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## 15TH ANNUAL ALS AND MS WALK FOR LIVING HELD



The Katzman Center for Living had a team that participated in The Walk for Living Sunday on Admiral's Hill.



Former Governor Charlie Baker and Mrs. Lauren Baker toured the Leonard Florence Center for Living where they were welcomed by Chelsea Jewish Lifecare CEO Barry Berman, COO Betsy Mullen, and well-known resident Steve Saling. See page 6 for more photos.



ALS Walk Ambassadors Charlie Baker and Lauren Baker, with Chelsea City Councillor Calvin Brown and GNAC Commissioner Joseph Walsh.

## Chelsea Day canceled due to inclement weather

After consultation with the event planning team as well as the City of Chelsea's Emergency Management Dept., Chelsea Day has been canceled due to the rain and inclement weather expected on Saturday.

While it is unfortunate that this year's event will not take place, the City of Chelsea looks forward to the upcoming 2024 year that will feature a variety of unique and new celebrations as part of the

City's 400th anniversary including the biggest Chelsea Day to date.

The City extends its gratitude to the Chelsea Day planning committee as organized by the Law Department, our commu-

nity partners, and all other constituents that help put together this event annually. We look forward to the continued celebrations of our amazing community especially during the year ahead, our 400th Anniversary.

## Councillors want larger discussion on affordable housing

By Adam Swift

The City Council is looking to meet with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, the Community Preservation Committee, and the Director of Housing and Community Development to discuss the city's housing policy.

The order introduced by Councillors Brian Hatleberg and Norieliz DeJesus at Monday night's meeting calling for a subcommittee on conference on the issue generated a healthy amount of debate among the council.

Hatleberg noted that both he and DeJesus served on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board in the past, and said he wanted to make sure the council is up to date on the board's plans.

"I know they are finalizing their work plan in early November, so my

thought is to schedule the subcommittee in late November so we can hear what their plan is," said Hatleberg.

When he was on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, Hatleberg said the board had been given a substantial amount of money from the city to spend to help create affordable housing.

"I want to make sure that the money actually is

spent to create affordable housing," said Hatleberg. "I think there is a natural and understandable and responsible attitude that would say we want to take care of the money we were given and use it prudently and cautiously. But we really need affordable housing units and we need them now and we need them as fast as possible."

Hatleberg said there

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## DELICIAS SALVADORENAS OPENS FOR BUSINESS

Last week the Chelsea business community welcomed the newest member to its fold, Delicias Salvadorenas. Located at 235 Broadway, it is opened 7 days a week, from 8am-10pm. The restaurant offers a wide variety of Central American foods as well as lots of local favorites on the menu.



All smiles as Mayra Romero and Luis Romero open their business at 235 Broadway, also shown Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Jenn Hassell.



Owners Mayra and Luis Romero, their staff and invited guests, including State Representative Judith Garcia and Executive Director of Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Jenn Hassell cut the ribbon, officially opening for business.

Read about Gov. Healey's new Affordable Housing Act on Page 10

## Council approves contract for new city manager

By Adam Swift

Fidel Maltez will officially take over as Chelsea's new city manager on Jan. 1.

Monday night, the City Council unanimously approved a four-year contract between Maltez and the city. The current Reading Town Manager and former Chelsea public works superintendent will earn \$247,500 in his first year, with a 3 percent increase in salary each year.

Councillor-at-Large Damali Vidot noted that former City Manager Tom Ambrosino left his position in January. She praised Ned Keefe, who served as Deputy City

Manager under Ambrosino, for stepping in while the city sought a new chief administrator.

"But it is a lot, and we need to get back to business with the Maltez administration," said Vidot.

Vidot also took time to thank all the councilors, residents, and committee members who dedicated their time to help select a new city manager.

"I'm looking forward to the changes that are coming and wish you nothing but success," Vidot told Maltez.

Maltez will be stepping into the City Manager's role on the first day of

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## Veterans Home redevelopment set to head to Planning Board

By Adam Swift

The massive, four-phase Veterans' Home in Chelsea redevelopment project was before the Zoning Board of Appeals for its initial public hearing for a special permit last week.

The project, which is a public-private partnership between the state and Penrose, LLC, is scheduled to go before the Planning Board for a recommendation on that special permit on Tuesday, Oct. 24, before coming back to the ZBA for a possible final

vote in November.

During the public hearing, many of the questions about the redevelopment of the existing buildings and addition of new space and townhouses were not about the buildings themselves, but about the services which will be provided for veterans.

There will be 241 units throughout the redeveloped property, and Penrose representatives stated that all 121 veterans currently living on site will be able to remain on

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## Remembering the Chelsea Fire of 1973

This week marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chelsea Fire of 1973.

There are still many of us who recall that day and year, and many among us who spent the day in Chelsea when the city almost burned to the ground.

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## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

### Constantinos Boussios announces his candidacy for City Councillor

Constantinos Boussios has announced his intention to run for City Councillor in District 2. The following is his statement:

"My name is Constantinos Boussios. I am a City Councillor candidate in District 2. I immigrated from Greece to study and I earned a PhD in Engineering from MIT. I lead the Data Science department at a Boston healthcare company. I am married to Natalia Sesma Lopez, an elementary school teacher, and we have a young daughter.

I am guided by common

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Constantinos Boussios.

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FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES  
OF ARNOLD JARMAK



This photo from the archives of legendary Chelsea Record photographer Arnold Jarmak shows the only home that was left standing on Third St. in the aftermath of the Great Chelsea Fire of 1973 that destroyed 18 city blocks. The tire marks of the bulldozers that cleared the debris are still fresh. To the right can be seen the Williams School, which was saved by the Chelsea Fire Dept. and the numerous other fire companies from surrounding cities and towns, who put up a wall of water to save the school when the fire that had reached Arlington St. In the background behind the home, which was owned by Chelsea native and man-about-town Harry German, can be seen the former Ben Heller Tire Co. on Everett Ave.

Chelsea man in prison on firearms charges

A Chelsea man was sentenced last week in federal court in Boston for federal firearms offenses.

Miguel Reyes, 33, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Patti B. Saris to two years in prison and three years of supervised release. On Mar. 16, Reyes pleaded guilty to two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition and one count of being a felon in possession of ammunition.

On two separate occasions in August 2020, Reyes was found in possession of a Beretta, Model U22, .22 LR caliber pistol and ammunition and a Glock, Model 48, 9 mm pistol and ammunition.

Additionally, at the time of his arrest in Chelsea in May 2021, Reyes was found in possession of a Glock replica, polymer 80 and ammunition. Due to a prior felony conviction, Reyes is prohibited from possessing firearms and ammunition.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy and James M. Ferguson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, Boston Field Division made the announcement of the sentence on Friday, Oct. 13. Assistance was provided by the Chelsea Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Benjamin A. Saltzman of the Criminal Division prosecuted the

case.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence, and to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results.

Man charged with murder in Chelsea shooting

Edgar Nerys, 28, was arraigned Thursday, Oct. 12 in Chelsea District Court for the murder of Chelsea resident Santos David Canizales, 23, at the intersection of Shurtleff Street and Congress Ave. in Chelsea on October 8.

Video surveillance showed the shooter was dropped off by a black SUV just moments before the shooting and walked to the area where Canizales was shot eight to 10 times, according to a spokesperson for the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office.

Nerys is being held without bail and the next

date is scheduled for December 18 for a probable cause hearing.

Nerys was arrested on Wednesday, Oct. 11 by the Massachusetts State Police following an investigation by state police, Chelsea police, and the Suffolk DA’s office.

“Careful, thorough work by each of the agencies involved has led to Mr. Canizales’s family beginning to get answers for his life ending far too early,” said Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden. “ There’s no replacing a lost family member. There’s only memories and grief and the process of bringing

those responsible to justice.”

Shortly before 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 8, Chelsea Police received a shot spotter activation in the area of Congress Avenue and Shurtleff Street.

Responding Chelsea officers found a male victim on the ground at the corner of Congress and Shurtleff with apparent gunshot wounds, according to state police.

The man was later identified as Canizales.

Canizales was transported by EMS to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

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the property during construction and will have a place in one of the newly updated units.

Veterans will have 100 percent preference for the affordable units at the redeveloped Veterans’ Home, according to Karen Cheung, a senior developer for Pennrose.

There will be centralized social services provided onsite provided by Soldier On, a private non-profit organization that provides veterans services at similar locations, according to Pennrose.

“Pennrose is not only a developer, but we are an owner and operator of mixed-income affordable housing,” said Cheung. “We have an affiliated property management company that we do plan to be the property manager for the Veterans’ Home in Chelsea.”

The development priorities for the project are to have 100 percent veterans’ preference for the entire site, to have a service provision to ensure long-term resident success, to have all existing residents stay on site, to renovate the existing domiciliary buildings into high-quality apartments with private kitchens and baths, to create a diverse unit mix to provide opportunities for

veterans’ families, and to create a one-stop resource center for veterans and their families, Cheung said.

Pennrose is preserving all nine buildings that are on the current Soldiers’ Home site, with the only scheduled demolition set for the one-story incinerator building.

The new construction for the project includes 18 units of townhouses, a two-story cafe and community building, and a new building on the east parcel at the corner of Hillside and Crest Avenue.

“Our hope is to provide a more vibrant campus that will serve not only the veterans who will live on campus, but hopefully the surrounding community,” said Cheung. “We’ve tried to create more connectivity, particularly with sidewalks and green space that we hope will also serve the community.”

Some of the amenities Cheung said Pennrose hopes to provide include a veterans’ museum and arts center, a victory garden with a greenhouse, the cafe, and the veterans resource center in the headquarters building.

The project is proposed to be in phases, with the first phase being Sargent, the Laundry Building, the connector building, Williams, and the victory garden.

Cheung.

She said the goal is to have the final phase of construction completed by 2029.

During the public hearing, several residents of the Soldiers’ Home and nearby residents raised concerns about parking as well as the loss of some green space with the new building on the east parcel.

The biggest area of concern, raised in a letter from City Council President Leo Robinson as well as several others, was the transition in services for the veterans from the current state services to those provided by Soldier On, as well as the cost of living for the veterans.

Robinson noted that veterans on campus are currently provided with three meals per day, and that would no longer be the case under the new plan.

“This is changing the model from a highly supportive living model with three meals per day for veterans who are older and potentially more disabled as they age,” said Planning Board member and School Committee candidate Sarah Neville.

