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Sela Kenen (center) of Chelsea Opportunity Academy was the most recent recipient of the Chelsea Public School's Butterfly Award, and was honored at last week's School Committee meeting.

## Chelsea Opportunity Academy educator honored with Butterfly Award

By Adam Swift

The Butterfly Award is given to a Chelsea Public Schools teacher each year at the Opening Day Convocation by the family of Carolyn Arond.

This year's recipient was Sela Kenen of the Chelsea Opportunity Academy. In addition to

being presented with the award at Convocation, Kenen was also recognized at last week's School Committee meeting.

The award supports creative ideas and innovative instructional practices and is presented to an educator who exemplifies the qualities and attributes that Arond brought to her pro-

fessional practice.

In Chelsea, at the Shurtleff and Hooks Schools, Arond focused her attention on Limited English Proficient students who began arriving from around the world and in need of help and support. Arond retired in 2006 and passed away in 2012.

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Academy assistant principal said Kenen exemplifies those qualities exemplified by Arond, making her a perfect choice for the award.

"It's nearly impossible to express how clearly Sela exemplifies the ... characteristics (of a But-

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## Deleidi updates School Committee on 22-23 financial data

By Adam Swift

Deputy Superintendent of Schools Adam Deleidi updated the School Committee on some of the final data from the 2022-23 school year at last week's School Committee.

The district-wide attendance rate held fairly

steady overall compared to the 2021-23 school year, according to Deleidi.

"We had some grades that increased over the previous year, and some grades that decreased over the previous year," said Deleidi.

Grades that saw increas-

es included 5,6,7,8,10, 11, and 12.

"I do want to highlight grade 12," said Deleidi. "In the 2021-22 school year, we had an attendance rate of 48 percent. It increased all the way to 74.8 percent for the 22-23 school year."

The overall attendance rate in the district for the 22-23 school year dropped one-tenth of a percent from 88.1 percent to 88 percent.

"But as I have reminded the committee many times,

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## Committees move forward in City Manager search

By Adam Swift

The City Council is moving closer to hiring a new City Manager.

The City Council and the City Manager Search Committee are both holding special meetings at City Hall next Wednesday, Sept. 20 to move forward with the search process.

The council is slated to meet at 6 p.m., followed by the search committee at 7

p.m.

At that search committee meeting, the names of the City Manager finalists are expected to be delivered to the City Council, according to Council President Leo Robinson.

Interviews of the finalists by the council are scheduled to begin on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10 a.m.

Robinson said the Collins Center, which has been helping facilitate the search

process, will be providing a packet with a list of sample questions, as well as fair employment standards and MCAD guidelines to council members.

At the end of 2022, former City Manager Thomas Ambrosino was selected as the next Court Administrator of the Trial Court in Massachusetts by the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

The council appointed

Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe as the interim city manager soon after.

In June, the council took the interim tag off of Keefe's position, with the understanding that he would serve until a new city manager is appointed by the council.

Due to the language in the city charter, an interim city manager cannot serve

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## Councilors call for improved street lighting

By Adam Swift

The streets of Chelsea are a little too dark as far as some City Councilors are concerned.

At Monday night's council meeting, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero introduced a motion requesting the City Manager hire a new company to perform streetlight repairs in the city.

The motivation behind Recupero's motion struck a chord with several other councilors who said they have struggled with efforts to keep the city well lit for years.

"For many years, I've been asking that our street lights be taken care of, and they are never really taken

care of," said Recupero. "An average individual is not going to go to a pole and then find a pole number and then call the DPW. Then the DPW is going to tell them we don't know if it is a problem with the electric company or with us."

Recupero said he didn't expect the City Manager to hire a new company to maintain the street lights, but he said he hoped his motion would lead to more attention to be paid to broken street lights in the city.

"If you go on Broadway

at certain times, half of it is out; you go down there and you see the lights are out," said Recupero. "If we have a company to do that, they should do it."

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown responded that there are numbers on the light poles, but that if residents can't find them or don't want to contact the DPW, they can contact their district or at-large councilors and let them know approximately where there is an issue.

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## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

### Leo Robinson announces candidacy for re-election as Councilor-at-Large

Leo Robinson has announced his candidacy for re-election as Councilor-at-Large. The following is his statement:

"Hello, my name is Leo Robinson. It has been my pleasure to represent the residents of Chelsea throughout my tenure. Today, I am proud to announce my candidacy for re-election to the City Council Seat as Councilor-at-Large. I am grateful beyond words for the trust residents have placed in me, and I, again, humbly ask for your vote so that I may continue to serve you and your families to continue the progress we have made in the great city of



Leo Robinson.

Chelsea.

For those of you who may not know me, please allow me to introduce myself and some of the achievements for which I am proud of. I am a lifelong Chelsea resident, a

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### Attorney Olivia Anne Walsh announces candidacy for City Councilor At-Large

Chelsea Attorney Olivia Anne Walsh has announced her candidacy for election to one of the Chelsea City Councilor At Large seats, where she will be a full time Councilor At Large. The following is her statement:

"As a longtime resident of the City of Chelsea, I have a true and unwavering sense of appreciation and loyalty to the City and my fellow residents," said Walsh.

Walsh brings over four decades of experience in government at both the City and State levels,



Anne Walsh.

serving most recently as Legislative Chief of Staff to a member of the Massachusetts House of Rep-

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### Lucia Henriquez announces her candidacy for School Committee

Lucia Henriquez has announced her candidacy for School Committee in District 7. The following is her statement:

"My name is Lucia Henriquez, a long time Chelsea resident and mother of two daughters who graduated from Chelsea High School. I am running for School Committee in District 7 and there is a preliminary election for my district on Tuesday, September 26th at the Williams School.

Currently, I am working



Lucia Henriquez.

as a financial coach at The Neighborhood Developers; I have worked in this

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### Tanairi Garcia seeks re-election for City Council

Tanairi Garcia has announced her candidacy for re-election to City Council. The following is her statement:

"As a proud community activist, owner of Aloe Natural Coffee Shop, and mother of two children, I'm honored and excited to seek re-election as the Chelsea City Council representing District 4. My daughter Tanairi (Nany), son Nathan and I, love this community and are invested in advocating, supporting and listening to our



Tanairi Garcia is shown talking with a local senior on possible improvements.

constituents.

My experience working in Chelsea is focused on Youth Development,

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## MBTA releases independent track maintenance audit and publishes internal safety review

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng addressed the release of two pivotal reports focused on track maintenance safety evaluation last week: an independent report conducted by Carlson Transport Consulting LCC and an internal review by the MBTA Safety Department. The investigations revealed deficiencies in track inspection processes, including inconsistencies in documentation and oversight. Both concluded improvements are imperative in terms of leadership, standardizing procedures, increasing staffing and training, and clearly outlining roles and responsibilities. Since safety restrictions were put in place in March, the MBTA has already been taking measures to address track issues, including hiring seasoned veteran engineers and establishing standard operating procedures for inspections and documentation practices.

“These reports validate what I anticipated and observed since I first joined in April, and having seen similar challenges over my career across other agencies striving to change longstanding practices, I know the changes we have made to date are the building blocks to the organizational changes needed here,” said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. “One of my first observations was the need for improved coordination and communication between departments responsible for critical maintenance work and, at the same time, clear lines of responsibilities and accountability. Additionally, while there is a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge within the team, it was evident that we needed reinforcement. We have added seasoned public transportation veterans, bringing fresh perspectives and best practices from other major transit agencies. As we continue to build out the leadership team, we

remain focused on ensuring the safety of our workforce and riders while we restore our infrastructure and improve service for the public we serve.”

