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Election Day 2023

Several contested races for seats on Council and School Committee

By Adam Swift

The Chelsea municipal election is this Tuesday, Nov. 7.

This year's election features several contested City Council and School Committee races.

With the recent redistricting in the city, voters should check their polling location at www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVote-MA/WhereDoIVote before heading out to vote.

In District 4, current City Councilor Tanairi Garcia is running against current Licensing Commission Chair Marnie MacAlpine. Due to redistricting, Garcia is not technically a candidate for reelection, since she currently represents District 7. Longtime current District 4 Councilor Enio Lopez is not running for reelection this year.

There are five candidates running for three seats as Councilors-at-Large.

The only incumbent in the at-large race is Council President and dean of the council Leo Robinson.

However, the other four candidates are all familiar faces in city politics, as School Committee chair Kelly Garcia, School Committee member Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, former Councilor Yamir Rodriguez, and local attorney and former candidate Olivia Walsh are all vying for an at-large seat.

In District 2, incumbent Melinda Vega is facing a challenge from Constantinos Boussios. In District 3, incumbent Norielez DeJesus is running unopposed.

Lisa Santagate is running unopposed in District 5 to fill the seat current-

ly held by Judith Garcia. Garcia did not run for reelection so she could devote her time to her position as state representative for Chelsea.

In District 6, longtime incumbent Giovanni Recupero is running unopposed. In District 7, Manuel Teshe is unopposed in his first run for public office in the city.

District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown, who survived a close election two years ago, is running unopposed this year.

In the School Committee races, Katherine Cabral is running unopposed for an at-large position, incumbent Shawn O'Regan is running unopposed in District 1 and Sarah Neville is running unopposed in District 2.

In District 3, incumbent Naomi Zabot is being challenged by Jonathan

Gomez-Pereira, and in District 4, the candidates are Mayra Balderas and Zaida Ismatul.

District 6 incumbent Ana Hernandez and District 8 incumbent Yessenia Alfaro are both running unopposed.

In the School Committee District 7 race, Lucia Henriquez is running against Loren Sokol.

Polls in Chelsea will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

District 1 voters vote at the Public Safety Building at Sagamore and Cheever streets.

District 2 and 3 voters vote at the St. Rose School at 580 Broadway.

District 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 voters vote at the Williams School Auditorium, Arlington Street entrance.

CITY OF CHELSEA CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

Photos by Marianne Salza

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Halloween Celebration on October 29. Friends also played ghoulish bowling, danced to a musical Halloween symbols game, and pinned the boo on the ghost inside the Williams School Building cafeteria.



Carols, Maria, and Carlos Melgar. See more photos on Page 6.

Streets grant will help fund intersection improvements

By Adam Swift

The city was recently awarded a \$500,000 Complete Streets Grant that will help improve safety for students walking to and from the Mary C. Burke Elementary complex, as well as for motorists and other pedestrians in the area.

"This is keyed around the Eastern Ave. and Crescent intersection modernization project," said Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train. "Working with the school depart-

ment, the intersection has been identified as a location with chronic safety issues, particularly for students walking toward the Mary C. Burke complex as well as parents who are driving through the intersection every day."

Community Development is working with the DPW to design a series of upgrades that will alleviate congestion at the intersection, as well as promote safety for pedestrians and drivers.

"The grant is sufficient to fund construction," said Train. "The City Council

also commendably appropriated funding through the Capital Improvement program to undertake the construction. At this point, the goal is to retain a construction contractor over the course of December and January and proceed with upgrading the intersection in the spring of 2024 construction season."

The city will be installing new modern traffic signal equipment that includes new signal fixtures as well as an intelligent traffic signal device that responds to changing traf-

fic patterns that can help ease congestion and traffic back up.

"Additionally, the project will replace sidewalks that are deteriorating in the intersection, wheelchair ramps, and other traffic safety devices," said Train. "Once the project is done, the intersection will be safer for pedestrians to cross and for drivers. The goal is to reduce wait times that folks face at that intersection due to traffic back ups."

Neighborhood Market coming here this Saturday

By Adam Swift

The City of Chelsea is kicking off the Chelsea Neighborhood Market this Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chelsea Square, 179 Winnisimmet St.

The market will include live music, fruits and vegetables for sale, and a chance to taste traditional foods made in Chelsea.

There will also be the opportunity to decorate candles for the Dia de los Muertos Celebration.

The city did hold a neighborhood market over the summer, but that one

also had a focus on arts and crafts.

The neighborhood market at Chelsea Square is focused solely on providing fresh produce and locally produced food, according to Anna Bury, the senior community resilience project manager for the Department of Housing and Community Development. "One of the high priorities for the community was engaging small businesses in food distribution to support food security in the city," said Bury. "We see it as a way to bring both of these goals together into

one space, to provide an opportunity for local entrepreneurs to kick start their food business whether it be produce vending or more cooking and prepared foods, and to bring them together in a central and affordable place."

Bury said the city plans to hold the neighborhood market twice per month at least through the winter.

The next market date after this Saturday will be on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Anyone interested in becoming a vendor at the market can find more information on the city's website at chelseama.gov.

Entrepreneurs who are Chelsea residents can request up to \$5,000 to cover start-up costs.

The Dia de los Muertos celebration itself takes place the same day at 179 Winnisimmet St. from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be live music, arts, and a community vibe. A community altar will be on display for all to pay tribute to passed loved ones. The outdoor and family friendly event is non-ticketed and open to the public.



Mass Art student, Cailin MacDonald, stop motion artist, and artist, Andros Lopez, guided children in making paper pumpkin puppets.



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When you change your clocks, check your smoke alarms too

With the end of daylight savings time coming on Nov. 5, Massachusetts fire officials issued a seasonal reminder to check your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and change the batteries when you change your clocks.

“Working smoke and CO alarms are crucial home safety tools,” said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. “As we ‘fall back’ this weekend, be sure you have the best protection by putting fresh alkaline batteries in alarms that use them and replacing alarms that are out of date.”

