you time, money and an abundance of water.

9. Level the Lawn

Leveling the lawn so there aren't any pockets of standing water or puddles that accumulate in low-lying areas is easy and reduces the amount of water you need to use when irrigating the lawn. Areas in the yard that might have an incline likely don't

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TIER CLASSIFICATION

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A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. To evaluate the release, a Phase I Initial Site Investigation was performed pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0480. The site has been classified as TIER II pursuant to 310 CMR 40.0500. On May 2, 2023, La Colaborativa, Inc. filed a TIER II Classification Submittal with the Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). To obtain more information on this disposal site, please contact Ms. Dinanyili Paulino of La Colaborativa, Inc., 318 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150, (508) 932-8112. The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-37477 at <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#!/search/wastesite> or at MassDEP Northeast Regional Office, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801, (978) 694-3200.

Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.

5/11/23

LEGAL NOTICE



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

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2023-12

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 Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. 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 combined 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

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HOUSING COURT LITIGATION AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES

The Chelsea Housing Authority (the CHA) is issuing this Request for Proposals ("RFP") for legal services from law firms to represent the CHA in litigation. These legal services will include, but not limited to cases brought in housing court and or other courts for summary process, evictions, procurements, reasonable accommodations, advisory opinions and grievances. The RFP may be obtained beginning Monday, May 8, 2023, by contacting Arnaldo Velazquez, Deputy Director at avelazquez@chelsea.org

chelseaha.com. All Proposals submitted in response to this RFP must be received by the CHA on or before 11:00am, Thursday, May 25, 2023, and must comply with the requirements of the RFP. No Inquiries received within three (3) business days of the date fixed for opening of the proposals will be given consideration. Proposers are requested to submit their proposals for services to be rendered NO LATER THAN 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 25, 2023 TO: Arnaldo Velazquez, Deputy Director, + HOUSING COURT LITIGATION AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES RFP Chelsea Housing Authority 54 Locke Street Chelsea, MA 02150 5/11/23

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING DOCKET NUMBER: SU19D2514DR Maria Mazariegos Lopez

Plaintiff VS. Luis Tizol Chavez Defendant To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. As Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Maritza Karmely, Esq. Clinical Professor Suffolk University Law School, 120 Tremont Street Boston, MA 02108, your answer, if any, on or before 06/22/2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court at 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 13, 2023 Vincent Procopio Register of Probate 5/11/23

LEGAL NOTICE

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Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU22P0283PM Estate of: Rosa Venson A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Eastpointe Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 05/18/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and

objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 18, 2023 Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate 5/11/23

LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Taxicab Fare Rates Increase Proposal Chelsea Licensing Commission, May 11, 2023 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA, for the public to comment on the Proposal of Taxicab Fare Rate increase throughout Chelsea. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION 5/4/23, 5/11/23

LEGAL NOTICE



LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING In accordance with MGL Ch. 40A, Section 5, the Chelsea City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 22 at 6:00 PM, Chelsea City Council Chambers, Third Floor, 500 Broadway, to discuss a proposed amendment to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance Section 34-111 Community Improvement Trust Fund by deleting the section and renumbering Section 34-112 Waterfront Improvement Trust Fund as Section 34-111, and Section 34-112 through 34-133 be reserved. A copy of the proposed amendment is available for inspection in the City Clerk's office, Chelsea City Hall, Chelsea, MA; during City Hall business hours. Leo Robinson City Council President 5/4/23, 5/11/23

FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES
OF ARNOLD JARMAK



Former Chelsea Record photographer Arnie Jarmak chronicled all aspects of life in Chelsea during his 12 years at the Record from 1978-89. This superb Jarmak photo captures First Communion at St. Rose parish in 1979 (as the children descended the front steps) and appeared on the front page of the Record. The month of May traditionally is the time for First Communion for the Catholic Church and in the 1950s, '60s, and '70s, hundreds of Chelsea second-graders, adorned in white dresses for the girls and white suits for the boys, received their First Communion at the city's Catholic parishes of Our Lady of Grace, St. Stanislaus, St. Rose, and Our Lady of the Assumption.

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absorb as much water as they should while the lower areas probably receive too much water.

Puddles of standing water not only drown the lawn, but also opens opportunities for disease outbreaks, which is just additional stress on a waterlogged lawn. Standing water also tends to serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Leveling the lawn can be as simple as buying extra soil to level out pockets of lower-lying areas. Regular aeration is also important for improving drainage and reducing water runoff.

10. Collect Rainwater

Using a rain barrel to collect rainwater is an

excellent method for conserving water for lawns and putting it to good use. Simply collect the rainwater from your house gutters and pump the water out when you're ready to irrigate your yard. Depending on the type of irrigation system you have, you may even be able to connect your rain barrel to the system for easy irrigation.

11. Apply Mulch

Mulching your turfgrass in the spring or fall is incredibly effective for conserving water. The simple application of mulch will protect the plants from drying up and prolong the soil's moisture level. Additionally, the lawn's soil will soak the irrigation and

rainwater more efficiently.

12. Leave Grass Clippings on the Lawn

Like mulching, leaving grass clippings on your lawn will encourage moisture retention in the soil. Furthermore, grass clippings act as a compost that provides beneficial nutrients as they decompose into the ground. Be sure to follow a proper mowing schedule to avoid stressing your lawn and smothering it with too many grass clippings.

Water usage should not be an issue in turfgrass if proper irrigation methods are used. By following these simple techniques, you can conserve water while still maintaining a healthy, vibrant lawn.

Want to learn more about achieving a great lawn? Check out more Sod University tips here and subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

Sod Solutions has helped successfully develop and release to the market over 20 different turfgrass varieties over the past 27 years including Palmetto and CitraBlue St. Augustine, EMPIRE CitraZoy and Innovation Zoysia and Celebration Latitude 36 and North Bridge Bermudagrass. The company is based in the Charleston, SC area.

This article was written by Sod Solutions Content Strategist, Valerie Smith.

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