In March 2023, the Department of Public Utilities inspected the Red Line and found insufficient documentation of track repairs. This led the MBTA to commission an independent investigation into track inspection failures that prompted systemwide speed restrictions. The investigation revealed inconsistent defect identification, lack of defect verification, inadequate oversight of inspections, and inappropriate track geometry criteria. Additionally, the internal review by the MBTA Safety Department, conducted in an effort to be thorough and ensure accuracy, aligned with these findings. Both reports concluded that improvements are needed in track inspection processes and standards.

The independent report makes recommendations in three categories: Process & Procedures, Staffing, and Roles & Responsibilities:

- **Process & Procedures:** The MBTA should develop and issue Standard Operating Procedures for both visual and third-party inspections that include documentation requirements. The MBTA should also involve appropriate personnel in witnessing the third-party track inspections, consider alternative track geometry criteria that more closely fit the MBTA system, and develop a long-range track improvement plan.

- **Staffing:** The MBTA should increase staffing levels in the Maintenance of Way (MOW) division and evaluate compensation and responsibility parity across departments.

- **Roles & Responsibilities:** The MBTA should elevate inspection positions within the Maintenance of Way division, modify the selection process and qualification requirements for roles with

inspection responsibilities, and enhance training, certification, and recertification for roles with inspection responsibilities.

The systemic issues identified in the independent report align with those already published in the FTA’s Safety Management Inspection, which the MBTA is actively addressing through its Quality, Compliance & Oversight Office. The goals of these efforts, which include staffing assessments, hiring plans, documentation of procedures, and quality management, to name a few, include the following areas of focus:

- **Enhancing selection/qualifications:** To ensure that only the most qualified individuals are hired for track inspection positions and that inspectors have the knowledge and skills necessary to identify and report defects.

- **Increasing Maintenance of Way staffing:** To ensure that all track inspection needs are met and to improve the efficiency of the inspection process.

- **Improving training:** To help inspectors to stay up to date on the latest inspection techniques and technologies and help them develop the skills they need to identify and report defects in a timely and accurate manner.

- **Ensuring Section Foremen can witness vendor testing:** To ensure that vendor testing is conducted properly and that defects are not missed.

Recently, MBTA announced its strategic values, goals, and metrics to improve safety, service, equity, sustainability, and culture, which builds on General Manager Eng’s vision and mission to strengthen systems to better support a diverse and qualified workforce. “We owe it to the people of Massachusetts and everyone who visits our state to take a critical look at our approach and make tough decisions in a timely manner that best serve the needs of the organization,” continued General Manager Eng.

The MBTA’s progress is already underway, as the agency has been taking the following steps to address track inspection and maintenance:

### Documentation and Training

- Conducted a comprehensive inspection documentation and records audit following the March Geometry records finding to identify additional gaps.

- Issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for track geometry testing in June 2023 to standardize documentation and defect resolution. Draft

SOPs for other inspection types are currently under final review.

- **Enhanced the training program for System Repairpersons:** Implemented updated program curricula in June 2023 by adding an additional week to the existing 2-week program, increasing the training by 50%, consisting of supplementary fieldwork, specific digital reporting tool training, and an 8-week OJT program. A revised and enhanced recertification program for the System Repairpersons will begin by December 2023.

- **Increased instruction staff by hiring three new track instructors and is hiring three more.** This will bring the total number of track instructors to six in the near term. The MOW Department is also increasing training space by procuring two classroom trailers.

### Staffing

- **Hired 30 new track laborers since December 2022 and are striving to hire for as many as 50 more track positions in the coming months.**

- **Recruited a new Senior Director of Maintenance of Way and Chief of Infrastructure, both with extensive track inspection, maintenance, and construction experience in August 2023.** The MBTA will continue to recruit Director and Deputy Director positions to fill track department leadership positions.

- **Workforce assessments are underway within the FTA Safety Management Inspection (SMI) program to determine optimal staffing levels for inspection, maintenance, and capital initiatives.**

### Inspections

- **Issued a directive to address critical “black condition” defects immediately.** (Track defects are logged using a color-coded guide: green, yellow, red, and black. Green is the best rating, and black is the worst. A defect rated green is considered minor and does not require immediate attention. A defect rated yellow is considered moderate and should be repaired soon. A defect rated red is considered severe and should be fixed quickly. A defect rated black is considered critical and requires immediate attention.) Speed restrictions are a mitigation measure used to address red and yellow conditions that require repairs.

- **Updated the new geometry testing SOP to set expectations for MOW staff requiring real-time reporting of critical defects to Section Foreper-**

sons for immediate verification and resolution.

- **Issued a Request for Information (RFI) in August 2023 to gather industry feedback on geometry testing requirements and criteria.**

- **Implemented a program for tandem inspections utilizing external experts to provide real-time mentoring for internal inspection staff.**

### Preventative Maintenance

- **Improved preventative maintenance scheduling and planning to optimize the efficiency of regular repairs and upkeep.**

- **Procured additional inspection vehicles/equipment to expand coverage and access.**

The findings in the independent report align with systemic issues identified in the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) recent Safety Management Inspection. In response to the FTA report, the MBTA has already been actively working to fix these problems through its Quality, Compliance & Oversight Office. The MBTA has made strides this summer on the FTA response, closing another CAP on August 18, 2023, under another Special Directive (Special Directive 22-6, CAP 4), bringing the total number of closed CAPs to 3 of 39 and 6 of the 42 findings under the SMI Report.

Over the past several months, these efforts include the following:

- **Track Maintenance and MOW Management Practices:** The MBTA has corrected specific track defects and is developing the processes, tools, reporting equipment, resources, and budget to fix maintenance backlogs and establish proactive maintenance management practices.

- **Managing the Impact of Operations, Maintenance, and Capital Project Requirements on the Existing Workforce:** The MBTA is documenting its workforce requirements across the organization with a specific focus on understanding the interdependencies between operations, maintenance, and capital projects. The MBTA will also develop a five-year hiring plan to address the outcomes from the workforce assessment.

- **Operating Conditions and Policies, Procedures, and Training:** The MBTA will develop an understanding of training gaps for its workforce, develop and implement that training, and develop a centralized training governance program to ensure appropriate quality, tracking, and administration of training across the authority.

“We are deeply committed to making the MBTA the safest and most reliable transit system in the country,” added General Manager and CEO

Eng. “Systemic process and infrastructural failures do not happen overnight; as a result, we need a strong commitment to addressing longstanding issues. That’s why we are reviewing the entire organization and clarifying responsibilities and accountability across the leadership team. The status quo is unacceptable, and we are rebuilding the workforce as we rebuild our infrastructure. It is our responsibility to put our workforce in positions to succeed with clear direction, appropriate training, and resources.”

Furthermore, the MBTA has hired two track veterans to enhance its track oversight: Chief of Infrastructure Doug Connert and Senior Director of Maintenance of Way Jody Ray. With nearly four decades of operations, safety, and maintenance experience in the public transit industry, Connert joined the MBTA in August 2023 to provide direction to the entire Infrastructure Directorate, which is comprised of over 1,000 employees within the track, signals and communications, power, facilities, and logistics teams. Connert is responsible for executing programs to improve service quality, reduce costs, increase employee productivity, and increase revenue and ridership. Ray, a veteran of the Commuter Rail with extensive experience in track maintenance and construction, is transitioning to the Maintenance of Way Division. Both individuals will be responsible for the overall track management and condition.

In April 2023, Governor Healey appointed a new MassDOT Chief Safety Officer with significant track experience, Pat Lavin, to support the MBTA in making the system safer and more reliable. Lavin has 40 years of experience in transportation safety and operations, including as a subject matter expert and technical writer for the MBTA Safety Review Panel in 2019. He was previously Executive Vice President and Chief Safety Officer for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and Senior Director for Operations in the Office of System Safety of New York City Transit.

