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CPD with safety and ice cream was part of the program. Shown in photo, PO Garrison Daniel, Matthew DiNicola, Po Jonathan Moldonado with Akylis and Armani Mondonado, and PO Nicole McLaughlin, Peter Perlmutter, Bea Cravatta, Alex Christmas, Sarah Neville, Abby Feldman and Maria, Yousef and Mateo Albarbari.

CHELSEA RECREATION OFFERS BIKE SAFETY DAY

The past Saturday morning was a bit rainy, but it did not dampen the spirits of children of all ages riding their bikes. The parking lot at the Burke Complex

was blocked off, allowing the children to get safety riding tips and try their skills on an obstacle course made from safety cones. Bike Instructor Peter

Perlmutter was on hand to offer insight to the young riders, and CPD was also on hand for safety and brought ice cream for everybody.

Chelsea Recreation partnered with Chelsea Pedestrian and Bikes and the Chelsea Library to get funds and donation for the event.



Yousef Albarbari on the obstacle course.



Mateo Albarbari rides in safety in the blocked off parking lot.

Council approves a microgrid project

By Adam Swift

After a second subcommittee meeting on the issue, the City Council voted to move forward with a municipal microgrid project at Monday night's meeting.

The project seeks to

provide emergency power to ensure continuity of public services, while promoting energy resilience and reducing greenhouse gas emissions through new energy (battery) storage facilities at City Hall and the police station, coupled with solar panels on the DPW City Yard, according to City Manager Ned Keefe.

Keefe requested that the council approve an energy services agreement (ESA) with Ameresco, Inc. in ac-

cordance with Massachusetts General Laws and authorize a lease purchase finance agreement for the borrowing of funds in the amount of \$3,615,699 for the first phase of the microgrid project.

During the initial subcommittee meeting on the requests, several councilors raised concerns about the safety of the lithium batteries, as well as the financial feasibility of the project ultimately paying for itself.

Monday night, several councilors stated they were comfortable with the safety of the project, and that it would be a potential benefit for the city, approving Keefe's requests by a 9-0 vote.

"I have enjoyed the process of learning more about this," said Councilor-at-Large Brian Hatleberg. "I initially took this as a cost savings proposal. I was very cautious trying to understand what went into it, and I am grateful to staff for the work that went into this."

Hatleberg said the microgrid project is an opportunity for the city to begin the process of trying to build a more stable energy grid.

During the public speaking portion of Mon-

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Council looks to extend City Manager search deadline

By Adam Swift

The City Council appointed Ned Keefe, the current Interim City Manager, to a term not to exceed two years as Chelsea's new City Manager.

However, the removal of the interim tag from Keefe's job title is more of an administrative matter, as the council is still taking steps to seek a long-term city manager to replace former manager Thomas Ambrosino.

Due to the language in the city charter, an interim city manager cannot serve for more than six months, and Keefe was approaching that time limit.

Also in play is an expected move to extend the city manager search process and adjust language on the compensation package for the position. A council subcommittee on conference was expected to meet to address those issues.

It is expected that Keefe will serve as city manager

until the council moves forward with an appointment as a result of the search process.

"The charter is very specific about how you appoint the city manager," said City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher. "I believe that Mr. Keefe is aware that in reality, his appointment is until you find a new city manager."

Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot said she wanted to make sure residents realized that the city was not abandoning the city manager search process, but that Keefe's appointment was necessitated by the charter language.

Earlier in the evening, Mary Aicardi from the Collins Center at UMass Boston, which is helping conduct the search, addressed the Collins Center's request to extend the timeline for the search and to adjust the compensation language in order to bring in more qualified candi-

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Magic Juan

Juan Gallego expertly led Kim Driscoll's successful campaign for lieutenant governor

By Cary Shuman

Chelsea resident Juan Gallego is regarded as a phenom in the world of electoral politics.

At the age of 26, Gallego was the manager of Kim Driscoll's successful campaign for lieutenant governor in the 2022 Democratic Primary. Driscoll, who had served as the former mayor of Salem with distinction, had named him campaign manager in January.

Gallego had managed local campaigns in the past, including a victorious run for Chelsea Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot in 2019. He was

the statewide organizing manager for Sen. Edward J. Markey's successful re-election campaign in 2020.

Following Markey's re-election campaign that included a victory over Congressman Joseph Kennedy III in the Democratic Primary, Gallego moved into the top role in the Driscoll campaign in 2022.

"It's definitely been a whirlwind experience," said Gallego. "I remember getting that call from the now-lieutenant governor asking me to manage her campaign. The

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Juan Gallego is pictured with Gov. Maura Healey and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll on Inauguration Day, Jan. 5, 2023.

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Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

Pressley secures funding for Broadway corridor project

By Adam Swift

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley came bearing a big gift for Chelsea on Monday at City Hall.

Pressley presented city and community leaders with a \$2 million check representing federal Community Project Funds that will help pay for the city’s Broadway corridor reconstruction project.

Pressley and the other local leaders who spoke on Monday emphasized that the project is about more than just paving an important city street, but about providing safety, mobility, and equity for local businesses and residents in an underserved community.

“We are here to celebrate and uplift the \$2 million investment made through Community Project Funding,” said Pressley. “It has truly been my honor to fight alongside everyone here today to deliver these federal funds.”

Pressley also thanked Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey for their support in helping to secure the funding.

“This funding will support the improvement of the Broadway corridor, home to an array of small businesses, vibrant public spaces, high-frequency public transit routes, and residential housing,” said Pressley. “The project envisions a comprehensive reconstruction of treescape and utilities and infrastructure to address safety issues and ultimately save lives, to enhance accessible and safe public transit, and to promote an equitable economic recovery to the city and its residents.”

Pressley said the project strives to create a sustainable and thriving urban environment.



PHOTOS BY ADAM SWIFT
Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley at Monday’s press conference at Chelsea City Hall.

“I do believe that our greatest wealth as a Commonwealth is the health of our people and I do believe that this supports our health in every single way, whether you are talking about the vibrancy and resiliency of our small businesses or you are talking about literal public safety and making sure that people can navigate this corridor safely and have that peace of mind,” said Pressley.

City Council President Leo Robinson said the city was grateful to Pressley for securing the much-needed funds to support the city’s goal of revitalizing the downtown.

“The downtown Broadway corridor is a cornerstone of the city’s economic development,” said Robinson. “The city council has invested significant resources and city staff have concentrated and led a variety of programs in the downtown.”

Some of those programs include the storefront improvement program, the redesign of Bellingham Square Plaza, and public transportation improvements.

The Broadway corridor project is a significant infrastructure project vital for the future of the downtown, the council president said.

“This project will improve water quality as well as ensure an uninterrupted supply of clean water by replacing all the lead water pipes,” said Robinson. “Moreover, the project will upgrade utilities to promote future economic development such as new community development and mixed-income housing ... Upon completion of this project, it will unlock unprecedented opportunities for economic and small business development.”

State Representative and City Councilor Judith Garcia said she has heard from residents and small business owners for years about the need for improvements in the Broadway corridor.

Garcia also noted that the corridor has one of the most dangerous intersections in the state, one that has seen fatal accidents in the past.

“That is going to end as soon as we put this money to work,” said Garcia.

State Senator Sal DiDomenico thanked Pressley for being a representative who is a champion and fighter for her constituents.

“These investments go beyond the dollars you are seeing in bricks and mortar and in pavement and sidewalks,” said DiDomenico. “They create opportunities for our businesses, for our residents and give them resources for them to live, to buy food, to support their families, and for housing. All of that starts with getting a fair shake, a fair opportunity to succeed in our community, and our congresswoman



Kelly City Councilor Norieliz DeJesus, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, City Council President Leo Robinson, and State Representative Judith Garcia.



