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CHELSEA BLACK COMMUNITY HOLDS JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



From left, District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor, Joe Mullaney, Darren Cromwell, CBC President Joan Cromwell, John Martin, Larry Elgart, and David Rudolph. See more photos on Page 6.



From left, Yahya Noor, owner of Tawakal Restaurant, CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, Londyn Elgart, Chelsea Schools Equity, Diversity, and Excellence Officer Dr. Aaron T. Jennings, and Chelsea Community Connections Director Cara Cogliano.



Pictured at the Juneteenth Welcoming Table at Washington Park in Prattville are (seated) twin sisters, Keda Williams and Shara Williams. Standing are James Robinson, Reia Briggs-Connor, and City Councilor Calvin T. Brown.

City addressing concerns about potential removal of trees along Broadway

By Adam Swift

Local environmental justice non-profit GreenRoots has raised concerns about the potential removal of mature, large-growth trees as part of the upcoming Upper Broadway reconstruction project.

“We have received several calls, emails, and Facebook messages from residents who are concerned with the removal of trees and are opposed to taking them down,” stated GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni in an email. “We know the City of Chelsea is committed to increasing Chelsea’s tree canopy; yet this action to cut down several large growth trees goes against the principles we all are committed to. Replacing these trees, some of which are quite large, healthy and beautiful, to replace them with

small caliper trees will be a travesty.”

Chelsea Housing and Community Development Director Alex Train stated that since the project was first proposed in 2014, there have been a number of different project managers involved with the design.

“As a MassDOT funded and administered project, the surface improvements were designed in accordance with MassDOT design requirements, including bike lanes and turning lanes,” stated Train. “Along the corridor, this plan required widening portions of the roadway along one side of the street (the western edge of the corridor) where a number of trees were proposed for removal. Although this didn’t call for the removal of all trees, it did en-

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ZBA approves permit for 15-unit apartment building

By Adam Swift

The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a special permit and variances for a 15-unit, three-story apartment building at 69-71 Spencer Ave. at its meeting last week.

The building will have 15 parking spaces, and four of the units will be affordable, according to project attorney Anthony Rossi. Because the development will not have the 30 parking spaces required under the zoning ordinance, residents will not be able to take part in Chelsea’s sticker parking program. There will be one parking space set aside for each unit.

The developer will be knocking down an exist-

ing two-family building on the property to build the apartments. Rossi noted that the entire property is in a flood plain, and that the site was redesigned to address drainage issues.

Rossi said Zepaj Development also owns the adjacent parcel, which was also developed in a similar style.

“Mr. Zepaj owns the structure next to it, and tore down the structure next to it a few years back and built a brand new building which is also a large, multi-unit building,” said Rossi.

The owner of the single-family residence on the other side of the proposed apartment building

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MassDOT schedules Tobin Bridge work update meeting

By Adam Swift

MassDOT is hosting a public meeting to provide updates and receive public comments on the planned structural cleaning and painting, and the steel and concrete repairs on the Tobin Bridge on Wednesday, June 28.

The meeting will take place at the Williams School at 180 Walnut St. at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting comes as city officials and community organizations continue to raise concerns about lead paint chip contamination from the bridge and its clean up.

Last week, GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni sent an email to state Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver outlining concerns with the cleanup and outreach over the lead

paint on the Tobin Bridge.

In the email, Bongiovanni stated that there were concerns about the speed in getting the underlayment set up to help

contain lead paint chips from the bridge.

“We appreciate the work you and your team are putting forth to install a temporary underlay-

ment to catch falling paint chips,” she wrote. “We understand this underlayment needs to be engi-

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SUPT. OF SCHOOLS DR. ALMI ABETYA ATTENDS CHS REUNION COMMITTEE MEETING



Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta attended a Chelsea High School Reunion Committee meeting, thanking the members for donating the proceeds from the Aug. 19 reunion to scholarships for CHS students. Pictured at the meeting are, from left, Edythe Shuman, Dr. Almi Abeyta, and Committee Co-Chair Minna Karas Marino. Back row, from left, are Frank Henry, City Council President Leo Robinson, Committee Chair Herb Kupersmith, and Frank DePatto. Guests will also fete Kupersmith on his 84th birthday. Kupersmith graduated from Williams Junior High, where he led the basketball team to 27 consecutive victories. After graduating from Chelsea High in 1957, Kupersmith played basketball at Newton Junior College where he dazzled opponents with his playmaking and outside shooting skills.

DiDomenico’s legislation included in progressive Tax Relief bill

Special to the Record

Last Thursday, Senator DiDomenico and his Senate colleagues approved a \$590 million Tax Relief bill which delivers support to low- and middle-income earners and chips away at the headwinds that threaten Massachusetts’ competitiveness. Focusing on providing relief to residents across Massachusetts while upholding fiscal responsibility, the Senate’s tax relief package will provide relief to renters, seniors, and parents struggling with high early education costs while also increasing much-needed housing production. With the recent passage of the FY24 budget last month, the Commonwealth is

now poised to secure and strengthen its economic foundation to weather future uncertainty. This bill also includes language that DiDomenico has filed and pushed for in the areas of the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit.

“Our state is losing its competitive edge because many working families, older residents, and young people can’t afford to live here anymore and this tax relief package reflects our focus on fixing that,” said Senator DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. “I am pleased to share that some of my biggest priorities were included,

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Girl injured in parking lot crash

A 44-year-old Water-town man was ordered held on \$7,500 bail and ordered not to drive after allegedly striking and seriously injuring a 14-year-old girl with his car in a Beacham Street parking lot on Sunday.

Ceserino Borelli was charged in Chelsea District Court on Tuesday with the negligent operation of a motor vehicle, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon causing serious bodily injury, and speeding. Borelli is scheduled to return to court on July 19 for a pre-trial hearing.

Borelli is charged with driving his car at a high rate of speed Sunday evening and striking a 14-year-old girl in the parking lot of Rise Cannabis on Beacham Street.

Assistant Suffolk County District Attorney Amelia Singh said witnesses told Chelsea Police that Borelli’s vehicle flew over the fence bordering the parking lot before striking the girl. The victim was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital for treatment of severe injuries.

According to state police, Borelli was driving a 2020 Mercedes Benz at a high rate of speed through the Dunkin Donuts parking lot before going through the fence around the dispensary and crashing into two nearby vehicles, one of which was occupied. After the crash, police stated that Borelli got out of the car and walked toward the dispensary before lying down on the sidewalk.

The victim’s father told local television news channels that his daughter suffered significant injuries to her head, lungs, and heart.



Fire Chief Leonard Albanese, Public Health Director Flor Amaya, Police Chief Keith Houghton, and Emergency Management Director Steve Staffier took part in a press conference at City Hall on Thursday, June 8, to announce the city’s new Special Needs Registry.

City unveils Special Needs Registry

By Adam Swift

The City of Chelsea has created a voluntary special needs registry to identify residents who might need extra assistance during a major emergency, such as a mass evacuation, a public health emergency, or a health crisis or house fire.

The registry is for residents with disabilities, chronic conditions, and/or special healthcare needs who live at home. The registry is not for individuals in a care facility such as a hospital, nursing home, or assisted living facility.

Those who believe they may be eligible to register can visit www.chelseama.gov/special-needs, call (617) 466-4209 to speak with a city representative, or visit Chelsea City hall to fill out a registration form in person.

Chelsea Public Health Director Flor Amaya said the need for the registry became even more apparent during the Covid-19 crisis when the city had to rely on a number of lists from various sources that required a lot of time and people power to comb through.

“As we go a little bit beyond Covid, I also think of everyday emergencies, such as fires and extreme weather-related events,” said Amaya. “The city needs to be able to act quickly to be able to plan and be able to prepare, and that was the impetus for starting this special needs registry.”

The registry is available in six languages, including English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian/Creole, Arabic, and Somali.

“It is voluntary, and the information will be kept confidential,” said Amaya. Amaya said it is important for Chelsea residents who meet the criteria to sign up for the list.

“It is the only way we will be able to properly respond to your everyday emergencies, but also, that is what is going to help us better plan for care and respond in the future, especially as we consider large-scale events,” she said.

With the special needs registry, Fire Chief Leonard Albanese said it is only effective if the residents provide good information.

“The information you share will be confidential and it will only be used in emergencies,” said Albanese. “The most important part is, if we need to evacuate an area, we know all these special needs in advance, if we have a well-being check, we will have some additional information. In any type of emergency, we will be able to identify the special needs population and be able to provide services.”

Police Chief Keith Houghton said his department is often the first responder on emergency calls, and the more information the department has is invaluable.

“We would be able to target high-risk individuals who are homebound,” said Houghton. “The more information our officers have to bring the proper resources, medical, fire, the better off your loved one will be.”