“We’ve supplemented our existing team with seasoned veterans of public transportation systems who have over 100 years of experience combined,” concluded General Manager Eng. “I know that addressing these areas of concern will take time and collective effort, but I’m confident that together, we can achieve our goals and make a difference here at the T. We’re going to keep at this until the MBTA is the best it can be for our riders.”

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Environmental and Food Justice, Housing Insecurity and advocating for the needs of the community as a whole. My activism began at the age of 5, where I held my first sign in Cary Square. Now, thirty plus years later, I am holding my very own campaign sign for re-election. At 14 years old, I was a part of the creation of Chelsea’s first-ever community garden.

My love and commitment to this communi-

ty were proven through my efforts during the COVID 19 pandemic where I worked tirelessly to address the needs of the community, such as; food sustainability, housing equity, and quality education for our children. Whether it is delivering food at your door or knocking on the doors of our legislatures at the State House, I am committed to advocating for the needs of our district.”

### CHELSEA HIGH CLASS OF 1973 HOLDS 50TH REUNION

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The Chelsea High School Class of 1973 held its 50th Reunion on Sept. 8 at Spinelli's in Lynnfield.

ing Chelsea High School where they distinguished themselves in academics and athletics.

The classmates had a great time being together again, reminiscing about their experiences growing up in Chelsea, and attend-

Most of the graduates attended the Shurtleff, Carter, or Williams elementary and junior high schools.



Lucy Larsen Danner and Antone "A.J." Cruz.



Susan Stec Bellofatto and Richie Wilcox.



Evelyn Ortiz Kenney and Lucy Larsen Danner.



Patricia Blair Stewart and Harry Stewart.



Denise Whelan, Alan Cohen, Gerry Healy, and Janet Healy, former principal at the Prattville and Williams elementary schools.



Carol Dembroski MacDonald and Mike MacDonald.



Susan Stec Bellofatto and her husband, Tony Bellofatto.



Retired Chelsea Fire Lt. Richard Wilcox and Retired Deputy Fire Chief Robert "Rocky" Cameron, who, like their classmate, Paul Eaves, worked in the noble profession of firefighting for many years.



Larry Smith and Wendy Jones Pearson, who made the trip from South Carolina to attend the reunion.



Danny McKay, Tony Bellofatto, Lee Atlas, and George Levy.



Linda Moore DeRosa and Cheryl Spinney Lombardi.



Susan Stec Bellofatto and Barbara Clapp Gilmartin.



Iris Greenberg Thomas and Denise Whelan.



Cheryl Spinney Lombardi and Rose Christoforo Caggiano, who were members of the last graduating class at Carter Junior High School.



Former Chelsea High basketball star Paul Eaves, with his wife of 41 years, Joanne Hurley Eaves (left), Evelyn Ortiz Kenney, and Donna Trickett Zybert.



Legendary WBZ-TV videographer Rick Macomber and retired Deputy Fire Chief Paul Eaves.



Ron Chiuve and Rick Macomber.



Marjorie Bornstein Reason, Rick Macomber, Steve Glinner, and Richie Freede.



Paul Konieczka and Debra Mahoney Krupczak.



MaryAnn Corea Carroll, Carol Sexton Dockendorff, and Barbara Annese Barchand.



Rick Macomber and Bonnie Turesky Bishop.



Denise Trickett Zybert, Christine Murphy O'Leary, Angela Pasquariello Dwyer, Evelyn Ortiz Kenney, and Bonnie Turesky Bishop.



Sherri Rosenthal, Janice Agri Christoforo, former Chelsea High and Chelsea Youth Baseball League great Jerry Bowen, Michele Lee LaCosta, and Suzanne Chapnik Interrante.

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# Forum

## HOPEFULLY, WE WILL HAVE DODGED A BULLET

As we are writing this, forecasters are predicting that powerful Hurricane Lee will track off to our east, sending us perhaps some rain, high winds, and high seas, this weekend.

Although we in this area have been very fortunate to have evaded the consequences of climate change-induced natural disasters -- the hurricanes, floods, extreme heat, tornados, and wildfires (although we did have some bad air days from the Canadian wildfires earlier this summer) -- that have struck just about every other part of the U.S. (and the world) in recent years, it occurred to us that there is no place on earth that is safe from the catastrophic effects of climate change.

We have escaped the recent wrath of Mother Nature -- and hopefully our good luck will extend through the weekend -- but we fear it is only a matter of time before a devastating storm strikes our corner of the globe that will make the Blizzard of '78 and the Perfect Storm of 1991 look like child's play.

## AUTO WORKERS DESERVE A FAIR CONTRACT

We realize we may be getting a little bit far afield here, but we wish to voice our support for auto workers at General, Motors, Ford, and Stellantis (formerly Chrysler) in their quest to obtain a fair contract.

Without getting into the details of the negotiations, the bottom line is that those three automakers have been making billions of dollars in profits in the past few years, enriching their shareholders and executives. On the other hand, the rank-and-file employees who actually make the cars and trucks that make those folks rich have not seen their fair share of the profits during a time of high inflation.

And lest anyone think that giving into the workers' demands will put the automakers at a competitive cost disadvantage, the UAW workers' share of the overall cost of a car is just four percent, according to a statistic we heard on TV the other day.

When Henry Ford was asked why he paid his assembly line workers a high wage, he said he did so in order to allow them to be able to buy the cars they were making. We realize that when Ford made that comment more than 100 years ago, it was a different world, but the principle still is the same: Full-time workers in America deserve to earn a living wage in order to enjoy the fruits of their labors. Capitalism may be a great economic system, but only if everyone is able to share in it.

## ROSH HASHANAH IS THIS WEEKEND

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, will be observed this weekend starting this Friday evening at sunset and ending at sunset on Sunday. During the weekend's festivities, members of the Jewish faith will gather with family and friends to engage in prayer services and share traditional foods.

This weekend's celebration begins a 10-day observance of the high holy days for Jews worldwide that will culminate with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the Jewish year, starting at sundown on Sunday, September 24, through sundown on Monday, September 25.

To all of our friends of the Jewish faith, please accept our wishes for "Shanah Tovah."

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## Judge orders new trial in murder conviction of Thomas Rosa Jr.

Staff Report

Thomas Rosa Jr., a 62-year-old man who grew up in Chelsea, was granted a new trial by a Superior Court Judge for a 1985 murder he said he didn't commit.

Rosa served over nearly three decades in prison for the murder of 18-year-old Gwendolyn Taylor.

The court order from Justice Michael Ricciuti stated that Rosa's 1993 conviction was based on evidence that was far from overwhelming, with new DNA testing calling into serious question whether he was the killer.

Rosa was released from prison in 2020 pending the judge's decision.

The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office assented to the motion for a new trial, according to a spokesperson from the office. The district attorney's office is in the process of reviewing the justice's ruling and will make a decision on whether to move forward with another trial at a future date.

If the district attorney

were to move forward, it would be Rosa's fourth trial for the murder. There was one mistrial and one overturned conviction before Rosa was convicted of Taylor's death in 1993.

Taylor was abducted outside her Dorchester home in December of 1985 and her body was found later the same morning a block from her apartment building, according to the Boston Globe. An autopsy showed that Taylor was strangled with the sleeve of her own sweater.

Rosa's attorneys, Radha Natarajan of the New England Innocence Project and Charlotte Whitmore of the Boston College Innocence Program, filed the Motion for New Trial on June 29, 2020, presenting numerous arguments why his convictions should be overturned.

In his decision, Judge Ricciuti held that the evidence against Mr. Rosa at trial was "far from overwhelming" and that the new DNA evidence "debunks the prosecution's closing statement" and "casts doubt regarding the

reliability of the eyewitness testimony," which we now know, based on advances in science, was "not as strong as the Commonwealth thought."