City Manager Ned Keefe, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Chelsea Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train, and Chelsea Small Business Development Specialist Omar Miranda.

has been doing that.”

In addition to the city officials and elected leaders, representatives from

community partners including La Colaborativa, GreenRoots, The Neighborhood Developers, and

the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce attended Monday’s press conference at City Hall.

Healey funds the implementation of DiDomenico’s Law

Last week, the Healey Administration announced \$40 million in federal and state funding to implement the law that Senator Sal DiDomenico championed for years, and the legislature passed in 2022 that would streamline access to core safety net programs. Legislation passed in August of 2022, Chapter 174 of the Acts of 2022, directed the Administration to create a Common Application for SNAP, MassHealth, cash assistance, childcare and housing subsidies, fuel assistance, and other needs-tested benefits and today this funding infusion will ensure the state can reach this goal.

The funding included in the Governor’s five-year Capital Investment Plant represents a significant step towards making basic benefit programs more efficient and effective, closing participation gaps, maximizing federal revenue for needy families, and ensuring more residents connect to the programs they need. The announcement comes as part of the Administration’s broader efforts to improve quality of service across government programs, in-

cluding enhancing transparency, accessibility, and cybersecurity.

“The allocation today by the Healey Administration of \$18 Million will move the implementation of the Common Application forward in Massachusetts and help thousands of low-income individuals across the Commonwealth meet their basic needs,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico, Senate lead sponsor of the Common Application legislation and Assistant Majority Leader. “After many years of work on this issue we are thrilled to partner with the Administration and advocates to make the Common Application a reality and look forward to building on this momentum of equitably expanding access to public benefits.”

For many years, Massachusetts had separate application processes for MassHealth and SNAP, as well as many other safety-net programs, that all asked for the same basic information. For many low-income families, these burdensome and duplicative application processes were a significant barrier to access the benefits for which they were

entitled. For example, the separate application process for MassHealth and SNAP resulted in the “SNAP Gap” – with approximately 700,000 MassHealth recipients who are likely income-eligible for SNAP, but not receiving them. The MA Legislature included language in the FY20 and FY21 budgets requiring the Administration to allow MassHealth applicants to apply for SNAP at the same time, which has produced significant results in boosting SNAP enrollment. The Common Application initiative weaves in other basic benefits and creates a “no wrong door” portal for low-income families, while allowing state agencies to more efficiently process benefits using common eligibility information and proofs.

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI) and the Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW-MA) led a coalition urging the adoption of a Common Application. De-siloing government programs and closing gaps were core goals of legislation and subsequent bud-

get language filed by State Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Representative Jay Livingstone, an Act to Streamline Access to Critical Public Health and Safety-net Programs through Common Applications (S.761/H.1290). More than 70 State Senators and Representatives supported this legislation, demonstrating widespread bipartisan and bicameral support.

“Bureaucratic obstacles should never stand in the way of Massachusetts households being able to access the benefits they are eligible for to meet their basic everyday needs,” said Georgia Katsoulomitis, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI). “Passing the Common Application legislation was an important step in the process toward solving this issue, and today’s allocation of funds to get it implemented is a welcome affirmation from the Healey Administration that they are committed to improving the lives of the Commonwealth’s most vulnerable residents.”

“Social workers understand how important it is to address the root causes

of poverty and food insecurity through public policy. The infusion of this essential funding will finally allow the state to provide streamlined access to essential, life-saving benefits, which will improve economic mobility and, in turn, overall health and mental health outcomes for kids and families across our Commonwealth,” said Rebekah Gewirtz, executive director of the National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter. “We are grateful the Administration took this bold action to finally begin to realize the Common Application and we look forward to working with the Administration on implementation.”

Patricia Baker, MLRI Sr. Policy Advocate and Chair of the statewide SNAP Coalition, added, “We are thrilled that Governor Healey and her Administration are actively removing access barriers and finally investing resources to make the Common Application a reality for Massachusetts families, older adults, and persons with disabilities who need to be connected to these key benefits. MLRI

and the anti-poverty advocacy community look forward to working with the Healey Administration on robust implementation. We are deeply grateful to Chairman Jay Livingstone and Assistant Majority Leader Sal DiDomenico along with the Massachusetts Legislature for their unwavering efforts in closing the SNAP gap and mandating the state create a Common Application. Massachusetts has the smarts and IT to get this done.”

The Common App Coalition is a coalition of more than 150 organizations across Massachusetts committed to reducing hunger and alleviating poverty and is led by the National Association of Social Workers – Massachusetts Chapter (NASW-MA) and the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute (MLRI). The Coalition has been advocating for a Common Application and looks forward to continuing to work on the implementation of this initiative with the Healey Administration.

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dates. “We have received candidates, many who are exceptionally educated and experienced individuals,” said Aicardi. “But not enough meet your qual-

ifications in accordance with your profile and the charter provisions. What we would like to do is extend the deadline and do a little bit more work to do some recruitment.”

In doing outreach about the position, Aicardi said many people are saying that the salary as listed, at \$200,000 per year, is insufficient to make them move from their current

jobs.

“Rather than put in a specific pay, we would like to put language in the profile to say ‘a competitive employment package will be entered into with

the city council depending on qualifications,’” said Aicardi. “That way, you don’t have to choose the amount right now without having any idea of the experience of the candidates

the screening committee is moving forward.”

Vidot said the compensation package and deadline extension could be discussed further in subcommittee.

NEWS BRIEFS

INTEGRITY REVIEW BUREAU RECEIVED 17 NEW CASES IN 2022

The Suffolk County unit that investigates claims of innocence, wrongful convictions, unjust sentences and other criminal court irregularities received 17 new cases for screening in 2022 and currently has 38 cases awaiting initial review, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

In addition to the cases awaiting review, the Integrity Review Bureau (IRB) has five cases selected for further investigation and three cases that will likely result in recommendations for relief, Hayden said.

“The IRB’s work is vital in bringing attention and remediation to cases where justice has not been served or has been inequitably applied. We are fully aware of the power we possess as prosecutors and as investigators, and we will always use that power to secure just convictions

and to address unjust convictions,” Hayden said.

The current IRB structure, dating to 2019, was built upon the office’s DNA Committee, started in 2002, and its Conviction Integrity Program, started in 2012. In its current inception the IRB has received 108 applications for review, which have to date resulted in 18 defendants receiving some form of relief. The relief includes nine recommendations regarding convictions, four regarding sentencing, and five regarding other forms of relief, such as support for parole or commutation.

The IRB has continually refined its application and online Case Inquiry Form, with the latest revisions having been made in spring and summer of 2022. The goal is to make the application form and process accessible for anyone seeking review of a conviction or sentence.

“Making the application

form as easy as possible to access and complete goes a long way when it’s used by inmates or others with limited access to computers and the internet. This is an advantageous blend of technology and justice system access,” Hayden said.

The IRB has dramatically reduced its response time to case inquiries received through the office’s website portal. Response time in 2020, with the IRB in its infancy and with a backlog of inherited cases, was over two weeks. Response time dropped to under three days in 2021 and under two days in 2022.

Of the 18 cases approved for relief, 14 of the applicants were Black, two were Hispanic and two were White. One of the applicants was female and the rest were male. The applicants have collectively served 564 years in prison.

Sarah Neville announces candidacy for District 2 School Committee

Sarah Neville has announced her campaign to serve as the Chelsea School Committee member for District 2.

“This fall, my son Robi will be starting school at the Early Learning Center,” says Neville. “Over the past year, I’ve been navigating getting him the services he needs, from speech therapy, to Early Intervention, and finally an Individualized Education Plan from the Chelsea school district. I’m excited to be joining the Chelsea Public Schools community as a parent. I believe we have to do everything we can to elevate the voices of families with kids in special education on the School Committee, and to advocate for solutions to all of the issues pressing our students, educators, and families.”

