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Hector Gonzalez and Jacqueline Fuentes shopping for cranberry pepper jelly at the Governor Bellingham Cary House Annual Holiday Party. See more photos and story on page 12.



Rosemary Hughes, Keith Houghton, Tracy and Paul Nowicki, and Bruce Mac Innis singing, "The Twelve Days of Christmas"

DiDomenico updates city council on potential Everett soccer stadium

By Adam Swift

State Senator Sal DiDomenico appeared before the City Council's subcommittee on conference last week to clarify the process for a potential soccer stadium for the New England Revolution across from the Encore Casino in Everett.

"I requested this so (Di-

Domenico) can give us an overview of where things are with the stadium and what our interest is in being at the table," said Council President Leo Robinson.

DiDomenico noted that there have been a lot of reports in the press and on social media about the potential development of a soccer stadium on the Ev-

erett power plant site by the Kraft Group that have not been accurate.

The proposed development was first brought forward about a year and a half ago when the House of Representatives put an amendment to the economic development bill that looked to lift the Designated Port Area (DPA) designation and some of the public engagement process for the site. DiDomenico said the state Senate did not concur with the House bill, and that amendment never made it out of conference.

"Fast Forward to a few months ago, things started getting a little more traction, and as a result, I brought forward several of the environmental groups who were opposed to what

happened in the House," said DiDomenico. "I brought them together at the site to show them what is there, which is a dirty power plant right now. The power plant has been decommissioned and what you see is with the smokestacks and the building is not an attractive gateway to any community."

The clean up of the site alone is expected to cost over \$60 million, he said.

"To get someone to come into a community with private investments and private dollars and clean up that land at their own expense with no federal or state dollars is a big deal," said DiDomenico.

He said the site and building are so contami-

It was a year of departures and returns in Chelsea in 2023.

Thomas Ambrosino stepped down as City Manager in January to take a position in the state court system.

That set off a nearly year-long search process by the City Council for a new manager. In the fall, the council unanimously selected former public works director and current Reading Town Manager Fidel Maltez.

Maltez will officially take office on Jan. 2, the same day as the City Council inaugural.

Even before officially taking the reins of city government, the council approved funding a reorganization of the manager's office by Maltez that will see two deputy city managers as well a constituent services director.

The coming year will also see four new members on the City Council.

Councilors Damali Vidot, Enio Lopez, and Judith Garcia all decided not to run for reelection after eight years in office this year. Garcia will continue to serve as the state repre-

of the City Council and its senior member, Leo Robinson will lead the first part of the program that will begin with the playing of the National Anthem and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Robinson will then call forth his colleagues for the high honor of being sworn in by Cintron White for their terms on the Council. The incoming City Council members, who were elected in November, are: Councillors At-Large Leo Robinson, Kelly Garcia, and Roberto Jimenez-Ri-

As the current president

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Looking back at the year in Chelsea

sentative for Chelsea.

Councilor-at-Large Brian Hatleberg also did not run for office this year. Hatleberg, who was appointed to the position after former Councilor Roy Avellaneda stepped down last year, had stated that he did not intend to run for office after completing Avellaneda's uncompleted term.

Two School Committee members are stepping up to fill some of those council seats, with Kelly Garcia and Roberto Jimenez-Rivera joining dean of the council Leo Robinson as the at-large councilors.

Lisa Anne Santagate will be the new councilor in District 5 and Manuel Tesche will be the new representative for District 7.

It was a big year for new beginnings at the Veterans' Home in Chelsea, formerly known as the Chelsea Soldiers' Home.

Earlier this month, Governor Maura Healey was joined by Senator Elizabeth Warren and US Secretary of Veterans Services Denis McDonough to cut

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RMV Provides Update on Mobility Act for residents

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is providing an update on the first six months of the Work and Family Mobility Act (WFMA). Since the law went into effect on July 1, 2023, the RMV has issued 91,961 new learner's permits and 54,952 new, first-time driver's licenses to Massachusetts residents.

"Since the Work and Family Mobility Act was implemented in July, thousands of Massachusetts residents have been able to get licenses helping provide access to friends, families, and their communities," said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "We are especially proud of the language and interpreter assistance provided to applicants, underscoring our commitment to helping all eligible applicants. We'd also like to thank our non-profit and community partners for assisting the Registry with public education about the new law, which helped to enhanced customer service options."

"The RMV and its employees have worked hard to meet the challenge of increased demand for appointments and credentials under the Work and Family Mobility Act," said Registrar Colleen Ogilvie. "We are grateful for the support from advocates and community leaders throughout this process, and we are continuing to improve each step of our process."

The amount of new learner's permits represents an increase of 244 percent, and new driver's licenses represents an increase of 120 percent, when compared to the same time period in 2022. In addition, 33,648 out of state conversions were processed.

To accommodate increased customer volumes, the RMV hired more than 250 front line staff and road test examiners. In addition, the RMV expanded service by extending hours Monday through Friday and offering appointments on Saturdays at many service center locations. The RMV opened additional road test locations in Holyoke, Revere, Cambridge, Franklin, Worcester, and Brockton, contracted temporary third-party providers to handle increased volume for those newly eligible to obtain a license, and contracted with a driving school company to offer

tests at their business locations in West Boylston, Avon, and Framingham.

Over the past several months, the RMV has identified and created informational resources specifically to help guide new customers as they begin the process to secure a Standard License. To further support this effort, the RMV has also worked directly with immigration advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, and impacted communities to facilitate and coordinate public outreach and to solicit feedback on implementation efforts so that best practices can be adopted.

"As leaders of the Massachusetts organizations that co-chaired the Driving Families Forward coalition, we are proud that we were able to successfully fulfill our mission to pass the Work and Family Mobility Act and see it through to full implementation this summer, thanks in no small part to the active collaboration we received from the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the entire Healey-Driscoll Administration," said Lenita Reason, Executive Director of The Brazilian Worker Center; Roxana Rivera, Assistant to the President of 32BJ SEIU. "Of course, the biggest obstacle that many Massachusetts residents once faced in getting a driver's license was the longstanding linkage of driving privileges to immigration status. We were deeply pleased that our governmental partners went beyond our expectations in their openness, availability and willingness to quickly address issues around the successful implementation of the new law that has removed that obstacle, so that our roads can be safer for everyone."

"We are thrilled to see the real-life results of years of advocacy and perseverance. We thank the Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Registry of Motor Vehicles for their partnership in the rollout of the law – listening to community feedback, expanding access, and establishing best practices so all people can drive safely," said Laura Rótoló, field director, ACLU of Massachusetts. "There is nothing like the smile on the face of a person who has just passed their road test to remind us why this work is so important. We look forward

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CHELSEA ROTARIANS RING KETTLE BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY



Shown above and below, members of the Chelsea Rotary Club helped the Chelsea Salvation Army raise funds for the holiday season by ringing the kettle bells at the Chelsea Market Basket. The Rotarians rang the bells at both entrances from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Rotary Club has been supporting the Salvation Army by ringing the kettle bells for over 20 years.



Sea lion ice sculpture on display at New England Aquarium

Special to the Record

An ice sculpture of several resident Aquarium California sea lions, designed and carved by Don Chapelle of Brilliant Ice Sculpture in Lawrence, will premiere on Central Wharf at the New England Aquarium, beginning Dec. 29 (weather permitting) and in time for this year's

Waterfront Ice Sculpture Stroll on New Year's Eve. The sculpture will be formed out of 32 blocks of ice weighing 10,000 pounds.