Houghton noted that the Chelsea Police Department takes part in a number of trainings and special programs to assist people with both physical and mental health needs, including the HEART (High Risk Emergency Location Team), a collaborative effort with La Colaborativa.

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compass relatively mature trees.”

As a result, Train said the city put in place a plan of action to advance the revision of these plans with MassDOT, which is underway. He added that the city conducted site walks to inspect these trees with representatives from MassDOT a number of months ago to advance a preservation plan. “Subsequently, we asked our engineers to draw up revisions to the plan to preserve these mature trees that we can propose to MassDOT,” Train stated. “In essence, this would entail having the trees inside of curb extensions, where the curbing comes out and around the trees on this particular side of the street. These plans are currently being produced and we remain in discussion with MassDOT.”

Train said he and other city leaders take the preservation of trees seriously, given the myriad of benefits provided by urban trees. He said the city remains committed to identifying an approach, reaching consensus with MassDOT, and ensuring it is communicated broadly.

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was contacted and wrote a letter in favor of the project, according to Rossi.

“This project consists of 11 one-bedroom and two four-bedroom units,” said Rossi. “By right, it would have been a 12-unit project, but with only two affordable units.”

The developer worked with the city and the planning department to offer a project with 15 units, with four of those units being affordable, Rossi said.

Both the Planning Board and the Planning Department recommended approval of the project with some conditions, including not allowing rental leases of less than 12 months, and not allowing residents to take part in the resident parking program.

“They are providing more affordable housing than required under the ordinance, and it does not substantially deviate from the intent of the zoning,” said Planning Director John DePriest.

Chelsea Summer Food Service Breakfast & Lunch Program

Enrolled Sites and Camps

The Chelsea Public Schools is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all eligible children free of charge. (To be eligible to receive free meals at a residential or non-residential camp, children must meet the income guidelines for reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program. The income guidelines for reduced-price meals by family size are listed on the next page.) Children who are part of households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly foods stamps) benefits, or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) are automatically eligible to receive free meals.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the Program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

Salvation Army	258 Chestnut St	July 5 – August 18	8:00- 8:45 Breakfast
Closed to the Public			12:00- 12:30 Lunch

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Income Eligibility Guidelines

These are the income scales used by the United States Department of Agriculture to determine eligibility for reimbursement in the Summer Food Service Program

Effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

# of Household Members	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	23,606	1,968	454
2	31,894	2,658	614
3	40,182	3,349	773
4	48,470	4,040	933
5	56,758	4,730	1,092
6	65,046	5,421	1,251
7	73,334	6,112	1,411
8	81,622	6,802	1,570
For Each Additional person, ADD	+8,288	+691	+160

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neered, but ... this under-
layment has been installed
in the past; and therefore,
engineering should not
take three months. These
efforts need to be expedited
as rapidly as possible.

“Chelsea families are at increased risk each and every day those paint chips are falling into backyards, on sidewalks and streets and other places where our residents interact.”

Bongiovanni also requested that GreenRoots be included on all weekly updates from MassDOT and the highway department on the bridge clean up and reconstruction.

“We remain deeply offended and concerned that GreenRoots was the organization that sounded the alarm on the concerns related to lead paint chips falling from the bridge, but we have been excluded from all direct communication from MA DOT on weekly updates, recent soil testing and findings, immediate and long term plans to resolve concerns and scheduling public meetings, deleading and structural repairs,” Bongiovanni state. “The only updates we have received were in response to our formal letters and as a result of our prodding for a response.”

She also stated that a number of other Chelsea community organizations need to be regularly updated as part of the process.

In addition, Bogiovanni also stated that there needed to be greater language access, and that all information and updates communicated in English need to be relayed in a multilingual format. She also stated that there needs to be increased soil testing and blood lead level testing for Chelsea residents and children, although she noted that the state’s Department of Public Health may need to be involved in the testing.

Bongiovanni stated that the current state administration has been more responsive that the previous administration when it comes to dealing with environmental issues in Chelsea, but that GreenRoots and other community organizations continue to be dismayed that it has been three months since they first alerted the MassDOT to the issues, and that Chelsea residents continue to be impacted daily with no immediate solution aside from piecemeal paint chip clean-up

“We, in conjunction with the Conservation Law Foundation, GreenRoots, and other partners, have submitted a follow-up letter and recently received a response,” said Chelsea Housing and Economic Development Director Alex Train on Wednesday. “However, we are still in dialogue with MassDOT relative to mitigation as well as some of the public health measures that we requested in that letter, including maintaining and providing ongoing care for our youth that may have elevated blood lead levels.”

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from increasing tax credits for working families to reforming some of our cumbersome public benefit programs which will ensure people can easily access all the financial support they deserve. I am also thrilled that we have taken steps to address our housing crisis, as well. I want to thank Senate President Karen Spilka, Chair Rodrigues, and Senator Moran for their dedication to making this a tax package that benefits residents who need it most.”

“As I have said from the outset, tax relief should go to the workers, families, and elderly residents of the Commonwealth who need it most,” stated Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “Massachusetts doesn’t need just any tax relief; we need permanent, progressive, smart, and sustainable tax relief. Too many families have been caught between the rising costs of healthcare, housing, education, and basic goods. While we advance reforms to lower these costs and shore up our social services, meaningful tax relief is another tool in our kit to encourage people to live and raise their families in Massachusetts. I want to thank each of my Senate colleagues who contributed to this proposal, especially Senator Rodrigues and Senator Moran for their leadership in developing this strong package.”

This package includes a variety of initiatives as tax relief for the residents of Massachusetts. The bill:

- Increases the Earned

Income Tax Credit (EITC), which provides critical support to working families, from 30% to 40% of the federal credit

- Merges existing credits into a new and enhanced Child and Dependent Tax Credit (CDTC), increases the amount of the credit from \$180 to \$310 per child/dependent, and eliminates the current cap of two children/dependents

- Increases statewide cap for the Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) from \$10 million to \$57 million on a one-time basis and then to \$30 million annually

- Increases the cap on the rental deduction from \$3,000 to \$4,000

- Raises annual authorization of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, which directly supports the production of affordable housing units across the Commonwealth, from \$40 million to \$60 million

- Doubles the maximum senior circuit breaker credit, which supports elderly residents who struggle with high housing costs, from \$1,200 to \$2,400

- Excludes homes valued at under \$2 million from the Estate Tax and eliminates the “cliff effect” by allowing a uniform credit of \$99,600 for all estates

- Triples the maximum credit under the Title V Tax Credit, which supports families who must replace failed septic systems, from \$6,000 to \$18,000, and lifts the amount claimable to \$4,000 per year

- Increases the state-

wide cap for the Dairy Tax credit from \$6 million to \$8 million

- Expands eligible occupations for the Apprenticeship Tax Credit

- Doubles the credit for lead paint abatement to \$3,000 for full abatement and \$1,000 for partial abatement

- Expands the types of alcoholic drinks which qualify for a lower tax rate as part of the cider tax

Notably, this legislation ensures that student loan payment assistance offered by employers will not be treated as taxable compensation. The bill also adds regional transit fares and bike commuter expenses to the allowable commuter expenses eligible for favorable tax status.

To encourage affordable housing, the bill gives municipalities the option of adopting a local property tax exemption for real estate that is rented to a person below a certain area-dependent income level.

Additionally, the bill also directs the following studies:

- A study by the Executive Office of Administration and Finance on the feasibility of making advance quarterly payments of the Child and Dependent Tax Credit

- A study by the Department of Revenue on the efficacy of an additional, elective entity-level tax of up to 4 percent on a portion of qualified taxable income in the Commonwealth, coupled with a refundable credit, for eligible pass-through entities

DA Hayden presents \$260k in grants to Suffolk County nonprofits

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced the distribution of \$260,000 in grants to Suffolk County nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the health and safety of residents in Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere.

Hayden’s Community Reinvestment Grant (CRG) program awarded 45 nonprofits with grants ranging from \$4,000 to \$7,500. This year’s fund dispersal is the largest amount in Suffolk County CRG history.

“I am extremely proud our office has been able to provide the most funding ever from this important program. The mission-driven work undertaken by all of these organizations is inspiring and important. Throughout my career as a prosecutor and a defense attorney, I have witnessed young people with promise veer onto dangerous paths due to lack of opportunity and guidance. We fail these children when

our intervention starts in a courtroom. We achieve a more just and equitable legal system when we help communities provide interventions, services and opportunities necessary for youth to succeed,” Hayden said.

The program draws from cash and assets seized from drug distribution cases to support organizations preventing youth violence or providing substance abuse prevention or treatment. State auditors have praised the Suffolk County process for turning “the profits of crime into something positive for the community,” while carefully documenting all forfeiture-related income and expenditures.