Neville said changing the model will be less supportive for residents who rely on those meals three times per day, as well as other services. She said she would rather see services offered at a tiered level, where current residents can continue to get the same level of care and not be forced into a nursing home or other type of assisted living situation.

Several other speakers noted that while there will be vouchers for the current residents so they will be able to pay 30 percent of their income toward the units, there will be additional costs such as utilities and meals that they currently do not have to worry about.

Cheung said Pennrose will continue to meet and work with its counterparts at the state level, including the Executive Office of Veterans Affairs, to make sure the veterans are supported as the transition is underway.

“All of these are ongoing conversations that the Commonwealth is still invested in,” said Cheung. “Even though we are doing the real estate changes, the Commonwealth is still with us the whole way to make sure that this is a project that serves the veterans.”

Cheung added that many of the aspects of the project being presented are in response to the request for proposals for the redevelopment which was issued by the state.

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# Chelsea

## RECORD

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### HAMAS ARE TERRORISTS, NOT FREEDOM-FIGHTERS

The demonstrations that have been occurring around the country, especially on college campuses, in apparent support of the Hamas terrorists who slaughtered 1400 Israelis, have been disappointing on many levels.

The Hamas organization is not composed of “freedom fighters” who are seeking to better the lives of the two million people of Gaza. Rather, Hamas is a terrorist group that proclaims only one goal -- the destruction of the State of Israel -- and has shown it will stop at nothing to achieve its ends, including the cold-blooded slaughter of 1400 Israeli civilian men, women, and children.

In addition, Hamas and its masters, the Iranian government leaders (who have funded and trained the Hamas terrorists), consider the two million residents of the Gaza strip -- of whom half are children -- essentially as cannon fodder to achieve their objective of provoking a response from Israel that, they hope, will set the Middle East, if not the entire world, aflame.

The massacre at the Israeli kibbutzim, dance festival, and villages on October 7 accomplished nothing, other than to bring about an Israeli military invasion of Gaza that the Israelis see as necessary in order to root out the military capacity of the Hamas terrorists, but which Hamas knows invariably will result in the deaths of hundreds of innocent Gazan civilians and children.

Peace in the Middle East will be achievable only when all Arab states and Iran are willing to acknowledge the right of the State of Israel simply to exist. However, given that Iran, Hamas, and others preach that Israel must be destroyed, peace will never be achieved and the endless cycle of violence only will continue for future generations, a sad state of reality that the pro-Hamas demonstrators conveniently ignore.

### WILL A PILL MAKE AMERICANS SLIMMER?

Americans have been overeating -- and eating the wrong kinds of food -- for a long time. It is estimated that 40 percent of Americans are obese and another 32 percent of us are overweight -- which means that three out of every four Americans maintain an unhealthy weight. American men today weigh 30 pounds more than they did 50 years ago and American women now weigh as much as that average American man of 50 years ago.

Americans currently rank in the top 10 among all countries for obesity in the world (those who rank higher than us for obesity mostly are small, developing nations) and we are the most overweight nation of every affluent country on earth.

Diabetes has become epidemic in the U.S. and the economic costs stemming from health issues related to our obese society runs in the billions of dollars, while bringing misery to hundreds of millions of our fellow citizens. During the recent pandemic, the biggest factor (aside from being over the age of 65) for developing a serious case of COVID-19 was being overweight.

However, it would appear that a miracle solution -- in the form of drugs originally meant to treat diabetes that also have been shown to tamp down patients’ appetites -- is on the horizon.

These drugs already are being prescribed “off-label” for use as weight-loss drugs and the results thus far have been dramatic. In addition, these drugs also show promise for other medical conditions, such as improving blood pressure and cholesterol levels, improving blood sugar levels in patients with diabetes, delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes, and decreasing the occurrence of repeat heart attacks and strokes in those who have type 2 diabetes.

Wall St. believes that these drugs will have a dramatic effect on our society. The two drug companies who make these drugs, Eli Lilly (Mounjaro) and Novo Nordisk (Ozempic and Wegovy), have seen their stock prices surge, while those in the snack food industry -- the makers of junk food such as Twinkies, Oreos, and Doritos -- have seen their stock prices plummet in recent weeks.

There are still many questions about the efficacy and side effects of these new drugs if they are to be prescribed for weight loss, but the future holds hope that America may have found a “cure” for our obesity epidemic.

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# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Chelsea City Councilors ready to tackle child care accessibility

By Darlene Lombos

Families in Chelsea are facing significant challenges in finding child care that works. Today’s working parents require child care for early morning shifts, but too often can’t find affordable options or centers that will accept their state child care voucher. As a result, many are compelled to turn to family members or trusted friends. However, the state pays these essential providers subminimum wages, averaging \$5.30 per hour. While relatives and close friends are eager to provide this care, they can’t do so and make ends meet with a subminimum wage. Chelsea needs child care solutions that address the needs of working families.

Chelsea is fortunate to have city councilors and city council candidates who recognize and prioritize working families. Individuals such as Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, Kelly Garcia, Melinda Vega, Norieliz De Jesus, Tainari Garcia, and Calvin Brown understand the importance of child care, good jobs, and fair wages. Their dedication to these values will directly benefit the families of Chelsea, and their support for critical statewide initiatives, like the passage of H.456, An Act to expand access to family, friend and neighbor-provided childcare, in the state legislature is essential to supporting working families in accessing the child care they

require.

Statewide, over 20,000 low-income children are on the waitlist for child care financial assistance vouchers. In Chelsea, as many parents can attest, families who have a voucher are often unable to find care because they work late nights or early morning shifts, can’t find a provider that speaks their language, or don’t have access to reliable transportation. Others are faced with long waitlists for care at child care centers.

In Chelsea and throughout Massachusetts, parents often rely on family members, friends, and neighbors to care for their children. These are the people who know our children, our language, and our food. They are the ones we trust the most, but parents know it can be a struggle to find and pay for people to watch our kids. What many people don’t know is that our family, friend, and neighbor (FFN) child care providers can be paid by the State of Massachusetts, just like licensed child care providers. They can register with the state and receive funds through the parent’s voucher.

Child care voucher support is fundamental to many families. However, the current system leaves some providers with unacceptably low wages and lacks the flexibility necessary for parents to meet their child care needs. Right now, the state pays FFN providers between \$9.76 to \$23.06 per child per day – that works out to

an average of only \$5.30 per hour. And when families need FFN child care in combination with a formal program, the voucher is not always flexible enough to pay both.

Luckily, we have leaders at the city and state levels who are working to make a difference.

H.456, currently being considered in the state legislature, would increase child care options for working parents and unlock immediate support for Chelsea families. The legislation would increase wages for FFN providers to at least the state minimum wage—currently \$15 per hour—meaning providers would not have to choose between caring for their grandchildren or finding work to make ends meet. For parents, this change opens access to a greater pool of trusted providers willing to accept their child care voucher, as more family and friends will be economically enabled to care for children instead of seeking alternative employment.

H.456 also aims to eliminate unnecessary restrictions on child care vouchers for parents who need multiple providers in a single day. Under the current law, parents are granted ten voucher hours a day, but if they use over six hours with one provider, they are unable to use their remaining hours with another provider. This restricts parents who need an FFN caregiver before or after a formal child care program is open. The bill

would allow parents to split their whole ten-hour allotment in a way that works for the providers they need.

The Greater Boston Labor Council, dedicated to improving the lives of working families across 24 communities in the greater Boston area, endorses Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, Kelly Garcia, Melinda Vega, Norieliz De Jesus, Tainari Garcia, and Calvin Brown in their city council races. These leaders will champion workers rights and advocate for working family issues in Chelsea. Now, more than ever, we need elected officials who are committed to fighting for economic equity and worker rights in the halls of power. These candidates understand the need for expanded child care access to support our hardworking families.

At the state level, it is imperative that we pass H.456. Labor and community groups in Chelsea and across the state recognize the importance of family, friend, and neighbor child care for working families. This legislation would expand child care options for low-income parents and eliminate subminimum wages for child care providers. It is desperately needed amid our state’s child care shortage and is a missing piece of the child care puzzle.

*Darlene Lombos, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Greater Boston Labor Council*

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Chelsea’s 400th anniversary.

Council President Leo Robinson said the first event of Chelsea 400 will be the swearing in of Maltez in the beginning of January, along with the newly elected City Councilors and School Committee members.

Maltez is currently the town manager in Reading and previously worked as the public works commissioner in Chelsea. In

the private sector, Maltez has worked as an engineering manager and field engineer. He has a senior executive in state and local government certificate from Harvard University’s School of Government, a master’s degree in public policy from Tufts University, and a bachelor’s degree in civil and environmental engineering from Lafayette College. At the end of 2022, 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 Keefe as the interim city manager soon after.

In other business, Robinson announced that City Council Administrative Assistant Jessica Carmenatty will be stepping down from her position in

November.

Robinson said Carmenatty and Council Clerk Cliff Cunningham updated the job description for the position, and that a search committee composed of Robinson, Cunningham, and Councilor Norieliz DeJesus will help select a new administrative assistant for the council.

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sense, practical thinking and a preference for finding middle ground and consensus. I am committed to an open-door policy for my constituents, ensuring that your concerns are heard. Speaking and connecting with you has been the most fulfilling part of campaigning.

Chelsea is a vibrant and diverse city. It is also the second most densely populated city in Massachusetts and it continues growing rapidly. Growth without a plan, straining our infrastructure and quality of life.

- I support the development of a new Master Plan for Chelsea for the first time since the 1970s. A new Master Plan would outline the city’s modern goals and policies, shaped by the input of all residents.
- I’ll protect critical infrastructure, secure clean

water, maintain roads, and preserve open spaces.

- Education is top priority; I’ll support programs for academic excellence and practical experiences in our schools.
- I’ll safeguard street parking options, recognizing their importance in our densely populated city.

- I will advocate for low-income families and children, ensuring policies protect our most vulnerable residents.
- I strongly support our Veterans at the Soldiers’ Home. They deserve our unwavering support. Their welfare, and the welfare of our entire area, is currently threatened by corporate interests and development plans. I am actively involved in the ongoing Zoning Board hearings and I invite you all to participate.

Please vote for me on November 7”

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# Giving New Meaning To ‘Tee to Green’

## Chelsea Police Lt. Paul Marchese makes a hole-in-one on a Par 4

By Cary Shuman

Chelsea Police Lt. Paul Marchese was having in his words, “a decent round of golf” on Oct. 1 at the Trull Brook Course in Tewksbury, enjoying a beautiful autumn day with his playing partners, his father, Edward Marchese Sr., and his brother, Edward Marchese Jr.