Sarah is the mom of a nearly-three-year-old boy and a dedicated community volunteer. She runs infant and toddler playgroups for Chelsea Community Connections, founded the Chelsea Research Festival, and enjoys getting her hands dirty in GreenRoots’ urban gardens. She is also a child welfare researcher at Brown University, and the wife of outgoing School Committee member Roberto Jimenez-Rivera.

“I’ve been able to see the work of the Chelsea School Committee up close over these last four years, and I’m excited to contribute my own experiences. I spend a lot of time in the playgrounds talking to other parents, listening to their challenges and priorities. In Chelsea,



Sarah Neville and her son, Robi.

sea, parent engagement is a monumental task, and our families are grappling with more stressors than ever. I believe the School Committee needs to use their position not only to help solve small problems for individual students, but also to empower families to create whole-scale change and address larger issues affecting the Chelsea Public Schools community.

“As a mom of a child with special support needs, I am unapologetic about advocating for students to get the services they deserve. I want families to know they can come to the School Committee to advocate for their children, and to work to change policies that affect all students.”

Sarah’s professional experience is highly relevant to Chelsea Public Schools. She recently finished a PhD in social work and also holds degrees in child development.

“As a School Committee member, I will be able to draw upon my expertise in social work and mental health,” says Neville. “I

had the privilege to work with many high schoolers and hear their priorities through my work on the Chelsea Research Festival. Our students are telling us that they are experiencing an unprecedented mental health crisis. We need to keep pushing for more social workers and mental health supports to ensure our students are in a position to learn and thrive.”

Sarah also intends to make early childhood education a key priority in her School Committee work.

“I had a rough start to motherhood, with Robi being born in July 2020. For many months we were isolated and there weren’t places we could bring him. My dream is for every new parent to feel connected, supported, and confident, and for all families to know how to find support groups, play groups, and early childhood activities in our community.”

To read more, visit sarahforchelsea.com or connect with Sarah at sarah.neville.chelsea@gmail.com.

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first campaign I had ever been involved in was Kim Driscoll’s re-election campaign for mayor of Salem. I was a campaign fellow.”

After serving as the deputy transition director for both Gov. Maura Healey and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, Gallego is now the assistant deputy chief of staff to the lieutenant governor.

Driscoll praised Gallego’s professional contributions to the Administration.

“I’ve had the opportunity to know Juan for a number of years and he has become an invaluable member of the Healey-Driscoll Administration,” said Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll. “His background and experience make him a great asset in the Governor’s office and for the betterment of the Commonwealth. He embodies what it means to be a Chelsea resident.”

Former Chelsea City Manager and current Massachusetts Competitive Partnership President and CEO Jay Ash witnessed Gallego’s superior leadership skills and innovativeness during his work in a fellowship position in his office.

“Juan is a young professional, who is demonstrating capabilities in numerous areas of policy and administration,” said Ash. “I got to see it firsthand when he completed a fellowship with my office that he has a maturity and perspective that one should only have from being a more seasoned practitioner. On top of which, he’s a really good guy. He has all the makings of being the next, in a long line of great leaders, that will come out of Chelsea.”

Boutique, on Broadway.

“My family and I emigrated from Colombia when I was seven years old,” said Juan. “Chelsea has been my home for most of my life.”

Juan Gallego attended Saint Rose School in Chelsea. He received a scholarship to Matignon High School in Cambridge where he played varsity football and graduates in 2015. He spent one year at Bridgewater State University, working part time as an assistant football coach at Bishop Connolly High School in Fall River and later at Randolph High School.

“I went to Bridgewater with the intention of being a high school history teacher and coaching football, and one way or another, I got myself involved in politics and I transferred from Bridgewater and went to Northeastern University,” said Gallego. “I got the political bug and started working on campaigns. I also had the opportunity to be an assistant to [former governor] Michael Dukakis, who was a professor at Northeastern. He’s been a huge mentor of mine.”

Gallego, who graduated from Northeastern with a degree in Political Science in 2019, took internships with Sen. Sal DiDomenico and U.S. Sen. Edward J. Markey and had the opportunity to travel abroad on research projects in Korea and Switzerland.

Reflecting on the Driscoll campaign

Kim Driscoll’s campaign was masterfully run from start to finish. Driscoll’s personality and professionalism connected with voters across Massachusetts.

“We had a great candidate in Kim Driscoll,” said Gallego. “She was a 17-year mayor of Salem who was well-respected, well-regarded, not only

in Salem and the region, but across the state. Everybody knew the outstanding work that Mayor Driscoll was doing on so many issues. We really built upon those relationships, and her experience, knowledge, and vision for the state.”

Driscoll’s message about equity, competitiveness, housing affordability resonated with voters, and she won a decisive victory over Sen. Eric Lesser and Rep. Tami Gouveia in the Democratic Primary.

In the 2022 gubernatorial election, Gallego worked on the Healey-Driscoll team. The duo made history, winning in November to become the first two women to hold the top executive leadership positions in Massachusetts state government.

Gallego said he would often talk with Driscoll about their respective connections to Chelsea. Driscoll served as the deputy city manager and chief legal counsel in Chelsea, with City Manager Jay Ash at the helm.

“I think Kim Driscoll’s experiences in Chelsea were foundational to all the work she’s doing now,” said Gallego. “All her incredible insight to local government, how to empower residents – I think Kim developed that foundation during her time in government in Chelsea.”

Gallego was asked if he was considering a launch of his own political consulting and campaign management company following his remarkable success in that field.

“I think I’m very content where I am today, with all the folks that I’m so fortunate to work with,” said Gallego. “I’m so honored to be a part of the Healey-Driscoll Administration – but we’ll see what the future holds.”



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THANK YOU, JAY SEIGAL

We wish to take a moment to offer our congratulations to Jay Seigal, who is retiring after serving for 33 years as a physical education teacher in the Chelsea school system.

Jay was also head coach of the Chelsea High boys basketball team for 13 seasons, guiding the Red Devils to 10 state tournament appearances and a number of Commonwealth Athletic Conference championships.

Prior to taking over the reins of the head basketball coaching position, Jay served for many years as an assistant on the staff of legendary CHS coach Jack Niven, for whom Jay (a grad of the CHS Class of 1976) played varsity basketball.

Jay, a Boston State College graduate, was inspired to get into the field of education by his father, Morrie, who served for 36 years in the Chelsea school system as a teacher and administrator and for 29 years as a member of the Chelsea School Committee.

We know we join with all of our fellow residents, as well as the hundreds of CHS students whom Jay has taught over the years, in thanking him for his 33 years of service to our community and wishing him the best in his retirement years.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

With the Fourth of July falling on a Tuesday this year, many of us will be enjoying an extra-long holiday weekend for which the weather hopefully will cooperate.

The Fourth of July brings back fond recollections from our youth, when we celebrated the Fourth with cookouts at our grandmother’s house at Yirrell Beach on Pt. Shirley in Winthrop.

Those happy summer memories on the beach with family members, many of whom are no longer with us, are etched indelibly in our mind’s eye and always bring a smile to our face as if they happened just yesterday, though they occurred decades ago.

Amidst all of our celebrating however, we often overlook the reason why we have a Fourth of July: It was on that date 247 years ago when a group of America’s leaders and best thinkers gathered in Philadelphia to declare their independence from England by means of a proclamation to the world in which they stated, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

We hasten to point out that in 1776, “men” literally meant only “white men.” About 20 percent -- almost 500,000 persons -- of the country’s 2.5 million population were enslaved. Half of the rest -- women -- were treated as chattel and did not have the right to vote in America until more than 150 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

But in the context of 2023, the basic premise of the Declaration of Independence -- “all men are created equal” -- resonates as loudly and as clearly as ever. To be sure, there are forces in our country that do not adhere to that belief. Racism, sexism, and prejudice still exist to far too large an extent.