This year’s grant recipients include:

- Charlestown Coalition – Turn It Around, Charlestown
- Charlestown Mothers Association, Charlestown
- Community Action Program Inter-City – CAPIC, Revere, Chelsea
- Dreamcatcher Initia-

tive, Inc., Suffolk County HarborCOV, Chelsea, Revere, East Boston, Charlestown, Winthrop

- Health Story Collaborative, East Boston
- Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc., East Boston
- Playworks New England, Boston
- Rehearsal for Life, Dorchester, Chelsea
- Silver Lining Mentoring, Suffolk County
- Suffolk University – Center for Entrepreneurship, Boston, Revere

“I look forward to meeting with each of these partners to thank them for their commitment and invaluable work on behalf of Suffolk County. Public safety is more than just the law; it relies on equity, engagement, and dedication to our youth. We can accomplish far more together than we can alone. These organizations all do great work and have life changing impacts on the communities they serve,” Hayden said.

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Mary C. Burke Complex 11:15-12:45PM	300 Crescent Ave	5 de julio – 18 agosto	Desayuno 8:00-9:00, Almuerzo
Early Learning Center 11:30-12:30PM	99 Hawthorne St	5 de julio – 11 de agosto	Desayuno 8:30-9:30, Almuerzo
Chelsea High School 11:00-1:00PM *cerrado los viernes	299 Everett Ave	5 de julio – 27 de julio	Desayuno 7:30-8:30, Almuerzo
Voke Park 12:15-12:45PM	Washington Ave	5 de julio – 18 de agosto	Desayuno 9:00-9:30, Almuerzo
Mace Development 11:30-12:00PM	449 Crescent Ave	5 de julio – 18 de agosto	Desayuno 8:00-8:30, Almuerzo
Williams School 12:00-12:30PM	180 Walnut St	5 de julio – 18 de agosto	Desayuno 8:30-9:00, Almuerzo
Prattville Apts. 11:45-12:15PM	Exeter & Burma Rd	5 de julio – 18 de agosto	Desayuno 8:15-8:45, Almuerzo
Clark School 11:30-12:30PM	8 Clark Ave	5 de julio – 18 de agosto	Desayuno 7:30-8:30, Almuerzo
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Bossom Park 11:30-12:30PM	40 Bellingham St	5 de julio – 18 de agosto	Desayuno 8:15-9:15, Almuerzo
Chelsea Library	569 Broadway	5 de julio – 18 de agosto	Almuerzo 11:30-1:00 PM

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Chelsea Summer Food Service Breakfast & Lunch Program

Open Sites 2023

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Mary C. Burke Complex Early Learning Center	300 Crescent Ave 99 Hawthorne St	July 5 - August 18 July 5 - August 11	Breakfast 8:00-9:00, Lunch 11:15-12:45PM Breakfast 8:30-9:30, Lunch 11:30-12:30PM
Chelsea High School *closed Fridays	299 Everett Ave	July 5 – July 27	Breakfast 8:30-9:30, Lunch 11:00-1:00PM
Voke Park	Washington Ave	July 5 -August 18	Breakfast 9:00-9:30, Lunch 12:15-12:45PM
Mace Development	449 Crescent Ave	July 5 – August 18	Breakfast 8:00-8:30, Lunch 11:30-12:00PM
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YES, WE'RE IN HOT WATER

It's a cliché that modern man is out-of-touch with the natural world (what's left of it). Whereas our long-ago ancestors had a deep sense of the change of seasons, migrations of animals, and so forth, we know nothing. Compared to their innate knowledge of the natural world, we are illiterates.

People the world over have been captivated by the recent news story about the survival of the four, Indigenous, young children in the Amazon rainforest for 40 days after their small plane crashed (and all the adults died). Their tale of survival prompted this comment by an expert: "West-erners would have been long dead," and no one disputed it.

However, there is one thing that we ourselves have noted this spring, namely, that the ocean temperature along our coast is much warmer than it typically is at this time of year.

We have belonged to a local ocean-rowing club for a few years. We launch our boats (which accommodate a crew of four with a coxswain) by lifting them off a trailer and walking them into the water.

Our season starts in early May and our ankles and feet usually become numb within minutes of stepping into the water during the first few weeks before Memorial Day.

But this season, we noticed something different, something amiss: There was no numbness in our feet. Sure, the water was cold, but not numbingly so. In fact, the water felt pleasant, especially after a long row.,

Similarly, swimming in our wetsuit (in preparation for a local triathlon in late June which we have been doing for 16 years) typically is a chilly experience at this time of year, but it has not been so this spring.

A recent report from the government agency NOAA revealed that ocean water temperatures world-wide are the warmest that EVER have been recorded. In addition, the first 10 days of June were the hottest-ever recorded on the planet for that 10-day time period (although we would never know it here!).

So for those of us who venture into the ocean in May and June, the good news is that the water has been far more pleasant than usual.

But the bad news is that our planet, both on land and sea, is warming faster and faster -- and we fear the implications for our environment will only be more and more furious.

We can't escape feeling that we're like the proverbial frog in the soon-to-be boiling pot of water. But unlike the frog, which does have the ability to jump out, we have nowhere to go.

TWO YEARS AGO THIS WEEK, RACIAL HATRED CAME TO OUR AREA

It was two years ago this coming week when an unspeakable act of violence, motivated by racial hatred, befell the nearby peaceful community of Winthrop.

The tranquility of a typical, early-summer, Saturday afternoon in that seaside community was shattered when a 28 year-old white man, a native of Wareham who had been living in Winthrop for a short time with his wife, shot two Black persons, 60 year-old Ramona Cooper, a retired Air Force veteran who only recently had moved to Winthrop, and 68 year-old David Green, a Winthrop native and retired State Trooper who was beloved in the Winthrop community, in cold blood when their paths crossed on Shirley St. near Cross St., for no other reason than the color of their skin.

Thanks to the quick response of Winthrop police and the heroism of Sgt. Nicholas Bettano, the suspect himself was shot in the street when he refused to put down his weapons (he was armed with two handguns). It is believed that the shooter, whose belongings later were found to contain white supremacist and anti-Semitic literature, was en route to the nearby local temple and synagogue with the intent of perpetrating a mass shooting incident before he was stopped by Sgt. Bettano.

To be sure, both Ramona Cooper and David Green happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. However, given that the shooter did not fire his weapon at white passers-by, his intent to shoot them solely because they were Black is undeniable.

Those of us who live in the Boston area like to think that we are immune from the sort of bigotry-inspired acts of violence that make the headlines in other states where gun laws are non-existent. However, the Anti-Def-amation League recently reported that acts of anti-Semtiism have spiked in Massachusetts in the past two years, more than doubling from 2020 to 2022. The sad fact is that no place in America is immune from the virus of prejudice.

For those of us who have called this area our home for many years, we still shudder whenever we visit Winthrop and drive down Shirley St. toward Cross St. -- the events of June 26, 2021, are just too terrible to contemplate.

However, the best way that we can honor the memories of Ramona Cooper and David Green is never to forget that tragic and horrible day and resolve to do whatever we can to end the evils of racism and all other forms of prejudice that are far too prevalent throughout our society.

NO END IN SIGHT FOR HOUSING CRISIS

Everyone on all sides of the political and economic spectrums are in agreement that (1) inflation is too high and (2) there is a shortage of hous-ing in this country.

However, solving both of those problems seems to have become a clas-sic Catch-22 scenario: Higher interest rates may tame inflation by lessen-ing the demand for some goods (such as automobiles) and services, but it also serves to put a lid on new home construction.

But with fewer homes on the market (both new and existing) at a time of ever-increasing demand for homes (because of the coming of age of millennials), the prices for new homes and rents are continuing to increase even in the face of higher interest rates. In other words, by continuing to reduce the supply of new housing by means of higher interest dates, policy makers are ensuring that prices will remain high.

It is estimated that with new home construction at its lowest level in 20 years (despite a larger population), the U.S. has failed to meet the demand for housing of all types, both single family homes and rentals, by more than two million units for each of the past few years, thus creating the housing crisis we have today.

But with interest rates now at their highest levels in 20 years, new home construction will continue to fall far short of demand for the foreseeable future. Higher interest rates also have the ripple effect of keeping Baby Boomers and Gen Xers in their current homes (where they have low inter-est rates), which decreases the number of homes on the market for younger home-buyers.

In other words, our housing crisis is the result of what physicists refer to as a positive feedback loop. And just as In climate science, where feedback loops are creating dire consequences for the future of the planet, so too, the housing crisis only promises to worsen with no end in sight.

Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Climate change affects everyone through water - even in Massachusetts

By Julia Blatt, Executive Director,
Massachusetts Rivers Alliance

When we think of climate change, the first images that come to mind are of hot tem-peratures, melting ice caps, and greenhouse gases clog-ging the atmosphere. A recent report by the United Nations, however, warns that most people will actually experi-ence the impacts of climate change through their interac-tions with water.