But what happened on the par 4, 340-yard, 18th hole turned Paul Marchese’s good round into a spectacular one – recording a truly incredible moment on a day he will remember forever. It’s so unique that there’s a special, but not-known-widely term for it: an Albatross.

Marchese, 37, stood over the tee on the final hole of the day and struck a cannon shot with his TaylorMade R1 Driver.

“My drives had been really good, but my short

game wasn’t helping,” said Marchese, who is 5-foot-9 and weighs 180 pounds. “I was hitting the ball 300 yards consistently and it was going pretty straight.”

This drive was better than straight, it was perfect. Marchese’s ball wound up in the bottom of the hole for a hole-in-one.

“I knew I had hit it well and it was going to be right in the area of the hole,” said Marchese. “I was looking all around for the golf ball – and it was in the hole.”

Marchese said his father was “excited” about the hole in one, while his brother was saying, ‘No way, no way.’”

“We saw the ball going down the far right to the left of the trees,” said Edward Marchese Sr., a retired Chelsea Police officer who served 29 years with distinction in the

department. “Paul had been hitting his drives 300-yards plus, and when he hits it, the golf ball keeps sailing and it just keeps lifting. We walked up to the hole, and there it was inside the hole. It was amazing.”

Paul Marchese’s hole-in-one was the first in his career. According to the Double Eagle Club based in Ohio, the odds of what Marchese accomplished (a hole-in-one on an Albatross) are 6 million to one.

“I’m still shocked about it, it’s just unbelievable,” related Marchese. “But hopefully it’s not my one and only.”

The length of Marchese’s tremendous drive to the 18th hole is awe-inspiring when you consider that Rory McIlroy led the PGA Tour last season with an average drive of 326 yards.

Marchese’s enthusiasm for golf has grown since making history in Tewksbury.

“I wish I could quit my job and go golfing every day,” jested Marchese. “I’m trying to play as much as I can. I just love the game. I wish I had played more of it when I was younger. Hopefully I can continue to play as long as I can.”

### A star athlete at Pope John High School

Paul Marchese grew up in Chelsea and attended Saint Rose School, from

kindergarten through grade 8. He began his athletic career in Chelsea Youth Hockey (with his brother, Edward Jr.), and when the Chelsea program folded, he took his talents next door to Everett for youth hockey and soccer.

“I was a hockey player my whole life,” said Paul.

Marchese enrolled at Pope John XXIII High School where he played four years of varsity hockey under legendary 20-year coach Bill Connors. He also played varsity soccer.

Marchese decided to try out for the newly founded Pope John golf team and became a starting player for the Tigers. He was a member of the golf team for two seasons before graduating in 2003. He matriculated at Salem State College.

“When I got out of high school, I played a lot of golf with my buddies in college and then I dropped off for a few years. The last two years, I’ve been trying to pick back up and get back into it. I try to play at least once a week.”

When he graduated from Salem State in 2008, he entered the law enforcement profession and is currently in his 15th year in the Chelsea Police Department that protects and proudly serves the people of this city every day.



Chelsea Police Lt. Paul Marchese holds the golf ball after notching a hole-in-one on the 18th hole at Trull Brook Golf Course in Tewksbury.

### Official congratulations from Chief Houghton

Police Chief Keith Houghton, also a former Pope John High School star and a golfer himself, was among the many colleagues and associates congratulating Paul Marchese on his awesome accomplishment.

“Making a hole in one is an unbelievable, once-

in-lifetime accomplishment,” lauded Houghton. “Millions of people play golf, and less than one tenth of one percent ever have the pleasure of getting one. It’s always usually a good sign of positive things happening in your life, so I hope the good luck and fortune of Paul’s hole-in-one follow him for many years.”

## HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

### CHELSEA HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION 2023 (RETURNS INDOORS!)

Halloween Costume Swap

Costumes and accessories for children, adults and even pets. Buy a costume or swap and walk away with a different one! Free to swappers. Costumes \$5 and Accessories \$3. Saturday, October 28 from 11am-3pm. Chelsea Recreation, Williams Building, 180 Walnut Street. All proceeds go to Chelsea Community Connections.

### HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION FOR AGES 3-10

Chelsea Recreation is holding its Nineteenth

Annual Halloween Celebration for Children, ages 3-10 and their families on Sunday, October 29 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. inside the Williams Building, 180 Walnut Street, Chelsea. Activities include: goblin bowling, cookie decorating, and much more! A \$5.00 fee includes an afternoon of Halloween activities, a trick-or-treat bag filled with candy, and free entry for parents, infants and toddlers, and older siblings. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume and to pre-register, either in person Mon. - Fri. 4-8:30 pm and Sat. 9-4:30 or online at recreation.chelseama.gov. Walk-ins are welcome, but spots will fill quickly. For more information call (617) 466-5233 or e-mail recreation@chelseama.gov.

### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING Project File No. 605959

A Public Informational Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the Structural Cleaning & Painting, Steel & Concrete Repairs on Tobin Bridge project in Chelsea, MA.

**WHERE:** Cafeteria, Williams Jr. High school  
180 Walnut Street  
Chelsea, MA 02150

This meeting will be recorded and available for viewing online at a later date at:  
<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 24, at 6:00 p.m.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the Structural Cleaning & Painting, Steel & Concrete Repairs on Tobin Bridge project. All views and comments made at the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

**PROJECT:** The project consists of location-specific cleaning and painting of the upper and lower section of the Maurice J. Tobin Bridge and the Beacon Street Ramp in Chelsea. The purpose is to clean, remove the existing paint system from the superstructure of the bridge, and repair steel and concrete as needed.

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT’s Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

In the event of inclement weather a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

**JONATHAN GULLIVER  
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR  
CARRIE E. LAVALLÉE  
CHIEF ENGINEER**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### TOBIN BRIDGE CLEANING, PAINTING, AND REPAIRS

Tobin Bridge Cleaning, Painting, and Repairs in-person public meeting October 24.

This notice is to inform you of an upcoming in-person public information meeting for the Structural Cleaning and Painting, Steel and Concrete Repairs on the Tobin Bridge project in Chelsea. This project consists of location-specific cleaning and painting of the upper and lower sections of the Tobin Bridge and the Beacon Street Ramp in Chelsea.

In-Person Public Meeting date is Tuesday, October 24, at 6 p.m.

Location: Cafeteria, Williams Jr. High School  
180 Walnut Street  
Chelsea, MA 02150

This meeting will also be recorded and available for viewing online at a later date at:

<https://www.mass.gov/event/chelsea-structural-cleaning-painting-steel-concrete-repairs-on-tobin-bridge-2023-10-24t180000-0400-2023-10-24t193000-0400>

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the project. All views and comments made at the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

### MASSDOT SCHEDULES FINAL BRIDGE MACHINERY TEST AT CHELSEA STREET BRIDGE

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that it will be conducting the final testing and fine tuning of the new span guide roller machineries on the Chelsea Street Bridge in East Boston and Chelsea. This

work is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 19, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The bridge will remain fully operational during the testing of the new machinery and pedestrian access across the bridge will be maintained at all times. The testing and adjusting of the new span guide roller machinery will occur while the bridge is opening and there will be personnel on the bridge taking measurements during an active lift. Lifts may take 10-15 minutes longer than a normal lift and drivers/pedestrians should allow additional time accordingly during these hours. The testing personnel will be following OSHA safety standards. The public may notice the personnel on the bridge during the lift; personnel present will be in accordance with safety protocols.

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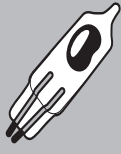
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15TH ANNUAL ALS AND MS WALK FOR LIVING HELD

More than 1,000 attendees participated in The 2023 Walk For Living Sunday, Oct. 15 at Admiral's Hill in Chelsea.

Former Governor Charlie Baker and Mrs. Lauren Baker served as Walk

Ambassadors.

All proceeds from The Walk For Living went to patient care and programs for ALS and MS residents of the Leonard Florence Center for Living, Chelsea.



Jerry Jennings and Marlene Jennings, and their canine companions, Zoe and Bubbles.



Chelsea Jewish Lifecare CEO Barry Berman and James Nowlan.



Chelsea City Councilor Calvin Brown, with ALS Walk volunteers, Aiden Ellis and Brandon Mo.



Bob Richman and Gilda Richman (left) with family, Alex Grant, Samantha Grant, Mason Grant, and Brody Grant.



Chelsea High student Yamil Rivera, Chelsea High National Honor Society Advisor Ilana Ascher, and Rep. Judith Garcia.



Communications Manager Debbie Weisberg, with her husband, Rick Weisberg, and their dog, Asher.



More than 1,000 attendees participated in The 2023 Walk For Living Sunday, Oct. 15 at Admiral's Hill in Chelsea. The Phunk Phenomenon Dance Complex dancers, under the direction of Reia Briggs-Connor, are pictured at The ALS and MS Walk For Living Sunday at Admiral's Hill, Chelsea.



Wanda Mercado takes a selfie with former Governor Charlie Baker, 2023 ALS Walk Ambassador.



ALS and MS Walk registration desk volunteers Susan Cooney, Cathie Mesima, and Lena Rodriguez.



ALS and MS Walk For Living Director Maura Graham (right) and her twin sister, Megan Worley (left).



Pictured at the ALS and MS Walk For Living are Brad Prenney, City Council President Leo Robinson, and Mary Prenney.



Chelsea City Councilor Calvin Brown and newly appointed Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.



DJ Jeff Barnes of Jeff Rhythm.



Former Everett High School teacher Bob Richman (front) and Chelsea Rotary Club members are pictured at the 2023 ALS Walk For Living.



Chelsea Jewish Lifecare COO Betsy Mullen delivers welcoming remarks at The ALS and MS Walk For Living.



Bob Richman and Gilda Richman, with 2023 ALS and MS Walk Ambassadors Charlie Baker and Lauren Baker, and Chelsea Jewish Lifecare COO Betsy Mullen.



Jan Rubin, Faye Florence, and Roberta Rubin.

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# Creekside Commons Skate Park

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

Skateboarding is a productive and healthy outdoor activity for all, providing urban youth with a relatively inexpensive outlet; and so the City of Chelsea is thrilled to welcome residents to the Creekside Commons Skate Park, located on the corner of Gillooly Road and Cabot Street.