But if we believe in the vision expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who declared, “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice,” the essence of the Declaration of Independence remains as true today as it did in 1776.

ENJOY THE LONG WEEKEND SAFELY

An often-overlooked aspect of the Fourth, especially during a long holiday weekend, is that too many among us will engage in behavior that is risky not only to ourselves, but to our loved ones and others around us.

Fireworks are illegal for everybody in Massachusetts, but that has not stopped the proliferation of fireworks in recent years. In Massachusetts alone in 2022, fire departments reported 106 fires and explosions attributed to fireworks, an increase of nearly a third from 2021. More than half of these incidents took place during the week of July 4. All told, fireworks-related incidents in Mass. last year caused 38 injuries and \$414,279 in damages.

Every year there are more than 10,000 injuries across the country that require emergency room visits, with many fireworks’ users losing fingers and suffering burns that will maim them for life.

Other risky behavior also spikes during the holiday weekend. From 2017 to 2021, there were 1,460 drivers who were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes over the Fourth of July holiday period, of whom 38 percent were drunk.

This same admonition also applies to boat owners, who all-too-often think that being in the water while under the influence is safe and acceptable behavior.

In addition to happy memories from our youth, the Fourth of July also resurrects a tragic memory of a friend, an athletic young man in his 20s who was one of our basketball buddies, who became intoxicated at a backyard barbecue. He fell off a small porch when he missed a step and fractured some vertebrae, leaving him a paraplegic and wheelchair-bound for the rest of his life.

That tragic event happened almost 30 years ago, but the shock of hearing of our friend’s accident, and then seeing him for the first time in a wheelchair, never to play basketball again, is something we never will forget.

In the 1800s and early 1900s, the Fourth of July served as a convenient excuse for young men to go on a rampage throughout their communities, vandalizing public and private property. The term “a safe and sane Fourth” was introduced at the turn of the 20th century to discourage deliberate acts of rowdiness.

Although we no longer celebrate the Fourth as wantonly as our ancestors did, nonetheless we all must do our part to make sure that we observe the Fourth’s festivities safely and sanely, both for ourselves and our loved ones.

We wish all of our readers a happy, fun-filled, and safe Fourth of July.

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Life is filled with risks.

Perhaps you enjoy sky diving, climbing Mount Everest, or swimming with sharks? Each endeavor involves serious risks.

Nothing would be accomplished on this planet without people willing to venture out into the unknown. Space exploration, medical and educational advances would be stymied without an innate spirit to try new things and to boldly go where no man has gone before. That’s right Star Trek would never have existed without the imagination of Gene Roddenberry.

From Christopher Columbus to the early settlers who forged their way West across America, our world is better. Scientists, engineers, inventors and explorers, who thought outside the box, regardless of the risk, have paved the way for countless others.

Bad things can hap-

pen to all of us even though the risk may not seem great. Automobiles, planes, and trains are in motion every day. They are standards for transportation. Yet, there are still car and plane crashes and train wrecks. Human life is lost every day even in our common modes of transportation.

The people aboard the Titanic in 1912 were riding the most magnificent ship of that era. It was believed by some to be unsinkable. Some of the wealthiest people of that day were on that maiden voyage. Yet, the Titanic was no match for human error and an iceberg. Of the 2240 passengers and crew, more than 1500 people lost their lives in that disaster. Most of them believed they were on a safe and grand vacation. They were, but tragedy occurred.

Last week a small 22-foot submersible known as the Titan owned by

OceanGate of Everett, Washington carried five passengers to their death. The cost per passenger was reportedly \$250,000 each for the trip to see the wreckage of the Titanic. Experts inside and outside of the company had warned of potential dangers and urged the company to undergo a certification process. Twenty-eight people are reported to have made the trip see the Titanic wreckage last year. Trips have been cancelled and indefinitely postponed due to various issues. There is speculation that the vessel made of carbon fiber was fatigued from previous trips. Tiny cracks not even visible could have existed.

Of course, these people thought they would make it back. They didn’t pay a quarter of a million dollars to die. They obviously believed they were safe. Even though there had been warnings about the construction of the tiny

sub, they moved forward on their adventure.

The best any of us can do is to try to make good decisions and we will still have mishaps. You can’t control what others are doing around you and how their actions might impact you. There is always a chance of mechanical failure and human error. We live with hope that we will be able to recuperate from whatever might happen. Often “We walk by faith and not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7.

If we don’t live life with some risks, we aren’t living much of a life, if any life at all.

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Chelsea bus routes free for the summer

By Adam Swift

MBTA bus routes in Chelsea will be free through the end of August as part of the mitigation efforts for the closure of the Sumner Tunnel this summer.

“My office is excited to share that after advocacy for mitigation from my office and Senator (Sal) DiDomenico, from July 5-August 31, because of the Sumner Tunnel closure, the following bus routes in Chelsea will be made free of charge: 111; 112, 114, 116 & 117,” stated state Representative Judith Garcia.

Garcia noted that she also worked with city and state officials to help offer

mitigation solutions for the traffic that will spill over into Chelsea as a result of the tunnel closure.

The state representative said there are also efforts to expand support for local public safety officials who will also have to deal with issues from increased traffic in the city.

In addition, the SL3 will be free inbound only at the Chelsea, Bellingham Square, Box District, Eastern Avenue, and Airport stops, as was the case during the Chelsea Curves project a few years ago.

As part of the overall mitigation efforts, the Blue Line will be free for all commuters this summer.

The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project will offer a variety of mitigation options for individuals coming from all travel points, including free trips on the MBTA Blue Line for the duration of the tunnel’s closure; free and reduced cost water ferry options; reduced Commuter Rail fares for riders; reduced parking costs at MBTA and Commuter Rail parking lots and garages; discounted tolls for residents; and additional options for travelers to and from Logan Airport, according to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

In addition to providing the East Boston Ferry

as a free transit option, the MBTA has added a new ferry service between Lynn and Central Wharf in Boston to provide an additional transit option during the Sumner Tunnel closure.

MassDOT officials also noted that there will be reduced rates for the Winthrop Ferry for the duration of the full closure, which is scheduled for July 5 through August 31.

All mitigation efforts are also expected to be in place for next summer’s closure of the Sumner Tunnel. The Tunnel will also remain closed most weekends between the summers as part of the reconstruction project.

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day’s council meeting, Planning Board member Sarah Neville read a letter from her mother-in-law, who lives in Puerto Rico, about the major power grid issues the island had following Hurricane Maria in 2017.

“I don’t believe this project in and of itself is going to revolutionize the grid, but everything starts somewhere,” said Hatleberg. “I believe this is a very important first step in making sure that we can build a more resilient grid here. It also has the particularly nice feature of looking like something that will be strongly financially positive for us.”

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor said he initially had some concerns about the safety and financing of the project. After meeting with Fire Chief Leonard Albanese and the project vendor, Taylor said many of his questions about safety were answered to his satisfaction.

“The safety portion aside, I think that the financial risk in whether these batteries operate as advertised is a real question,” said Taylor. However, Taylor noted the minimal financial risk to the city was worth it to see how the project works.

“If it doesn’t operate as

advertised, I’ll be the first one to try to put the kibosh on the rest of it,” said Taylor.

District 7 Councilor Tainari Garcia said she lived through Hurricane Maria

in Puerto Rico and lost electricity for 10 months, adding that improving the power grid in Chelsea could help if the city ever faces a natural disaster.