For 17 years, Chapelle has been creating massive ice sculptures for the Aquarium including a North Atlantic right whale, sharks, penguins, fur seals, octopuses, and more. This

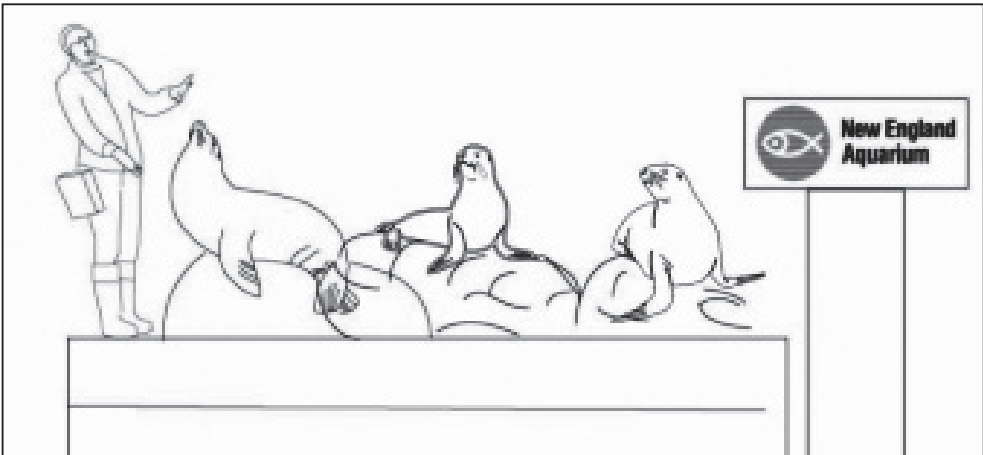
year, he is preparing a 12-foot-wide, 6-foot-tall, 9-foot-deep sculpture of the Aquarium's cherished sea lions and a trainer. The sculpture is an ode to the Aquarium's growing sea lion population, which welcomed Gio and Farley earlier this year.

The two sea lions were stranded off the coast of California at just a year

old. They were released after rescue and rehabilitation at the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, California, only to be found stranded again. Due to their young age, they failed to thrive in the wild and were deemed non-releasable. After spending recent years at the Birmingham Zoo in Alabama, they moved to the New England Aquarium in July.

Chapelle began this year's ice sculpture in his studio in an old Lawrence mill building off North Canal Street. Using powerful and highly accurate ice sculpting tools, he makes intricate designs and then fuses the pieces together on site at the Aquarium. In his studio, Chappelle stores the sculpture pieces in a freezer that gets

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Rendering of sea lion sculpture on Central Wharf by Don Chapelle.

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the ribbon for the new Veterans' Home in Chelsea Community Life Center.

There was also big news for the future of the domiciliary campus of the Veterans' Home, as the project that will see the restoration of existing buildings on the campus as well as some new construction won the approval of the city's zoning and planning boards.

The future of the massive Forbes site development continued to be up in the air this year.

The proposed 590-unit mixed use development has been entwined in a lawsuit in state Superior Court this year after the Zoning Board denied a permit extension request at the end of last year.

The project was back before the ZBA for a remand hearing at the end of the year, but the board once again denied a request to extend previously granted special permits for the project.

As in past years, the city's non-profits banded together to tackle issues ranging from homelessness, food insecurity, the influx of migrants to the

city, and environmental justice.

Early in the year, GreenRoots raised concerns about lead paint chips falling from the Tobin Bridge and worked with the city to hold the state and its department of transportation accountable for the damage done to Chelsea's neighborhoods.

MassDOT officials stated that a \$125 million Tobin Bridge repair project would address the lead chip issue, but city and GreenRoots representatives said they still had concern about the speed with which the state was addressing the issue.

La Colaborativa also worked with the city on a number of important issues, including assisting the influx of migrants, many from Haiti, into the city.

The city, La Colaborativa and PAIR immigration legal services agency piloted a work authorization program that sought to expedite work authorization for a number of households sheltering in Chelsea, and were able to advance work authorizations in about six weeks com-

pared to the 12 months.

A number of nonprofits, including La Colaborativa and HarborCOV, and state and city agencies held a vigil against domestic violence in front of City Hall in May.

The vigil was in memory of Margarita Morehead, who was killed in a domestic violence incident on May 8.

Angel Alvarez, 65, pleaded not guilty to her murder. Prosecutors allege Alvarez stabbed Morehead to death after she refused to reconcile with him. Morehead had an active restraining order against Alvarez.

In October, there was a fatal shooting in the city that took the life of 23-year-old Santos David Canizales. Edgar Nerys, 28, was charged with the murder of Canizales.

The city's Department of Housing and Community Development continued its efforts this year to provide services for those most in need in the city, as well as continuing efforts to increase the amount of green space in the city.

Among those efforts have been securing addi-

tional funds for a waterfront park at 88 Clinton St.

The Clinton Street park will provide both passive and active recreation opportunities for residents and provide waterfront access to Mill Creek.

Over the past year, the city also secured funding to provide funding for the creation of affordable housing and to allow it to complete its strategic housing plan.

The 2022-23 school year saw 382 students graduate, with 306 graduating from Chelsea High School, 43 from the Chelsea Opportunity Academy, 21 from the Virtual Learning Academy, and 12 from out of district. Overall, students from the Class of '23 were accepted to 92 colleges and post secondary programs and will be attending 64, and earned \$5.5 million in scholarships.

"We are very proud of the work this entire team has done to graduate our class of '23 with 382 students," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta said.

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Regulations to strengthen resilience from coastal and inland flooding

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) today issued draft regulations to strengthen wetlands and stormwater resilience by providing flood control and preventing storm damage to shorelines and infrastructure from the impacts of climate change. The proposed regulations will help protect areas vulnerable to sea-level rise and storm surge, promote nature-based solutions to flooding, streamline certain permitting processes, and use updated precipitation data to inform decision-making.

The regulations are proposed under the Wetlands Protection Act and the Massachusetts Public Waterfront Act. MassDEP will accept comments on the draft regulations until March 1, 2024.

“Data tells us that inland and coastal flooding are two of the biggest threats to Massachusetts. The storms we saw this summer showed us that there is no time to waste,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “These updates strike a balance to preserve and protect development along our waterways. These changes also present Massachusetts with another opportunity to lead – we’re promoting the most cutting-edge nature-based solutions along our coastlines.”

“We cannot continue a ‘business-as-usual’ approach if we want to build more resilient communities,” said MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. “With these regulations, we’ve integrated the latest science and green infrastructure techniques to mitigate climate change impacts and protect residents, municipalities, and businesses from costly rebuilding efforts. MassDEP is grateful for the engagement of stakeholders and agencies in developing this proposal and looks forward to continued feedback on these regulations.”

Community Resilience
The proposed Wetlands regulations would protect the coastal floodplain, which hosts nearly \$55 billion in structures, of which about \$40 billion is residential, \$12 billion is industrial, and \$2.5 billion is commercial. Of the nearly 2.5 million people living within the 78 coastal communities in Massachusetts, approximately 55 percent live within Massachusetts-designated Environmental Justice Block Groups, representing communities of color, low-income populations, and/or communities facing language barriers.

Coastal and Inland Flooding Resilience
The proposed Wetlands regulations will promote resilience by creating performance standards to protect the natural buffering function of wetlands and floodplains and help prevent damage to both the natural and built environment. The standards will require elevation of new development in areas of the coastal floodplain where most storm damage occurs and minimize new development in the most vulnerable area of the coastal floodplain where waves are higher than three feet. The regulations encourage nature-based approaches to improve resilience, such as restoration of salt marshes,

coastal dunes, and barrier beaches on the coast, as well as inland wetlands. Updated stormwater management standards will reduce stormwater pollution to water bodies throughout the state, helping to improve the water quality of our rivers and streams.