The Creekside Commons Skate Park is supported by the Chelsea City Council, Unity Within the Community, Chelsea Recreation & Cultural Affairs, and the Community Preservation Fund, managed by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

“The Skate Park is important to the city. It satisfies an untapped need,” said Nick Valentine, an appointed advisor on the Community Recreation Advisory Board. “There are a ton of little kids skateboarding in Chelsea on the streets. That reminds me of myself as a young person. We didn’t have facilities like this. There is a clear need for it. It’s exciting that the city agrees with that.”

An 18-foot-wide by 40-inch-tall half pipe was donated by Orchard Skate Shop, Adidas, and New England Revolution, and installed on September 3.

“It’s already getting heavy use. It’s really exciting,” exclaimed Valentine, who lives one mile away from Creekside Commons Skate Park, and enjoys taking advantage of his proximity by utilizing the ramp.

The half pipe was originally used for a skateboarding event prior to a football game at Gillette Stadium, where 15 professional, Adidas skateboarders performed on the ramp. It was designed to be more durable and allow for easy reassembly at an outdoor community skate park. The half pipe

is constructed out of pressure-treated wood, with weather-resistant, Ramp Armor surfacing.

“We’ve been getting great feedback. We’re psyched and happy to support however we can,” said Armin Bachman, Owner, Orchard Skateshop, North End. “I want to thank the City of Chelsea for supporting the skateboarding scene.”

Bachman, an active skateboarder, started his first job in a skate shop in 1996, and feels that New England has been behind in opening skateable, public spaces. Before Creekside Commons Skate Park, the closest facility for skateboarding was the Harborside Community Skatepark at the Umana Barnes Middle School, in East Boston.

“Hopefully the ramp will be an opportunity for the city to see the need for permanent skate facilities, and this will be the catalyst for more things in the future,” expressed Bachman, who has contributed to the arrangement of over 15 skate parks. “You can do a lot with a small space with intelligent design.”

The Creekside Commons Skate Park is situated along the Mill Creek River Walk, beside a playground, bocce lanes, and lounging area. The reimagined space has been built on what had been a roller hockey rink; and resourceful locals have added a flat railing and parking block as obstacles.

The half pipe is the first significant piece to be added to the skate park; and there have been discussions with the City of Chelsea and local skateboard enthusiasts regarding expanding and building upon vacant spaces.

“I have great ideas,” Valentine alluded. “This is underutilized space, and what is there is not being maintained. The park is already slated for renovations.



Hector Guerrero, Wulfrido Hernandez, Bea Cravatta, Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Karl Allen, Planner, City of Chelsea’s Community Development, Alex Delvalle-Montoya, Community Recreation Manager, Nick Valentine, Community Recreation Advisory Board, Juan Gallego, business owner and member of the Chelsea Rotary Club, and Alex Train, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

ations. This might be a good application.”

Plans are underway for the construction of a cement perimeter, and ways to optimally use the available space to accommodate more skaters over the next couple of years. Bachman has been collaborating with the City of Chelsea in visualizing layouts that offer a sense of flow.

Valentine described Bachman as a “fixture of skateboarding in Boston,” and Orchard Skateshop as a “backbone of the Boston skateboarding community.”

If the City of Chelsea does decide to build a larger skateboarding venue, Valentine believes that it would encourage more people to visit the neighborhood.

Chelsea resident, Yessenia Ortiz Rivas – whose child participated in a skateboarding program presented by Chelsea’s Recreation & Cultural Affairs in partnership with the Chill Foundation – feels that Creekside Commons Skate Park is an



Chelsea resident, Joshua Alvarado, skateboarding on the new half pipe for the first time

important addition to the community. It is a convenient, dedicated outdoor space where families and youth can spend time together.

“This skate park allows the City of Chelsea to continue a growing trend,” explained Valentine, a lawyer and life-long skateboarder. “East Boston,

Somerville, Cambridge, and Boston have skate parks. This is something that is not well-served on this side of the bridge. There is nothing in Everett and Revere.”

Throughout Valentine’s travels, he has found an energetic and positive community to join through skateboarding, and is

grateful for the resources that have come together to produce the Creekside Commons Skate Park.

“Having an opportunity to meaningfully give back to a place I call home, and seeing it grow is the best use of my time,” shared Valentine. “Something great is sprouting from the pavement.”

## BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

### Bruins off to a decent start

Two games into the regular season, two wins, two interesting games played, including a dazzling penalty shot by David Pastnak who has notched three goals thus far. Solid goaltending picked up right where it left off last regular season, with both Vezina Trophy-winner Linus Ullmark and Jeremy Swayman, each coming up with a win. The power play and penalty kill that turned rancid towards the end of last season, showed signs of improvement as the penalty kill blanked the opposition in the ten chances they had, and more importantly, the power play succeeded by scoring in one quarter of their chances.

One would think that all is clicking perfectly, obviously not in coach Boston coach Jim Montgomery’s mind, he feels the need for possible changes or moving players around. The somewhat surprising move in practice that caught many off-guard was the movement of rookie Matt Poitras, who is two games into his nine game trial, up to the top line, pairing him with veteran forward Brad Marchand, and Morgan Geekie. That move and Monty’s attempt to add some beef to the fourth line by testing the combination during practice by joining Milan Lucic, Johnny



Beecher, and Jakub Lauko on the fourth line, likely caught people’s attention!

No to be overlooked is the solid play of recent acquisition James van Riemsdyk who has shown that he doesn’t have any qualms about working the front of the net, and his pair of powerplay goals versus the Nashville Predators showed that he still has the scoring touch that he used many times as he burned the Bruins as their opponent.

In a recent press conference Montgomery was asked about the upcoming West Coast road trip and if it was a positive or negative – his answer was quick, and to the point. “It’s nothing but positive, it’s early in the year. These guys got to get to know each other, get to have dinner with each other. Get to walk around L.A. on a day off together, wherever they choose to go. It’s more about bonding time...and you learn more about yourself as a hockey player and team, when you’re on the road in a tough environment.”

Coming up on the West Coast trip that begins tonight (Thursday) when they take on the San Jose

Sharks, following up with the Los Angeles Kings on Saturday, then finish up that portion of the trip with a stop in Anaheim to be hosted by the Ducks on Sunday. Their final stop on the road trip will take place on Tuesday, as they visit the Chicago Blackhawks on their way back home, and a second chance to see Number One NHL pick, rookie Connor Bedard. This four-game road trip, their first of the season will have the Bruins returning to TD Garden ice on Thursday, October 26, to host the Anaheim Ducks at 7:00pm, as they begin a four-game home-stand.

### CHS GIRLS SOCCER WINS TWO CONTESTS

Coach Randy Grajal's ever-improving Chelsea High girls soccer team earned a pair of victories this past week, defeating Greater Boston League rival Lynn English, 7-3, and non-league opponent Madison Park, 3-1.

In the victory last Thursday at English, freshman Yahira Jovel-Rivas turned in a superb effort, scoring four goals and earning an assist for five points on the day. "Yahira was able to get past the Lynn defense using her dribbling and speed," noted Grajal.

Senior Captain Alesandra Campos also had a

big day vs. the Lady Bulldogs, netting two goals to go with two assists. "Alesandra

continues to perform very well and has become a true leader for the team," said Grajal.

The duo of Jovel-Rivas and Campos also provided the offense in the win over Madison Park, with Campos delivering two goals and Jovel-Rivas adding one to bring her total to 11 goals on the season.

"The team as a whole has improved on their passing and their chemistry on the field," said Grajal. "We have had a few players step up to play on the defensive side of the field due to some injuries,

including sophomore Angie Villalta-Cruz, who has done a great job playing defense during the last few games."

Grajal and his crew are scheduled to play at GBL for Malden tomorrow (Friday) and will entertain non-league opponent O'Bryant High next Tuesday.

### CHS FOOTBALL TEAM HOSTS MEDFORD TOMORROW

The Chelsea High football team will host Medford tomorrow (Friday) evening under the lights at Chelsea Stadium. The opening kick-off is set for

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## CHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

**Clinica Comunitaria de Vacuna Contra la Gripe**  
**Fecha:** sabado, 28 de octubre  
**Lugar:** Chelsea City Hall  
(Use la entrada para discapacitados de Washington Ave para entrar)  
**Hora:** 11-3pm  

- Gratis si no tiene seguro medico
- Si tiene seguro medico triaga su tarjeta
- No se necesita cita previa
- Para residentes de Cheslea, edades 18+

**Chelsea Resident Community Flu Vaccine Clinic**  
**Dates:** Saturday, October 28  
**Where:** Chelsea City Hall  
(basement floor, use the handicapped entrance off of Washington Ave to enter)  
**Time:** 11-3pm  

- Free for anyone without insurance
- If you have insurance, bring your card
- Walk-in Clinic for ages 18+
- Wear short sleeves

THE GREAT CHELSEA FIRE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

City of Chelsea Holds Event on 50th Anniversary of the Great Chelsea Fire of 1973



Chelsea Fire Chief Len Albanese and Jake Wark from the State Fire Marshall's Office.



Firefighter Gabe Ruiz, assigned to Tower 1 is serving his last shift this day, after 32 years of outstanding service to the Chelsea Fire Department and the Community of Chelsea. Congratulations and thank you for your dedication.



Deputy Fire Chief John Quatieri is interviewed by Chelsea TV, also shown, Paul Koolloian, Supervisor of Chelsea Emergency Management, Director of Emergency Management and Communications Steve Staffier, and Executive Director of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, Jennifer Hassell.



Ed Dunn with his mother, Jeanne Dunn, family of Deputy Chief Ed (Pat) Dunn were on hand at the Chelsea Station Restaurant.



Sarah Ritch looks over one of the displays, giving a full account of the fire.



Captain Bob Denning (fourth from right) and Captain Paul Doherty (second from left) with Cristian Avellaneda, Sean Dunn and Kevin DeJesus outside of the Chelsea Station Restaurant.



Recovered video of the fire was watched by all that visited the tribute to the Chelsea Fire Department on the 50th Anniversary of the fire.



The Chelsea Station Restaurant on Everett Ave was draped with honors for the 50th Anniversary of the Chelsea Fire.



Chelsea Fire Fighters were at the Chelsea Station Restaurant last Saturday afternoon, remembering the 50th Anniversary of the Great Chelsea Fire.



Signing the guest book, Ed and Eileen Ells.