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Sumner Tunnel Closure: You've Got Options

This summer, MassDOT's Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project will close the tunnel from 7/5 to 8/31. The MBTA offers simple ways to get to Boston. Park the car and hop on the Blue Line, Commuter Rail, or Ferry.



Take the Blue Line for Free

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Take the Ferries Between Boston, East Boston, or Lynn

East Boston

- Free East Boston Ferry between Lewis Wharf and Long Wharf (North)
- No parking available

Lynn

- \$2.40 for a one-way trip with new ferry service between Blossom Street Pier and Long Wharf (South), weekdays only, 10 trips per day
- Free parking at Blossom Street Pier parking lot

Winthrop

- MBTA will operate Winthrop Ferry Service for \$2.40 per trip
- Service between Winthrop, Quincy, Logan Airport, Aquarium, and Seaport



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BELLINGHAM-CARY HOUSE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The Governor Bellingham-Cary House Association held its first Strawberry Festival Fundraiser since the summer of 2019. Board members were thrilled to welcome visitors to the June 24 community event that has been a tradition for over a century. Hundreds of guests enjoyed tours of the home and strawberry shortcakes that were prepared and served by board member of the volunteer-operated organization. “We are grateful to have people in the house, enjoying strawberries and friendship. It was a positive experience,” said Karen Mac Innis, President. “We were fortunate in having the strawberries donated by a local company. The fresh, whipped cream was prepared and donated by one of our members; and one of our board members baked our biscuits.”

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Amy and Suzanne Ramoutarsingh, and Jaishree and Shahana Bhaduri.



Jean Chapman, Vice President.



Beth Novak, Sarah Neville, Christine Giraud, and Alex Christmas.



Chelsea residents, Mia Torres and her mother, Marilyn Vega, and Silvia Guzman.



Representative Judith Garcia and her fiancé, Rob Waters, owner of the Marina at Admirals Hill.



Regina Taylor and her daughter, Alanna Taylor, enjoying conversation and strawberry shortcake in the Bellingham-Cary House.



Madeleine Scammell and Victor Tiernan, Chelsea residents, receiving strawberry shortcakes.



Representative Judith Garcia and her fiancé, Rob Waters, receiving a tour of the Bellingham-Cary House by curator, Darren Brown.



Jean Chapman, Vice President, preparing strawberry shortcake orders, with Ledia Koco, trustee, and Karen Mac Innis, President.



Susan Carella, Chelsea resident, enjoying her strawberry shortcake.



Ron Robinson and Rosemary Hughes.



Councilor Leo Robinson and Frank Henry.



Bellingham-Cary House board of directors: Karen Mac Innis, Jean Chapman, Harrison and Darren Brown, Matt Frank, John Burns, and Bruce Mac Innis.



Marnie MacAlpine, Chair, Chelsea Licensing Commission, and John Burns, Cary-House board member.

DIDOMENICO’S LEGISLATION INCLUDED IN GOVERNOR HEALEY’S RELATIONSHIP & SEX EDUCATION GUIDELINES

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico joined Maura Healey, Senate President Karen Spilka, advocates, and his State House colleagues to celebrate the Governor’s Administration updating DESE’s outdated health and physical education framework to provide our students with sex and relationship education that is inclusive, medically accurate, and age appropriate. These guidelines haven’t been updated for over 20 years and will be considered by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. If the Board decides to move forward with the proposal, there will be a 60-day period for public comment followed by potential revisions and a vote on implementation later this year.

“As lead sponsor of the Healthy Youth Act bill, I take great pride in the health and well-being of our students and see this framework update as the natural progression toward passage and implementation of my legislation,” said State Senator



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Senate President Karen Spilka.

Sal DiDomenico. “I want to thank Governor Maura Healey and her team for making this a priority, ensuring our students can protect their health, form respectful relationships, and build the bright futures they deserve.”

Senator Sal DiDomenico is lead sponsor of the Healthy Youth Act bill, An Act relative to healthy youth (S268), which has been proposed in the legislature for over a decade. This bill is similar to DESE’s new proposed guidelines but would make them permanent and give them the force



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking at the press conference alongside Governor Healey, Lieutenant Governor Driscoll, State House colleagues, and advocates.

of law which will ensure Massachusetts public schools electing to teach sex education curriculum use age-appropriate, medically accurate, and research-based information that covers a comprehensive range of topics. The legislation also calls for sex education to be inclusive and appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Senator DiDomenico will continue to push for passage of the Healthy Youth Act.



Senator Sal DiDomenico with Governor Maura Healey (3rd from right), Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll (left), Representative Jim O’Day (middle), his Chief of Staff Christie Getto Young (second from right), and staff.



16 teams make up the Chelsea Youth Basketball Program, the players, coaches and organizers are shown at the Williams School last Saturday morning.

CHELSEA YOUTH BASKETBALL PROGRAM AWARDS EVENT

Last Saturday morning the Chelsea Youth Basketball Program held the awards presentation at the Williams Middle School. The program for boys and girls of ages 5-14 is a 16-week program, geared to build skills in basketball and team play, as well as interaction with peers. The games are played on Friday nights and Saturday mornings.



Program coordinators Joshua Concepcion and Ruben Vargas are shown with the many trophies to be given to the players for their efforts and team play.

CHELSEA HIGH FOOTBALL PLAYERS IN AGGANIS ALL-STAR CLASSIC



Cary Shuman Photo
Chelsea High School football players (from left) Ali Warsame, Herman Esquivel, and Jonathan Barrientos were set to play in the 61st Annual Agganis All-Star Football Game Wednesday night at Manning Field in Lynn. The three Red Devil standouts are pictured at the Agganis awards ceremony Sunday.

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CHELSEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREAKFAST FOCUSES ON
INNES APARTMENTS/CENTRAL AVE. REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Sean McReynolds, president of the Joseph J. Corcoran Company, and Jennifer Corcoran, project director for the Joseph J. Corcoran Company, were the guest speakers at the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Breakfast June 21 at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club.

McReynolds and Corcoran provided the large gathering with a thorough update on the \$155 million redevelopment of the Innes Apartments, known previously as the “Central Avenue Projects.”

This historic public-private partnership for the city, being done in coordination with the Chelsea Housing Authority, will create 96 affordable, public housing units, 40 middle-income housing opportunities, and 194 market-rate apartments.

McReynolds and Corcoran did a great job in their dual presentation and later took questions from the audience.

“I firmly believe that



Eda Cardenas and Sandy Youssef of East Cambridge Savings Bank.

the redevelopment of the Innes Apartments is a great project, not only for the city, but also for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States, who can use this as an example for other public-private partnerships that will help address the housing needs in the various communities,” said City Council President Leo Robinson, who was a guest at the breakfast and has been on board with the project since its inception.



Pictured at the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Breakfast are past president Joseph Vinard, Roman Gold of Margolis Pharmacy, Attorney David Mindlin, and former city councilor Matt Frank.



City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, Corcoran Company President Sean McReynolds, former CHA Executive Director Al Ewing, and CHA Deputy Director Arnaldo Velazquez.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Jennifer Hassell (right) and Chelsea Clock Vice President of Operations D. Bruce Mauch (left) present world-famous clocks to Sean McReynolds and Jennifer Corcoran as gifts of appreciation for their appearance as guest speakers at the Chamber Breakfast.



Iris Perez-Feliciano, Jennifer Hassell, Karim Perez, and Krystina Sunsin.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Chicopee Chamber of Commerce Board Member Christine Judd, of Roca Inc., and Revere Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Erica Porzio.