The regulations are designed to be flexible for homeowners and families. Single-family homes and housing development with four or fewer units are exempted from the stormwater requirements of the Wetlands regulations and new housing developments with five to nine units per lot must meet new standards only to the extent possible.

Updates to Waterways regulations – which protect and promote public use of tidelands and other waterways in Massachusetts and are commonly known as “Chapter 91” – require license applications to consider projected sea-level rise for certain projects and encourage relocation of building mechanical systems away from the ground floor.

Incentives for Nature-Based Solutions
The Wetlands regulations promote Green Site Design, which uses natural solutions – like trees and buffer zones – to manage stormwater, instead of more expensive detention basins and other traditional infrastructure. By using nature to address stormwater runoff and pollution, developers will receive Green Site Design credits and will substantially reduce the need to build and maintain more costly stormwater management systems.

Updated Precipitation Data
The proposed Wetlands amendments use up-to-date data sources to evaluate precipitation – replacing the 1961 data that is currently used with 2019 data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Storms have been increasing in intensity with climate change so that today’s storms deliver more precipitation than they did 60 years ago. Using outdated data to design stormwater systems means pipes that are too small to carry increased volumes of water – resulting in overflows and flooding. The switch to data that are more reflective of current conditions will prevent resulting damage to buildings and bridges, scouring of riverbanks, and other problems.

Streamlined Permitting
The proposed regulations streamline certain permitting processes. The Wetlands regulations are updated to align with the EPA Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit and the Transportation Separate Storm Sewer System Permit to improve consistency and protect surface waters, including wetlands, from stormwater runoff pollution. The Waterways regulations allow modifications to licenses for identified smaller structures (primarily small docks and piers) to account for sea-level rise and maintaining public water access.

Regulatory Process
These regulatory updates are among the 142 priority actions for state agencies to direct under the ResilientMass Strategy released in November 2023. The Strategy was developed to

address the impacts of climate change, such as flooding from precipitation, high heat, and coastal flooding and erosion. ResilientMass identified inland flooding as the most significant climate hazard in Massachusetts.

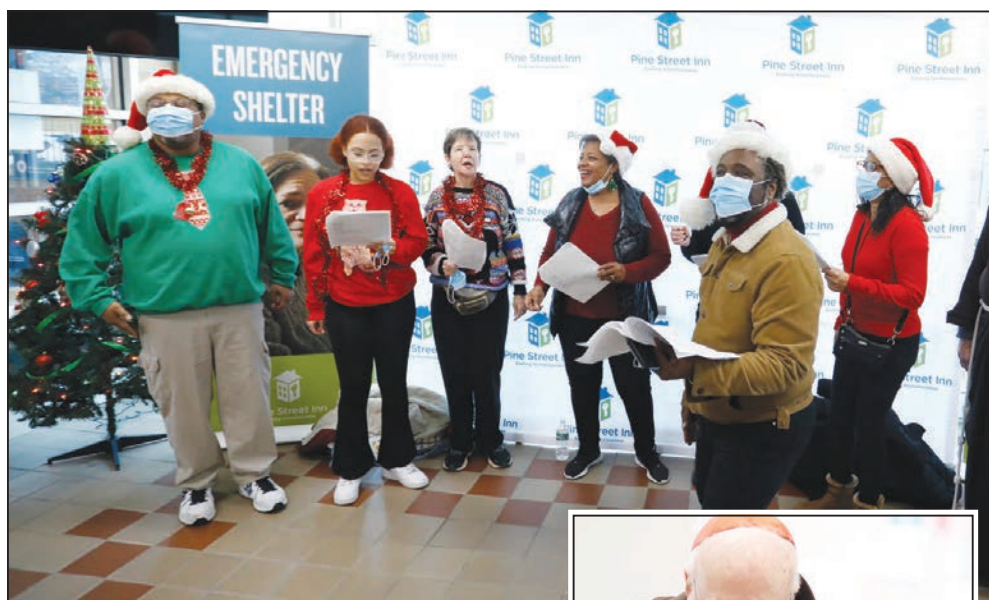
The proposed amendments were developed over several years in close consultation with a broad range of stakeholders, including more than 10 sessions with stakeholder groups, more than 25 presentations, and meetings with various groups and interested parties.

MassDEP is accepting public comment on the draft regulations until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2024. Virtual information sessions and public hearings on both sets of regulations will be held throughout January and February; more details are available here. For more information on the Wetlands Regulations, turn here. For more information on the Waterways Regulations, turn here.

Validators:
“The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) is pleased that MassDEP is publishing important updates to the Wetlands Protection Act,” said MACC Executive Director Dorothy A. McGlinchey. “These proposed regulations, along with the climate related goals established by the Healey-Driscoll Administration, will help minimize impacts from severe storms in a changing climate. Additional urgency and coordination will be needed in our continued fight to preserve wetlands, open space, and biological diversity. MACC supports the Conservation Commissioners who are on the front lines of protecting our precious resource areas.”

“The urgency of these regulations is underscored by this week’s major rainstorm causing extreme flooding, power outages, damage to homes and businesses and most tragically, a death. How we manage water has profound implications on not only our environment, but also public health and safety,” said Charles River Watershed Association Executive Director Emily Norton. “We are pleased that these proposed regulations offer so many improvements in terms of updated precipitation models, stricter rules around building in floodplains, more consistency for developers and municipalities between state and federal rules, and more. We do not have the luxury of moving slowly when it comes to climate resilience, so kudos to MassDEP and the Healey-Driscoll Administration for acting now to protect our communities and natural spaces from the impacts of our changing climate.”

MassDEP’s mission is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth’s natural resources – air, water and land – to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all people, and to ensure a clean and safe environment for future generations. In carrying out this mission, MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth; to provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for people to participate in agency decisions that affect their lives; and to ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities we serve.



Cardinal O’Malley and Ripples of Hope carolers at the Pine Street Inn on Christmas Eve.



Cardinal O’Malley and Josh O’Brien, Director of Shelter Operations, Pine Street Inn.



Cardinal O’Malley chats with a guest while serving up a holiday meal.

Cardinal O’Malley, carolers from Ripples of Hope spread holiday cheer at Pine Street Inn

Pine Street Inn, New England’s leading organization dedicated to ending homelessness, prepared close to 1,000 holiday meals for its guests on Christmas Eve Day at its South End headquarters at 444 Harrison Ave.

Cardinal Sean O’Malley joined Pine Street Inn President and Executive Director Lyndia Downie along with volunteers to

help serve a holiday meal and provide Christmas cheer. Ripples of Hope, a local choral group, performed Christmas classics as part of the Christmas Eve celebration.

Guests were served lasagna al forno, along with ceasar salad, garlic bread, and pie.

In addition to those at Pine Street’s headquarters in the South End and other shelter locations, Pine Street’s 38 permanent

housing locations will celebrate the holiday with tenants. For some, this is the first Christmas in many years that they have spent in a home. Pine Street’s outreach teams will also deliver holiday meals to individuals on the streets.

For more information on Pine Street Inn, go to www.pinestreetinn.org. Follow @PineStreetInn at Facebook, X, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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down to 12 to 15 degrees before shipping them out in several of his delivery vehicles.