Today’s smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have the manufacturing date printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms should be replaced when they’re 10 years old, and CO alarms should be replaced when they’re five to seven years old, depending on the model. Unless you have newer alarms with 10-year sealed batteries, this is also a good time to replace the alkaline batteries in all your alarms. And remember to test your smoke and CO alarms once a month to be sure they’re working properly.

Heating Season Brings Carbon Monoxide Hazards

Hyannis Fire Chief Peter J. Burke, Jr, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, emphasized the importance of working carbon monoxide alarms as we enter the colder months.

“Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States, and heating equipment is the main source of carbon monoxide in the home,” Chief Burke said. “We can’t see, smell, or

taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms are the only way to detect this invisible killer.”

Replacement Alarms Should be Photoelectric With 10-Year Sealed Batteries

Replacing your old smoke alarm? The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to be photoelectric and have sealed, long-life batteries and a hush feature. This makes it less likely that someone in the home will use the batteries for another device, forget to change them twice a year, or remove them when cooking causes smoke in the kitchen.

“Disabling a smoke alarm puts you, your loved ones, and everyone in the building at risk,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Never remove batteries from a smoke alarm except when putting fresh ones in.”

Alarms Should Be Listed by an Independent Lab

Massachusetts requires that all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms be listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL). Listed devices will have the laboratory’s mark on the back. In recent years, fire officials have seen numerous smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that were purchased online and either have counterfeit marks or no mark at all.

“If the price seems too good to be true, then it probably is,” said Chief Burke. “Smoke and CO alarms can be the differ-

ence between life and death, but only if they work properly. If you’re purchasing a new alarm, choose one from a well-known, national brand.”

Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan

“In the average house fire, you could have less than three minutes to escape after the smoke alarm activates,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Creating and practicing a home escape plan that includes two routes out will help you make the most of that precious time to get outside before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible.”

“Working smoke alarms and a practiced home escape plan are among the most fundamental and important tools for surviving a fire,” said Chief Burke. “Be sure everyone in the home knows what to do and where to go when the alarm sounds, including young children, older adults, and persons with disabilities.”

Senior SAFE

Adults over 65 are at disproportionate risk of dying in a fire, especially if they live in one- or two-family homes. Hundreds of fire departments across Massachusetts have grant-funded Senior SAFE programs that may provide assistance with alarm installation and testing. Seniors who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance.

For more information on smoke alarms or the Senior SAFE program, visit <http://www.mass.gov/dfs> or contact your local fire department.



Senator DiDomenico advocating for the Healthy Youth Act Bill.

DiDomenico advocates for Healthy Youth Act Bill

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently testified in support of his Healthy Youth Act bill before the Joint Committee on Education. A few weeks ago, the state’s Board of Elementary and Secondary Education unanimously adopted a new health education framework that includes comprehensive standards for sex education. While this was welcome news, Senator DiDomenico emphasized that we still need to pass the Healthy Youth Act to deliver lasting progress for students in the Commonwealth.

“It was inspiring to highlight the importance

of my Healthy Youth Act bill alongside passionate parents, students, educators, health care providers, and advocates from across our state,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico, lead sponsor of the Senate bill. “This common-sense proposal is popular throughout Massachusetts and will ensure our children can access medically accurate and age-appropriate sex and relationship education.”

Passage of the Healthy Youth Act will strengthen the impact of the new health education framework that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approved in

September by:

1) Ensuring that if sex and relationship education is taught in Massachusetts public schools, it is taught using a comprehensive curriculum that adheres to the framework.

2) Requiring the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to collect data on sex education taught in public schools.

3) Requiring DESE to review and update the framework at least every ten years to ensure the sex education guidelines remain comprehensive and are meeting the needs of students.

November service changes will allow crews to keep improvement work across system

MBTA officials announced service changes in November on the Red, Orange, and Haverhill lines. The MBTA will continue working to improve service reliability across the system. Additional service changes may take place in November and will be announced when details are finalized.

On the Red Line:

Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Red Line trains between Alewife and Kendall/MIT Stations during the weekend of November 4-5. This service change allows crews to perform rail welding and track work in order to alleviate speed restrictions.

Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Red Line trains between

JFK/UMass and Park Street Stations beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service Tuesday through Thursday on November 14-16 as well as during the weekend of November 18-19. This service change allows crews to perform track work between Broadway and South Station in order to alleviate speed restrictions.

On the Orange Line:

Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Orange Line trains between Oak Grove and Wellington Stations from the start of service until approximately 2 PM on Sunday, November 5. This service change is taking place to accommodate an emer-

gency response learning exercise taking place near Malden Center. The exercise is an opportunity for public safety officials to exercise emergency response plans, policies, and procedures.

Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Orange Line trains between Oak Grove and North Station beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service Tuesday through Friday on November 7- 10 as well as during the weekend of November 11-12. This service change allows MBTA crews to perform critical work at the Oak Grove crossover track area as well as in and around the tracks at Sullivan Square and Community College Stations.

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GET OUT AND VOTE ON TUESDAY

Many of us view local government in the same way that we think about the weather: Everybody complains about it, but nobody does anything about it.

However, unlike the weather, there actually is something we can do about the future direction of our local government: We can get out and vote.

We’ve always found it ironic that the turnout for national elections far exceeds the turnout for local elections. Local government has a much more direct impact on our daily lives than what happens in Washington. Our local government officials are responsible for just about everything that affects the quality of life in our communities, including our schools, public safety departments, trash collection, snow removal, street repair, etc., etc., etc.

Local governments are holding elections across the state this Tuesday, November 7. We urge all of our readers to take the time to get out and vote in order to elect the leaders in our community who best will reflect our values and goals for ourselves and our families.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS: TOTAL FAILURES

It is clear that the decision by the Democrats in the House of Representatives to allow a small band of narcissistic and anarchistic Republicans, led by the odious Matt Gaetz of Florida, to throw the Congress (as well as the country and the world) into chaos when they sided with Gaetz’s small band of fellow GOP anarchists to remove former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy has completely backfired.

It is axiomatic in politics that you always should have a plan (with a desired end result) before embarking on a course of action. But with the unanimous election last week by the Republicans of little-known Louisiana Congressman Mike Johnson to the speakership after three weeks of dysfunction, it is obvious that House Majority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and his team had no plan or strategy of any kind.