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Fifty years later and the city is an entirely changed place, with the area where the fire occurred as different as it can be considering what came before. The center of the fire is the Demoulas shopping center. This is where much of old Chelsea burned in a raging swirl on a windy October 14, with the dust and ashes of this city's largest ward going up into the sky and being spread across the face of the earth as so much dust. The entire area burned to a crisp on that day is all part of a much more economically viable Chelsea. At the time of the fire, the city was cascading into the ground, with most of the buildings that burned vacant, and the businesses unsuitable compared with what exists today.

One of the reasons the fire did such a thorough job is because the city lacked an adequate water system. When firefighters attached their hoses to hydrants, most of them didn't work – and the city nearly burned to the ground on account of it. In fact, firefighters that day had to run hoses longer than a half mile to working hydrants, using pumpers as transfer stations of sorts to power the water. This was especially true in Bellingham Square on the evening of the fire when the city's life

or death was being held in the balance by the raging fire. Hoses ran from the Williams School, through Bellingham Square, and up the length of Bellingham Street in order to connect with working hydrants. Giant burning embers floated through the air – air so thick with smoke it was hard to breathe. It was quite a day, October 14, 1973.

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BIDMC HOLDS PUMPKIN DECORATING AND GIVE-AWAY EVENT



Beth Israel Deaconess Healthcare – BIDMC, Chelsea – held a Pumpkin Decorating and Give-Away event adjacent to its facility at 1000 Broadway. Among those pictured at the event that was enjoyed by children and families are Fini Anticevic, Joli Rosa, Milagro Moncada, Jency Giron, Amy Robinson, Velgy Giro, and Anthony Galindo. More photos will appear in next week's edition.

THE GREAT CHELSEA FIRE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The City of Chelsea and its Emergency Management Department hosted an event to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Great Chelsea Fire (see Page 8) that occurred on October 14, 1973.

The fire began in the rag shop district of the city, near the Everett line, on a very windy Sunday afternoon and destroyed 18 city blocks.

More than 110 fire departments fought the fire which took three days to finally be extinguished.

Firefighters are credited with setting up a wall of defense at Chelsea's Williams School, preventing the fire from spreading throughout the entire city. Several Chelsea residents chose to evacuate their homes during the fast-moving fire, whose flames and smoke could be seen from miles away.

Below, is a copy of the Monday, October 15, 1973 edition of The Chelsea Record, one day after the Great Chelsea Fire of 1973.



Reproduction photos of the great fire were on display at the Chelsea Station.

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Most Of Ward Two, City Yard, 60 Homes Destroyed;  
Williams School, City Hall, Fire House Burn, But Saved . . .

1,000 HOMELESS, DAMAGE \$100 MILLION  
IN CHELSEA'S SECOND DISASTROUS FIRE



**FIKE ROARS** through the southwest portion of the city yesterday afternoon, engulfing a score of city blocks in flames and black billowing smoke. Firefighters battled the blaze at the intersection of Fifth and Spruce sts., in the above photo, trying to contain the monumental blaze.

A massive, general alarm fire, the second worst in the city's history, and in many respects comparable on a smaller scale to the Chelsea fire of 1904, destroyed most of the ward 2 section of the city yesterday forced some 2,000 residents to flee from the path of the flames, and caused damage initially estimated at well over \$100 million.

Only near superhuman efforts of over 1,500 firefighters from throughout the state, and as far as New Hampshire, prevented an even greater spread of the wind-whipped flames to other sections of the city.

**City Appears Like Armed Camp**

Fire was still very much in evidence in various sections of the city this morning, but was believed under control. The city had the appearance of an armed camp, as hundreds of National Guardsmen and police cordoned off the area, and allowed only cars having official business to enter the city.

Completely destroyed were scores of buildings in the waste area on Second st., Third st., Summer st., Vale st., Everett av., and Spruce st. Also destroyed were many homes, more than 20 on Vale st. Completely destroyed was the city yard on Fifth st. Damaged but saved from destruction were the Williams School, the City Hall, and the engine 5 fire house.

The fire cut a swath a mile long from the Everett line to almost the Mystic-Tobin bridge, and ran a course a half mile wide from Second st. to the proximity of Sixth st.

Security guards and watchmen on Second st. saw the fire break out about 3:50 p.m. in a shop on Summer st., near Carter, and alerted the fire department which sounded the first alarm at 3:56. When the first engine arrived on the scene, the fire, fed by tires, was a raging inferno.

**Fire Beyond Control in Minutes**

Second and third alarms were sounded in a matter of minutes, as the flames, whipped by a 40 to 50 mile an hour wind, spread like wildfire. When it was apparent it was out of control, a general alarm was sounded. The flames quickly spread into the Second and Third st. areas, and along the tracks to Everett av.

Palls of thick black smoke hundreds of feet in the air, blanketed the city, and was wafted over East Boston, Revere, and Winthrop and into the harbor.

The flames leapfrogged from building to building with amazing rapidity. Firemen would no sooner send a stream into one building, when the adjoining one caught. It was soon apparent in the late afternoon that the buildings ablaze could not be saved, and efforts were directed into containing the fires in areas involved. This too loomed an insurmountable task despite the greatest influx of firefighters and equipment in the city's history. More than 60 departments and firemen from a radius of 70 miles statewide responded, many coming on a volunteer basis, together with auxiliary units and lighting plants. More than 100 ambulances streamed into the city in the event they were needed.

The incoming apparatus was dispatched at needed locations from the Central Station.

Broadway was ringed with fire equipment in the event the flames spread that far. Other apparatus was stationed at key locations to deal with any additional blazes which might be set by the flying embers.

Thousands of curious, in cars, converged on the city, hampering firemen as well as police trying to maintain order and fire lines. Mayor Philip J. Spelman and Police Chief Abraham Burgin went aboard a helicopter to survey the situation. When they returned, they set in motion machinery to completely close off the city to outsiders. Radio and TV stations were asked to join in a plea for outsiders to remain away. All entrances into the city from Revere and East Boston, as well as Everett, were closed off.

More than 1,000 police officers, including over 50 state troopers, and 30 Boston Police tactical men, came into the city to assist. Several reports of looting were received at the police station, and four youths were later taken into custody, two were found on the roof of a building.

In the early evening, when the flames continued to spread, and the situation appeared grave, plans were made to evacuate Chelsea Memorial Hospital if the fire got beyond Broadway. The tremendous use of water affected the supply at the hospital, and at the request of the mayor, the National Guard sent a tank truck to the hospital to meet the needs.

**Hundreds Flee, Ordered From Homes**

As the evening advanced, and it became apparent hundreds would be forced from their homes, evacuation plans were ordered into effect. Residents in the Fourth st., Everett av., Arlington, and Walnut st. areas, and even as far as Chestnut st., were ordered from their homes. Hundreds fled carrying suitcases and other belongings and valuables.

The State Armory, Spencer av., was set up to accommodate 1,100 evacuees. Also offering facilities in the event they were needed were the Soldiers Home, the Naval Hospital, St. Rose Church, the St. Andrews B.C., the YMHA Community Center, and the St. Andrews B.C.

Over 1,000 persons did register at the Armory, but the majority later found lodgings with friends and relatives. Scores did remain overnight at the Armory.

**Top Officials Come To Assist**

State and city officials from nearby communities flocked to the police station to offer assistance. Mayor Reinstein of Revere offered 25 buildings to care for refugees if needed. He also sent over a supply of food. Governor Sargent kept apprised of the situation and sent an aide here to confer with the mayor. State

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Sen. Kennedy Tours Fire-Ravaged City



SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY, Mayor Philip J. Spelman, and other city officials view the still-smoldering shells of Arlington st. buildings in the devastated Ward Two area this morning. The senator toured the area for an hour and discussed the economic impact of the fire with the mayor, promising the city his aid in obtaining federal funds to cope with the fire disaster. Gov. Francis W. Sargent, who declared the city a disaster area, was also scheduled to tour the area today.

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Thousands of curious, in cars, converged on the city, hampering firemen as well as police trying to maintain order and fire lines. Mayor Philip J. Spelman and Police Chief Abraham Burgin went aboard a helicopter to survey the situation. When they returned, they set in motion machinery to completely close off the city to outsiders. Radio and TV stations were asked to join in a plea for

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As a former Mayor for 4 years, and a School Committeeman for 16 years, I have never seen a more courageous display by public employees.

I know I speak for my colleagues on the School Committee when I say: "Thank God for the courage of all our Firefighters."

A special word of gratitude to Joe Magner, Frank Mondano and Asa Burke whose efforts — like those of the firefighters and police were truly far beyond the call of duty.

Gratefully,  
Andrew P. Quigley,  
School Committeeman

## ROTARY CLUB OF CHELSEA CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE



The Rotary Club of Chelsea celebrated Hispanic Heritage at a recent meeting. The guest speaker for the meeting was Ramiro Torres known as the “freaking Puerto Rican” on his radio show GetUp Crew on HOT 96.9. Born in Everett, Massachusetts and one of the original young Latino influencers, Ramiro Torres has been the voice of morning radio for millions in Boston for over 20 years. Attending the meeting were several students from Chelsea High School and the newly appointed Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

## Healey-Driscoll Admin. unveils \$4 Billion Affordable Homes Act to increase production and lower costs

Special to the Transcript

The Healey-Driscoll Administration today unveiled a \$4 billion plan to jumpstart the production of homes and make housing more affordable across Massachusetts. The Affordable Homes Act, a comprehensive package of spending, policy and programmatic actions, represents the largest proposed investment in housing in the state’s history while simultaneously striking at the root causes of housing unaffordability and making progress on the state’s climate goals. Governor Maura Healey will be highlighting the package in Chelsea, Springfield and Pittsfield today.

This multi-pronged approach includes \$4 billion in capital spending authorizations, 28 substantive policy changes or initiatives, three executive orders and two targeted tax credits. All are directed at reducing barriers to the production and preservation of housing, and giving communities the tools to develop more housing where they need it. The majority of the spending will have benefits for moderate- and low-income households.

In Massachusetts, an infusion of new homes is needed to lower costs,

accommodate population growth and achieve a healthy vacancy rate. In combination with the housing development tax credits that were part of the tax relief package signed into law by Governor Healey on October 4, the initiatives in this plan will fund or enable the creation of more than 40,000 homes that otherwise would not be built, including 22,000 new homes for low-income households and 12,000 new homes for middle-income households. In addition, the Affordable Homes Act will preserve, rehabilitate or make resilience improvements to 12,000 homes for low-income households, support more than 11,000 moderate-income house-

holds, and fund accessibility improvements for 4,500 homes.