Specifically, all of the forensic blood-typing evidence that the Commonwealth used at trial to connect Mr. Rosa to this crime is now contradicted by new DNA testing. The only remaining evidence was the testimony of two eyewitnesses who viewed the perpetrator at night for less than ten seconds under circumstances that we now know, based on numerous exonerations and research, create a high risk of misidentification, according to Rosa's attorneys. In addition, they stated that Rosa did not have the one distinctive feature noted by an eyewitness -- a missing tooth or gap in his teeth. Finally, the eyewitnesses described a scenario where the victim and assailant knew each other, but Rosa and the victim never knew each other, the attorney's said.

"We are grateful that

the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office agreed to this relief," said Natarajan. "Given the new DNA and scientific evidence that dismantles the Commonwealth's case against Mr. Rosa, there is no other just outcome but to have this conviction overturned," said Natarajan, Executive Director of the New England Innocence Project, who has been representing Rosa for the last seven years. "We are hopeful that the District Attorney will now end this nightmare by dismissing all charges against Mr. Rosa. There should be no fourth trial for this innocent man."

Reading the Court's decision, Rosa reacted that "the truth is finally coming out."

Rosa's wife, Virginia, stated, "I am excited and believe that the future will get better and brighter. From prison to freedom, how sweet it is!"

But reflecting on the prospect of retrial, Mr. Rosa added, "I am free but not free."

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capacity for 8 years. The City of Chelsea welcomed me 44 years ago when I arrived from Honduras and I am very grateful for what I have been able to accomplish during my decades here. My experience in the community as a case manager working with youth at ROCA helped me better understand the barriers young mothers face as they try to navigate the educational system. I am proud to say that I was able to motivate them to pursue their educational dreams.

I worked as a community organizer at the Chelsea Collaborative for 6 years, organizing for workers' rights, housing issues and access to childcare. I also educated the community in the importance of civic participation and the right to vote in local elections. Therefore, I believe in the saying "Your Vote is Your Voice". There are many issues in the community right now that affect you as a voter. The more you are involved in the community the more knowledge you will acquire; this will help your voice be heard!

During the years of the pandemic crisis, Chelsea was one of the cities most impacted. I saw how our city came together to support and help not only our residents, but the residents

of surrounding cities who were in need of food, housing, jobs and legal assistance. I saw Chelsea organizations doing a tremendous amount of work. I vow to continue to work and advocate for high quality services for Chelsea families and their children.

Chelsea Public Schools is a school system that welcomes and educates all students and families. I support these endeavors with all of my heart.

As a School Committee member my goals are:

- To continue being a voice for our students and their families.
- To advocate for the academic success of all students.
- To retain high quality staff.
- To ensure that professional development is mindful of the needs of a diverse population.
- To ensure fiscal responsibility and accountability on the part of Chelsea Public Schools.
- To assist the district as it strives to become the best urban school system in Massachusetts.

Please cast your vote for me on Tuesday, September 26th at the Williams Middle School Complex,

175 Arlington St. in Chelsea from 7am to 8pm. In-person early voting for this preliminary election begins Saturday, September 16 from 9am to 5pm in the City Clerk's office and continues Monday, September 18 through Friday,

September 22 during normal hours at Chelsea City Hall.

I thank you in advance for your trust as I aspire to represent you and your family as a member of the Chelsea School Committee."

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

# Manicotti

By Elizabeth Umbro Cavallaro

As I look back in time, I see faces, events and places that reflect my life. Most of the faces that I remember were of my family with lots of aunts, uncles and cousins getting together making lots of noise in happiness; all relating to food. There were weddings, bridal showers, anniversaries, birthdays and any get-togethers possible. If you could not make it you were either sick, dead or in the hospital.

There were continuous buffet tables with glorious meats, antipastos, pastas and desserts. There was always a celebration of food and its preparation in our homes or in our backyards. We did not have gardens or pools; just plain old dirt backyards with no grass and a broken swing set. A few tomato plants were struggling to grow; we were fortunate to end up with a dozen.

On Sundays there was the big tomato sauce simmering on the stove while Italian music was playing on the radio. Sometimes my mother would sing; she had a good voice for singing and yelling. My parents bickered in the kitchen all the time; they must have liked each other a little; they had seven children. I was number seven. My father came to this country when he was fourteen years old, met my mother and started a family. The whole neighborhood permeated with the same intoxicating aromas. I lived in an Italian area; a poor section of town. Everyone made their Sunday sauce in the morning. I lived in a tenement house on the third floor. Every-

one knew each other and helped each other. Most of them moved away and I am sure that those sweet people are gone now. We rushed home from church, changed our good clothes to our dungarees to have dinner. The family always ate together on Sunday, no ifs or buts. We were poor but did not know it. We did not have much but the rent was paid and our bellies were full. After dinner my father would give me fifty cents to walk to the drug store for an ice cream sundae or a banana split with my friends. Those were the days that I remember so well.

There are so many amazing pasta sauces which are so incredibly easy to make that take no more than twenty minutes; fish sauce, pesto, meat sauce, white sauce and my favorite marinara sauce. I have an infectious enthusiasm for cooking pasta; I want to eat it every night but at the risk of looking like the side of a barn, I refrain. There are so many different variations of pastas in the market today; spaghetti, linguini, ziti, fettucine and fusilli. Nowadays, with newly re-modeled kitchens, people are making their own pasta with machines; not as hard as you think.

My mother-in-law taught me how to make manicotti many years ago. She had such skills in the kitchen. It sounds frightening but trust me if you can make pancakes, you can make manicotti. It is filled with ricotta, rolled, placed in your baking pan and covered with your sauce; usually a marinara sauce. Served with a simple salad or an antipasto; what a

delight. A smooth red wine tops off this dinner.

### Manicotti

- Preheat oven to 350
- One cup sifted flour
- Four eggs
- One cup of water
- Pinch of salt
- Clean coffee scoop (good measure)

Mix all. Butter a six-to-eight-inch fry pan. When hot, pour one coffee scoop of batter onto pan, swirl around to cover pan. In ten seconds flip over for another ten seconds, remove. This yields about sixteen crepes.

- Marinara Sauce
- Olive oil
- One can whole tomatoes (I like Pastene) mash and break up

- Four cloves of garlic
- Chopped basil or parsley
- Grated cheese
- Touch of red wine (opt.)
- Heat olive oil to cover bottom of small sauce pan. Sauté garlic, add tomatoes, let cook for about twenty minutes, add parsley or basil, grated cheese, salt and pepper.

- Ricotta filling
- One pound of ricotta (I like Dragone)
- One egg

- One half cup grated cheese
- Chopped parsley
- Sprinkle of mozzarella cheese (opt)

Mix and fill each crepe with mixture, roll, seam side down, lay in baking pan, pour sauce, then grated cheese... you may like a touch of mozzarella... opt. Bake for thirty minutes. Sprinkle with parsley or basil.

Enjoy with a smooth red wine. Single girls, make this on your first date and I guarantee a ring! Who knows?

## City Council approves amendment to existing parking ordinance

By Adam Swift

The City Council approved an amendment to the city's parking ordinance Monday night that will allow visitor parking passes for residents who do not qualify for the city's on-street parking program.

"This is an old ordinance that we did a couple of years ago so that when a new developer will come into the city, they will say they are not bringing cars, they are commuting, they are using the T," said Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot. "But what they do is, they get relief from parking, but people who live in the building are still parking on the street. So we put this ordinance in place to put your money where your mouth is;

if people are not meeting parking (requirements) they will not qualify for the public on-street parking."

But when the council passed that ordinance, Vidot said, what the city failed to do was create a way that those residents would be able to get visitor parking passes.

"So this doesn't change that ordinance, it just adds to it," said Vidot. "We want to add this to our existing ordinance so that folks who are not participating in our on-street parking program can still have visitors come and visit."

In other business, District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor said that there has been an uptick in drug activity in the city recently, and asked residents to be active in reporting crime.