Chelsea Housing Authority officials join Sean McReynolds and Jennifer Corcoran for a photo at the breakfast. Representing CHA are Carmen Ortega, Dira Barbosa, Iris Perez Feliciano, Krystina Sunsin, Matt Frank, Al Ewing, and Arnaldo Velazquez.



City Council President Leo Robinson, Former CHA Executive Director Al Ewing, guest speaker Sean McReynolds, CHA Deputy Director Arnaldo Velazquez, and guest speaker Jennifer Corcoran.



Jennifer Hassell welcomes guests and sponsors to the Chamber Breakfast including Sarah Lindsey of Starbucks, Chelsea ISD Director Michael McAteer, and Enrique Minnig, Queri Aguilar, Jessica Dahlquist, Cindy Lopera, of Ruma's Pallet World.



Rick Gopin, David Mindlin, and D. Bruce Mauch.



The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors welcomed guest speakers Jennifer Corcoran and Sean McReynolds of the Joseph J. Corcoran Company to its breakfast. Front row, from left, are Jennifer Hassell, Beth McDougal, Executive Director Jennifer Corcoran, and Carolina Bonilla. Back row, from left, Karim Perez, Renee Caso, Joseph Vinard, Nader Acevedo, Peter Zaksheski, David Mindlin, Arthur Arsenault, Sean McReynolds, D. Bruce Mauch, Enrique Minnig, and Sue Gallant.

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TSA is prepared for record passenger volumes over the Independence Day holiday period

As the Independence Day holiday approaches, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is prepared for sustained higher summertime passenger volumes at airport security checkpoints nationwide.

TSA anticipates the busiest travel days will occur from June 29 through July 5. The peak travel day of the holiday weekend is expected to be Friday, with TSA screening an estimated 2.82 million individuals and approximately 17.7 million during the seven-day travel period. Friday’s travel figure would surpass our current single day travel record since Friday, June 16, where TSA screened nearly 2.8 million passengers. The peak Independence Day holiday travel day in 2019 was Sunday, July 7, where TSA screened 2.79 million passengers.

“TSA is staffed and ready for the increasing travel volumes during this holiday travel period with the technologies and resources for improved security effectiveness, efficiency and passenger experience at security checkpoints,” said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. “This is largely due to the funding we received in FY23 Omnibus Appropriations Act, which places all TSA employees on the same pay scale as most other federal employees. With the new pay implementation plan for all TSA employees starting in July, attrition levels at TSA have dropped to historic lows, which means our increased employee retention has resulted in sufficient staffing levels to meet the increased passenger demand throughout the country. We expect that passenger volumes will continue to grow, and we will continue to work with our industry partners in the transportation network to meet our passenger throughput standards of 30 minutes or less in standard lanes and 10 minutes or less in TSA PreCheck® lanes. We met these standards over 98 percent of the time so far this year.”

Based on some of the most recent trends at the nation’s airports, TSA recommends the following Top 10 travel tips to get through the TSA security checkpoint faster:

Tip 1: TSA PreCheck members: Make sure the TSA PreCheck mark is on your boarding pass. Passengers must ensure that their Known Traveler Number (KTN) along with correct date of birth is in their airline reservation. Teenagers age 17 and under may now accompany TSA PreCheck enrolled parents or guardians through TSA Pre-Check screening when

traveling on the same reservation and when the TSA PreCheck indicator appears on the teen’s boarding pass. Children 12 and under may still accompany an enrolled parent or guardian when traveling through the TSA PreCheck lanes anytime without restriction.

Those enrolled in TSA PreCheck enjoy the benefits of faster checkpoint screening. The five-year membership costs \$78. After submitting an online application, which takes just five minutes, applicants must schedule an appointment at any of the 500+ enrollment centers. After a successful enrollment center visit, most new enrollees will receive their KTN within three to five days. Members may renew membership online up to six months prior to expiration for another five-year term for \$70. Most TSA PreCheck members wait less than five minutes at the checkpoint.

Tip 2: Firearms and ammunition are not permitted in carry-on bags, but are permitted in checked bags when properly packed and declared. If passengers choose to travel with a firearm, they are permitted only when properly packed and declared at the airline ticket counter for checked baggage. Airlines may have additional requirements for traveling with firearms and ammunition, so travelers must also contact their airline regarding firearm and ammunition carriage policies prior to arriving at the airport.

Passengers with firearms found in a carry-on bag at a TSA security checkpoint will lose TSA PreCheck eligibility for five years, which includes current TSA PreCheck members. Additionally, TSA may conduct additional screening for those passengers to ensure no other threats are present. Late last year, TSA increased the maximum civil penalty for a firearms violation to \$14,950. Passengers with firearms found in a carry-on bag at a TSA checkpoint are also subject to applicable city or state laws at that airport that may include citation or arrest.

Tip 3: Pack an empty bag and know before you go. When airline passengers begin packing for travel with an empty bag, they are less likely to be stopped at the security checkpoint for having prohibited items. Prior to packing that empty bag, check TSA’s “What Can I Bring?” tool to know what is prohibited. The most common prohibited items at the TSA checkpoint are drinks and foods that are prohibited according to the liquids, gels and aerosols rule.

Tip 4: Give yourself plenty of time. Summer travel is busy, so plan ahead! Passengers should give themselves plenty of time to park, return a rental car, take a shuttle to the airport if needed, check in with the airline, check bags with the airline and prepare for the security checkpoint. Passengers may save time by removing items from pockets and placing them in their carry-on bag, instead of putting items directly into bins at the conveyor belt.

Tip 5: Be aware of new checkpoint screening technology. TSA uses a variety of security methods and technologies to secure our transportation systems. Screening protocols can be unpredictable and may vary from airport to airport depending on available technology and the current threat environment.

• **Computed Tomography (CT) Scanners:** Some airports have installed new state-of-the-art CT scanners which significantly improves threat detection capabilities for carry-on bags and reduces physical searches of bag contents for prohibited items. CT units give Transportation Security Officers (TSOs) the ability to review a 3D image of passengers’ bags and reduce physical searches of bag contents for prohibited items. Passengers screened in security lanes with CT units do not need to remove their 3-1-1 liquids or laptops, but they must place every carry-on item, including bags, into a bin for screening. Light items should be placed at the bottom of the bin to avoid anything falling out into the tunnel and causing an unnecessary bag jam. TSA advises travelers not to force larger items into the tunnel but to ask a TSO for assistance, as the opening to the X-ray tunnel on a CT unit is slightly smaller than on a traditional X-ray unit. Passengers are also reminded to bring a maximum of one carry-on bag and one personal item through security screening. If a passenger uses more than one bin, their bins may not come out of the tunnel together, so TSA encourages passengers to make sure they are not leaving anything behind at the checkpoint. As with any new technology, it will take some time for passengers to get used to this new screening technology. Some airports have construction underway to install these new CT scanners, and TSA asks passengers to be patient during the screening process.

• **Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT):** Before passengers go through the AIT, all items such as wallets, cell phones and

all light outerwear must be removed. Light outerwear is defined as an outer layer of clothing with a full front zipper or buttons used to fasten the outer garment, excluding button up shirts. Examples include, but are not limited to, windbreakers and vests, suit/sport coats, blazers and light jackets. This includes all standard and TSA Pre-Check passengers.

Tip 6: Make sure you have an acceptable ID. Adult passengers 18 years and older must show valid identification at the airport checkpoint in order to travel. Below are some technologies TSA may use to validate your identity.

• **Credential Authentication Technology (CAT):** To strengthen identity verification, TSA is deploying CAT units to confirm the authenticity of a passenger’s identification credential, flight details and screening status – without having to scan a boarding pass. With CAT, passengers only need to provide their acceptable photo identification to the TSO.