“The cost of housing is the biggest challenge facing the people of Massachusetts. We said from day one of our administration that we were going to prioritize building more housing to make it more affordable across the state,” said Governor Healey. “The Affordable Homes Act delivers on this promise by unlocking \$4 billion to support the production, preservation and rehabilitation of more than 65,000 homes statewide. It’s the largest housing investment in Massachusetts history. Together,

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Gov. Maura Healey welcomes state and local officials and residents to the program held the Box District Park on Gerrish Avenue.

## Lenny Zakim Fund receives \$765,000 gift from former Temple B’Nai Israel of Revere

Special to the Record

The Lenny Zakim Fund (LZF or The Fund) is excited to announce the receipt of a generous \$765,000 gift from the former Temple B’nai Israel of Revere to establish an endowed fund to support LZF grassroots organization partners in Revere, Chelsea, Lynn, and along the North Shore.

Established in 1906 in the Beachmont neighborhood of Revere, Temple B’nai Israel has the distinction of being one of the oldest original synagogues in Massachusetts. In 2019, Temple B’nai Israel made the decision to close its doors, and gift the proceeds from the sale of its former temple building to LZF. “We recognized that TBI could be more impactful closed, by gifting the proceeds from the sale of our former temple building to LZF who in is in a much better position to serve more people,” recalls former TBI member

Howie Taub. “As president and a life-long member of Temple B’nai Israel, it gives me tremendous pleasure and comfort in knowing that the 113-year legacy of TBI will be honored and valued by LZF through this gift,” says Debby Cherry.

In accordance with a signed gift agreement between The Lenny Zakim Fund and Temple B’nai Israel and approved by the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office, this gift has been invested in LZF’s endowment where it will be drawn down over a period of 18 years, providing critical annual support – in the form of grants and grantee programming – to LZF grassroots nonprofit partners in Revere, Chelsea, Lynn, and along the North Shore who share the Temple’s Jewish values and strong commitment to social justice. “As a longtime member of Temple B’nai Israel, I saw firsthand the

congregation’s commitment to social justice and community engagement. We’re so grateful that this incredibly generous gift will strengthen The Lenny Zakim Fund’s ability to help our grantee partners bring positive change to their communities,” declares Joyce Zakim. “As an organization that relies 100% on philanthropy to support our work with grassroots organizations in advancing social, racial, and economic justice in communities throughout the Commonwealth, LZF is extremely grateful to Temple B’nai Israel for this incredible gift,” echoes LZF’s executive director, Allison Picott. “On behalf of The Fund, I would like to publicly express our gratitude to the former members of Temple B’nai Israel and pledge our commitment to continue TBI’s legacy and long-standing commitment to Tikkun Olam (social justice).”

## Massachusetts Veterans Home at Chelsea awarded Department of Public Health Licensure

The Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS) announced that the Massachusetts Veterans Home at Chelsea (CHE) was awarded licensure by the Department of Public Health (DPH) and certification by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a top priority of the Healey-Driscoll Administration signifying an important milestone in the state’s commitment to delivering top-tier care for its veterans.

In compliance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 144 of the Acts of 2022, which mandates the licensing of Veterans Homes as nursing homes, CHE has obtained licensure as a skilled nursing facility from DPH this week for the newly constructed Veterans Home at Chelsea. This achievement has enabled the facility to attain the status of a Medicare-certified nursing home. The first 20 residents transitioned into the building on Wednesday,

October 18.. The move-in process will include various activities, including a special luncheon and engagement with families, residents, staff, volunteers, and a visit from EOVS Secretary Jon Santiago.

"Today represents the start of a new chapter when it comes to providing exceptional long-term care for our Massachusetts veterans," stated Secretary Jon Santiago. "Our cutting-edge facility represents a pivotal juncture in our ongoing mission to honor our veterans through top-tier care and support. As we prepare to expand our services to additional residents and staff, I’m grateful for the dedication of the Chelsea Board of Trustees and the collaborative efforts of our frontline workers in housekeeping, dietary, and nursing."

Located atop Chelsea’s historic Powder Horn Hill, the CLC embodies the Commonwealth’s unwavering dedication to veterans’ well-being. Meeting the highest federal VA standards for Commu-

nity Living Centers, this 154-bed facility features an environmentally conscious and resilient architectural model in line with the state’s energy reduction objectives. Emphasizing natural lighting and panoramic views of downtown Boston and the harbor, it fosters a nurturing and dignified living environment, fostering a home-like atmosphere that prioritizes individual privacy and autonomy while promoting a sense of community through shared living spaces and support areas. Additionally, the project aligns with the state’s broader sustainability goals, aiming to attain LEED Platinum and Zero Net Energy certifications.

“The new facility embodies the collective dreams and efforts of our veteran community, with support from dedicated staff and visionary leadership. It marks the beginning of our next chapter in delivering exceptional veteran care,” stated Robert Engell, Executive Director of Veterans’ Homes and Housing.

## Massachusetts awarded over \$118 million in federal grants to support community safety

Special to the Record

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy has announced that \$118,366,566 in federal grants has been allocated to the District of Massachusetts to support public safety and community justice initiatives. The grants are part of \$4.4 billion in funding awarded by the Justice Department’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP), which help to build community capacity to curb violence, serve victims and youth, and achieve fair outcomes through evidence-based criminal and juvenile justice strategies.

The more than 3,700 OJP grants being awarded this fiscal year will support state, local and community-based efforts and evidence-based interventions that reduce violence, crime and recidivism while delivering treatment and services to those at-risk of justice system involvement. Funding will expand partnerships between criminal justice

professionals and behavioral health experts, help people safely and successfully transition from confinement back to their communities, reach crime victims in underserved areas, steer young people away from justice system contact, improve the management of sex offenders and support a wide range of research and statistical activities that will help justice system professionals meet community safety challenges.

“Everyone in this country deserves to be safe in their communities,” said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. “That is why, in addition to continuing our efforts to identify and prosecute the most violent criminals, the Justice Department is putting every available resource to work to support the efforts of our law enforcement and community partners nationwide. This significant investment will go directly to state and local programs that support the victims of crime, support officer safety and well-

ness, build the public trust in law enforcement essential to public safety, and help make all of our communities safer.”

“Protecting the people of Massachusetts is my highest priority, and the best way to accomplish that goal is to forge close working relationships with our state and local partners. Federal resources like this are invaluable in the support they provide for comprehensive public safety solutions and resources specific to the unique needs of Massachusetts communities,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Levy. “By investing in state and local programs, we aim to empower victims, enhance officer safety, strengthen public trust in law enforcement, and ultimately create safer communities across Massachusetts.”

In Massachusetts, nearly \$60 million has been awarded under OJP’s Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), which provides

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6:00.

Coach David Roque’s Red Devils, who defeated Keefe Tech of Framingham last week, 12-10, will be shooting for their third win of the season in the Friday Night Lights encounter with the Mustangs.

### TWO MORE WINS FOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL; NOW STAND AT 13-1

The Chelsea High girls volleyball team improved their record to a sterling 13-1 (12-1 in the Greater Boston League) and clinched second place in the GBL with victories this past week over GBL foe Medford, 3-0, and non-league rival Boston Latin Academy, 3-2.

Coach Gloria Rodriguez’s Lady Red Devils were scheduled to travel to non-league opponent New Mission yesterday (Wednesday) and to non-league rival East Boston

tomorrow (Friday).

They will trek to Lynn Classical on Monday in hopes of clinching a share of the GBL crown with Classical, which stands in first place in the league with a 13-0 mark. The Lady Red Devils will conclude their regular season next Tuesday at Latin Academy. They then will await word of their seeding and first-round opponent in the Division 2 state tourney.

### STRONG WEEK FOR CHS BOYS SOCCER

The Chelsea High boys soccer team kept alive their hopes for qualifying for the post-season state tourney with a strong week, winning two matches and tying a third. Coach Mick Milutinovic’s Red Devils defeated Greater Boston League rival Lynn English last Thursday, 3-0, and topped non-league opponent Madison Park, 2-0,

last Friday.

This past Tuesday they deadlocked GBL foe Revere, 1-1, a tie that was particularly sweet because it ended Revere’s hopes for a possible GBL title. The Patriots are in second place in the GBL behind Somerville, which now has clinched the 2023 GBL crown.

The Red Devils are scheduled to host Malden this evening (Thursday) and to entertain Somerville next Tuesday, with both contests set to kick off under the lights at Chelsea Stadium at 5:30. They will travel to Lynn Classical next Thursday.

Chelsea, which now stands at 4-6-3 on the season, still has a chance at qualifying for the post-season state tournament if the Red Devils can earn six points in their final four games of the season and thereby earn the 17 total points needed to achieve a .500 record.

# City Manager requests additional funding for emergency housing program

By Adam Swift

City Manager Ned Keefe is seeking supplemental funds for the current fiscal year to help with emergency housing for families who have experienced catastrophic loss of housing due to fire, flood, or other emergencies.

“The City included in the FY24 Emergency Management Budget \$100,000 for emergency housing/shelter,” stated Keefe. “The purpose of this emergency housing/shelter budget item is to provide safe short term

housing to residents affected by catastrophic events.”

So far this year, Keefe stated that there have been four emergency events (two fires, one flood, and one property deemed uninhabitable) that involved 38 family members where residents were left without a home.

“This emergency placement takes the form of temporary housing in area hotels, where the displaced residents receive housing case management support in the search for and placement for perma-

nent housing,” said Keefe. “The tight housing market means that the typical duration is extended for the transition from temporary housing to a permanent housing solution, and so the funds have been depleted. Still, the city has successfully found new housing for most of these displaced families, with the final family placements this month.”

Keefe asked the City Council to fund an additional \$100,000 operating expense for the program. He said the city has the money available in its

operating stabilization account.

Because it is a financial matter, the council moved the request to a second reading at its next meeting.

“Although this program expenditure has been at a faster pace than projected, our experience tells us that this emergency housing/shelter project is a critical and worthwhile effort,” stated Keefe. “If we want to get residents who are impacted by emergency housing loss safely to new housing, the funding of this work is essential.”

# OBITUARIES

## Joanne M. Evans November 24, 1951 - October 11, 2023



Relatives and friends attended visiting hours on Wednesday, October 18th in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea for Joanne M. Evans, 71 and her funeral will be conducted from the funeral home today, Thursday, October 19th at 11 a.m. Joanne passed away peacefully on October 11th after living courageously with breast cancer for the last nine years.