"In my district, there is a lot of scooter action, and a lot of people calling saying that they are seeing a lot of activity in Prattville," said Taylor. "I want to let the people know that if you see something, please say something. Let's tamp this down right away."

Taylor said he has talked to several other councilors about issues in other parts of the city, as well.

He said that if residents don't want to call the police, they can at least contact their councilor so they can help get the issue under control.

"I know the Chelsea Police Department does a great job, but we all need to work together to tamp this down; they can't be everywhere at once," said Taylor.

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we had our tripledemic of Covid19, RSV, and the flu," said Deleidi. "So to hold even was, I think, a strong accomplishment."

During the past school year, Deleidi noted that there was an increased emphasis on increasing the ability for students to take challenging classes.

The district started an algebra program in eighth grade with 24 students at the beginning of the year and 27 students by the end.

"So we increased a little bit, and we're happy to increase more this year," said Deleidi.

The number of students enrolled in AP classes

also increased by almost 40 students from 2021-22 to 22-23.

There was also a big jump in students enrolled in early college courses from 214 to 325 from one year to the next, Deleidi said. Dual enrollment in high school and college courses also increased from 21-22 to 22-23.

Deleidi said the district was still working on the final numbers for the graduation rate for the past school year.

"We have a sense of where it is, but we want to make sure the numbers are correct, so we have to wait on the state for that," he said.

The deputy superintendent also reviewed the post-high school plans for the most recent graduates.

The majority of students, 55.7 percent, were planning to enter a two- or four-year college and 33.2 percent were entering directly into the workforce. Under one percent were opting for the military, 3.2 percent were taking part in a certificate program, and 5.2 percent were entering a trade school.

During the course of the past school year, Deleidi said Chelsea saw 451 students leave the district and 720 students enter the district.



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CHELSEA CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANTS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

Chelsea Cultural Council has received \$39,200 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) a state agency, to assist public projects that promote access, education, diversity and excellence in the arts, humanities, and sciences.

Organizations, schools, individuals are encouraged to apply for grant funds that can be used to support a variety of artistic and cultural projects that benefit residents in Chelsea – including field trips, exhibits, festivals, short-term arts residencies or performances in schools as well as cultural workshops and lectures. The maximum request is \$5,000. A larger request may be considered based on merit. Projects awarded must be implemented between January, 2024 and December 31, 2024. The deadline for the completed online application must be received by 11:59pm on Tuesday, October 17, 2023.

The Chelsea Cultural Council is a participant in a MCC initiative that allows those who are awarded a LCC Standard Grant to be given direct grant funds upfront and in full (a one-time payment) to ease financial challenges grant recipients may encounter, however, grant recipients must follow certain requirements outlined in the Chelsea Cultural Council FY24 Guidelines.

Online Application is available at [www.mass-culture.org/chelsea](http://www.mass-culture.org/chelsea). Guidelines can be picked up at Chelsea City Hall, Dept. of Health & Human Services, Room 100 or find them at [www.chelseama.gov/cc](http://www.chelseama.gov/cc). For additional information call

(617) 466-4070 or email [culturalcouncil@chelseama.gov](mailto:culturalcouncil@chelseama.gov).

### WAYNE NEWTON A GUEST AT ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR

Legendary singer Wayne Newton stayed at the Encore Boston Harbor Resort over the weekend.

Newton was in town to perform at The Italian Feast of Saints Cosmas and Damian Saturday night in Cambridge.

Newton is known as “Mr. Las Vegas” for being one of the most prolific performers in the entertainment capital of the world, so it came as no surprise that Newton chose the luxurious, five-star Encore Boston Harbor Resort for his hotel accommodations, enjoying a taste of Las Vegas during his stay in Everett.

### CALLING ALL WRITERS!

The Chelsea Poetry Walk is back — and this year promises to be the best yet!

Please join us in celebrating creative expression in Downtown Chelsea on Saturday, October 7 at the Chelsea Walk (Luther Place) at 11am as we unveil local poetry written to this year’s theme: Development in Chelsea.

We are accepting poems until September 21st and they can easily be submitted using the QR code on our flyer!

The Chelsea Poetry Walk event caters to all ages, so come down and bring the family as we celebrate the power of spoken word in our community, give out prizes and event merchandise, enjoy local talent, refreshments and bond over our mutual love of Chelsea!

\*The Chelsea Poetry Walk is proudly funded by the Chelsea Cultural Council and supported by many Chelsea businesses.

## The Rez Reigns at Rockwood

By Cary Shuman

In the shadow of Fenway Park, Chelsea’s Joe Resnek hit an early grand slam in his rising career as a music artist.

Performing at the famed Rockwood Music Hall just down the street from America’s most beloved ballpark, Joe Rez electrified a sold-out crowd with his own uplifting songs, complemented by his magnetic stage presence.

Lorenzo Recupero, one of Joe Rez’s long-time friends from Chelsea, spoke of the electric atmosphere inside the packed venue.

“Joe was just incredible,” said Recupero. “I’ve watched Joe perform since we were little kids, but I’ve never seen anything like that from him, that’s for sure. Joe took his game to a whole new level.”

Resnek said he appre-

ciated the support of his fans at the show.

“I’m so blessed and honored to sell out Rockwood,” he stated. “The fact that 120 people pitched in to help make my dream a reality touches me and inspires me to push on. And I will.”

Resnek’s show was reportedly the fastest sellout in the history of Rockwood Music Hall. Tickets are selling just as quickly for his upcoming second show.

Joe Resnek is a graduate of Chelsea High School, Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He was an outstanding baseball player for the Red Devils, helping to lead the team to the North Sectional Finals in his senior year.

Interestingly, Resnek wore his red and black CHS letter jacket on stage, paying homage to his hometown.



Joe Rez takes the stage at the Rockwood Music Hall.



Chelsea High School basketball teammates and friends, David Rudolph and Joseph Mullaney, former principal at Chelsea High School.



T.J. Rodriguez and Lorenzo Recupero enjoying the Joe Rez concert at the Rockwood Music Hall.



Carol Resnek (Joe Rez’s mother) and well-known Chelsea photographer Darlene DeVita enjoy the show.



Chelsea School Committeewoman Jeanette Velez and professional photographer Jay Velez.



Joe Rez acknowledges one of his fans standing near the stage at his sold-out performance.

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## CHELSEA RED DEVILS IN FOOTBALL ACTION AGAINST SAUGUS

ROBERT MARRA PHOTOS

The Red Devils played it tough but fell to Saugus 40-6 in the football season opener Friday night at Saugus High School.



**RUNNING ROOM:** Alex Pinto eyes some open field during a third quarter run in Chelsea's 40-6 loss at Saugus in the football season opener Friday night.



**SHOW ME THE WAY:** Chelsea running back Alex Pinto follows the lead of offensive guard Dean Motta (69) as teammate Ugali Thomas (52) shields Saugus defender Jaiden Smith.



**GET OFF MY BACK:** Quarterback Angel Lino is caught from behind by a Saugus defender.



**ALL MINE:** Justin Reyes (1) hauls in a long pass along the sidelines as he is defended by Saugus cornerback Dan Shea.

### CHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM WINS TWO MATCHES

The Chelsea High girls volleyball team enjoyed a successful opening week under new head coach Gloria Rodriguez, winning both of its matches against Greater Boston League rivals Lynn English and Somerville by identical scores of 3-1.

Lady Red Devil Ashley Martinez started off strong in the contest with Lynn English, delivering six aces and contributing 24 assists. Ashley continued her fine play in the Somerville match, serving nine aces and setting 29 assists for her teammates.

Tatiana Sanabria Herrera also shone for Chelsea with some strong play. Tatiana led the Lady Red Devils in both the aces and kills department, recording 12 aces and nine kills vs. English and delivering 14 aces and 15 kills -- a double-double -- vs. Somerville.