The U.N. found: "The science is clear: the global climate change crisis is in-creasing variability in the water cycle, thus reducing the predictability of water avail-ability and demand, affecting water quality, exacerbating water scarcity, and threaten-ing sustainable development worldwide." That's certainly true in Massachusetts. It's not simply a matter of whether we can ski during the winter or go kayaking in the summer.

Drought in Massachusetts has become more frequent and more severe due to cli-mate change. Scientists at the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geologi-cal Survey, and the National Oceanographic and Atmo-spheric Administration pre-dict that droughts in our state will become worse. The 2016 drought had severe impacts: six public water suppliers petitioned the MassDEP for water emergency declara-tions, the Quabbin Reservoir decreased by over 20%, and groundwater that supplies many towns' drinking water declined.

The state's economy is ad-versely affected. This winter highlighted the loss of snow cover for winter recreation facilities in the state. Addi-

tionally, in 2016 it is estimat-ed that cranberry growers lost about one-third of their har-vest due to the drought. Our aquatics industries also suffer, as rising water temperatures can lower oxygen levels and alter freshwater and marine ecosystems. Key ocean fish-eries, such as cod and lobster south of Cape Code, are ex-pected to decline. The EPA warns that climate change may also pose challenges for the state's agriculture. Some farms may be harmed if more hot days and drought reduce crop yield, or if more flood-ing and wetter springs delay planting dates.

Less water available for agriculture affects the rest of us as well. According to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts farmers are irrigating crops more due to decreased precipitation, high-er temperatures, and lower soil moisture. This need for more water not only increases consumer costs at local stores -- it costs farmers more to run pumps and sprinklers, and further depletes groundwater used for our water supplies.

Most people think of Cali-fornia and the arid West when picturing wildfires. In Mas-sachusetts, however, fires are becoming more widespread and severe. During the 2022 drought, for example, approx-imately 905 wildfires were reported through August, ac-cording to the state's Depart-ment of Fire Services, burn-ing an estimated 1,485 acres. The month of August saw 137 wildfires across the state, a nearly six-fold increase over the prior year. The resulting destruction of vegetation and tree cover exacerbates soil

erosion and reduces ground-water recharge, increasing water scarcity and food inse-curity.

The impact of climate change on the state's rivers is dramatic. In the summer of 2022, many rivers, includ-ing parts of the Blackstone in Central Massachusetts and the Ipswich on the North Shore, were transformed from flow-ing water into disconnected puddles, unfit places for fish or turtles to live and virtual-ly impossible for canoes and kayaks to navigate. Streams flowing into the Charles and Neponset rivers were the dri-est on record, and other rivers dried up entirely.

The Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, comprised of 87 groups across the state pro-tecting our rivers and streams, joins the United Nations in warning that "the global cli-mate change crisis is inextric-ably linked to water." We in Massachusetts are also now experiencing this crisis, and this week the state's environ-mental secretary announced that parts of the state are now officially in drought. "Busi-ness as usual" is no longer an option and, whether at the local, state, national, or in-ternational level, water man-agement must be scrutinized through a climate lens.

Julia Blatt is Executive Di-rector of the Massachusetts Rivers Alliance." The Alli-ance is a statewide nonprofit organization with 87 member groups and over 1,000 indi-vidual supporting members.

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The City of Chelsea has created a voluntary special needs registry for residents who live at home who might need extra assistance during a major emergency. This registry is for residents with disabilities, chronic conditions, and/or special healthcare needs who live at home. This registry is not for individuals in a care facility such as a hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility.

- Signing up is Simple
- Call (617) 466-4209 to speak with a City representative
 - Visit Chelsea City Hall to fill out a Registration Form in-person

- Fill out the Registration Form online at www.chelseama.gov/special-needs

Whenever any previously submitted information changes, be sure to update your Special Needs Registration by contacting Flor Amaya at famaya@chelseama.gov or by calling 311 (617-466-4209).

La Ciudad de Chelsea ha creado un registro voluntario de necesidades especiales para los residentes que podrían necesitar asistencia adicional durante una emergencia importante. Este registro es para residentes con discapacidades, condiciones crónicas y/o necesidades especiales de atención médica que viven en el

hogar. Este registro no es para personas en un centro de atención como un hospital, hogar de ancianos o centro de vida asistida.

- Registrarse ss Sencillo
- Llame al (617) 466-4209 para hablar con un representante de la Ciudad
- Visite el City Hall de Chelsea para completar un formulario de registro en persona
- Complete el formulario de registro en línea en www.chelseama.gov/special-needs

Cada vez que cambie la información enviada anteriormente, asegúrese de actualizar su registro de necesidades especiales comunicándose con Flor Amaya en famaya@chelseama.gov o llamando al 311 (617-466-4209).

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

PORTILLO PENA
OF CHELSEA
GRADUATES
FROM LASELL
UNIVERSITY

Roberto Portillo Pena of Chelsea graduated from Lasell University with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting.

Graduates were recognized at the University's 169th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 13.

In addition to awarding more than 325 bachelor's and 200 master's degrees, the University awarded three honorary doctorates to Andrew DeFranza, executive director of Harborlight Homes; Marvin Gilmore, a 99-year-old civil rights activist and entrepreneur; and retiring President Michael B. Alexander.

BOSTON COLLEGE
HIGH SCHOOL
CELEBRATES
LOCAL GRADUATES

On Saturday, May 20, more than 2,000 members of the Boston College High School community gathered at McCoy Field to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of the 240 young men of the Class of 2023.

"As the Class of 2023 embarks on the next chapter of their lives, they have undoubtedly left a lasting impression here at BC High," said Grace Cotter Regan, President of Boston College High School. "They handled each new challenge with poise and maturity, emerging as courageous young men whose kindness, integrity, and service to others will

fuel them through college and beyond. I am thrilled to welcome them into our alumni network and watch their relationships with our school and each other continue."

The commencement ceremonies featured a keynote address from Rev. Mario Powell, SJ, president of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, a faith-based middle school serving low-income families of diverse races, ethnicities, and faiths in New York City. Rev. Powell urged the graduates to think about their identities and how to use their Jesuit education for the good of society.

Rev. Powell reminded the Class of 2023 that their success at BC High will be measured by how the lives of those who did not attend the school are richer and fuller because of their formative experiences. He challenged the graduates: "Go out into the world and give what you have learned in the classroom, on the court, on the field, in the chapel – go give that away to a world that so desperately needs you to. Your BC High education has allowed you to meet this moment – it has enabled you to give something to others."

In a culmination of dedication in the classroom, athletics, and extracurricular activities, members of BC High's Class of 2023 have been accepted to more than 250 colleges and universities around the country and world. Of those seeking higher education, 25 percent will continue their education at Jesuit colleges and universities. In addition, four students received full tui-

tion scholarships and eight others will attend Ivy League institutions. Two students will be proudly entering a military academy, one to the United States Military Academy (West Point) and another to the United States Naval Academy (Annapolis).

"Throughout their time at BC High, this class has served as role models for our community," said Adam Lewis, Principal of Boston College High School. "They eagerly accepted leadership positions in our newly created House System, forging deeper connections with their faith, teachers, and peers. As they leave our school with much more than a degree, they are equipped with all the tools for success."

Building on several years of remarkable growth and rapid expansions in innovation, BC High is eager to welcome the Class of 2027 to Morrissey Boulevard in the fall.

In the fall, BC High will begin its second year of the House System, which provides holistic care that meets academic, social, and emotional needs of all students. Designed to build a community within a community and rooted in the Jesuit value cura personalis (care of the whole person), the system gives students a tangible sense of belonging, connection, and opportunity to explore the relationship between wellbeing and learning growth.

Local graduates included Alvaro Deras, Eyobiell Kiro, and Emmanouil Leonidou.

Boston Logan International Airport
**2022 ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS
& PLANNING REPORT (ESPR)**
INFORMATION SESSION 2023

Massport will host a hybrid information session (in-person and virtually) to provide an overview of the topics that will be included in the upcoming 2022 Boston Logan International Airport ESPR. These topics include: ground transportation, activity levels/forecasting, aircraft noise, air quality, regional transportation, and airport planning. This information session will be streamed in English and Spanish.

The hybrid information session will take place:

Monday, June 26, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room
Logan Airport's Rental Car Center*
15 Transportation Way
East Boston, MA 02128

To access the meeting link and for more information, please visit:

www.massport.com/logan-airport/about-logan/environmental-reports/

*Limited parking is available at the front parking lot of the Rental Car Center; Access also available via the MBTA Blue Line Airport Station and Massport bus.

Additional languages for the Public Information Session on the 2022 Boston Logan International Airport Environmental Status and Planning Report will be available upon request; requests for additional languages are due by Thursday, June 22, 2023.

For more information or to request translation services please contact community@massport.com.