“For the past 17 years, it has been an honor to design and sculpt the Aquarium’s various animals,” Chapelle said. “The Aquarium and its beloved

animals are a staple of the city, and it’s a joy to see visitors light up when they see these animals come to life through these sculptures.”

The public is invited to celebrate New Year’s Eve on Boston’s waterfront. The Aquarium is one of

30+ locations participating in the free Waterfront Ice Sculpture Stroll on Dec. 31 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can view the interactive map and learn more about participating companies and organizations at bostonharbournow.org/nye.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We often quote a verse from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s “Ring Out Wild Bells” when we write our annual New Year’s editorial.

But after re-reading the poem in its entirety, we are printing the whole thing, because it sums up -- better than we ever could express -- our feelings about 2023 and our hopes for 2024.

Although it was published in 1850, its verses are timeless. Indeed, one could apply every stanza to something going on in the world today.

So we hope you take the time to read it and enjoy it, as we did the other day:

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.
Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.
Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.
Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out thy mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.
Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.
Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.
Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

We wish all of our readers a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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nated and dirty they have been polluting the land for decades.

The potential private development of the site would not only clean up a brownfields site, but provide a development that residents and the region could enjoy and provide public access to the waterfront.

“I brought the environmental folks together at this meeting with the Kraft Group, the mayor of Everett, and representatives of the city of Everett to talk about how we could proceed and what we thought would be the best avenue,” said DiDomenico. “At that time, the environmental groups initiated a conversation with the Kraft Group on a memorandum of agreement.”

DiDomenico said that reports that there was a host agreement with the city of Everett for the soccer stadium were false, because there is no official project at this time.

“At this point in time, the environmental folks wanted to have some sort of agreement in place with the Kraft Group before we move forward with legislation,” he said. “They felt it was important to have something on paper before anything was done at the State House. They initiated that conversation and they negotiated that agreement.”

DiDomenico said the

mayor and city of Everett did not negotiate the agreement, but added that the mayor did sign the agreement because the environmental groups could not sign a binding agreement with the Kraft Group.

“The agreement with the city of Everett will come in the next phase; the mayor will negotiate that at a later date,” said DiDomenico.

The senator said there is currently one simple thing going on at the State House now and that there is no move to take away the public process when it comes to developing the power plant property.

“All we are saying is that this land where the power plant is today is on a DPA ... which is maritime use only,” said DiDomenico. “There has not been maritime use on that property in several years.”

The DPA extends from the Alford Street Bridge in Everett into Chelsea and is one of the largest DPAs in the state, he added.

“We’re taking a very small piece of the larger DPA, which is where the power plant sits,” said DiDomenico.

By allowing the change in the DPA, it would kick-start the public process for the larger project, he added.

“All we are doing is this one simple step to get to the next step, which is the

public process,” DiDomenico said. “If we don’t lift the DPA, there is no public process after that because there is no project.”

If the effort to lift the DPA is ultimately unsuccessful, DiDomenico said there will be no soccer stadium on the site.

“And I fear we will see what we see on that site now in the next five, 10, 15 years – a dirty power plant with smokestacks sitting on a waterfront with no public access,” said DiDomenico. “I don’t know who else would come into a community and spend \$60 million-plus to clean up the land.”

The power plant site would be more expensive to clean up than the Encore casino property, he added.

The present plans for the soccer stadium call for a 25,000-seat stadium with limited parking.

“There has to be a robust public transportation infrastructure in place,” said DiDomenico. “That is all going to be part of the process after the DPA is lifted.”

DiDomenico noted that there are a number of public transportation improvements for the area that are already part of Everett’s agreement with the casino.

The proposal to lift the DPA was initially in a supplemental budget bill that did not make it through the House.

“They had some questions about different things and wanted to have some more time,” DiDomenico said. “The next step would be for me to file a stand alone bill that will entail a hearing for the public and will go through the committee process.”

That process could take several months, he said.

Councilor-at-Large Damali Vidot said she understood the need to have positive development on the property rather than an abandoned power plant, but said Chelsea needs to be a part of the conversation about what happens on the site.

“The concern is the impact it has on the quality of life for our residents,” she said.

District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor noted that there are many people in the city who are concerned about the mitigation process.

“It seems like a lot of communities around us aren’t really stepping up to the plate on a lot of different issues,” said Taylor. “Chelsea is in kind of a unique situation and we have problems getting enough state funding as it is.”

Taylor said he supports economic activity, but that he doesn’t want Chelsea left behind when it comes to being able to afford taking care of infrastructure and other issues.

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this law with robust regulations and processes.”

The RMV also offers a pre-registering system that establishes a proactive process for booking appointments. Rather than checking the RMV website for an appointment, customers will be able to request an appointment

online, and will receive an email with a unique link when an appointment is available for them to schedule.

The RMV remains committed to providing quality services to all communities and has been working diligently to develop informational re-

sources, which include:

An informational website with helpful information on the WFMA, details identification requirements and outlines steps which must be undertaken by eligible individuals to get a Standard Class D or Class M driver’s license, including successfully passing a vision screening, and scheduling separate appointments for a learner’s permit and road test. This site was launched in 2023 because the Registry is committed to supporting the needs of newly eligible applicants.

A special informational phoneline, 857-368-WFMA (857-368-9362), to hear messaging in multiple languages.

Frequently Asked Questions and a public flyer for customers as they prepare their applications.

The RMV has also worked on additional ways to support residents by:

Translating materials into 15 languages, permits available in 35 languages, and interpreters (phone and in-person) available in 100+ languages.

Expanding call center staffing by 50 percent and adding a temporary, dedicated WFMA inquiry line operated by a vendor with live customer service representatives.

Expanding staffing at customer service centers by 50 percent and expanding hours of operation at many locations to include Saturdays and some evening hours.

More than doubling the number of road test examiners, adding temporary road test sites, and expanding hours for road test operations at many locations. For more information go to Mass.gov/WFMA or call (857) 368-WFMA (857-368-9326).

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vera, District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor, District 2 Councilor Melinda Vega, District 3 Councilor Norielez DeJesus, District 4 Councilor Tanairi Garcia, District 5 Councilor Lisa Santagate, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero, District 7 Councilor Manuel Tesche, and District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown.

Councilor Robinson will deliver his outgoing presidential address. He will then escort incoming Council President Norieliz DeJesus to the podium.

DeJesus, who will also deliver remarks during the ceremony, will preside over the inauguration ceremony for the School Committee.

The newly elected members of the School Com-

mittee are: Member-At-Large Katherine Cabral, Shawn O’Regan, (District 1), Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Neville (District 2), Jonathan Gomez-Pereira (District 3), Mayra Balderas (District 4), Claryangeliz Covas Caraballo (District 5), Ana Hernandez (District 6), Lucia Henriquez (District 7), and Yessenia Alfaro (District 8).

Maltez, the new Chelsea City Manager, will receive his oath of office in the final portion of the program.

Robinson thanked Clerk to the City Council Clifford Cunningham for his role in helping to coordinate the inauguration ceremony.

There will be light refreshments following the program.

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OBITUARIES

Catherine “Cathy” Mahoney

Her door was always open and she lived a life of adventure

Catherine R. “Cathy” Mahoney of Methuen passed away on December 24 at Nevins Nursing & Rehab Center in Methuen.

Born in Chelsea, Catherine lived for a time in Dover, NH before returning to Chelsea where she would get married and raise a family. Cathy graduated from St. Rose High School and Emmanuel College, and later went to work at Jordan Marsh, where she met her beloved husband, Joseph.