Rodriguez and her crew have a busy week ahead against their GBL foes, starting with Everett yesterday (Wednesday), Malden on Monday, and Revere next Wednesday.

#### CHS BOYS SOCCER HOSTS EVERETT TONIGHT

The Chelsea High boys soccer team will take on its archrival from across the Parkway when the Everett Crimson Tide come to Chelsea Stadium this evening (Thursday). The opening kickoff is set for 5:30. The battles on the pitch between Everett, which is the defending Greater Boston League (GBL) champ, and the Red Devils in recent years always have drawn a good crowd and tonight should be no exception.

Everett enters the fray with a 2-0 record after defeating Somerville (3-2) and Malden (6-1), while Chelsea is 0-0-1 after battling Medford to a 3-3 draw.

With last Thursday's encounter with Lynn Classical postponed because of the extreme heat, the lone contest for CHS head coach Mick Milutinovic's squad this past week was a scrimmage with Phoenix Charter Academy on Tuesday in which the Red Devils prevailed by a score of 3-0.

Cristian Lopez opened up the scoring within the first five minutes, with an assist coming from a deep ball by Edwin Mendoza. Their combination marked their first contributions in their Chelsea careers. Ever Aguilar scored 10 minutes later to make it 2-0 and Marlon Rivera reached the back of the Phoenix net with a header from a corner late in the second half, a tally that also marked Marlon's first contribution for the Red Devils.

"We did not play well in this game and could have easily won by five or six if we had brought our A-game," noted CHS assistant coach William Estrada. "It was another game where we played how the opponents wanted us to."

Milutinovic and his crew will travel to Lynn English on Monday and to Revere next Thursday.

#### CHS FOOTBALL TEAM HOSTS LYNN TECH

The Chelsea High football team will be seeking to break into the win column tomorrow (Friday) evening when new head coach David Roque and his crew host Lynn Tech

at Chelsea Stadium.

The opening kickoff for the Friday Night Lights encounter is set for 6:00.

#### CHS GIRLS SOCCER TREKS TO EVERETT

The Chelsea High girls soccer team will make the short trek across the Parkway to take on Greater Boston League (GBL) opponent Everett this afternoon (Thursday).

Although the Lady Red Devils came up short (8-0) in their season-opener last week vs. GBL foe Medford, coach Randy Grajal saw many positive signs from his crew.

"The team played well," said Grajal. "We were able to go toe-to-toe with them for the first 20 minutes of the game. Our midfielders and forwards consistently challenged the ball and kept on pressuring them. We had a few scoring chances that went wide of the goal. Although Medford scored a few goals before the end of the first half, we kept playing hard throughout the whole game."

Grajal and his crew are scheduled to entertain GBL rivals Lynn English next Tuesday and Revere next Thursday.

#### CHS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS OPEN SEASON

The Chelsea High girls and boys cross country teams were scheduled to open their season yesterday (Wednesday) with a meet at Greater Boston League opponent Malden.

Coach Reegan von Wildenradt and her crew will host GBL foe Somerville on the course at Admiral's Hill on Monday and will make the short trip to Everett next Thursday.



**PRESSURE POINT:** Chelsea's Dericks Hernandez and Alex Pinto (9) put pressure on Saugus quarterback Cameron Preston.



**HEAVE HO!** Quarterback Angel Lino is off balance but gets a pass away under pressure from Saugus defensive tackle Chris Porcaro.

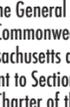
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Public Hearing: Untimely Tobacco Permit Renewal  
The Chelsea Board of Health will hold an in-person public hearing at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at The Williams School Building located at 180 Walnut Street, Chelsea MA. The Public hearing is to consider Broadway Liquor's and Heller's Liquor's appeal of the Director of Public Health's determination that they have failed to timely file an application to renew their tobacco sales permit. To share comments please email famaya@chelseama.gov  
9/14/23, 9/21/23

60-66 Hillside Avenue, & 81 Summit Avenue. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. A copy of the petition is available for review at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours.  
Per Order  
Tuck Willis  
Chair  
9/14/23, 9/21/23

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.  
City Council Chambers 500 Broadway  
Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval of the traffic management plan for Chelsea Point at 250 Marginal Street/22 Willow Street.  
Per Order  
Chief Keith E. Houghton  
Chairperson  
9/14/23, 9/28/23

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Case No. 2023-20  
In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, the Chelsea Planning Board will hold a public hearing at Council Chambers City Hall, 500 Broadway Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 6:00 PM for Major Site Plan Review of a Petition for a Planned Development for the construction of nine residential townhouses and renovating the Keville building, Adams building, Sargent building, Sullivan building, Williams building, Laundry building, Connector building, East Parcel building, and the Headquarters building with a unit count of two hundred thirty-four residential units at the premises known as 91 & 95 Crest Avenue,

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED**  
PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, Section 5-304 Docket No. SU23P1886GD  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston MA, 02114  
In the matter of: Donald Webster of: Chelsea, MA  
RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Donald Webster is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.  
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 10/2/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney

must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
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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: September 1, 2023  
Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate  
9/14/23

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
**CHELSEA CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, the Chelsea Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on: Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 6:00 PM via Zoom video conference to review the Notice of Intent submitted by Alex Train, City of Chelsea Department of Housing & Community Development, to advance sediment cores within the Island End River and/or bank areas at low tide. All interested parties wishing to provide a public comment or to join the meeting must communicate with John DePriest at jdepriest@chelseama.gov. Name and address must be included in order to be read during the Public Speaking section of the meeting and email address in order to join the meeting.  
A copy of the Notice is available for review in the Department of Permitting and Land Use Planning, Rm 106, City Hall, during City Hall business hours.  
Per Order  
Stephen Sarikas  
Chair  
9/14/23

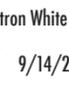
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**CITY OF CHELSEA INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
Lead Water Service Replacement  
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor, equipment and materials for "Lead Water Service Replacement" Invitation for Bids will be available on or after September 14, 2023 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at divanis@chelseama.gov or by visiting the City's website at [https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current\\_bids\\_solicitations.php](https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php). Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Lead Water Service Replacement" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, September 28, 2023. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea."  
The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.  
The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30, 39M.  
Dragica Ivanis  
Chief Procurement Officer  
9/14/23

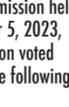
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City Council Chambers 500 Broadway  
Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval to reverse the direction of traffic on Chestnut Street, from Fourth to Third Street, on a permanent basis or a six (6) month trial period.  
Per Order  
Chief Keith E. Houghton  
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In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on September 11, 2023, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, that Section 34-106 (j) of the Code of Ordinances, City of Chelsea, Massachusetts read as follows: "Any relief from off-street parking requirements in this zoning ordinance shall disqualify that location from participating in the residential parking sticker program. Any relief from off-street parking requirements in this zoning ordinance will still allow that location's residents to participate in the visitor parking pass program."  
Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150.  
Jeannette Cintron White  
City Clerk  
9/14/23

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
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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 a "Stop" sign on Chester Avenue at Lynn Street.  
Jeannette Cintron White  
Parking Clerk  
9/14/23

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
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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 September 5, 2023, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations:  
To post a handicap sign at 68 Shawmut Street.  
To post a handicap sign at 69 Marlboro Street.  
Jeannette Cintron White  
Parking Clerk  
9/14/23

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## Kathryn Wallace

Lifelong educator

Kathryn (Mulkern) Wallace of Winthrop passed away peacefully at home after a long illness on September 9 at the age of 69. She was surrounded by her loving family.