Pueden solicitarse servicios de interpretación en otros idiomas para la sesión informativa pública sobre el Informe de Estado Medioambiental y Planificación del Aeropuerto Internacional de Boston Logan; las solicitudes de otros idiomas deben enviarse antes del jueves 22 de junio de 2023. **Para obtener más información o para solicitar servicios de interpretación, escriba a community@massport.com.**

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Outros idiomas para a Sessão de Informação ao Público sobre o Relatório do Planejamento e Situação Ambiental de 2022 do Aeroporto Internacional de Logan em Boston serão disponibilizados mediante solicitação. O prazo para o pedido de idiomas adicionais terminará na quinta-feira, dia 22 de junho de 2023. **Para obter mais informações ou solicitar serviços de tradução, contate community@massport.com.**

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CHELSEA BLACK COMMUNITY HOLDS JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Ccary Shuman Photos

The Chelsea Black Community (CBC) held its second annual Juneteenth Community Celebration Monday at Washington Park in Prattville.

Many residents turned out to honor and celebrate the freedom of African-Americans. Visitors enjoyed free food, live entertainment, games, and other activities.

CBC President Joan Cromwell felt that a major highlight of the event was the keynote address that was given by Dr. Jessica Pepple, Chief Diversity

and Culture Officer for the RFK Community Alliance.

“Her speech was amazing,” lauded Cromwell. “The theme of Dr. Peppe’s presentation was ‘Show Me The Evidence,’ meaning that we celebrate Juneteenth on one day, but what about the other 364 days – let’s show the evidence in term of celebrating for fairness, equity, inclusion, and diversity.”

Cromwell thanked the Chelsea Cultural Council for a grant that helped the CBC in its efforts to hold the event.



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, Officer Joe Stutto, and distributing free ice cream treats from the “Copsicle 1” ice cream truck to attendees at the Juneteenth Celebration.



Mimi Graney, former Chelsea Civic Design Specialist, Bea Cravatta, Director of Chelsea Recreation and Cultural Affairs, and Marlene Jennings, Chair of the Chelsea Cultural Council.



School Committee member Roberto Jimenez Rivera (center), with his wife, Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Neville (left), and their friend, Mitikei Chengerei of GreenRoots.



Supt. of Chelsea Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, City of Chelsea Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director Candace Perez Ph.d, and Chelsea Schools Equity, Diversity, and Excellence Officer Dr. Aaron T. Jennings.



Enjoying the Juneteenth Community Celebration Monday at Washington Park are Luis Rodriguez, owner of Good Looks Barbershop, Okay Izuchi, Kenneth Umemba, City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, and Turan Suleymanov.



City Councilor Calvin Brown and Marcy Smith.



Chelsea School Committee member Jeanette Velez and her husband, professional photographer Jay Velez.



Pictured at the Chelsea Black Community Table welcoming guests to the Juneteenth Community Celebration are Beverly Martin-Ross and former BHCC Associate Dean Sharon Caulfield.



Denise Bishop (right), with her son, Deron Hines, and niece, Laylay.



Chelsea native and Phunk Phenomenon Dance Studio owner Reia Briggs-Connor and her son, Aaron Connor, who performed with the Phunk dance team at the Juneteenth Community Celebration.



City Council President Leo Robinson and District 8 Councilor Calvin T. Brown, bringing the official greetings of the city to the Juneteenth Community Celebration.



Ron Robinson, co-director of the Lewis Lattimer Society, pictured at the Juneteenth Community Celebration Monday at Washington Park in Prattville.



The Governor Bellingham Cary House Board of Trustees (seated) are Trustee Grace Muwina, President Karen Mac Innis, and Corresponding Secretary Ledia Koco. Standing are Treasurer Faye Dookharan and Trustee Matt Frank.



CBC President Joan Cromwell, with her children, Kyle Umemba, co-director of the Let It Fly Basketball Classic, Jes Lopez and her son, Messiah, and Jayde Umemba.



Jennifer Griffin, Giovanni Recupero, and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassel.



Mz. Donna, well-known face painter and balloon sculpturist, is pictured with some of the visitors to her balloon sculpting table at the Juneteenth Community Celebration.



Doing a great job at the event’s buffet table are, from left, Sheila O’Brien, Debbie Lush Kasabuski, Eula Balloon, Maureen Lee, Marlene Tyler, Tina McKoy, CBC President Joan Cromwell, and Christine Follis.

Hooray for Jay!

Colleagues and family honor retiring CHS teacher Jay Seigal

By Cary Shuman

Jay Seigal, who taught in the Chelsea school system for 33 years and carried forth his father’s incredible legacy in the field of education, has retired from teaching.

Seigal was feted by his colleagues, friends, and family at a retirement celebration June 15 at Kowloon.

Jay is the son of the late Morris Seigal and Marion Siegal. “Morrie” Seigal, as he was known by all, was the beloved principal at the Williams School principal and a long-time member of the Chelsea School Committee. The middle school on Clark Avenue is named the Morris H. Seigal Middle School.

Former CHS Principal Joseph Mullaney was among many lauding Jay Seigal’s outstanding work in the Chelsea school district both as a teacher and basketball coach.

“Working with Jay was

a real pleasure,” said Mullaney. “Being a Chelsea guy himself, he always wanted to do well by Chelsea kids. You could always depend on him to give his best effort toward the goals we were trying to accomplish at the school. I think one of his real strong qualities was that he really connected well with kids, and they knew that he cared about them, and that permeated through his whole department – Titus Manderson, Lisa Ceccherini, Al Generazzo and Jay Seigal. They were a wonderful group of educators.”

Jay Seigal attended Shurtleff School and graduated in 1976 from Chelsea High School where he played varsity basketball, once exploding for double-figure points in a single quarter against a powerful Somerville High team.

Jay went on to receive his degree from Boston State College. He started teaching in 1981 as an

aide to Williams School physical education teacher Joseph Bevere, who was a special guest at the retirement party.

Seigal spent eight years in the jewelry business before returning in 1993 to the teaching profession, working in the Chelsea school system for the next 30 years. He was the CHS boys varsity head basketball coach for 13 seasons, qualifying for the MIAA State Tournament in 10 of those seasons.

Seigal said his career in teaching was inspired by his father.

“My father worked 36 years in Chelsea. He retired in 1982. He was a member of the School Committee for 29 years. He was very inspirational to me,” said Jay. “I grew up in a household that stressed the importance of education, so I thought that was the thing to do. My brother, Jeffrey, started in teaching before he went into his family’s lighting business.”

Jay and his wife, Pa-



Jay Seigal thanked his wife, Tricia Seigal (right), for all her support throughout his teaching and coaching career in Chelsea.



Jay Seigal, with teaching and coaching colleagues at Chelsea High School, Lisa Ceccherini (left) and Gena Restiano (right).



Jay Seigal, pictured with friends and colleagues from the CHS technology office, Norma Torres and Mary Arrieta.



Jay Seigal always had a great role model in his older brother, Jeff Seigal, who played for the Shurtleff School and Chelsea High School basketball teams.



Mark Martineau (left), assistant principal at the Morris H. Seigal Middle School, congratulates Jay Seigal on his retirement from the Chelsea school district.



Retiring teacher Jay Seigal, with one of his former professional associates in the Chelsea school district and CHS athletic program, legendary baseball coach and physical education teacher Joseph Bevere Sr., and his son, Chelsea Police Sgt. Joseph Bevere Jr.



Chelsea High School colleagues Titus Manderson, Jay Seigal, Gena Restiano, and Judah Jackson, pictured at the Jay Seigal retirement party June 15 at Kowloon in Saugus.



A quintet of outstanding Chelsea school personnel, from left, Titus Manderson, Jay Seigal, former CHS Principal Joseph Mullaney, Ted Freeley, and Gena Restiano.



Jay Seigal (third from right) with his proud family, at his retirement party at Kowloon, from left, Jeff Seigal, Aaron Seigal, Tricia Seigal, Jason Seigal, and Logan DiCarlo.

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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FRESH AND LOCAL

Induction cooking

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Most of our cooking has been done on induction burners for the past six years. We have a very nice glass top electric range. However, since we bought our first induction burner, that cooktop has been used as extra counter space.

Our first portable burner was a way to explore induction without replacing our range. Most of our cookware was stainless steel, carbon steel, or cast iron. We were induction ready. (You can use a magnet to test your cookware. If it sticks to the pan’s bottom, it can be used with induction.)

Penny loves the precise temperature control, ease of use, safety, and easy cleanup that induction offers. Now that the pandemic shortages are easing, we plan to buy an induction range.

Pros and Cons

The New York Times

review site “Wireless” did a great job summarizing the pros and cons of induction cooking. They have separate pages for induction burners and cooktops. The most often cited negative aspect is the expense for the initial purchase of a range or cooktop. In addition, most full-size induction units require a 240-volt outlet which you may have to install. If switching from gas to induction, you’ll need a plumber to cap your gas line.