Sure, they were able to gloat for a few weeks while the Republicans stumbled and fumbled, but in the final analysis, the Democrats ended up with the worst of all possible outcomes: The Republicans now are completely united and Congress has a Speaker (a position that is second in line to become president) who is so far right-wing, that he is somewhere out in the proverbial left field on just about every issue imaginable. In addition, Johnson was a staunch supporter of Donald Trump’s efforts to undermine the election and has gone on record as opposing further military aid to Ukraine.

Sometimes -- SOMETIMES — politicians have to put the good of the country above their party’s perceived short-term political gain. Yes, Kevin McCarthy was a sniveling snake, but he did do the right thing in June to craft a compromise with Joe Biden to raise the debt ceiling and then again in September to pass a short term budget deal that averted a government shutdown.

Democrats complained that McCarthy could not be trusted and that he’s a liar (all of which is true) — but really? All politicians are less-than-truthful to some extent, from Joe Biden on down — do they think the people don’t know that?

In short, the Democrats “strategy” of just standing by and allowing McCarthy to fall has turned out to be a total disaster, with the immediate beneficiaries of their inaction and their miscalculations being Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin.

The Democrats forgot a cardinal rule of politics: The enemy of my enemy is my friend, as well as a cardinal rule of life: The devil you know is better than the devil you don’t.

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Revitalization of the Veteran’s Domicillary Home in Chelsea

Chelsea City Councilor Leo Robinson has voiced several concerns about the new veteran’s housing complex on the top of Powder Horn Hill. The following letter states his concerns about the project that he sent to state officials as well as to members of the Chelsea Planning and Zoning Boards.

By Councilr Leo Robinson

The State has set the course for a public/private model for the redevelopment of the veteran’s domiciliary complex at Chelsea Soldiers Home.

Penrose Development is the developer selected by the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) following the issuance of a Request for Proposals. The Master Lease Agreement governs the terms of the real estate and social service requirements between the DCAMM, the Executive Office of Veterans Affairs and Penrose Development. This agreement is the core operating and enforcement contract for the future redevelopment, management and veterans services for Veterans residing in the facility.

Affordability

The project build out is 234 rental units to be built in four phases within the complex of existing renovated buildings, along with the inclusion of two new buildings, an apartment building as part of Phase 2, and rental townhouses as part of Phase 3. All units will be affordable with 100 percent preference given to Veterans.

It is reported there are 123 current residents. Most are likely in need of a highly subsidized and highly supported housing model. Financing of this project will occur over the coming year, and will require a lot of public support - in various forms presumably including project based vouchers and low income housing tax incentives. But the cost and delivery of a supportive model must be guaranteed to the Veterans who need it, and that requires a supportive care model. Affordability is granted through the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities - so strong advocacy and collaboration from the Executive Office of Veterans Affairs will assure a successful Veteran’s housing project.

Further, housing afford-

ability needs are high in Chelsea, and so the Soldiers Home project should not displace or reduce City proposed projects for funding before EHLC.

Veteran Preference

Veteran housing needs are high. It is critical that the rental units are properly supported with affordable funds, to provide the largest possible eligibility pool of Veterans. This is a unique opportunity to build a community that supports Veterans at every age and this should not be missed.

Housing Type Mix

The mix of studio, 1 and 2 bedroom units, and 3 bedroom units to include veterans, veterans and spouses, and veteran family housing – within metropolitan Boston area with easy access to good. If this need is confirmed.

Social Service Supportive Service Plan - The phased redevelopment of the facility anticipates a dual service support system where residents, during the phased redevelopment of the site, would be covered either by the State Domiciliary care or by Penrose Group care, depending upon their residency location, even-

tually shifting entirely to Penrose care at the final completion of the project. The duration of the redevelopment is a phased construction beginning in late FY24 to spring of 2029. This extended duration presents a particular challenge to operate a dual social service system and will requires its own system of careful collaboration.

Also, by virtue of this new public/private partnership, the scope of Penrose social service care program will be different from the State Domiciliary care - where the proposed model shifts away from 3 meals/ day congregate meals to independent living, possibly with one meal per day, as one illustrative example of care changes.

The social service support system must be deeply understood with a long term model of support properly funded. Penrose is working with the Executive Office of Veterans Affairs to conduct a resident assessment performed by its veteran social service agency, Soldier On.

Leo Robinson is a Chelsea City Councillor as well as a veteran.

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Chelsea Poetry Walk a huge success

Photos by Cary Shuman

Lorenzo Recupero was a sports correspondent and writer for The Boston Globe, so he’s been to the mountaintop in the field of journalism.

His work in founding and coordinating The Chelsea Poetry Walk and creating a forum for poets in Chelsea to showcase their poety adds another worthy dimension to Recupero’s noteworthy writing career.

Recupero brought together 20 poets for the Third Annual Poetry Walk on a summer-like day at Luther Place.

The poems were inspiring and reflective, from Lisa Santagate’s “Under the New is the Old,” to Amaliena Phonesavanh’s

“My American Dream, Words from My Mother.”

Professional photographer Jay Velez entertained the audience with his clever “Dig, the lone interactive poem in the program. As in the previous Poetry Walks, Velez was a clear favorite with an enthusiastic audience.

There were also free hot dogs provided by Kayem, free Poetry Walk merchandise, and representation from the Chelsea Police Department, including Officer David Delaney and the popular, community resource dog, Brutt.

DJ Zeke did a great job providing the musical entertainment.

Said Lorenzo Recupero about his fabulous day of poetry and uniting the Chelsea community,

“The Chelsea Poetry Walk was created to help harvest and foster community and communication and to see the power of words, Bringing residents together for the third year is as empowering for me as it must be for each and every local artist and poet that submits their original words for the community to take in. My hope is the Poetry Walk develops into something even bigger, as it did this year, as we move forward. Words can change the world, and I sincerely believe we are all helping shape our community one poem at a time.”