Kathy is survived by her devoted husband and best friend, Stephen, with whom she shared 46 years of marriage and 51 years of adventures. She was the most beloved and proudest mother of Elizabeth and her husband, Allan Smith, Annie and her husband, Will Dunne, Joseph Wallace and Julia and her husband, Pat Fullerton. Nana was an adoring grandmother to Wally Dunne, Mae Smith and Tommy Dunne. Kathy is survived by her dear younger siblings, Mary Ellis and her husband, Al, Maureen Mulkern Lojko, Trisha Tabbutt and her husband, Jim and Jimmy Mulkern and his wife, Juko. Kathy leaves behind a loving pack of friends, including Kim Geraci and The Girls, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins. Kathy was greeted in heaven with a hot pot of coffee by her parents, Ed and Julia (Voke) Mulkern, her in-laws, Arthur and Ginny (Morris) Wallace, her brothers, Eddie, David, and John Mulkern and by many other beloved family members and friends.

A 1975 graduate of Salem State College, Mrs. Wallace went on to become a lifelong educator, molding the minds and shaping the behavior of hundreds of elementary school children at several schools, including Our Lady of Grace (Everett) in the 1970's, the Dalrymple Elementary School (Winthrop) in the 1990's, and her alma mater, St. Rose School (Chelsea), where she spent the last two decades of her career before retiring in 2020. Kathy spread her dry wit and quiet humor on adventures spanning from the top of the European Alps to the white sand beaches of Grand Cayman with Stephen and the rest of her family. You could typically find Kathy on her



front porch with a cup of coffee, Sudoku, iPad and/or a good book watching the world go by. A lover of all things peach and plaid, she looked forward to traveling the world with Stephen, steak dinners with The Girls, turtle-neck weather, Pizza Fridays, game nights with her siblings and spending time with her greatest joys: Walla Walla, Mae Mae and Tom Tom. Kathy will be deeply missed, but her memory and generous spirit will live strong with all who loved her.

Kathy and her family are eternally grateful for the exemplary love and care of Dr. Denis Balaban and the rest of the neurology team at Massachusetts General Hospital; Paula Brousseau and Annette Costa of Boston Home Infusions; Sarah Koontz of Mass General Brigham Home-Based Palliative Care Team; and Molly Kelley and the rest of the Care Dimensions team.

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the visitation from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Thursday, September 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. The funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, September 15 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 3420 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with the interment in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Kathy's honor to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, a charity that Kathy and Stephen have long supported: <https://give.cff.org/tribute/kathrynwallace>.

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representatives. She also has the education credentials to match this experience:

- 1976 University of Massachusetts, Boston: BS in Management
- 1981 Suffolk University, Boston: Master of Public Administration
- 1987 New England Law, Boston: Doctor of Jurisprudence

She has been a member of the Massachusetts Bar for over 30 years.

"I have been for Progressive values my whole life, growing up in the Mattapan section of Boston, and for many years in the City of Chelsea," Walsh noted.

Among community affiliations Walsh included:

- Member, City of Chelsea Human Rights Commission
- Fmr Chair, Chelsea Ward 4 Democratic Committee
- Commander Chelsea Disabled American Veterans Chapter 10

• Communicant, St. Michael the Archangel Chapel, Chelsea

"Progressive change takes a willingness to listen, hard work, and a commitment to bring people together for the common good. That is what I will do each day for everyone in City of Chelsea," added Walsh. "So many issues must be addressed: City Services, economic development, affordable housing, public safety, elder services, Veteran care and traffic concerns to name a few. Together we can ensure that we have a strong consistent voice in our community. I look forward to having your support and ask for yourselves to vote in the City Election on Tuesday November 7th".

Attorney Olivia Anne Walsh resides at 91 Crest Ave. and is available to hear your concerns at (617) 306-5501.

## OBITUARIES

### Joan Embree

Late Chelsea Crossing Guard

Joan E. Embree of Revere passed away on August 31.

Joan was a member of the Women of the Moose of Revere and Past President of the Emblem Club of

Revere. She was also a late Crossing Guard in Chelsea as well as a bartender at the Alpine, Brown Jug and Buddy's.

The beloved daughter of the late John and Mabel

(Marsh) McDonough, she was the mother of Scott Embree and his wife, Melissa of Revere, Joseph Brown of Woburn and the late John McDonough; sister of the late John and Joseph McDonough and the late Patricia Sullivan



and Marsha Couch and grandmother of Katie, Abby and Grace. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Visiting Hours were held at the Carafa Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on September 7. Final disposition will be private.

All flowers to be sent directly to the Carafa Funeral Home in Chelsea.

### Romolo Citro

Member of Chelsea K of C, Chelsea ITAM's and served as a Lieutenant with the former Chelsea Police Auxiliary



Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend a

funeral gathering on Monday, September 18th from 9:30 a.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea for Romolo M. Citro, who died on Tuesday, September 12th in the peaceful surroundings of his home with his family at his side. He was 97 years of age. His funeral will continue with a Funeral Mass in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Born in Boston on June 28, 1926, he was one of five children of the late Carmine and Michelina (Pomo) Citro. Romolo was raised in Chelsea where he attended Shurtleff Elementary School and graduated from Chelsea High School. During WW II, he enlisted in the US Army and was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant.

Romolo was married to Jennie G. (Pietropaolo) for 72 years making their home in Chelsea and together raised two sons and one daughter. Romolo was devoted to home and hard work holding several jobs to support his family.

He was a resident of Burlington for 45 years and for the past year lived with his son, Carmine in Ipswich.

He worked primarily as an Electronics Technician with Mitre Corp, researching and developing radar equipment, and as a licensed real estate broker before taking his retirement.

He was a member of the Chelsea Knights of Columbus and the Chelsea ITAM's. He was very proud to serve as a Lieu-



tenant with the former Chelsea Police Auxiliary for several years to the time the auxiliary disbanded.

He is fondly remembered as a quiet and unassuming gentleman, who loved his family and his hard work to provide for them.

Romolo was predeceased last year by his wife, Jennie G. (Pietropaolo) Citro. He was also predeceased by his siblings, Michael Citro, Anthony Citro and his wife, Jeanette, Matthew Citro and Rita Tentindo, survived by her husband, George of Lexington. He was the most beloved father of Carmine Citro and his wife, Kathleen of Ipswich, Guy Citro and his wife Kathy of Chelsea, the late Diana M. Telis and her late husband, Peter; cherished grandfather of Matthew Citro, Michael Citro, Mark Citro and his girlfriend, Jenna Wolfgruber, Nicole Marchionda and her husband, Karl and the late Salvy J. Citro and adored great-grandfather of Luca and Kayla Marchionda. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

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

For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit: [www.WelshFH.com](http://www.WelshFH.com).



## OBITUARIES

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### Gayetano Crespo

His generosity and wisdom will continue to inspire generations to come

Gayetano Crespo of Chelsea died on September 10, 2023. The son of Sandalio and Marta Crespo, beloved father, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully in his home. His legacy of love, kindness, and resilience will forever be cherished by his family and friends.

Gayetano is survived by his devoted children, Donna Crespo, Linda and her Husband, Richard Green, Richard Crespo and his wife, Lourdes, and Renee Hibbard. He was a loving grandfather to Alexandria and her husband, Wendell Lancaster, Richard, Joshua, Ethan, Evan and TJ. He was also the proud great-grandfather to Hutchinson Lancaster.

He shared a special bond with his surviving siblings: Maria Teresa and her husband, Alberto Claudio, Domenic Crespo and his wife, Neida, Margarita and her husband, Jose Delarosa, and Aracelia and her husband, Jose Gomez. He was preceded in death by his siblings: Pedro, Antonio, Juan, and Amelia whose memories he cherished throughout his life.

Gayetano's warm heart touched the lives of numerous nieces and nephews, who admired him as a role model and mentor.



His generosity and wisdom will continue to inspire generations to come.

He will be remembered not only for his love for family but also for his mischievous spirit, which remains alive in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Funeral from the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave, Chelsea, today, Thursday at 9:15 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St Rose of Lima (lower church) 601 Broadway, Chelsea at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends invited.