On the other hand, induction is energy efficient. Only the pan heats up instead of the cooktop. The instant-on, instant-off operation, and fast cooking time mean less heat is added to your home. Good Housekeeping reported, “...our tests have shown that induction cooktops can boil six quarts of water in under 15 minutes.”

Tax credits and rebates are currently available for induction stoves and cooktops for qualified

purchases. Check the guidelines for the Federal Inflation Reduction Act and Mass Save. A good appliance store should be able to tell you about these ways to save.

Most portable induction burners are relatively inexpensive and useful. They can give you one more spot for a pot for a large meal like Thanksgiving. You can take one outside in summer to simmer tomato sauce that would make your home hot and humid. At a summer cookout, you can save steps by cooking the sweet corn outside.

Due to current health concerns about gas stoves and the number of communities outlawing new gas installations, induction is a good option for cooks who love their gas ranges. Food writer David Lebovitz said of his experience, “I’ve adapted to induction well and honestly don’t miss cooking with gas, which is saying a lot as someone who was



If a magnet sticks to a pan’s bottom, it can be used with induction. (Photo by Sandie Clark)

100% sure he could never cook on anything but gas.”

Choosing Induction

If you decide to buy an induction appliance, you’ll have to pay attention to specific features. In comparing ranges, here are a few decisions we’ve made. We’d like knobs rather than digital controls. We require one burner with extra power for

jobs like searing meat and wok cooking. We need a cooktop that can bridge two burners for large, cast iron Dutch ovens or griddles. We would prefer a sealed and protected edge to the glass top to prevent chipping. We’d love to have a warming draw for storing pans.

Your needs and wants may be different and since we already enjoy the benefits of induction, we can

wait to get the exact range that fits our needs. Your situation may add other priorities like availability, fewer demands for specific features, or a different budget to the mix.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

BRIAN DOBBYN JOINS DCR IN TREE-PLANTING AT INCOMING MAIL CENTER



Brian Dobbyn, lead landscaper at the US Postal Service Incoming Mail Center (IMC), Chelsea, collaborated with the Department of Recreation and Conservation (DCR) to plant new red cedar trees outside the facility on Beacham Street. Dobbyn has led continuous landscaping efforts to help beautify the exterior grounds on the IMC campus. Dobbyn is pictured above with the DCR contingent. Front row, from left, are Ross Balding, Zach Fouser, Ben Wise, and Ian Briggs. Back row, from left, are Mike Griffin, Gabe O’Connor, forester Joshua Soojian, Brian Dobbyn, and David Bresnahan.



Re:SET BOSTON ROCKS THE TRACK AT SUFFOLK DOWNS



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The crowd in between sets on the track at Suffolk Downs during the inaugural concert of the Re:SET Boston Concert Series, held June 16 - 18. Shown inset, Phoebe Bridgers of boygenius, who closed out the event on Sunday, June 18.

CITY PAWS

Animal emergency plans

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As protectors of our animals, we should think about emergency planning. First, a plan for a dog or cat needing emergency care. Second, a plan for a storm or widespread emergency in your area requiring you to change your routine, shelter-in-place, or evacuate. Finally, a plan to ensure your animals will be cared for if you can’t be there for them.

Emergency Veterinary Care

When we meet new neighbors, they often ask if we can recommend a veterinarian. We’re happy to tell them about the veterinary hospital we use and our favorite home-vis-it vet. We also tell them the location of major animal hospitals offering round-the-clock emergency care and specific specialists. If they’re new to the area, we suggest they know exactly how they would get to these facilities. We’ve noticed more

and expanded veterinary clinics and 24-hour emergency veterinary care services opening in our area. We suggest you do a search, list those nearest you, and add the numbers for those places to your phone. Calling ahead is always a good idea in an emergency. Not only to confirm availability but also for guidance with the issue on the way to professional care.

Storm and Disaster Plan

Hurricanes and blizzards are not the only storms and disasters on our emergency radar. Climate change makes flooding in new locations a reality. We’ve also experienced more tornado and severe windstorm watches and alerts in recent years. Heavy snow and high winds also change how we approach taking dogs out for quick bathroom breaks or exercise.

Pet guardians should be prepared to evacuate your home, with your animals, and what you would need

to have with you for yourself and your critters in an emergency. In the case of a fire, having a grab-and-go emergency kit will save time in escaping smoke and flames. If you have an evacuation order, you should be prepared in advance to qualify for shelter with your pets. That means having specific items like leashes and vaccination certificates.

Finding an emergency shelter that accepts families with animals is difficult in Massachusetts. The state has a website page for “Emergency Preparedness for Pets and Animals.” This page does not contain animal-friendly shelters. It tells you to contact your emergency management director for guidance and lists those numbers.

The state suggests asking a friend or family member if you and your animals can stay with them; finding a hotel, motel, or rental property that will allow your pets; or a veterinarian or ani-



In an emergency, you should have a list of the nearest veterinary care facilities and some knowledge of animal first aid.

mal shelter that will take in your animals. In other words, you’re on your own!

Home Alone

The state emergency preparedness page also suggests having a buddy system to evacuate your pet if you are not at home when the incident occurs. This brings up the third type of plan. What happens when your pets are

at home alone when an emergency or something prevents you from caring for them?

The most basic way to plan for this is to have a designated caregiver with access to your pets. We each have wallet cards with our identification that tell emergency responders that our dog Poppy is at home alone and who to call to have someone take care of her until we can do

so.

Set a reminder to update your emergency plans at least once a year. We do this at the start of hurricane season when the media talks about tropical storms and hurricane updates.

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

Museum wins national contest, hosts Independence Day block party celebrating military community

The USS Constitution Museum invites the public to celebrate Independence Day and our Military community with a free, family-friendly event. The “Huzzah! Salute to Service Block Party” will be held at Charlestown Navy Yard on July 4, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Boston’s Independence Day celebrations are distinguished by USS Constitution’s historic underway cruise in Boston Harbor. This year, the Museum adds an exciting new way for people to actively participate in honoring the military community that has afforded Americans the freedoms we celebrate on this day.

The free activities and entertainment will kick off at 11:00 a.m., including a Constitution-themed minigolf course, yard games, the sounds of Boston Music Award-winning Erin Harpe Country Blues Duo, and hands-on activities hosted by Military Service branches. Independence Day cake will be served, as well as an array of food trucks and other refreshments in the Navy Yard.

The event is made possible by the Bob Woodruff Foundation, who named the Museum as a winner of their Got Your 6 Event Contest in March 2023. The Contest is an initiative of the Bob Woodruff Foundation’s Got Your 6 Network, which is named for a World War I expression meaning “I’ve got your back.” With partners in every US state and territory, the Network responds to the needs of our



USS Constitution Commander BJ Farrell (center), Executive Officers, and members of 1812 Marines watch her putt at the USS Constitution Museum’s “Putt through History” minigolf course in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Credit: Katy Rogers Photography, Courtesy of USS Constitution Museum.

military and veteran community on a local level.

Earlier, before the Block Party begins, the public is invited to participate in a service project from 9:30-11:00 a.m. creating 500 care packages for vulnerable Veterans at the New England Center and Home for Veterans, Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, and Bedford Veterans Quarters of Caritas Communities. Registration is requested by visiting the Museum event website. Throughout the event, visitors are also invited to leave encouraging messages to Navy Recruits at Boot Camp. This letter-writing initiative will live on as a permanent part of the Museum’s newest exhibit, “Honor, Courage, and Commitment,” spotlighting the United States

Navy sailor’s experience today, from enlistment to deployment.

A lounge for Service Members, Veterans, and their families, will be available in the Museum throughout the day where the Museum will provide refreshments, a special gift, and a video game deployment with Frost Call, a Boston-based Veteran organization that specializes in connecting veterans through gaming.

The event is designed to bring communities together to celebrate Military service and Independence Day in the heart of the Charlestown Navy Yard, where maritime history, naval heritage, and the American experience come to life. USS Constitution Museum President Anne Grimes Rand adds, “We are grateful to the

Bob Woodruff Foundation for the opportunity to host this event. Every day we see the dedication of USS Constitution’s crew as we work alongside them. This celebration shines a light on their work and the impact of all Service Members and their families, who stand watch to protect us all.”

To enhance the celebration, the Museum is launching dynamic digital content, including a free event guide, in the Bloomberg Connects app, available for download from Google Play or the App Store. The Museum’s guide provides a range of features including video, audio, and text; expert commentary; and way-finding maps as another way for the public to expand their experience, learn more about

USS Constitution’s story, and gain a slice of the museum experience, with translations in multiple languages. The app platform is part of Bloomberg Philanthropies’ longstanding commitment to supporting digital innovation in the arts, making it easy to access and engage with arts and culture from mobile devices when visiting in person or anytime from anywhere.