Active in her church and her children’s schools, she volunteered for both the Parish and Parents’ Councils of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Chelsea and was most active in the Bingo and annual church bazaars. In addition to raising five children, Cathy performed general office work for the Lourdes Center in Kenmore Square and later retired from Belanger & Sons in Chelsea. Cathy moved to her dream home in Methuen in 2011 where she enjoyed her retirement years close to her grandchildren.

When her kids were young, every few years she would save enough loose change for a road trip to see her sister and family in West Virginia, with stops along the way in Pennsylvania Dutch Country and Washington, D.C., always ending in Hershey Park. She loved annual trips to Montreal and Quebec with Chelsea Youth Hockey to watch her sons play. Most summers, vacations were in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, where years later she was delighted to take her grandchildren. When her grandchildren were old enough, she would take them via train to New York City, telling tales of the 1964 World’s Fair, eating at the Automat, and listening to live jazz in Harlem. Cathy loved to travel. She explored the world, with trips to London and Iceland as well as the countries of her ancestors in Ireland and France. A stroke did not prevent her from continuing her journeys, later embarking on a road trip from Texas to Boston with her brother, a cruise to Bermuda with her son and grandchildren, and a family trip to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick where her parents were born. She loved Las Vegas, especially in her later years, where she could visit her nephew, Chris, who she considered another son. Perhaps her most notable journey was a flight to Utqiagvik, Alaska in the Arctic Circle, where she played Bingo in the northernmost community center in North America. Cathy was an avid reader who surrounded herself with books and could not be beaten at Scrabble. Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune were on every night, and she amazed even her doctors at the breadth of her knowledge. An accomplished cook, she watched cooking shows religiously, carefully writing down recipes, though rarely straying



from her own favorites, mastered over a lifetime of feeding her family. She loved hosting parties, especially in her home in Methuen, where she held open houses at least twice a year. She never had a guest list, everyone was invited, and she never ran out of food. Her door was always open, the guest room always available. Nothing pleased her more than when her children’s friends called her “Ma.” Catherine was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Joseph C. Mahoney, originally of Arlington. She is survived by her devoted children: Joseph Mahoney, Jr. and Lois Mahoney of Dover, New Hampshire, Catherine and Peter Wonson of Ipswich, Christine Mahoney and Fred Durant of Chelsea, Elizabeth Mahoney of Methuen and James Mahoney and Nancy Lent of Winthrop. She was the cherished Nana of Rosemary, Josephine and James Mahoney, lovingly remembered by her sisters and brothers: Joan Cormier of Ladysmith, Virginia, Janice and Angus MacDonald of Methuen, Walter and Barbara Cormier of Everett, James Cormier of Hudson, New Hampshire, Richard Cormier of Chelsea, Daniel Cormier and Marta Priftis of Falls Church, Virginia, and brother-in-law Robert Young of St. Albans, West Virginia. Cathy was predeceased by her sister, Mary Young of St. Albans, West Virginia, brother John Cormier of Chelsea and sisters-in-law, Pauline Cormier of Londonderry, New Hampshire and Cynthia Cormier of Hudson, New Hampshire. Cathy is fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends and dearly missed by her most constant companion, her cat, Henry. Family and friends are kindly invited to attend a Funeral Service in the Smith Funeral Home, 125 Washington Avenue, Chelsea on Friday, December 29th at 10 a.m.. Visiting Hours will be held today, Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at www.stjude.org



Dominic A. Lombardi

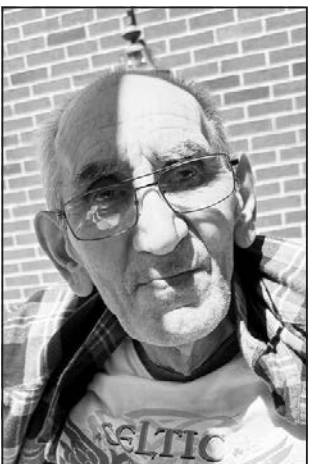
October 11, 1945 - December 19, 2023

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend Graveside services at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, 185 Lake St., Peabody on Saturday, December 30th at 11 a.m. for Dominic A. Lombardi who passed away on Tuesday, December 19th at . Attendees are asked to meet at the Cemetery Entrance on Saturday at 10:45 A.M.

Relatives and friends attended Graveside Services at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, 185 Lake St., Peabody on Saturday December 30th for Dominic A.Lombardi whopassed away on Tuesday, December 19th at Bear Hill Hill Nursing Center at Wakefield after a brief illness. He was 78 years of age.

Born and raised in East Boston, he was a beloved son of the late Joseph and Josephine (Fontana) Lombardi..

A resident of East Boston for most of his life, Dominic received his early education attending Boston Schools. He worked for the City of Boston, Park and Recreation Dept. He was assigned to the Boston Commons and Piers Park and received several Mayoral Citations for Excellence in recognition of his efforts maintaining those parks. He retired after many years of dedicated service and settled in Melrose 10 years ago.



He is fondly remembered as a pleasant gentleman with a warm smile, regarded by his friends and cronies at local Dunkin Donuts in Melrose as the “Mayor of Melrose”.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Anthony, Joseph and Michael Lombardi and his sister, Concetta Rega. He is survived by his niece Donna Crowe and her husband, James of Middleton, grandnieces Dani Crowe and wife, Karen, Christina Carmody and her husband, Brian and their children, Brian, Jr., and Isabella Carmody.

Funeral arrangements are by the Welsh Funeral Home, Chelsea.

For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit www.Welsh-FH.com



Carlos Humberto Cruz

July 1, 1974 – December 20, 2023

Carlos Humberto Cruz passed away on Wednesday, December 20at th e Mass. General Hospital in Boston after a long illness.

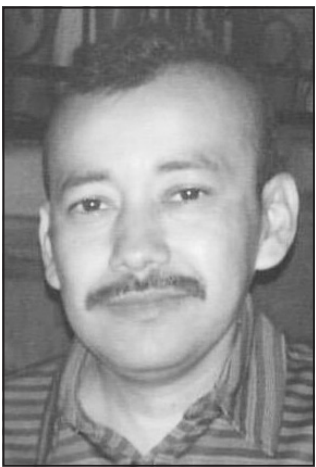
Born in Huizizil Guatemala, one of nine children of Catalino Cruz and Elizabeth Portales, he attended schools in Guatemala and came to the United States 30 years ago as a young man and settled in East Boston.

Carlos was married to Blanca Valasquez and together raised their two children.

He worked as a commercial cleaner for Italia Cleaning Services.

He was passionately devoted to home and family and was a hard worker. In his spare time, he enjoyed a good family meal and playing cards with his brothers.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 27 years, Blanca L. Cruz, his loving children Gerson Cruz and



Elizabeth Cruz. He is also survived by four brothers and four sisters and their spouses, extended family members and friends.

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Gerald “Jerry” Belmonte

May 31, 1954 - December 20, 2023

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend a funeral gathering and visitation for Gerald J. “Jerry” Belmonte in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea on Friday, December 29th from 9:30 to 11 a.m. before leaving in procession to Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, 185 Lake St., Peabody for graveside services.

At 69 years of age, Gerald “Jerry” Belmonte passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 20th.

The beloved husband of 46 years to Mildred “Cookie” (Metrick) Belmonte, he was the devoted father of Joseph M. Belmonte and Heather A. Forbes and her husband, Michael, all of Revere; loving son of the late Jerry A. and Rose C. (Lamonica) Belmonte and brother of Debra Ann Morales.

Jerry was raised in Revere and attended local schools. He worked for many years as a professional auto mechanic at



several area car dealerships. Later in life, he worked as a truck driver, delivering wholesale produce.