“On behalf of the Chelsea Poetry Walk team, I’d like to extend a hearty thank you to all of the community members and businesses that again helped make the Chelsea Poetry Walk possible in 2023. The Poetry Walk is truly a community collaboration and I’m proud to say it caters to all residents alike, regardless of age. I’d also like to thank Kayem and Market Basket for their kind donations and providing refreshments for all in attendance. Both Chelsea staples have been instrumental in making the event possible and we are grateful for the continued support. Lastly, but not least, I’d to thank the Chelsea Cultural Council for the grant funding for without it the Chelsea Poetry Walk would not be possible.”



The Chelsea Bears, a new youth football organization in the city, had a table at Poetry Walk. From left, are City Councilor Lorenzo Recupero, Gerald Flores and Michelangelo Recupero of the Chelsea Bears, and City Councilor Todd Taylor.



Poetry Walk founder and organizer Lorenzo Recupero welcomes Lisa Santagate, whose poem was well-received by the audience.



City Councilor Melinda Vega, Tanairi Camacho and her mother, City Councilor Tanairi Garcia, and School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia.



Representing Girl Scout Troop 62751, Troop Leader Kathryn Bourgea and her daughter, Chloe Bourgea.



Becky Swope and Marianne Ramos, pictured at the Third Annual Chelsea Poetry Walk.



Cristian Jimenez, who delivered the poem, “Chelsea,” is pictured with his mother, Yareli Arenas, father, Cristian Jimenez, and uncle, Hector Sanchez.



Vedran Vukovic and Slavja Vukovic, enjoying the Poetry Walk with their son, Vanja Vukovic, and daughter, Olivera Vukovic.



Chelsea Rotarian Juan Gallego and CCCTV Technical Director Ricky Velez, who recorded the event for broadcast on the local television station.



Poetry Walk Co-Director Carol Resnek, with DJ Zeke and Wilver Vasquez.



Poetry Walk organizers Lorenzo Recupero and Carol Resnek, City Councilor Todd Taylor, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, and Senior Fiscal Analyst Marisol Nieves.

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Sisters Amibell Durbal, 10, and Anaya Figueroa, 4



Elena, 6, and Ethan Rodriguez, 7, holding their paper pumpkin puppets



Madelin Lizama and Jayden Barahona



Justin Zepata playing a jack-o-lantern disc game



Paul and Leidy Galdamez



Ksenia Sundukova and Keira Cheshkova, 4



Demetrius, Tallulah, and Miles Fuller



Sofia, 5, and Abby Gough, 2 ½ dancing to “Five Funny Zombies Jumping on the Grave”



Alisha, 1 ½, and Arsen Talgat, 3 ½



Jayden Lugo, as Batman, with his brother, Angel Martinez, as Robin



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Leonardo Amaya, 6, decorating his pumpkin cookie with green “booger” frosting

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Sports

GIRLS SOCCER TEAM RECOGNIZES THEIR SENIORS AT FINAL HOME GAME



Last Monday afternoon was the final game for the CHS Girls Varsity Soccer Team. The team recognized the four seniors on the team for their dedication and team spirit. Despite the rainy afternoon, friends and family turned out to honor their favorite senior and to

support their efforts and the teams. Head Coach Randy Grajal, the CHS Girls Soccer Team, friends and family all turned out to honor the 4 seniors playing their final home game as Red Devils.



Senior Alessandra Campos with her mom, Iris, Aunt Ana, Cindy and Edwardo.



Senior Stephanie Martinez with her mom, Irma and family.



Senior Keara Chavez Trejo with her friend Joselyn.



Julissa Davila with her dad Edgar and brother Kevin.

CHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

GIRLS SOCCER TOPS O'BRYANT HIGH, 4-3

The improving Chelsea High girls soccer team put it all together to earn a 4-3 victory over O'Bryant High of Boston last week at Chelsea Stadium.

"This was an exciting game," said CHS head coach Randy Grajal. "The game was pretty even throughout the whole match."

The Lady Red Devils grabbed an early lead thanks to a goal by freshman Yahira Jovel Rivas, who was assisted by senior Alessandra Campos. O'Bryant quickly scored to bring the contest back to level. The teams remained deadlocked at 1-1 until Jovel Rivas once again reached the back of the O'Bryant net, with an assist this time from senior Keara Chavez Trejo. The visiting Lady Tigers continued the game of cat-and-mouse, scoring the next goal to make it 2-2 at the half.

The Lady Red Devils scored soon after the intermission on an own-goal by O'Bryant when a Lady Tiger deflected a corner kick by Campos into her own net. However, O'Bryant once again came back

to knot matters at 3-3. Both teams then engaged in a back-and-forth tussle to break the standoff, but with five minutes on the clock, CHS sophomore Angie Villata Cruz delivered a shot from 40 yards out and the ball bounced over the O'Bryant defender to account for the game-winning tally.

"We were able to settle down on defense and hold the score until the final whistle," said Grajal. "It was a great team win overall."

CHS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL READY FOR TOURNEY

The Chelsea High girls

volleyball team was set to open play in the MIAA Division 2 State Tournament yesterday (Wednesday) at Norwood in a first-round contest.

The Lady Red Devils, who compiled a sterling 16-2 record during the regular season (which rates as one of the most successful seasons of any athletic team in Chelsea High history) and finished in second place behind undefeated Lynn Classical in the Greater Boston League, entered the tourney as the 37th seed in D-2, while Norwood is seeded 28th with a record of 8-12.

The winner of the Chelsea

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I write this letter, as I highly recommend re-election of Leo Robinson, for Councilor At Large. Leo has represented the Residents of Chelsea and fought tirelessly, on many issues, for all Residents. He brings not only experience and expertise, but excellent credentials, and has demonstrated his commitment, desire and willingness, to remain in the position. He has unselfishly, made important decisions, to improve not only the City of Chelsea, but also the Quality of life for Residents. Leo has a very strong work ethic and absolute integrity, which his past has proven. He has dealt with a variety of people, to get the job done. Leo is not afraid to back up his beliefs and has continuously demonstrated his efforts and devoted his time, to all Chelsea Residents. Leo is a great value to the City Council and the Residents of Chelsea, and I believe the best qualified for the position. I ask that you vote for him on November 7th.