The event is free and open to the public. No registration is required for the Block Party. We request advance registration for the morning care package service project. Further information is available on the Museum’s website.

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum’s mission is to engage visitors in the story of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. The USS Constitution Museum is a 2022 winner in USA Today’s 10Best Readers’ Choice in the “Best History Museum” category and Boston Parents Paper’s Family Favorites in the “Historic Sites & Tours” and “Museums & Attractions” categories. For more information, visit ussem.org.

The Bob Woodruff Foundation (BWF) was founded in 2006 after reporter Bob Woodruff was wounded by a roadside bomb while covering the war in Iraq. Since then, The Foundation has raised awareness about the tough challenges veterans and military families are facing, and invested in solutions to help support them in the next chapter of their lives. To date, the Foundation has invested over \$120 million to ensure that our nation’s veterans, service members, and their families — those who stood for us — have stable and successful futures. For more information, visit bobwoodrufffoundation.org.

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U.S. Postal Service releases dog bite national rankings

More than 5,300 Postal Service employees were attacked by dogs while delivering the mail last year. Aggressive dog behavior is a common safety concern USPS employees face. To keep its workers safe, the organization is providing important information on how dog owners can be good stewards for safe mail delivery as part of its annual National Dog Bite Awareness public service campaign.

“When letter carriers deliver mail in our communities, dogs that are not secured or leashed can become a nemesis and unpredictable and attack,” said Leeann Theriault, USPS employee safety and health awareness manager. “Help us deliver your mail safely by keeping your dog secure and out of the way before your carrier arrives.”

Pet Owners Can Help Support Safe Mail Delivery

Mail carriers know all dogs can bite, even those perceived as nonaggressive. Dogs are generally protective of their turf and dog owners have an important responsibility to control them to ensure safe mail delivery.

Most people know the approximate time their letter carrier arrives every day. Securing your dog before

the carrier approaches your property will minimize any potentially dangerous interactions.

When a letter carrier comes to your home, keep dogs:

- Inside the house or behind a fence;
- Away from the door or in another room; or
- On a leash.

Pet owners also should remind children not to take mail directly from a letter carrier as the dog may view the carrier as a threat to the child.

Inform Yourself, See the Mail Before It Arrives

By using Informed Delivery, a free USPS service, customers can digitally preview incoming mail and packages from a computer, tablet or mobile device. More than 52 million customers have enrolled since it was launched in 2017. Sign up is at informedelivery.usps.com. This service can help dog owners anticipate when their carrier will arrive.

“When our mail carriers are bitten, it is usually a ‘good dog’ that had not previously behaved in a menacing way,” said USPS Occupational Safety and Health Senior Director Linda DeCarlo. “In 2022, too many aggressive dogs impacted the lives of

our employees while delivering the mail. Please help us reduce that number by being a responsible pet owner who secures their dog as we deliver the mail.”

The Victims

Many attacks reported by letter carriers came from dogs whose owners regularly stated, “My dog won’t bite.” Dog bites are entirely preventable. One bite is one too many.

Being Attentive While Delivering

Letter carriers are trained to observe an area where they know dogs may be present. They are taught to be alert for potentially dangerous conditions and to respect a dog’s territory.

Letter carriers are trained to:

- Not startle a dog;
- Keep their eyes on any dog;
- Never assume a dog will not bite;
- Make some noise or rattle a fence to alert a dog if entering a yard;
- Never attempt to pet or feed a dog; and
- place their foot against an outward swinging door to prevent a dog from escaping.

If a dog attacks, carriers are also trained to stand their ground and protect

their body by placing something between them and the dog — such as a mail satchel — and to use dog repellent, if necessary.

Even though postal officials ask customers to control their dogs, bites still happen and may result in injuries to carriers and costly medical expenses for dog owners. Please heed the above best practices to help stop dog bites and protect your mail carrier.

“Recently, I was delivering to a customer’s mailbox and was nearly bitten by their large aggressive dog,” said Swain Lowe, a letter carrier in Manassas, Virginia. “Despite the dog being behind a fence, it still managed to jump over and charge me. Thankfully, I was aware of it and remembered not to run but to turn and use my satchel as a shield to prevent what could have been a terrible bite.”

Carriers have tools to alert them to dogs on their



Gaithersburg, MD, letter carrier Hugues Pointe Jour takes a protective stance against an approaching dog.

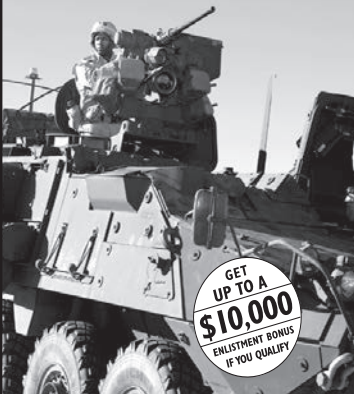
routes. A dog alert feature on carriers’ handheld scanners can remind them of a possible dog hazard, and dog warning cards may be used during mail sorting to alert carriers to routes where a dog may interfere with delivery.

Lastly, when a carrier feels unsafe, mail service

could be halted — not only for the dog owner, but for the entire neighborhood. When mail service is stopped, mail must be picked up at the Post Office. Service will not be restored until the aggressive dog is properly restrained.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston celebrated youth success honoring talented members and graduating seniors in a first-of-its-kind club night

Special to the Record

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB), the city's leading youth-serving organization, hosted the 1st Annual Club Night this past Tuesday at 521 Overlook in Fenway Park. The first-of-its-kind event served as an opportunity for attendees to celebrate, honor, and witness the best of Boston and Chelsea's talented youth.

"Tonight is [about] the best of Boston. It is bringing together our young talent to showcase them, to expose them to you. [It is] for you to see and feel and experience what goes on in our club" said Nicholas President and CEO Robert Lewis Jr. "[A night of] celebration, music, family, entertainment, that's what our city needs during a time where others are wondering what young people our doing, young people our succeeding and that's what [BGCB] is about: youth success".

In conjunction with its 130th anniversary, six BGCB teens and graduating seniors were honored with the most prestigious recognition bestowed upon a Club member, the Youth of the Year award. Teens were honored for their superior leadership skills, academic achievement, ability to overcome obstacles, and service to their Club and community.

"We are unstoppable, not because we do not have failures or doubts but because we continue on despite them," said Josh Kraft Mattapan Teen Center Youth of the Year Leslie Aponte. "We all deserve a little reminder that we are more than the



From left to right: Kayla Collins of the Berkshire Partners Blue Hill Club, Armani Baez Jones of the Yawkey Club of Roxbury, Brielle Jean of the Edgerley Family South Boston Club, Leslie Aponte of the Josh Kraft Mattapan Teen Center, Ariana Alarcon Flynn of the Charlestown Club and Luis Urbabaz Caraballo of the Gerald and Darlene Jordan Club are honored with the Youth of the Year Award with Nicholas President and CEO of BGCB Robert Lewis Jr.



Josh Kraft Mattapan Teen Center member Leslie Aponte addresses attendees after receiving the Youth of the Year award for her Club.



limits that we set for ourselves".

Members and guests celebrated the night away with ballpark snacks, watching musical performances and dance choreographies overlooking Fenway Park. From Taylor Swift medleys to Michael Jackson's "Beat It", youth of all ages showcased their talents, upholding BGCB's mission to elevate young people and help them realize their full potential.

"[BGCB] has just always been a second family to me and always had my back no matter what. They have taught me to lead with passion and know that I have an amazing support system [at the clubs]", said Charlestown Club Youth of the Year Ariana Alarcon Flynn.

Since its founding in 1893, Boys & Girls Clubs

of Boston (BGCB) has been helping young people, especially those who need us most, build strong character and realize their full potential as responsible citizens and leaders. BGCB does this by providing a safe haven filled with hope and opportunity, ongoing relationships with caring adults, and life-enhancing programs in six core program areas. The organization serves more than 15,000 individuals in 9 Clubs and through its YouthConnect program in partnership with the Boston Police Department. BGCB is an affiliate of Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley. For more information, visit BGCB on the web at bgcb.org.



Shown above, members showcasing their talents the first-of-its-kind Club Night.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Frances Morris

Verizon retiree who took great pride in her Irish Heritage

Mary Frances Morris of Reading passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on May 25. She was the beloved wife of 52 years of Lawrence G. Morris.

Born in Boston the daughter of Irish immigrant parents, the late Patrick J. and Nora (O’Sullivan) Clinton, Mary was raised as an only child; however she had a younger brother, John P. Clinton, who died in infancy.

Mary was proud to have been raised and educated in Chelsea. For 24 years she worked for Verizon, formerly known as the New England Telephone Company. She was a member of the IBEW Local 2222 Boston. She was very proud that her family followed in her footsteps and are employees of Verizon also.