In his lifetime, Jerry and his wife were devoted Bruins fans. In his younger years, he enjoyed snowmobiling and fishing, he owned several racehorses and enjoyed following races at Suffolk Downs.

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William P. Resca

February 11, 1958 - December 23, 2023

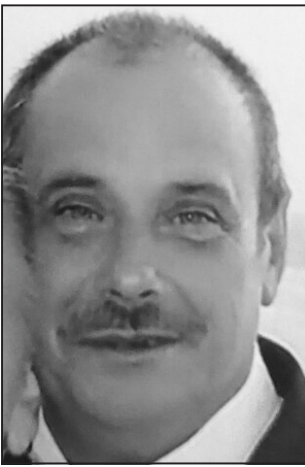
Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for William P. Resca, in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, on Saturday, December 30th from 1 to 3 p.m. He passed away unexpectedly in his home on Saturday, December 23rd. He was 65 years of age.

Born and raised in Chelsea, the beloved son of the late Frederick L., Sr., and Ann (Crosby) Resca, Billy was a resident of Chelsea for most of his life and attended local schools.

He was married to Roberta L. (Hamlin) Resca and together they resided in Everett for the past 27 years. He worked as a professional truck driver, delivering wholesale produce and food items for Baldor and B & R Produce companies.

In his lifetime, Billy enjoyed playing Ice hockey and attending rock concerts. He also had a special fondness for his many great nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Roberta Resca of Everett and his stepson, Jonathan Siegel of Lowell. He was



the dear brother of the late Frederick L. Resca, Jr., who is survived by his wife, Rita of Reading, Marie Lindholm of No. Attleboro and her late husband, Arthur, James Resca and his wife, Laurie of No. Reading, and Stephen Resca of Leominster. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, many cherished grandchildren, grandnephews and extended family members and friends.

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CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER CHRISTMAS PARTY



Santa Claus greets guests at the Christmas Party.



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus arrive at the Christmas Party held Dec. 21 at the Chelsea Senior Center.

Photos by Cary Shuman

The Chelsea Senior Center, under the leadership of Director of Elder Affairs Tracy Nowicki, hosted a Christmas Party Dec. 21 at the Center.

The guests enjoyed a baked chicken dinner with

corn and mashed potatoes, followed by a brownie topped with whipped cream for dessert.

Charly Duri provided the musical entertainment with holiday songs and popular tunes while guests danced at the festive event.



Marjorie Delorey and Allan Denchfield, dancing to the music at the Chelsea Senior Center's Christmas Party.



Curtis Thayer and Delores Russo heading to their table to enjoy the baked chicken dinner.



Director of Elder Affairs Tracy Nowicki welcomes Taylor Sprague and J.J. White from Rep. Judith Garcia's Office to the Christmas Party at the Chelsea Senior Center.



Juan Ramos and Diane Brousseau did a great job in culinary operations at the holiday luncheon.



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CHELSEA SENIOR CENTER CHRISTMAS PARTY



Tracy Nowicki and Michael DeJesus welcome guests to the Christmas Party at the Chelsea Senior Center.



Guest vocalist Charly Duri, who did a great entertaining the guests, performs onstage at the Christmas Party.



Romachel Zuniga, Flor, Claudia, and Manuel, pictured at the Christmas Party.



Santa Claus receives a warm welcome from the guests at the Chelsea Senior Center Christmas Party.



Vicky Scott, Juana Longa, Estherr O'Riel, and Dina Sanchez.



From left, Senior Advocate Geraldine Portillo, Director of Maintenance Juan Ramos, Director of Elder Affairs Tracy Nowicki, Outreach Program Coordinator Michael DeJesus, and guest vocalist Charly Duri.



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Sports

CHS Roundup

CHS GIRLS HOOP TO PLAY AT MEDFORD JAN. 2

The Chelsea High girls basketball team will swing back into action this coming Tuesday, January 2, when coach Ben Jette and his crew trek to Medford. The Lady Red Devils then will travel to Lynn English next Thursday.

Although the Chelsea girls came up short in their most-recent contest with Revere last Thursday, Jette lauded the play of senior Alessandra Campos. “Alessandra kept us fighting with many rebounds and defensive stops,” said Jette.

CHS BOYS EDGE REVERE, 52-51, IN FINAL SECONDS

The home-and-home contests between the Chelsea and Revere High boys basketball teams have seen many epic battles since the schools renewed their long rivalry about a dozen years ago, and last Thursday’s nail-biting finish proved worthy of that legacy.

This time, it was the Red Devils’ -- and their fans’ -- turn to bask in the glow of victory after a clutch three-pointer by Brauli Quezada Tineo in the waning seconds gave Chelsea a 52-51 triumph at the Merullo Fieldhouse at Revere High before a large crowd of fans from both sides.

“We like to call it the Battle of Broadway,” said second-year CHS head coach Cesar Castro, who himself partook of the fierce rivalry when he was a star performer on the hardwood for Chelsea. “We already know what is expected with that type of game. It’s a rivalry in which both teams always play tough against each other. The game was back-and-forth the whole way -- we would make a run, and then Revere would make a run.”

The final minute proved to be decisive with both teams turning in clutch plays. Chelsea held a three-point lead with 1:08 to go when Revere missed a shot and the rebound became a loose ball with players on both sides diving for the ball. A Patriot managed to tip the ball to a teammate up top from where he sank a trey to tie the score with 1:08 to go.

Chelsea turned the ball over on its next possession and Revere took full advantage, hitting the go-ahead bucket with 33 seconds remaining. The Red Devils pushed the ball up and a Revere player blocked a shot out of bounds under the Red Devils’ hoop with 16 seconds to go. Revere called its last timeout to set up their defense. However, that also gave Castro an opportunity to draw up a play -- and in a contest in which the last true possession would prove decisive, it was the Red Devils who made the most of that final opportunity.

“I told our boys that we were going for the win,” said Castro. “I drew up a play that we never had run or practiced before. They executed it and Brauli sank the game-winning three.”

Chelsea passed the

ball inbounds, swung it up to Quezada-Tineo, and Brauli swished a deep three-pointer for the game-winning shot. Revere pushed the ball up, but a desperation shot at the buzzer came up short.

“Brauli made the clutch shot, but our player of the game was Edwin De Jesus,” said Castro of the junior guard who got hot down the stretch, making a nice layup and two three-pointers to put the Red Devils ahead by three with 1:48 remaining in the game.

“Edwin gave us a huge spark off the bench with 15 points. Without him we wouldn’t have been in the position to help us win the game. He’s a player who is getting better everyday and who works extremely hard. He plays hard, flies around, and finishes at the rim. Edwin also can also knock down the three. I’m very proud of him.

“We were a very-inexperienced team last year, but the guys this year know what is expected and they have a great feel for the game,” Castro continued. “We have a group of guys who can be anyone’s night. That’s what I love about this group. No one complains. We just get better as a team. As we say, we are going to continue to stack days and keep building our foundation, brick-by-brick.

Castro mentioned some of the Red Devils who have been playing key roles thus far this season.

“A player to watch out for is sophomore guard Moe Osman, who can guard opposing teams’ 1-5 and average about 20 points per game right now,” said Castro. “Abdi Mohamed is a senior guard who controls the offense and is a menace on defense. Justin Toro is another senior guard who is our knock-down shooter and heart of the team. David Wright, also a senior guard, has the mid-range game and gets into the passing lanes and finishes at the rim. JD Arias is a senior guard who is real scrappy and who plays with so much heart. Brauli Quezada Tineo is a senior guard who is a knock-down shooter and who can create for others.