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BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins: The good and the bad

Since most people like to hear the ‘good news’ first, we will begin with the upbeat announcement that the Boston Bruins have decided to keep 19-year-old Matt Poitras on their current roster. That was their decision at the culmination of the young man’s nine-game NHL tryout, during which time his future was in the balance of either playing in the NHL with the Bruins, or returning to Guelph, Ontario to rejoin his junior team, the Storm. Poitras looked good in training camp, good enough that he earned the nine-game tryout, and he certainly used the chance to impress, notching five points with 3 goals and 2 assists. When the puck is dropped, and the Bruins’ second-round pick (#54) in the NHL Draft, begins play in Thursday night’s game versus the Toronto Maple Leafs, he will officially have begun the first year of his entry-level contract. Bruins head coach Jim Montgomery has praised Poitras from the beginning, showing his trust in the many ways he has used him in games, often pointing out his continued improvement on both ends of the ice, summing it up with “He earned it...we’re comfortable with him. There’s still no guarantees her the rest of the year. But we feel the way he’s progressed that for the time being he’s gonna be a Bruin. He’s helping us win hockey games.

From the other side of the ledger comes the ‘bad news’ from the National Hockey League’s Department of Player Safety, who announced that Bruins defenseman Charlie McAvoy has been suspended for four games, without pay, for an illegal check to the head of Florida Panthers defenseman Oliver Ekman-Larsson during NHL Game No. 130 in Boston on Monday, Oct. 30, the National Hockey League’s Department of Player Safety announced. The incident occurred at 9:24 of the third period. McAvoy was assessed a match penalty. Under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement and, based on his average annual salary, McAvoy will forfeit \$197,916.68. The money goes to the Players’ Emergency Assistance Fund. The Bruins are now 8-0-1 on the season, but the loss of McAvoy due to the suspension, and the injury to fellow blue liner Matt Grzelcyk (upper body), the locals are kind of thin on defense. McAvoy has been a top player for Boston, having already put up



eight points to date, but it sounds like they may have to play a few without their top defenseman, just as he was heating up for them. The loss of the pair of defensemen once again opens the door for rookie Mason Lohrei, who was cut just before the start of the regular season, plus consideration for blue liners Jakub Zboril and Ian Mitchell.

The upcoming week’s schedule will include tonight’s (Thursday 7:30pm) with the Bruins hosting the Toronto Maple Leafs, before embarking on a brief two-game road trip that features a stop in Detroit (Saturday 7:00pm) – to face the Red Wings who currently lead the NHL with 40 goals scored, and a Monday 8:00pm meeting with the Dallas Stars. Followed by a return to TD Garden ice for a match with the New York Islanders on Thursday at 7:00pm. These four games will be contested against teams that have played at least 10 games, and they all have double digits in points to date. It will take a solid effort by the entire team, for Boston to hold onto the top spot in the Atlantic Division and the Eastern Conference, as both McAvoy and Grzelcyk will be out of the lineup for all four matches. The Bruins (8-0-1) and the Bruce Cassidy’s Vegas Golden Knights (9-0-1) remain as the only two NHL teams without a loss at press time (Wednesday).

Reminder to save the date... The Tradition: the Sports Museum’s 22nd Annual fundraising gala, will be held on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00pm at TD Garden. The Tradition, will honor Dennis Eckersley (Baseball Legacy Award), Kevin Faulk (Football Legacy Award), Doc Rivers (Basketball Legacy Award), Briana Scurry (Soccer Legacy Award), Bob Sweeney (Hockey Legacy Award), and Dana White (Special Achievement Award). Presenters for each honoree and the program hosts will be announced in the coming weeks. Ticketed guests will be treated to a cocktail reception and a ‘talk-show’ style presentation. Tickets for this fundraiser will benefit The Sports Museum are on sale now at www.sportsmuseum.org/events/the-tradition. Tickets for The Tradition are \$400.



State Representative Judith Garcia joins the staff at Marigold House at its official opening tour. Shown are Gladys Valentin Agneta, Therese DiPietro, Holly Bogonski, Cindy Rivera. State Representative Judith Garcia, Deanna Armenio, Desiray Rodrigues, and Juan Ortiz.

The Marigold House opens at 17 Grove Street

The Marigold House has recently opened and has taken applications for tenants, Chelsea residents are getting first priority. This new facility is geared towards those who identify as female. With the increasing need for help, because of sexual abuse, sex trafficking and mental or substance abuse issues, this type of facility is needed.

Several local programs have banded together to allow this project to come to fruition. CAPIC, BayCove, Chelsea Police Department, and other local agencies.

The building covers 3 floors, housing 3 on floor one, 5 on both 2nd and 3rd floors. Common bathroom on each floor,

as well as kitchen and common living area. The basement has a washer and dryer for all to use.

Once a client is housed and resisted, other programs like food stamps, and government money for living will come into play for the client. The program is also getting help from local businesses, with lower cost food or donations, clothing and other of life’s essentials.

This is certainly a step in the right direction, reaching out to those who are vulnerable to predators, or victims of their own vices.

As of this writing, several applications to live at Marigold House are being processed, and more are expected.



Chelsea City Councillor Leo Robinson in the kitchen area on the second floor, shown with Program Director Cindy Rivera



Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, Revere Police’s Domestic Violence Co-Ordinator, Lt. John Azzari, Councillor Leo Robinson, members of the CPD, and representatives from the local CAPIC and Baycove agencies and invited guests gather at the Marigold House for the opening tour of the facility.



A common room with TV and other comforts on each floor.



A newly renovated bedroom is given to an accepted client, complete with linen, and a few comfort essentials.

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sea-Norwood matchup will advance to the Round of 32 and will travel to fifth-seeded Duxbury on a date and time to be determined.

CHS head coach Gloria Rodriguez and her crew have been hard at work in preparation for their

tourney contest this past week. Rodriguez highlighted some of her players’ fine-tuning on aspects of their game ahead of the post-season.

“Hazel Martinez has improved and has learned how to do a float serve more consistently,” said

Rodriguez. “Angelica Ayala continues to improve on her hitting techniques and serves. Alanna Taylor now has a strong deep float serve, and has been consistently serving aces against her teammates.”