Born, raised and a lifelong Chelsea resident, she was one of seven children of the late Raymond and Evelyn (Cassidy) Evans. She attended St. Rose Parochial School and graduated from Chelsea High School in 1969.

Joanne was married to Michael F. Nugent for 50 years and together raised one daughter and two sons. She was passionately devoted to home and family.

Joanne also worked for the City of Boston, Tax Help Coalition, helping the underserved families as a financial advisor. After she retired, she continued as per-diem consultant for the coalition.

In her lifetime she enjoyed spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling with her husband to Hawaii, the American Southwest, Nova Scotia, New Zealand and Ireland. She was an avid reader, loved baking and watching British TV, especially The Great British Baking Show and The Antiques Road Show. She especially enjoyed preparing baked goods with her grandchildren.

She devoted her time and talents to suicide awareness, supporting the annual “Team Franky, Out of the Darkness Com-

munity Walk, aiding in the prevention of and helping those affected by suicide.

Joanne was predeceased by her husband, Michael F. Nugent and a sister, Nancy Evans. She is survived by her devoted children and their spouses: Jody Nugent and her husband, Frank Medbery and David Nugent, all of Chelsea and Michael Nugent and his wife, Lyn of Christ Church, New Zealand. She was the cherished grandmother of Mason Medbery, Max Medbery and Harper Nugent; dear sister of Susan M. Almeida of Billerica, Elizabeth Evans of Chelsea, Brian Evans of Saugus, Janet Farrell of Marshfield and Jon Evans of Colorado; most loved sister-in-law of Jane Roblee-Smith and her husband, Rod of Wakefield and Denise Nugent of Peabody. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Should friends desire, contributions in Joanne’s name may be made to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 71 Commercial St., Boston, MA 02109. <https://supporting.afsp.org/>

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And in the Winter, when I stand at my window to watch the blizzard whirl snow around my grief and loneliness then, too, I think of you and I remember... I remember... I remember.

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# Licensing Commission takes up several complaints

By Adam Swift

At its monthly meeting last week, the Licensing Commission called for a November hearing on a potential license violation at La Esquina Mariachi on Washington Avenue and heard a complaint about Blue Taxi.

Police Captain David Betz said La Esquina Mariachi was not able to provide timely video for a sensitive investigation the police department was conducting.

“There was a request made on Oct. 4 and Oct. 5,” said Betz. “Officers went to the proprietors to obtain this video for an incident that occurred on Sept. 17.”

Under the city’s licensing regulations, establishments with a liquor license are required to have working video surveillance systems and to keep the video for 30 days.

Licensing Commission Chair Marnie MacAlpine noted that it is the second time recently there has been an issue with video

surveillance at a local establishment. The Chelsea Walk Pub recently faced a disciplinary hearing for not having a working video system.

“I find it disturbing that we’ve now had two of our locations in our city that are not in compliance with the video surveillance,” she said.

The commission also considered a complaint against Blue Taxi claiming a driver overcharged a passenger by charging a flat fee rather than turning on the meter. The complaint also claimed the driver was rude to the passenger.

MacAlpine noted that in addition to the formal complaint, she has heard from several people in the city raising concerns about Blue Taxi drivers not turning on the meter.

A dispatcher for Blue Taxi said there was a driver who was warned several times about charging a flat fee and then was fired.

The commission issued a warning to the company, requiring that for the

next three months it keep a log of any complaints it receives and share it with the commission.

“There was no specific date for this incident, so I do not feel comfortable giving any sort of punishment or true disciplinary actions without the dates of the situation,” said MacAlpine. “But I am concerned with the amount of conversation I had in the community where it was brought up that (a driver) did not turn on the meter.”

MacAlpine said the issue would be revisited at the January meeting, and that she hoped there were no further complaints against Blue Taxi in that time.

The commission also approved a beer and wine license for the Hampton Inn Boston Logan Airport Chelsea on Second Street. The beer and wine will be sold at a marketplace in the lobby for consumption either in the lobby or in the guest rooms.

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should be an effort by the city to assure the trust fund board that if it spends money on affordable housing units, the city will come up with more money.

“I hope we can give the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board some concept that at the council level we want the money used and spent, and that there will be more of it if it is used well,” he said.

DeJesus said she wants to listen to all the players in the city involved in affordable housing.

“I think that this is the perfect timing for us to have these conversations and really establish some long-standing services and projects that will ensure long-term success (with) the housing crisis we have right now,” DeJesus said. “I was really hoping we could get through the city

manager process so we could start getting to work, and this was one of the top priorities across the board with my colleagues.”

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor said affordable housing is a complicated issue that needs to be discussed.

“There is a substantial role that other communities have to take up in this state in doing this,” said Taylor. “Chelsea is 1.8 square miles with only so much room. We are never going to solve this problem without working collaboratively with other communities in the Commonwealth and with the state.”

Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot said the conversation about affordable housing will continue to be an ongoing one that extends into the next council session in January.

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Variance seeking approval for the demolition of a single-family home and a two-family home on two separate lots and build two (2) new two-family dwelling structures. Lot A – 21 High Street fails to meet the minimum requirements for rear yard setback, front yard setback, and side yard setback, and proposed parking spaces do not meet required setback dimensions as they are located both within the required front yard setback and within 5 feet of a side property line. Lot B – 19 High Street fails to meet the minimum requirements for lot size, rear yard setback, front yard setback, side yard setback, combined yard setback, and usable open space at the premises known as: 19-21 High 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 10/19/23, 10/26/23 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING  
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Residential Dwellings containing seven or more units to construct twenty (20) residential units which does not meet the minimum requirements for parking spaces, lot size, rear yard setback, side yard setback, parking lot aisle width, front yard setback, open space and maximum lot coverage at the premises known as: 146, 150, 156 Williams Street & 65 Pine 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 10/19/23, 10/26/23 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING  
Case No. 2023-28

In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held at Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 6:00 PM for the Petition submitted by Mikael R. Vienneau, Broadway Capital Development LLC for Major Site Plan Review seeking approval for the demolition of an existing structure, combine all lots, convert from a wholesale business and storage use to Residential Dwellings containing seven or more units to construct twenty (20) residential units which does not meet the minimum requirements for parking spaces, lot size, rear yard setback, side yard setback, parking lot aisle width, front yard setback, open space and maximum lot coverage at the premises known as: 146, 150, 156 Williams Street & 65 Pine Street All interested parties are

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Bosson Park Renovation The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "Bosson Park Renovation". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after October 19, 2023 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 "Bosson Park Renovation" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, November 2, 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 10/19/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR RUTHERFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
Docket No.: 80294

ZULMA LORENA YOXON CARRERA, Plaintiff/Wife V. CARLOS ARMANDO CHUMIL GALINDO, Defendant/Husband ORDER ALLOWING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION This cause came to be heard on the 18th day of August, 2023 on Plaintiff's Motion for Service by Publication. Present for the hearing was Timothy Gudmundson, Attorney for Plaintiff/Wife. Not present for the hearing was the Defendant/Husband. Upon statements by counsel, his sworn Affidavit of Diligent Search and other exhibits attached to the Motion, the Court finds good cause to grant said Motion. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED: That Plaintiff/Wife shall be allowed to serve Defendant/Husband by Publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Suffolk County, Massachusetts for a period of four consecutive weeks, following which Defendant shall have thirty days to file an Answer. ENTER this 18th day of August, 2023. Hon. Darrell Scarlett CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE 10/12/23, 10/19/23, 10/26/23, 11/2/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate

And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION G.L. c. 210, ? 6 Docket No. SU23AO634AD In the matter of: Christopher Josue Hernandez Pleites To: any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth. A petition has been presented to said court by: Carlos J. Ramos Contreras of Chelsea, MA and Lilian Yoselin Ramos of Chelsea, MA requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to Christopher Josue Ramos Pleites If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person. An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms. IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Woburn ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 A.M.) ON: 12/01/2023 WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 2, 2023 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 10/12/23, 10/19/23, 10/26/23 C

LEGAL NOTICE

Essex Probate And Family Court 36 Federal St. Salem, MA 01970

(9798)7440-1020 Docket No. ES23W0206WD Freddy O. Garay VS. Angelina S. Jenks Upon motion of plaintiff(s)/petitioner(s) for an order directing the defendant(s)/respondent(s), to appear, please, or answer, in accordance with. Mass.R. Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom. Rel.P.Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Custody/Support/Parenting Time filed on February 09, 2023. Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) cannot be found within the Commonwealth and defendant(s)/respondent(s) present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant(s)/respondent(s) has/have not voluntarily appeared in this action. It is Ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) is/are directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint/petition herein on or before the return day of November 01, 2023. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Witness, Hon. Francis Giordano, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Essex, this 2nd day of October 2023. Date: September 21, 2023 Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court 10/19/23 C

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Essex Probate And Family Court 36 Federal St. Salem, MA 01970 (9798)7440-1020 Docket No. ES23W0207WD Freddy O. Garay VS. Angelina S. Jenks Upon motion of plaintiff(s)/petitioner(s) for an order directing the defendant(s)/respondent(s), to appear, please, or answer, in accordance with. Mass.R. Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom. Rel.P.Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Custody/Support/Parenting Time filed on February 09, 2023. Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) cannot be found within the Commonwealth and defendant(s)/respondent(s) present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant(s)/respondent(s) has/have not voluntarily appeared in this action. It is Ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) is/are directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint/petition herein on or before the return day of November 01, 2023. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Witness, Hon. Francis Giordano, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Essex, this 2nd day of October 2023. Date: September 21, 2023 Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court 10/19/23 C

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for Major Site Plan Review seeking approval for the construction of a twenty-five (2,500) square feet coffee shop with drive-through services at the premises known as: 1100 Revere Beach Parkway All interested parties are encouraged to attend. A copy of the application and petition is available for review at the 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 10/19/23, 10/26/23 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING  
Case No. 2023-26

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, November 14, 2023 Chelsea City Hall – 500 Broadway – City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Federal Realty OP LP For Special Permit seeking approval for the construction of a twenty-five (2,500) square feet coffee shop with drive-through services at the premises known as: 1100 Revere Beach Parkway 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 10/19/23, 10/26/23 C

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Chelsea Planning Board Public Hearing

In accordance with MGL Ch. 40A, Section 5, the Chelsea Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 6:00 PM Chelsea City Council Chambers, Third Floor, 500 Broadway, to discuss a proposed amendment to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance Section which would repeal Section 34-158(c)(2) which reads "Marijuana Retailers are prohibited from operating between the hours of 9 PM and 9 AM." A copy of the proposed amendment is available for inspection in the City Clerk's office, Chelsea City Hall, Chelsea, MA, during City Hall business hours. Tuck Willis Chair 10/19/23, 10/26/23 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Open Space and Recreation Plan The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for "Open Space and Recreation Plan". Request for Proposals will be available on or after October 19, 2023 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). Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Open Space and Recreation Plan" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, November 2, 2023. 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 Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B. Dragica Ivanis Chief Procurement Officer 10/19/23 C

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we’re going to make our state a place where people can afford to move to and stay to build their future.”