Mary took great pride in her Irish heritage. In her retirement years, she traveled a lot throughout the country. She also enjoyed memorable car rides to Revere Beach and York, ME with the family. She was a happy person who always viewed her glass as half full. Her family also described her as forgiving, proud, private, having a sense of humor, and who could have guessed her favorite food was a baked potato!



In addition to her beloved husband, Larry, Mary is survived by her children who meant the world to her: Lawrence P. Morris of Reading, Brian C. Morris of Methuen and Kristen McGuinness and her husband, Richard of Stoneham. She was the loving grandmother of Brittnay, Ryan, Kaitlyn and Kevin.

A Funeral Mass celebrating her life was held on Thursday, June 1st at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph’s Parish, Wakefield, followed by private interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Jacqueline Hanlon

Nurse at Chelsea Soldiers Home for 40 years and WWII Cadet Nurse

Jacqueline (Jackie) M. Hanlon, 97, of Billerica, formerly of W. Yarmouth and Chelsea, passed away peacefully on June 5.

Jacqueline was a Nurse at the Chelsea Soldiers Home for 40 years and a Cadet Nurse during WWII.

She is survived by her beloved sister, Mary Ellen Olsen of Canton and was preceded by her siblings, the late William, James, Irene and Ann (Nancy). Jackie moved to Billerica for her remaining years and lived with her nephew, Bob and Paula Halas and their family, for whom she was forever grateful. She also is survived by many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life



will be held later. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one’s choice. Arrangements under the care of the Sweeney Memorial Funeral Home, Billerica. www.sweeneymemorialfh.com.

Alice S. Konieczka

July 29, 1930 – June 18, 2023

Alice S. Konieczka passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 18 in the quiet surroundings of her home in Peabody. She was 92 years of age. Alice was predeceased by her loving husband of 68 years, Alfred S. Konieczka, Sr.

Alice was born in Chelsea where she grew up as the oldest child of the late Stanley and Anna Dekofski. She graduated from Chelsea High School, Class of 1948. After her graduation, Alice attended the Wilson School of Medical Technology in Boston and in June 1949 received her certification in Medical Laboratory Technique. Following graduation, Alice worked as a lab technician in Bridgeport, CT.

In 1951 she married the love of her life, Alfred, and together they began raising their family of two sons and three daughters in Chelsea. In 1972, Alice and Alfred relocated their family to Peabody, residing there for the past 51 years.

In 1975 Alice enrolled in Northeastern University’s Hinton Course for Medical Laboratory Assistants, and in 1977 received her Certificate. After graduating, she worked in the lab at Union Hospital in Lynn and later worked as a lab technician for a private medical practice, Lynnfield Medical Associates in Peabody, where she worked until her retirement in 1992.

Alice was also an active member of the PAV Post 13 Ladies Auxiliary in Chelsea. She participated in many of the past Memorial Day Parades and Post functions, and together with her husband, attended countless polka dances at the former PAV Hall in Chelsea.

Alice was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. She was the loving mother of Alfred S. Konieczka, Jr. of Peabody, Karen Divino and her husband, Emidio of Taunton, Susan Igo and her husband, Frederick of Ayer, Paul Konieczka and his wife, Jean of Merrimack, NH, and Linda Paskaruk and her husband, Gregory of Newmarket, Ontario. She was the cherished grandmother of Matthew and his wife, Melissa Konieczka, Todd Konieczka, Jeffrey and his wife, Tatiana Di-



vino, Kristen and her husband, Geoffrey Dutton, Corey and his wife, Shannon Konieczka, Ariane Divino, Daniel Konieczka, Scott and his wife, Brittney Konieczka, Nicholas Igo, Katarina Paskaruk, Mykola Paskaruk, Samantha Igo and Lawrence Paskaruk and adored great-grandmother of Annie, Harley, Sofia, Harper, Nathan and Emme; as well as the dear sister of the late Stanley Dekofski and surviving sibling, Kenneth Dekofski of Merrimac, MA.

Visiting Hours will be held at the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Wednesday, June 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Adelaide Church, 708 Lowell Street, Peabody on Thursday, June 29th at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. Funeral home is fully handicap accessible with ample parking opposite funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. <https://www.stjude.org/give> or The Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, Brookline, MA 02445. <https://www.dana-farber.org/how-you-can-help/ways-to-give/> For online guest book or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: www.WelshFH.com.

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OVER 150 PARTICIPANTS TAKE TO THE BOSTON HARBOR FOR FIFTH ANNUAL BOSTON FROGMAN SWIM TO SUPPORT NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION

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Boston Police Department Gaelic Column Pipes & Drums performing during the opening ceremony of the 5th Annual Boston Frogman Swim benefiting the Navy SEAL Foundation.



Boston Frogman Swim keynote speaker and Gold Star mother, Nancy Marston (left), alongside Gold Star mother Dotti Nickerson (right), addressing guests at the event benefiting the Navy SEAL Foundation.

The fifth annual Boston Frogman Swim fundraiser took place in Boston Harbor and raised over \$215,000 for the Navy SEAL Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides support for active, reserve, and veteran

SEALs, SWCCs, support personnel, and their families.

The 5K swim, which left from the Piers Park Sailing Center in East Boston, featured nearly 100 swimmers. The group was comprised of former

SEALs, special operations veterans, military family members, and supporters, including Gold Star family members of current Navy SEALs. The swimmers were joined by more than 60 kayakers. 100-year-old Navy Vet-

eran and Boston native Frank Bellotti, who also served as the Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts from 1963 to 1965, was in attendance for this year's swim.



Boston Frogman Swim participants lining up for start of swim benefiting the Navy SEAL Foundation.



Safety kayakers and swimmers at the annual Boston Frogman Swim benefiting the Navy SEAL Foundation.



Participants celebrate at the start of the Boston Frogman Swim.



Swimmers preparing for the start of the 5K course in Boston Harbor as part of the annual Boston Frogman Swim to benefit the Navy SEAL Foundation.



Safety kayakers and swimmers at the annual Boston Frogman Swim benefiting the Navy SEAL Foundation.

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JACK SATTER HOUSE 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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The Jack Satter House celebrated its 45th anniversary at a dinner at the residential community located on Revere Beach Boulevard.

The many guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres during a social hour before sitting down for a full-course meal in the dining room.

Executive Director Steve Poste drew praise

from residents for his outstanding leadership of the senior residential community.

Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe and Councilor-at-Large Dan Rizzo presented congratulatory citations to Steve Poste and Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello.

Congresswoman Katherine Clark appeared at the dinner, receiving a warm welcome from the guests in attendance.



Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti greets guests at the Satter House 45th Anniversary Dinner, including Galena Pogrebnyak, Aela Kaplan, Valentyna Romanchuk, Natea Milevskaja, Semen Milevskaya, and Julia Swerdlov.



Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe presents a City of Revere Certificate of Congratulations to Jack Satter House Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello and Executive Director Steve Post.



Candidate for Councilor-at-Large, Alex Rhalimi, and his wife, Sofia Rhalimi.



Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto and Donna Montieth.



Satter House resident Charles Aaronson and Frank Lally.



Satter House residents Kiki Alexandratou and Denise Riley.



Cynthia Ringer, Janice Gilman, and Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe.



Enjoying the social hour are Judy Yantosca, Barbara Slayton, and Marlene Bloom.



Rita Fiorello, Frank Lally (center), and Liz Kelly.



From left, Executive Director Steve Post, Ward 2 Councilor Ira Novoselsky, Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello, Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe, Councilor-at-Large Marc Silvestri, and Councilor-at-Large Steven Morabito.



Lillian Bockser, Natalie Mason, Cynthia Ringer, Mildred Goldman, and Ruth Giannassoli.



Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo presents a Certificate of Commendation to Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello at the 45th Anniversary Celebration. Pictured, from left, are Cindy Kiejna, Financial Secretary Janice Gilman, Executive Director Steve Post, Regional School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano, Jane Rizzo, Dan Rizzo, Roxanne Aiello, Treasurer Kathy Bennett, and Second Vice Presiden Paula Weiner.



June Muollo, Satter House Resident Services Coordinator Jill Leach, Director of Resident Services Rose Shapiro, and Northeast Regional School Committeeman Anthony Caggiano.



Satter House Executive Director Steve Poste, Acting Mayor Patrick Keefe and Kaitlyn Carter, Aide to Rep. Jeff Turco.



Executive Director Steve Poste and popular resident Billy Sullivan.



Ruth Giannassoli (left), the fabulous hairstylist at the Jack Satter House, with Rona Hearn.



Satter House Executive Director Steve Poste and Angela Guarino-Sawaya, candidate for Revere City Council Ward 5.



Tenants Association President Roxanne Aiello and First Vice President Joanne Monteforte.