CHS FOOTBALL TOPS SOMERVILLE, 19-6; HOSTS O'BRYANT TONIGHT

The Chelsea High football team, which picked up its third win of the season with a 19-6 triumph over

Somerville last Thursday, will be shooting to make it two in a row when the Red Devils host O’Bryant High this evening (Thursday) at 6:00 at Chelsea Stadium in a non-play-off encounter under the MIAA’s state tournament format.

The Red Devils (3-5) are the 36th-ranked team in Division 7 per the MIAA’s rating system, while O’Bryant (7-1) is ranked 26th in D-7. Only the top 16 teams in each division qualify for the post-season football playoffs.



Rep. Judith Garcia speaks before the members of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing.

Rep. Judith Garcia leads Health Equity Bill to expand equitable and inclusive healthcare

Special to the Record

State Representative Judith Garcia of Chelsea testified as a lead sponsor in favor of the Health Equity Bill before Members of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing. Representative Garcia was joined by fellow sponsors Representative Bud Williams, Senator Liz Miranda, and Senator Pavel Payano on a testimonial panel to push for consideration on the crucial health care bill.

The Health Equity Bill aims to provide more equitable and diverse inclusion into health care and Massachusetts State government infrastructure. The bill provides a more equitable framework in creating positions fostering gender, race and ethnic inclusivity into governmental and healthcare leadership, addresses healthcare insurance inequity in Massachusetts to immigrant and underrepresented communities, develops and improves existing infrastructure for reporting health equity data, and improves the quality of healthcare services.

Rep. Garcia and her fellow sponsors are proud to partner with the Health Equity Compact (the “Compact”) on this bill. The Compact is a group of over 80 leaders of color who aim to advance health equity together in Massachusetts. Compact members are high-level executives and experts from a diverse set of health, business, labor, and philanthropic organizations, including hospitals, health centers, payers, academic institutions, and public health. We bring our lived experience, expertise, and commitment to our work to advance health equity.

“We have a health care

system that is a leader in the world, yet it is not accessible to all, especially to brown, Black and Asian populations,” state Rep. Garcia said. In addition, Representative Garcia testified to the lack of crucial needs of Massachusetts residents from the cost of medications to the lack of linguistic, ethnic and cultural support helping patients throughout the Commonwealth.

Attorney General Andrea Campbell testified in full support of the bill by saying, “The challenges we are confronting — unequal access to care, maternal health disparities, systemic racism affecting the health of our communities — are nothing short of a public health crisis.” She went on to say that it is a priority for her office to see this bill get passed to protect health care consumers.

The Health Equity Bill also received remarkable participation from constituents who shared their personal stories at the hearing. On the morning of the bill hearing, the line of visitors waiting to get into the State House to testify could be seen stretching to the sidewalk in front of the building. In particular, the Health Equity Bill received massive support from Health Care for All, 1199SEIU, La Colaborativa, Gladys Vega, and many other key health care stakeholders who attended to share their personal stories.

“Massachusetts has been a leader in healthcare reform for decades; let’s live up to this by ensuring equitable healthcare for all” notes Representative Garcia before adding, “I am proud to partner with the Health Equity Compact to fight for the health of all Massachusetts residents”.

Low income home energy assistance program’s winter heating season begins

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) is pleased to announce the start of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) 2023-2024 winter heating season. LIHEAP is a free, statewide service funded by the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program that helps eligible households stay warm during the winter months by paying a portion of winter heating bills.

Applications for home energy assistance are cur-

rently being accepted online at toapply.org/massliheap, and income-eligible households may receive financial help to offset heating bills from November 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024.

Both homeowners and renters can apply online or through local administering agencies for LIHEAP assistance. Households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify for aid, which will be paid directly to their heating vendor.

Eligibility is based on several factors, including

household size and combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older. Qualifying households — including those with the cost of heat included in the rent — can receive assistance for all sources of heat, including oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal.

“The Massachusetts home energy assistance program is free, because no resident should have to worry about heating their home during the wintertime,” said Ed Augustus Jr., Secretary of Housing and Livable Communi-

ties. “High fuel costs can have a devastating effect on household budgets and can even endanger Massachusetts’ most vulnerable residents. We encourage anyone who needs heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or visiting the nearest administering agency. And to please share the information with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this free resource.”

For more information, or to find your local LIHEAP agency, visit www.toapply.org/Mass-LIHEAP.

City receives planning tool grant from state

By Adam Swift

Chelsea was one of 26 communities in the state that recently received part of \$1.4 million in grants to support local and regional planning agencies in developing plans and implementing land use regulations consistent with their goals and the conservation and development objectives of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs’ (EEA).

Chelsea received \$50,000 from the state to help create a tool to facilitate Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals review and the enhancement of development proposals.

Chelsea and the other municipalities will use the grants to undertake public processes and hire techni-

cal expertise to mitigate and prepare for climate change impacts, improve land use practices, conserve and sustainably develop land, and diversify housing choices.

“Zoning ordinances can have a significant impact on a municipality’s ability to combat the climate crisis,” said EEA Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “Transit-oriented housing, protecting open spaces, and building in resilient areas are critical considerations. As weather becomes more extreme, it’s important that we update regulations to help build resiliency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions across Massachusetts.”

Chelsea Director of Housing and Community Development Alex Train thanked the Healey-Driscoll administration for

the grant funding and said the city will soon put the money to work.


“Under the leadership of the City Council, the city has been seeking to streamline our local permitting process as well as ensure that community goals are reflected throughout the process,” said Train. “Over the last six months, our department has been interfacing with the Planning Board relative to creating a development review tool. Through this grant, we are looking to create a tool that would assist the ZBA and the Planning Board with reviewing development projects to ensure that they align with community goals.”

The tool will help provide guidance on issues such as open space, sustainability, and climate re-

siliency.

“In addition to being beneficial to the boards and the community, we see this as a positive step toward making our development process more predictable for the development community, and in turn, by making the process more predictable and reliable, we’re hoping to ease the business process with the city for new projects,” said Train. “Right now, we are aiming to kick the project off at the end of November and the goal is to work with the ZBA and Planning Board over the winter, culminating with a presentation to the City Council and both boards in the spring of 2024 with the tool that would be ready to use for them.”