“Key guys who do all the little things on the team include Christian Colon, and Felipe Franco Garcia. And, when their time comes, junior forward Michael Fortune and sophomores Moses Kerenzo and Noordin Abdi are going to be huge assets to the team.”

The win over Revere boosted the Red Devils to the .500 mark with a 2-2 record. Chelsea has topped Somerville, 52-46, and dropped a pair of tough ones to Everett, 51-61, and Malden 57-51.

“We missed a lot of easy bunnies in that Malden game and also missed 11 free throws,” noted Castro. “But last year against those two opponents, we probably lost by a combined 35-plus points to them.”

Chelsea will be competing in the Cambridge Legends Classic today (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday) at Cambridge

SCENES FROM CHELSEA HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL VS. REVERE



PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA

Keara Chevez Trejo (12) fights off a Revere defender as she gains control of the ball.



Dieunie Cademus and Revere, Leãh Doucette vie for a rebound.



Monica Cespedes-Cruz (1) makes a move toward the basket.

SCENES FROM CHELSEA HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL VS. REVERE



Monica Céspedes-Cruz (1) tries to cut a path between Revere,Ãos Belma Velic (33) and Marwa Riad (22)



Alessandra Campos (14) looks for more running room as she gets past a Revere defender.



Keara Chevez Trejo (12) is in full stride as she passes off.

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Rindge and Latin. The Red Devils are scheduled to meet Woburn today at 2:00 pm and will face either Georgetown or Cambridge tomorrow in either the consolation (12 noon) or championship game (4:00).

TICKETS ON SALE FOR CHS BOYS' GAME IN TD GARDEN JAN. 14

The Chelsea High boys basketball team will be competing in the annual Andrew James Lawson Invitational tournament on Sunday, January 14, in the TD Boston Garden. The Red Devils will be meeting Cambridge Rindge and Latin for a 4:00 tip-off. The annual event features boys and girls high school teams starting in the morning and continu-

ing through the evening. The Red Devils need to sell 400 tickets which are available at \$25.00 each. Tickets may be purchased with the promotional code CHELSEAB on the tournament website. The tournament is a fundraiser for the Andrew James Lawson not-for-profit organization established in Andrew's memory by his family to advance and improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by funding, developing, and promoting programs, projects, or individual scholarships that encourage and support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and help foster inclusion in their community.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins' hope to end on high note

Following the Christmas break, the Bruins were holding on to second place in the Eastern Conference, trailing the New York Rangers by three points. This spot near the top of the Conference standings is thanks to the hot streak the locals managed to post to start the 2023-24 season. 32 games into the regular season, the Bruins have now hit a low spot, having lost their last four games...their longest losing streak since 2019. Many things come to the forefront as the possible cause – or causes - for this change in success. The big boys making the big money are not producing with regularity, the defense on many occasions has been shabby, and without some strong play in goal, things could be a lot worse at this point. Fortunately their strong start to the season currently has them leading the Atlantic Division, by four points over the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Florida Panthers.

Disciplined play has also been missing in many games, leading to weak penalty kills, which often results in Boston giving up power play goals. The formula of taking a lot of penalties and not have the solid penalty kill is a deadly combination that always ends up badly. Add to the mix, the inability to protect a lead late in the game, especially noticeable lately in their third period play. The sputtering offense has been a mystery, A look at the team's stats reflect that very fact, as David Pastrnak leads the team with 20 goals/24 assists – 44 points, trailed by Brad Marchand's 16-point drop off 13/15 – 28, and another seven point gap before hitting the next three players tied at 21 points – Charlie Coyle, Pavel Zacha, and James van Riemsdyk. Not very impressive numbers

for sure. Glaringly missing from the team's point leaders is the name of Jake DeBrusk, a player who came into this season with high expectations, and to date he has only four goals, and none in the last ten matchups. Team captain Marchand has also hit a dry spell – one goal for the previous seven games, Zacha is scoreless for his previous seven, and van Riemsdyk's hot start to the season has resulted in just a single puck finding the back of the net in the past 15 games for him. DeBrusk is on the list of players whose goal-scoring has become ice cold, This is the combination that explains why the Bruins are having trouble taking home the two points lately, as despite some adequate to excellent goaltending by Linus Ullmark and Jeremy Swayman, it's pretty difficult to win a game when only scoring a goal or two. Proof of that is in the numbers which show the Bruins in their previous eight games, have only managed a pair or fewer goals, and sadly, in four of those games they were only able to score a single goal. Solve some of those problems soon, and possibly the ship can right itself.

At press time (Wednesday), the Bruins were taking on division-rival Buffalo Sabres on the road, returning home to host the New Jersey Devils on Saturday 7:00pm, back on the road for a pair in Detroit on Sunday 5:00pm, and Tuesday 7:00pm with the Blue Jackets, before coming back to TD Garden ice to host the Pittsburgh Penguins on Thursday at 7:00pm. These Eastern Division teams are presently playing at a low level, with only New Jersey having picked up the pace with a 6-3-1 record for their last ten games.





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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

VAN CAMPEN HAS THE VOTES TO BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

EVERETT - Robert Van Campen, who made a triumphant return with his election as Ward 3 councilor in November, reportedly has the votes to be the next president of the Everett City Council.

Van Campen will be one of six new members of the City Council. The others who will take office at the Jan. 5 inauguration ceremony are councillors-at-large Guerline Alcy and Katy Rogers, and ward councillors Anthony DiPierro (Ward 3), Holly Garcia (Ward 4), and Peter Pietrantonio (Ward 6). The five returning officials are Councillors-at-Large Michael Marchese, Stephanie Smith, and John Hanlon, Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Matewsky and Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins.

The new City Council will vote for president at its first meeting of the year on Monday, Jan. 8.

Matewsky, 65, had the inside track on the presidency, but he decided not to pursue it due to “recent health issues.” Matewsky proceeded to deliver his support to Van Campen.

“Robert is fair, knowledgeable, and an outstanding attorney,” said Matewsky. “I think he’ll do an excellent job as

council president.”

Van Campen, 49, previously served for 14 years in city government, one term on the Everett Common Council and six terms on the Everett Board of Aldermen. He was president of the Board of Aldermen three times, last serving on the Board in 2014.

Van Campen asserted that nothing will be official until his colleagues cast their votes on Jan. 8, but he did acknowledge that there is talk that he will be the next president of the 11-member Council.

“At the end of the day, if I get elected and have the votes to become president, I’m looking forward to serving in that capacity,” Van Campen told the Everett Independent. “My goal would be to bring a stable voice to the debate, and I hope I can do that. I look forward to working with the new members, the existing members, the administration, and all the stakeholders in the community to keep things moving in the right direction and to try to get some stuff done.”

A former deputy mayor and city solicitor for the city of Melrose, Van Campen is currently the general counsel for AFSCME Council 93, a labor organization. He is a graduate of Melrose High School, Suffolk University and Suffolk Law School and has law offices on

Beacon Street in Boston.

Van Campen and his wife, Lisa, have been married for 18 years, and they have two children, Lily, 17, and John, 14. Robert is the son of Marie (Raneli) Van Campen of Everett and the late Richard Van Campen.

Van Campen said he will be attending the final meeting of the current City Council on Tuesday, Dec. 26 at which time the outgoing councilors will be recognized.