“As a former local official, I’ve seen firsthand how new housing can transform communities and help them flourish. But we only get those benefits when people can actually afford to live in these homes,” said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. “The Affordable Homes Act is full of new tools for municipalities to help them implement the solutions that work best for the unique needs of their communities so that they can build consensus and build new homes.”

Recognizing the important role the state’s public housing portfolio plays in housing affordability, the Affordable Homes Act also provides significant investment into upgrading this essential asset. A total of \$1.6 billion will provide for the repair, rehabilitation and modernization of the state’s more than 43,000 public housing units. This includes \$150 million to begin “decarbonizing” public housing through the installation of heat pumps and electric appliances in 3,000 units and another \$15 million for accessibility upgrades.

Another \$200 million would be authorized for the Housing Innovations Fund to support alternative forms of rental housing for people experiencing homelessness, housing for seniors and veterans,

and transitional units for persons recovering from substance abuse.

“Our public housing stock in the Commonwealth has lacked capital investments for decades,” said Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus. “The proposed investment by this administration meets the moment. It will create powerful ripples for decades to come to ensure that families and individuals live in communities they can take pride in. The push to spur housing production will also directly help many others across a wide range of incomes who feel they’ve been priced out here in Massachusetts.”

The Affordable Homes Act makes pivotal investments in green building and decarbonization that align with the administration’s climate and housing goals. In addition to helping “green” Massachusetts’ public housing stock, the bill includes \$115 million to ensure new affordable housing developments meet increased standards while remaining economically viable. The bill also directs all the state’s housing investments to prioritize and incorporate the state’s climate and decarbonization goals.

New policy initiatives that would be available to communities include the local option of adopting a real estate transaction fee of 0.5 percent to 2 percent



Chelsea officials gave a warm welcome to Gov. Maura Healey and Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll. From left, are Deputy Chief of Staff to Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, Juan Gallego, City Council President Leo Robinson, Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, Green-Roots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, Gov. Maura Healey, Rep. Judith Garcia, Chelsea Community Land Trust Director Caroline Ellenbird, City Councilor Norieliz DeJesus, TND Executive Director Rafael Mares, and Ana Vanegas of the Chelsea Community Land Trust.

on the portion of a property sale over \$1 million – or the county median home sale price. This fee–projected to affect fewer than 14 percent of all residential sales–would be paid by the seller of the property with the money to be used to fund affordable housing developments within the community. The Affordable Homes Act would also allow accessory dwelling units less than 900 square feet as of right throughout the state with the ability for communities to set some reasonable restrictions. It is estimated this change could create more than 8,000 accessory dwelling units over five years.

A total of \$1.83 billion would be directed to housing production and preservation in Massachusetts. Highlights include:

- \$800 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to provide resources to create or preserve affordable housing for households whose incomes are not more than 110 percent of area median income; includes up to \$50 million for MassDreams to create first-time homebuyer opportunities for households in Disproportionately Impacted Communities.
- \$425 million for Housing Stabilization and Investment Fund to support preservation, new construction, and rehabilitation projects.
- \$175 million for HousingWorks Infrastructure Program to fund municipal infrastructure projects to encourage denser housing development.
- \$100 million for Commonwealth Builder to spur

construction of affordable homeownership opportunities.

- \$100 million for Mixed-Income Housing to support middle-income housing production.

- \$50 million for the Momentum Fund – a new pioneering initiative designed to leverage state resources to support large scale, mixed-income multifamily development.

The Affordable Homes Act would also make the Community Investment Tax Credit Program permanent and increase it from \$12 million to \$15 million per year to support the work of Community Development Corporations. A new Homeownership Tax Credit would be created to spur production of homes affordable to first-time homebuyers earning not

more than 120 percent of area median income.

As part of this package, Governor Healey will also sign three executive orders creating a Housing Advisory Council to develop a statewide housing plan, creating an Unlocking Housing Production Commission to develop recommendations for streamlining housing production, and directing state agencies to develop an expanded inventory of state-owned land suitable for housing.

A full breakdown of the Affordable Homes Act’s provisions can be found online at [www.mass.gov/doc/affordable-homes-act-fact-sheet](http://www.mass.gov/doc/affordable-homes-act-fact-sheet).

Policy briefs on the Affordable Homes Act can be found online at [www.mass.gov/lists/housing-bond-bill](http://www.mass.gov/lists/housing-bond-bill).



Juan Gallego, Deputy Chief of Staff to Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, Maria Belen Power, Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity, and Roberto Jimenez Rivera, Chelsea School Committeeman.



City Council President Leo Robinson and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell.



City Councilor Melinda Vega, School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, City Councilor Tanairi Garcia, State Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity Maria Belen Power, and City Councilor Norieliz DeJesus.

# Grants / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

leadership and assistance to local criminal justice programs that improve and reinforce the nation’s criminal justice system. BJA’s goals are to reduce and prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse and to improve the way in which the criminal justice system functions. BJA funding announcements are posted at: <https://www.bja.gov/funding.aspx>.

Additionally, over \$34 million has been awarded to support crime victim compensation and assistance in Massachusetts under OJP’s Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). This funding will support local victim assistance and compensation programs across Massachusetts to help build capacity to reach those disproportionately affected by crime and victimization. To learn more about OVC funding, visit: <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding>.

“Across the country, the Justice Department is working side-by-side with our partners in state and local law enforcement to combat violent crime by using our federal resources to amplify their work on the front lines,” said Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco. “The billions of dollars in grants announced today will augment those efforts and the tools law enforcement is using to curb violence, counter deadly drug

abuse, and promote safety and public trust. Together with our state and local partners, the Department will continue to do everything we can to protect the communities we all serve.”

“The Department of Justice is investing in community-based approaches to violence prevention, law enforcement health and wellness, Tribal courts, improved services for victims, research and data collection efforts, reentry programs, and much more,” said Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta. “The grants announced today further our commitment to working with our state, Tribal, and local partners to increase public safety, build police-community trust, and ensure safe, healthy, and just communities for all.”

“Every sector of our society — not only the justice system, but nonprofit and faith-based groups, local leaders, and advocates, and people with lived experience who serve as credible messengers — plays a critical role in ensuring public safety and public health,” said OJP Assistant Attorney General Amy L. Solomon. “The Office of Justice Programs is proud to make these substantial investments in building community infrastructure and supporting communities as co-producers of safety and justice.”

Grants will support five major community safety and justice priorities nationwide:

- Awards totaling more than \$1 billion will promote safety and strengthen trust, helping communities tackle the proliferation of gun violence in America and restore bonds of trust between community residents and the justice system. Grants will support innovative and evidence-based strategies designed to prevent and reduce violent crime, support the health and safety of law enforcement and public safety professionals, promote rehabilitation and reentry success and address the rise in hate crimes across the country.
- More than \$437 million in grant awards will accelerate justice system reforms designed to achieve equal justice and fair treatment for all. Grants will expand access to services among historically underserved and marginalized communities, reduce counterproductive involvement in the justice system, increase opportunities for diversion and build pathways to treatment for people with substance use and mental health disorders.
- Over \$192 million will improve the fairness and effectiveness of the juvenile justice system by supporting developmentally appropriate and culturally responsive interventions for youth. Funding will

ensure that young people are served at home in their communities whenever possible, are equipped to transition to a healthy adulthood free of crime, and are protected from violence and abuse.

- More than \$1.7 billion will expand access to victim services by investing in programs that provide trauma-informed and culturally responsive services to victims. Funding will support thousands of local victim assistance programs across the country and victim compensation programs in every state and U.S. territory, while helping these programs build their capacity to reach those disproportionately affected by crime and victimization.

- Over \$418 million in awards will advance science and innovation to strengthen the base of knowledge that policy-makers and practitioners can use to design and deploy effective community safety strategies. Awards will support research and data collection on a wide range of public safety issues, help maintain timely and accurate criminal history records, and improve the capacity of crime labs and forensic analysts to solve crimes, absolve the innocent, and deliver justice to victims.

In addition, OJP will award more than \$611 million to continue its support of other previously funded programs and congressio-

nally directed spending. More information about the awards announced to-

day can be found by visiting: [www.ojp.gov/funding/fy23awards](http://www.ojp.gov/funding/fy23awards).

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**CHELSEA DAY**

**Canceled**

Due to rain expected this Saturday (October 21), Chelsea Day has been canceled. Use this QR Code to visit our website for more details.

SCAN ME

CHELSEA MARKETPLACE EVENT HELD IN CHELSEA SQUARE



Jennifer Hassell and professional photographer Matt Frank, who displayed some of his outstanding photography pieces and souvenirs.



Karim Perez, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Jessica Morales, and Melissa Costanzo.



Rosa Portillo, whose Salvadorian food, papusas, were a tasty treat at Chelsea Marketplace.



Mayra Sanchez and Migdalia Justiniano.



The Klig Brand, Javier Villeda and Carlos Alvarado.



Katherine Gasper of Chelsea Botanicals featuring fresh herbs, house plants, and dried flowers.



Kimberly Hernandez and City Council President Leo Robinson.

Cary Shuman Photos

Chelsea Marketplace, hosted by the Chamber of Commerce, was held Oct. 13 in Chelsea Square. Residents were able to

visit various booths, purchase items, and support Chelsea entrepreneurs and home-based businesses. The guests also enjoyed baked goods, foods, and musical entertainment.



Greeting cards, artwork, and crocheted goods business owner Ammi Velez and her father, Ricky Velez, at the Etereo Designs table.



Katie Neill of ESS Substitutes (Teachers).



Jennifer Hassell, Chelsea Police Capt. Thomas McLain, City Council President Leo Robinson, and City Attorney Cheryl Watson Fisher.



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