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outs have been a source of concern for drivers, including members of the Everett City Council.

The bump-outs have become more prominent in the city as the state continues its major street and sidewalk project. The Council discussed the issue at its meeting Monday night.

Councilor-at-Large Stephanie Smith said she experienced the “bump-out” problem firsthand while driving her vehicle on Elm Street.

“I actually hit it and got a flat tire on the back tire, and I couldn’t figure out where I got it, and I tracked this to right here,” Smith told her colleagues. “I’d like to somehow figure out how we can make the bump-outs much smaller, because it cost me \$500 to get a new tire last week, and it was the back tire because of this bump-out.”

Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins said some of her constituents have been complaining about the bump-out located at the Corner of Elm Street and Woodlawn Street. Martins also expressed concern about the “detour” signs in the city “which are sending you in different directions and they’re not communicating, so we need to fix that.”

Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi said he smashed the right rear tire on his vehicle at a bump-out on Air Force Road “because it was dark at night, and you didn’t realize the bump-out was that far out.”

“So that cost me a few bucks. I think getting rid of bump-outs is a great idea, and if there’s a petition, I’m for it,” said Lattanzi.

Costa seeks community forum

Ward 3 Councilor Darren Costa would like the city to hold a community forum so residents across the city can give their feedback on the bump-out situation. “It would be nice for the administration to consider that forum, because this is affecting multiple wards,” said Costa. “I’d like a representative from the state [MassDOT] to be able to hear from residents and give us an update on the project and address issues such as the cracked sidewalks [on Elm Street].”

PUSH FOR BEACHMONT FIRE ARTS CENTER

REVERE - The city’s Public Art Commission is continuing its efforts to help transform the vacant Beachmont Fire station into a community arts center.

At last week’s commission meeting, Elle Baker from the city’s planning and community development department said the city should soon be releasing a draft report on the visioning process for the facility.

The report is being prepared by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council’s Arts and Culture Department.

“The report looks great and I think everybody is going to be really happy with it,” said Baker, adding the draft could be posted on the city’s website this week.

The report takes in input from a number of community planning sessions as well as a community survey.

“Everything has been incorporated, and there are also case studies that are really interesting,” said Baker.

City Councillor and Public Art Commission Chair Joanne McKenna has pushed for the creation of a community arts center at the Beachmont fire station for several years.

Commission and community input have included using the fire station as a place for studio space, community art exhibitions, and other uses.

At some of the visioning sessions earlier in the year, commission members noted The Public Arts Commission members who attended last week’s forum noted that there is a need across the board for performance and exhibition space in the city, as well as spaces where residents can create art.

McKenna has noted that there could be a combination of performance and exhibition space on the first floor alongside artist loft and creator spaces on the second floor.

The Public Art Commission and the city are working out details to secure some funding to make the public art space a reality.

Initially, the city was looking to use \$450,000 in Community Improvement Trust Fund money for the project.

Baker said the money will be available, but looks like it will be through a different source that will need the approval from the City Council.

FHBC HOLDS PUBLIC FORUM

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Fire House Building Committee held another public forum at Town Hall last week, fielding questions about the location of the proposed new fire station and whether the current stations in the town could be renovated.

A debt exclusion vote will be on the Nov. 7 town election ballot asking residents to approve funding for a new fire station at the location of the Wadsworth Building and Kirby Funeral Home. The total cost of the project is expected to fall between \$36-\$40 million.

That total includes the acquisition of land and the relocation of existing businesses on the properties, according to Town Council President Jim Letterie.

On Monday night, Fire Chief Scott Wiley was questioned about response times to Point Shirley if the Shirley Avenue fire station is closed.

Both the current fire stations on Shirley Avenue and Pauline Street were built well over a century ago and designed for horse-drawn fire apparatus.

Wiley said the fire department has to abide by National Fire Protection Association standards, which state that a professional fire department must be able to respond to a call in less than five minutes and 20 seconds from an alarm 90 percent of the time.

The fire chief said that the department can get anywhere in the town in under the required time. Wiley also noted that there are multiple times during the day when there are multiple calls in town, and Engine 2 from Pauline Street has to respond to Point Shirley calls.

Rosa Maria Rodriguez-Ortiz

December 26, 1950 - October 29, 2023

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours today, Thursday, November 2nd from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea for Rosa Maria Rodriguez-Ortiz, who passed away on Sunday, October 29th after a period of declining health. She was 72 years of age. Her funeral will be held at the funeral home on Friday, November 3rd at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Rosa being placed to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

The beloved daughter of the late Eduvigis Rodriguez and Juanna Ortiz, Rosa was born and raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico and a resident of Chelsea for the past 30 Years. Rosa was passionately devoted to home and family, raising two daughters and one son.

In her lifetime, Rosa was happy to live a quiet life at home and enjoyed listening to music.

She is survived by her loving children and their



spouses: William Caraballo and his wife, Sonia of Chelsea. Jacqueline May and her husband, Gary of Dorchester and Rosa J. Caraballo of Chelsea; the cherished grandmother of Tatiana Caraballo, Catherine Martinez, Jocelyn Varela, Julissa Mejia, Jailene and Jyzelle Artica, Vianka and Vivette Caraballo, and Alyssa Di-Gaetano. She is also survived by extended family members and friends.

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



Paula Gonzalez

June 08, 1927 - October 23, 2023

Relatives and friends attended a Funeral Service Talk in Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 40 Hy-Sil Ave., Chelsea, on Saturday, October 28th for Paula Gonzalez, who entered eternal sleep on Monday, October 23rd in the peaceful surroundings of her home with her loving family at her side. She was 96 years of age.

Paula was born and raised in Chinandega, Nicaragua. She grew up with six siblings and was a beloved daughter of the late Paulo Gonzalez and Estebana Castillo. She was married to Jorge Eduardo Briceno and was passionately devoted to home and family. She settled in Chelsea from Nicaragua in 1987 and has resided in Chelsea for the past 36 years. Since that time, Paula became a faithful Jehovah Witness and member of the Kingdom Hall on Hy-Sil Ave in Chelsea.