Interment Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

May Gayetano's soul find eternal peace and may his family find solace in the cherished memories they shared together.

<https://www.carafafuneralhome.com/obituary/gayetano-crespo>.

### Deborah L. White

August 18, 1954 - August 27, 2023

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours on Monday in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea for Deborah L. White, who died on Sunday, August 27th. Id. as conducted on Tuesday and services concluded with interment at Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn.

Deborah was born and raised in Holbrook and was a resident of Chelsea for over 46 years.

As a young single mother of three, she also held various jobs outside of her home, working briefly at , she worked for Chelsea Public Schools as a paraprofessional and teacher

Her life's devotion was to home and family, hosting large family gatherings, decorating her home for every holiday, and doing various kinds of arts and crafts. But her greatest love was time with her grandchildren, supporting and following them in their many activities. She



is fondly remembered for her loving and generous giving nature.

She was the loving mother of Crystal White, Lena White and Carisa Shank; the dear sister of Robert White and Beverly White and the cherished grandmother and the adoring great-grandmother of Milani Rivera Shantel Rameriz-Cabrera, Samuel Z. Rivera III, and Judiani Venezia.

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# State health officials announce third human case of West Nile virus in Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) last week announced the third human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in a Massachusetts resident this year. The individual is a male in his 50s who was exposed in Hampden County.

The risk of human infection with WNV is moderate in the Greater Boston area (Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties), and in parts of Berkshire, Bristol, Hampden, Hampshire, Plymouth, and Worcester counties. There are no additional risk level changes indicated at this time.

“This is the third person with West Nile virus infection identified in Massachusetts this year,” said Public Health Commissioner Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD. “It continues to

be important for people to take steps to prevent mosquito bites, including by using a mosquito repellent with an EPA-registered active ingredient, draining standing water around their homes, and repairing window screens. Risk from mosquito-borne disease will continue until the first hard frost.”

In 2022, there were eight human cases of WNV infection identified in Massachusetts. WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare

cases, more severe illness can occur.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

**Avoid Mosquito Bites**  
Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient (DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-Menthane-3,8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years

of age.

**Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours.** The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

**Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites.** Wearing long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

**Mosquito-Proof Your Home**

**Drain Standing Water.** Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Emp-

ty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

**Install or Repair Screens.** Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

**Protect Your Animals**  
Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week during the summer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk

of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at Mosquito-borne Diseases | Mass.gov, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

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homeowner, and a taxpayer. Among my many city council roles, I have been elected by my colleagues seven times. As president, I wrote the Affordable Housing Ordinance, along with overseeing three city manager searches.

Along with my brother, Ron Robinson, I co-founded the Lewis Latimer Society named after Chelsea's own Lewis H. Latimer, who worked alongside Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison. Latimer also individually developed the filament in the light bulb which made it possible for modern electricity to exist the way it is today.

I pride myself for serving as a full-time city councilor. I truly enjoy spending everyday working on important city issues and providing my time and focus to our constituents. If you see fit to re-elect me again, I pledge

to always remain accessible to ALL Chelsea residents, easily accessible, and unfailingly responsive to anyone who needs my assistance, has a question or concern, or wants their voice heard.

The time for division is over. Chelsea residents deserve better and the choices we make and the resources we commit to will impact our quality of life for lifetimes to come. As a Councilor-at-Large, I will be focused on execution, transforming challenges into opportunities from a fresh perspective, higher standards, and forward thinking solutions.

There is so much work to do:

In education, I will work towards ensuring that all our students are given opportunities to learn and grow in safe environments.

In economic development, I will work towards

creating a vibrant and thriving economy to serve as a model for communities across the state.

In housing, I will work towards increasing affordability and accessibility for all without sacrificing resources.

In public safety, I will work towards supporting our police and firefighters with technology, training, and resources to keep us safe.

Regarding healthcare, I will work towards expanding access to treatment and support families, launching stronger prevention initiatives addressing root causes.

With infrastructure, I will work towards improving our roads, sidewalks, and water supply, setting the groundwork for future generations.

In closing, I am asking for your support for casting a vote for me to return to the City Council.

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terfly award nominee),” Chelsea Opportunity Academy assistant principal Adam Aronson stated.

Aronson said Kenan led the charge to make sure English Language Learners at Chelsea Opportunity Academy did not fall behind during the Covid-19 pandemic.

“In 2020, the world closed down due to the Covid-19 pandemic, work went remote for nearly all workers except for our essential workers,” stated Aronson. “The Chelsea Opportunity Academy serves students who are over age and undercredited, who are off track to graduate due to outside life circumstances. Our students are 17 or older, and often work full-time jobs.”

During the pandemic, 70 percent of the academy students were working full time while completing

courses during the pandemic, he added.

“One population of students began to fall further and further behind, our English Language Learner students; particularly those who were working and had major gaps in their education,” said Aronson. “Sela has advocated ferociously at times for our students. She has pushed her fellow teachers and administration to dig deep into ELL best practices.”

Kenen facilitated a year-and-a-half of professional development services for staff to fulfill best practices in curriculum and instruction so that her colleagues could best support all students.

“She worked nights and weekends to provide an educational experience and social service connections to our students,” said Aronson.

As the school reopened, Kenen noticed that the school's working ELL students still continued to lag behind in terms of academic credit.

“Many of those students held highly skilled jobs, including an arborist, a head chef, and a floor installation expert,” stated Aronson.

Kenen advocated for a work-to-credit program at Chelsea Opportunity Academy that has already served over 40 of the city's most at-need students.

“Her students are loved, supported, and pushed to become their best selves,” stated Aronson.

Kenen received a \$500 award that can be used for professional development opportunities or for materials and/or activities that will enhance and support student learning.

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But several other councilors noted that even if they are aware of a problem, they are not always immediately fixed.

“Once I got started (on the council) eight years ago, one of my main things was the lights; there were so many lights out on the streets,” said District 4 Councilor Enio Lopez. “There are still a lot of lights out.”

Lopez said he has been complaining for years about the situation and still hasn't seen it get much better.

“It's a huge issue we have here in the city,” said Councilor-at-Large Damali

Vidot. “I remember when we started here in the city eight years ago and we literally drove around the city and we would take notes. But at the end of the day, we don't know if it is the city's responsibility or the electric company's responsibility.”

Vidot said she agreed with Recupero that the city should be more proactive when it comes to dealing with broken street lights.

“I remember speaking with former (Police) Chief (Brian) Kyes about this, and he talks about public safety by design,” said Vidot.

She said if there are

more lights in the city, people are less likely to take part in nefarious activities.

“It makes more sense for us to make sure our city is lit up like Las Vegas to make sure everyone feels safe and can walk on our streets,” said Vidot.

In addition to the streets, District 2 Councilor Melinda Vega said there are a number of public stairways in the city that are poorly lit and dangerous.

“Negative things happen and unsafe things happen in the dark, we need to make sure we light our city to prevent that from happening,” said Vega.

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for more than six months, and Keefe was approaching that time limit.

The council also extended the deadline for the City Manager applicants at that time at the suggestion of officials from the Collins Center.

“We have received candidates, many who are exceptionally educated and experienced individuals,” said Mary Aicardi of the Collins Center at the time. “But not enough meet your qualifications 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 said that the salary as listed, at \$200,000 per year, was insufficient to make them move from their current jobs.

Aicardi suggested putting language in the profile to say “a competitive employment package will be entered into with the city council depending on qual-

ifications.”

At Monday night's City Council meeting, Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot urged her fellow councilors to be ready for a busy fall that includes the selection of a new city manager.

“I hope you are ready to get to work, because we have a lot of things that we need to work on,” said Vidot. “We have a lot of concerns where we've kind of been waiting for us to start meeting again.”

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