The second generation of CAT, called CAT-2, is currently deployed to 25 airports and adds a camera and smart phone reader to the other CAT features. The camera captures a real-time photo of the traveler at the Travel Document Checker podium and compares the traveler’s photo on the identification credential against the in-person, real-time photo. Once the CAT-2 confirms the match, the TSO verifies and directs the traveler for appropriate security screening without ever exchanging a boarding pass. TSOs may perform additional passenger verification if needed. Photos captured by CAT units are never stored or used for any other purpose than immediate identity verification. Travelers who do not wish to participate in the facial matching process may opt out in favor of an alternative identity verification process without losing their place in line. TSA is committed to protecting passenger privacy, civil rights, civil liberties and ensuring the public’s trust as it seeks to improve the passenger experience through its exploration of identity verification technologies.

• **Mobile IDs:** Checkpoints at 25 airports currently accept mobile driver’s licenses (mDLs) and digital IDs in the participating TSA PreCheck lanes from:

- Arizona, Colorado and Georgia mDLs stored in the Apple Wallet app
- Maryland mDLs stored in the Apple Wallet or Google Wallet app
- Utah mDLs stored in the GET Mobile ID app
- American Airlines

digital ID stored in the Airside Digital Identity app

All passengers presenting mDLs or digital IDs must continue to carry and have readily available their physical driver’s license or identification card, or other acceptable ID listed on the TSA website. This physical ID may be required by the TSO to complete ID verification.

Tip 7: Follow TSO guidance. Some people may not have traveled recently, so it is important to listen to the direction provided by our TSOs at the security checkpoint. There may be information on new technologies that helps reduce touchpoints or a TSO may redirect passengers to ensure we keep people moving through the screening process. If flying internationally, upon return to the United States, passengers will encounter a Customs and Border Protection officer to clear customs. Listen for their directions as well. Passengers may also need to have their baggage re-screened by a TSO to continue on to their final domestic destination. Airport and airline employees may also give guidance to help throughout the travel process. Keep in mind that we all work together to ensure a streamlined and convenient passenger experience, so please follow their directions.

Tip 8: Respect TSA and other frontline airport and airline employees. Violence and unruly behavior in the nation’s transportation systems are not acceptable and cause delays at traveler checkpoints. TSOs, along with all frontline airport and airline employees and local law enforcement are all working together to ensure safe and secure travel. Assaulting a TSO is a federal offense and will result in penalties and/or arrest. Always follow the directions of flight attendants aboard aircraft. They are there for your safety and security.

Tip 9: Contact TSA with questions, complaints or assistance. Travelers with questions have many options for contacting TSA. AskTSA is available for live assistance from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. ET via Twitter or Facebook by messaging @AskTSA

or by sending a text to “272872” (“AskTSA”). For customer service issues, travelers may reach the TSA Contact Center (TCC) at (866) 289-9673. Individuals with disabilities, medical needs or other special circumstances may request passenger assistance at least 72 hours in advance by contacting our TSA Cares passenger support line at (855) 787-2227. Live assistance for both the TCC and TSA Cares is available weekdays, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET or weekends and holidays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET.

Tip 10: School is out. Kids are welcome! We know traveling can be stressful. TSA offers a series of videos made specifically for kids to help them understand what they can and cannot bring through the checkpoint. Passengers should double-check the bag their child packed before arriving at the security checkpoint. Formula, breast milk, juice, baby food and even liquid medications in quantities greater than 3.4 ounces are exempt from the 3-1-1 liquids rule. That’s right, when it comes to baby bottles and sippy cups, you are in the clear. Passengers must remove these items from their carry-on bag to be screened separately from the rest of their belongings. TSA does not require children under 18 to provide identification when traveling within the United States, but contact the airline regarding specific ID requirements as guidelines may differ.

Checkpoint-ready passengers are instrumental in helping with efficiency at the checkpoint. When passengers arrive with their identification credentials in hand and avoid the delays associated with bringing firearms, oversized liquids and other prohibited items into the checkpoint, it facilitates faster screening for everyone.

TSA encourages all passengers to remain vigilant. If You See Something. Say Something®. Those traveling abroad should check the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Know Before You Go page to learn about required documentation for your destination.

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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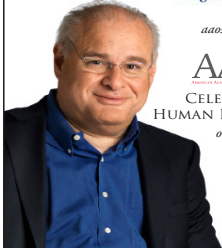
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The Chelsea Housing Authority has developed its FY2024 PHA Annual Plan and revised supporting documents in accordance with the federal regulations. We will be sharing the draft of the proposed CHA Annual Plan and all supporting documents with the Resident Advisory Board (RAB). The draft plans and supporting documents are available for review beginning June 29, 2023, at the Authority's main office, located at 54 Locke Street, Chelsea and on CHA's website at www.chelseaha.com. Written comments will be accepted until close of business, Tuesday, August 14, 2023. In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 8:30 am in the main administrative office of the Chelsea Housing Authority, 54 Locke Street, Chelsea. The public is invited

6/29/23

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2023-15

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, July 11, 2023 Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Acquisitions Division LLC For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to establish six (6) new residential units and reducing the number of existing rooming house SRO units from eighteen (18) to twelve (12) rooming units by construction a rear addition and stairs which does not meet the minimum requirements

for side yard setback, rear yard setback, usable open space, and off-street parking lot. In addition, residential units on the ground floor in the retail business districts shall only be allowed by Special Permit at the premises known as: 165 Hawthorn 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

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CLASSIFIED LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE DIVISION OF CAPITAL ASSET MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE

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bid price plus all add alternates of this project, if applicable. The Category of Work is: General Building Construction Mass. State Project No. DCP2207 MITC Loading Dock Repairs, Chelsea, MA The following Filed Sub-Bid: Electrical E.C.C: \$305,221 This project is scheduled for 90 calendar days to substantial completion. Scope: Removal and replacement of the existing overhead doors, double doors, and trench drain grate. Replacement of electric radiant heaters, thermostats, and other electrical and mechanical equipment, and wiring/connections associated with the installations. A Pre-Bid/Site Visit will be held on July 6, 2023 @ 10:00 AM at Massachusetts Information Technology Center, 200 Arlington Street, Chelsea, MA. Bring valid ID and register at the front desk prior to going through screening. Minimum rates of wages to be paid on the project have been determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor Standards. These rates are incorporated into the bid documents. Bid documents for this project may be accessed or downloaded at no cost to potential bidders exclusively through DCAMM's E-Bid Room <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/10279/> home. A hard copy set can be made available for viewing in DCAMM's Bid Room located at One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor, Boston, MA during normal business hours by appointment only by contacting DCAMM's Bid Room. In order to access bid documents and submit bids through DCAMM's E-Bid Room potential bidders must first be verified by DCAMM's Bid Room and then register with the E-Bid Room vendor. Instructions on the processes can be found on DCAMM's website www.mass.gov/dcam/bids or contact DCAMM's Bid Room at (617) 727-4003 or bidroom.dcam@mass.gov.