In her lifetime, Paula remained devoted to her own family, especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling to the White Mountains in New Hampshire and making



bi-annual visits to her homeland in Nicaragua.

Paula was predeceased by her husband, Jorge E. Briceno many years ago and later by two of her own children; Jose Briceño and Lesbia Briceno.

She was the beloved mother of Hugo Briceno, Maria Lourdes Briceno, Rosa Maria Gonzalez, Ermelinda Miranda, Martha Miranda, Marlon Miranda and Idalberto Miranda. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

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Charlene T. Baker

May 10, 1944 - October 23, 2023

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours on Monday, October 30th in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea for Charlene T. Baker who passed away on Monday October 23rd in the peaceful surroundings of her home with her loving family at her side. She was 79 years of age and was a beloved daughter of the late Charles J. and Jeanette (Burns) Munzing.

Charlene was a lifelong resident of Chelsea and attended local schools.

She was married to William Baker and together they raised their daughter in Chelsea.

Charlene was passionately devoted to home and family, welcoming 4+ grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

She worked as a barmaid at two local establishments; the “Olde Tymer’s”, and Dick’s Café. She also worked as a nurse’s aide for the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home for several years.

She is fondly remembered for her goodhearted nature, keeping her home as a “judgement free zone” welcoming all who would stop by to visit. She most loved spending time with her grandchildren, home cooking, shopping, the holidays and gift giving.

Charlene was predeceased by her husband, William in 2005 and by



several siblings: Robert Burns, Charles Munzing and Geraldine Sweeney. She is survived by her sister, Anne Riggione and her aunt, Barbara Dowd.

She was the loving mother of Virginia Hensley of Lynn, cherished grandmother of Teresa Baker of Chelsea, Erica Baker of Alabama, Krystle Baker of Gloucester, Tabatha Choquette of Haverhill and her adopted granddaughter, caretaker, and special friend, Aniyah Medina of Revere. She was the adoring great-grandmother of Mikhel and Mekhi Collins, Mannix Restor, Jr., Anastasia, Thea, and Cayden Choquette, Elijah, Xiarrah and Desyre Baker. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

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CHELSEA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, CHELSEA YACHT CLUB DONATE 1,500 PAIRS OF SOCKS TO VETERANS' HOME

The Chelsea Knights of Columbus, led by Grand Knight Dave Morency, and the Chelsea Yacht Club, led by Commodore Vincent Miller held a successful Charity Sock Drive that resulted in the donation of more than 1,500 pairs of socks to residents of the Chelsea Veterans Home (formerly the Soldiers' Home).

"This was the two clubs' first collaboration on a fundraiser, and we're very happy with the success of the drive," said Morency.

Members of the two clubs enjoyed a dinner at the CYC prior to the presentation ceremony for

the socks. Three members of the Honor Guard, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Lewis Charles, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Edwin Feliciano, and U.S. Navy Petty Officer Alfred Godfrey, were on hand to personally accept the donation from the two organizations.

City Councilor Melinda Vega lauded the two organizations, stating, "I'm honored to work side by side with the Knights of Columbus and the Chelsea Yacht Club in supporting their Charity Sock Drive. I commend them for also exceeding their goal for the Sock Drive."



Well-known professional photographer Darlene DeVita, with friends, Ron Pownall and Joe Fox.



Chelsea Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Dave Morency and Chelsea Yacht Club Commodore Vincent Miller led the successful Charity Sock Drive on behalf of their respective clubs.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, U.S. Navy Petty Officer Alfred Godfrey, CYC Commodore Vincent Miller, and City Councilor Melinda Vega.



The Rotary Club of Chelsea turned out to support the Knights of Columbus and the Chelsea Yacht Club for its Charity Sock Drive. From left, are CYC Commodore Vincent Miller, Gail Mauch, and D. Bruce Mauch.



Chelsea Yacht Commodore Vincent Miller, City Councilor Melinda Vega, and Chelsea Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Dave Morency join in the presenting of the socks to the Chelsea Veterans Home, who are being represented by Honor Guard members, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Lewis Charles, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Edwin Feliciano, and U.S. Navy Petty Officer Alfred Godfrey.



Members of the Chelsea Knights of Columbus are pictured at the dinner during which more than 1,500 pairs of socks were donated to the Chelsea Veterans' Home.

Chelsea Housing Authority announces Federal Family Waiting List process begins

By Cary Shuman

The Chelsea Housing Authority's Federal Family Waiting List is now open, and Ineudira Barbosa, CHA manager of occupancy and admissions, said applications must be received by Dec. 6, 2023 at 4 p.m.

"This list is for anyone who wants to apply for Federal family public housing," explained Barbosa. "The list has been closed for the past two years."

Because of the high demand for public housing, the waiting list often surges to high numbers. The number of people on the waiting list has dwindled, so the waiting list has been opened.

The Chelsea Housing Authority, under the leadership of Executive Director Paul Nowicki, oversees 202 Federal family units for which the waiting list is applicable. The Scrivano Apartments (off of Locke Street) and the Mace Apartments (Clinton Street and Crescent Avenue in Mill Hill) are

the sites of the Federal family units (which range in size from one-to-four bedrooms).

Barbosa said that residents from any community are eligible to apply to be on the waiting list. "However, you do get a preference on the waiting list if you are a local resident, meaning you would move ahead of anyone who is not a Chelsea resident," she added.

There is also a waiting list preference for people who work in Chelsea at least 20 hours a week. Other preferences are given to people who are suffering from domestic violence and to veterans.

Barbosa said the waiting list is used to fill the vacancies in CHA units as soon the units become available.

Residents can apply online through the Chelsea Housing Authority website (www.chelseaha.com), request an application to be mailed to them, or visit the CHA offices and fill out the application in person.



From left, Grand Knight Dave Morency, Bill Mahoney and Jay Ferri of the K of C, Veterans Home Honor Guard members, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Edwin Feliciano, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Lewis Charles, and U.S. Navy Petty Officer Alfred Godfrey, CYC Commodore Vincent Miller, Thomas Hogan of the K of C, and Jennifer Cravotta of the CYC.