Carol W. Gladstone
COMMISSIONER

6/29/23

LEGAL NOTICE



Re:Taqueria Eucalipto Corp. d/b/a Las Vegas Restaurant 388 Broadway Chelsea, MA

Chelsea Licensing Commission, July 13, 2023 Notice is hereby given that a public disciplinary hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. To consider a Change of Hours application of an All Kinds of Alcoholic Beverages License (On Premise) to Taqueria Eucalipto Corp. d/b/a Las Vegas Restaurant at 388 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator

6/29/23

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2023-16

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 Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the construction of 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

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT Docket No. SU21P0421PM In the matter of: Patrick M. O'Hara Of: Chelsea, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the 1st account(s) of Public Guardian Services of Braintree, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance. You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/06/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s). Additionally, within thirty days after said return date (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order),

you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court. You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 26, 2023 Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU21P0421PM Estate of: Patrick M. O'Hara A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Public Guardian Services, LLC of Braintree, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a Temporary Conservator 1st and 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 07/06/2023. 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: May 26, 2023 Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Re: Pledge Financial Chelsea, LLC d/b/a Liberty Loan 176 Broadway, Chelsea, MA

Chelsea Licensing Commission, July 13, 2023 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. To consider A New Old Gold and New Pawnbroker application (New Owners) to Pledge Financial Chelsea, LLC d/b/a Liberty Loan at 176 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator

6/29/23, 7/6/23

LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE

In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on June 6, 2023, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations: To post five (5) handicap parking signs in the Downtown area at the following addresses: 160 Broadway, 230 Broadway, 260 Broadway, 324 Broadway and 400 Broadway. To post a handicap sign at 35 Murray Street. To post a handicap sign at 106 Grove Street. Jeannette Cintron White Parking Clerk

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The Chelsea Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer.

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Interested candidates may submit resumes by email at employment@chelseaha.com, (subject line TEMP2023) or by mail (address below) by June 29, 2023, or until position is filled.

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OBITUARIES

Angelica Grace Neverson
June 5, 1987 – June 17, 2023

Angelica Grace Neverson, A lifelong resident of Chelsea, passed away in the peaceful surroundings of her home on Saturday, June 17, after living courageously for the past five years with cancer. She was 36 years of age. Born on June 5, 1987, she was one of four children born to Malcolm E. Neverson and the late Angela G. (Go) Neverson.

Angelica grew up in Chelsea and attended St. Rose Parochial School and Chelsea High School. After graduating from High School, she attended U-Mass and Bunker Hill Community College attaining an associate degree in history and government.

She worked for several years as a mail handler at the So. Boston Postal Annex.

In her lifetime, Angelica enjoyed K-pop music and dancing and was a past member of the U-Mass Dance Club. She also enjoyed traveling on ocean cruises, and vacationing in London. Angelica was an avid reader and would write fan-fiction stories creating background developments of several movie and television characters.

She was the beloved daughter of Malcolm E.



Neverson and the late Angela G. (Go) Neverson and is lovingly survived by her siblings: Louis Curry of Georgia and Charmaine Neverson and Malcolm E. Neverson, Jr. both of Chelsea. She is also survived by many friends and extended family members here and abroad.

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday, June 23, and a Christian Vigil Service was held during the visitation. Services concluded in the Funeral Home.

Should friends desire, contributions in Angelica's name may be made to MGH Cancer Center-Boston, 55 Fruit St., Boston, MA 02114. MGH Cancer Center-Donate.

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



Ruth Bornstein

Beloved to family and friend to many

Ruth Bornstein, 92, passed away on June 26.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Max Bornstein and was the mother of Jerrold and Nancy Escalada and Dr. Steven and Suzanne Bornstein; Bubby of Jonathan Bornstein and Daniel Bornstein and his fiancé, Greta Hassler; beloved cousin to many Charney and Smolker family members and friend to many.

Graveside service on

Friday, June 30 at 11:30 a.m. at Chevra Mishna Cemetery, Lake Shore Road, Lynn. Donations in Ruth's memory may be made to Boston Cured Cancer Club for Laryngectomees, Attn: Andre Charpentier, 13 Bryson Drive, Norton, MA 02776. For online guest-book and directions please visit the funeral home website: www.torffuneral-service.com.

Helen “Honey” Carroll Bulkley

She was a fierce lover of her family

Helen “Honey” Carroll Bulkley was born in Winthrop on September 9, 1940 to Joseph and Helen Donnelly Carroll.

Helen was a fierce lover of her family. She reveled in the lives and success of her two daughters and four grandchildren. Helen was a huge supporter of everything her children and grandchildren participated in. She was an instrumental volunteer at her daughters' schools, Presentation of Mary Academy and Mount Saint Mary Seminary in New Hampshire. Helen was an integral partner with her husband, Skip, in their business, Video Lab in Manchester, NH. Together they built and sold one of the first design-build audio visual companies in New England.

Helen is survived by her beloved husband of 57 years, Edward “Skip” Bulkley, her daughters, Lynn Solomon and her husband, Douglas, Paige Deeley and her husband, Mike, grandchildren, Brooke, Jake, Rette and Zack and her brother Richard Carroll of Saugus. She was predeceased



by her parents and brother, Cornelius “Neil” Carroll.

The family would like to thank everyone who touched and was touched by Helen's steely determination and love. The family thanks the team at Duke University's Cardiac Intensive Care Unit for their wonderful care and her healthcare partners for their many years of care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hyland Blvd., Statton Island, NY 10306 or donate online at T2T.org.

Online condolences can be made to www.cottenfuneralhome.com.

Cotten Funeral Home is honored to serve the family and friends of Helen Bulkley.

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 Divino, 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 29, 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.Welsh-FH.com.



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CITY PAWS

Comfort fears

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

“Loud Sound Season” is underway with both natural and manufactured explosions. If your dog is sensitive to the crash of lightning and the boom of fireworks, comforting him is the right thing to do, despite what you may hear to the contrary. And today, behaviorists are happy to tell you how to do it.

Veterinarian and clinical animal behaviorist Rachel Casey wrote, “...it is very important to not ignore a frightened dog that is already reliant on owner attention. It is the wrong time to try to change a coping strategy when there are fireworks crashing and whizzing outside – this will just cause the dog to be distressed. Owners need to give dogs which seek reassurance as much attention as normal for now, get through the fireworks season, and then think about changing their dog’s coping response.”

Prepare in Advance

Depending on how extremely your animal reacts to noise, you may need to ask your veterinarian for help. Some medications can take the edge off a dog’s anxiety. You may want to pick up a fresh supply if something has worked. Even if you consider using an over-the-counter medication, you should clear that with your vet.

You can also have a plan for when you know the situation will cause your dog to quiver and try to hide. In a New York Times article, Dr. Wailani Sung, a veterinary behaviorist at the San Francisco SPCA, recommended a combination of white noise and music at about 65 decibels to soothe animals. If your animal will have to face the booms alone, she noted that you could raise the white noise level to about 85 decibels. We use the myNoise app, which was www.zdnet.com’s top pick for a white

noise app.

Do’s and Don’ts

Dr. Sung also said, “Don’t bring a dog to a public fireworks show.” She explained, “...most dogs, not just those with sensitivity issues, would find the experience to be ‘not fun,’ if not ‘a nightmare.’”

Don’t tie your dog outside when noise is expected. Use a short, secure leash if you have to walk your dog near loud noises. More dogs go missing on July 4th weekend than any other time of the year.

Distractions like interactive play with a favorite toy may calm both of you. Remember, animals react to our stress levels. Do your best to remain a calm and soothing companion for your frightened dog or cat.

Comfort Spot

Animals readily show you where they feel most safe, even with loud noises. We suggest you follow



Does your dog run to a favorite hiding spot when thunder or fireworks invade her world?

their lead and support their choice. A friend’s Great Pyrenees would climb into a laundry basket in a closet. Experts suggest that clothing in a closet may muffle sounds and vibrations. In our current home, two dogs chose our windowless bathroom as the place to be when noise scared them.

While we can’t plan to be with our animals for

every thunderstorm, we can try to be on hand to comfort them when frightening noises are scheduled. This is true for noises beyond thunder and fireworks. Our dog Poppy is distressed by the beep, beep, beep of trucks and construction equipment. If work is being done on our building, we’ll plan a day at the beach or a long walk away from the noise.

Anytime we know that noise is on the way, we work our plan. What’s more, we try to set things up for less stress when we have to be out than when we are on hand to comfort her.

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