PIERS PARK II IS COMPLETED

EAST BOSTON - The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), members of the Piers Park Advisory Committee (PierPAC), local elected officials and community members last week celebrated the opening of Piers Park II on the East Boston Waterfront. This new park is adjacent to the award-winning Piers Park, which was completed over twenty years ago. With the addition of Piers Park II, Massport now owns and operates approximately 38 acres of green space throughout East Boston.

“We are thrilled to celebrate the opening of Piers Park II, creating more green space for the residents of East Boston,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. “The State and Massport are happy to

WINTHROP JOY AND PEACE ON EARTH MARKET



PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

Shoppers attending the Winthrop Cultural Council's Joy and Peace on Earth Art Market on December 10 at the EB Newton Cultural Center.



Shoppers attending the Winthrop Cultural Council's Joy and Peace on Earth Art Market.



Dawn Mahoney with her acrylic-painted wreath and poinsettia on a clam and scallop shell.



Amy Rodriguez and Mary Ellen Honan holding Rodriguez's calendar that features photographs of Winthrop.

participate in this joyous collaboration of community members that brought this project to life.”

In collaboration with the PierPAC, Massport worked with East Boston residents to design the project. While the original Piers Park was designed

for unstructured activity, Piers Park II is an active park including a 1.07-acre active play area as the centerpiece, allowing multiple groups of people to participate in activities at the same time.

The design for the 4.5-acre park includes key resiliency features to help protect the area from flooding and sea level rise. Several sustainable elements have been incorporated into the park’s design to protect against flooding at a critical flood water pathway and reduce heat island effect in the dense East Boston community, including:

- Elevating the park site and creating landscape berms to provide flood protection;
- Replacing the gravel lot with 4.5 acres of green-space;
- Planting 72 new trees;
- Installing drinking fountains with bottle filling stations;
- Placing energy efficient lighting throughout the park and at the new Sailing Center building, and;
- Building a highly efficient heating and cooling system in the new Sailing Center building.

“We are excited to announce the official opening of Piers Park II after years of collaborative efforts between

Massport, the PierPAC and the East Boston community to make this possible,” said Massport Board Member John Nucci. “This park provides more green space for the area and has a number of resiliency features providing a diverse and rich environment for all of those who call East Boston home.”

“Piers Park II further enhances the waterfront of East Boston and provides more open space and views for community members and visitors to enjoy,” said State Senator Lydia Edwards. “I’m thrilled that this project has become a reality after years of collaborative efforts.”

“Piers Park is one of our community’s most cherished, beautiful open spaces, and I am so excited to be celebrating the official opening of Piers Park II today!,” said State Representative Adrian Madaro. “This moment is one that has been a long time coming, and I want to thank

Massport for their partnership in making Piers Park II a reality, as well as all of the community activists who have played a role in bringing this much-anticipated project to completion. East Boston will now have even more waterfront open space to enjoy.”

“We are excited to celebrate the completion of Piers Park II, a green space that adds to the vibrant East Boston community,” said Massport Interim CEO Ed Freni. “This new park is a great addition to the East Boston Waterfront and we look forward to seeing the community and visitors enjoy this new space.”

The park contains several water features, a picnic grove, multi-generational exercise equipment, and a children’s area with a playground and wandering path with musical instruments. A new 1,600-square-foot building for the Piers Park Sailing Center and an open air pavilion structure was built on the park site, providing views of the waterfront activity for the staff and participants.

“Open space along our waterfront is a priority for East Boston and we are thrilled to celebrate the addition of the now completed Piers Park II,” said Boston City Councilor Gabriella Coletta. “Our parks provide some of the most beautiful views of the Boston skyline and will be cherished by the community for generations.”

“The East Boston neighborhood has long awaited the official opening of Piers Park II and I’m grateful to the active members of our community that have continued to support bringing this project to life,” said former Boston City Councilor and PierPAC member Sal LaMattina. “Residents and visitors of all ages will greatly benefit from the thoughtful design of this project.”

“Piers Park II is an excellent addition to the waterfront for all residents and visitors of the community to enjoy,” said Executive Director of the Piers Park Sailing Center Alex DeFronzo. “We are thrilled about the new building for the Sailing Center as we continuously work to improve and

LEGAL NOTICES

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CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION
FOR BIDS

Hauling and Disposal of Stockpiled Material

The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor, equipment and materials for “Hauling and Disposal of Stockpiled Material”. Invitation for Bids will be available on or after December 28, 2023, by visiting the City’s website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “Hauling and Disposal of Stockpiled Material” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 10:00AM on Thursday, January 18, 2024. 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 12/28/23

OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU21P0643EA Estate of: Rita Yannetti Date of Death: 10/09/2020

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Linda Finnegan of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First and Final and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 01/31/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 20, 2023 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate 12/28/23

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Department of

Public Works will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00pm at City Hall 3rd floor in the DPW Conference room. Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of Crown Castle for the following petitions: Crown Castle would like to upgrade wireless facilities in 5 locations in Chelsea, MA. The antenna will be upgraded to 48.2 in. X 14.6 in. and the shroud will be upgraded to 69.50 in. X 22.73 in. The addresses for the upgrades are listed below: 7 Gardner St. Chelsea, MA 21 Cottage St. Chelsea, MA 5 Maverick St. Chelsea, MA 103 Poplar St. Chelsea, MA 210 Williams St. Chelsea, MA Public comments will be accepted during the meeting. Written comments are accepted by email to cflox@chelseama.gov until 12:00pm on 1/16/24. The public is invited to attend. Cate Fox Lent Commissioner 12/28/23, 1/4/24

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NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2023-30 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, January 9, 2024 Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: City of Chelsea For Variance seeking approval for the demolition of an existing porch and construct a new lumber landing with a stairway and lift device which does not meet the minimum requirements for front yard setback in the

Residential 1 District at the premises known as: 12 Warren Avenue A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk’s Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 12/21/23, 12/28/23

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 ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU23CO580CA In the matter of: Amina Tigoulmamane Khan

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Amina Tigoulmamane K Han of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Amina Tigoulmamane

IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/04/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 13, 2023 Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate 12/28/23

LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE In accordance with

Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a special meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on December 21, 2023, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders:

Ordered, that the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea as amended, by 1) amending Section 34-28 by adding “TCOD and Transit Community Overlay District” at the bottom of the table; by 2) inserting a new Section 34-188 titled “Transit Community Overlay District” with the wording attached to this Order; by 3) amending the official Zoning Map to include the map of the Transit Community Overlay District, a copy of which is attached; and by 4) revising the title of Section 34-216 to read as follows: “Design review procedures for the residential 3 (R3), Retail Business 2 (BR2), Light Industrial/Office 2 (LI2), and Transit Community Overlay District (TCOD) Districts”; and that said amendments be reviewed and that a public hearing be scheduled on to discuss the proposed zoning amendments pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 40A.

Be it further ordered, that the petition be forwarded to the Chelsea Planning Board for a recommendation of the Zoning Amendment pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 40A.

Ordered, that the following petition for the adoption of an amendment to Chapter 34, Article X, Section 34-241 – Definitions Commercial recreation, indoor of the City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance be reviewed and that a public hearing be scheduled on to discuss the proposed zoning amendments pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 40A.

1. Amend Section 34-241 Indoor commercial recreation.
2. Change the theater, concert halls, and cinema land use category (Section 34-262) to include exhibition halls.
3. Add a definition of exhibition hall (Section

34-241). 4. Change the definition of Health and fitness club (Section 34-241). Be it further ordered, that the petition be forwarded to the Chelsea Planning Board for a recommendation of the Zoning Amendment pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 40A. Copies of the orders are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Broadway, Room 209, Chelsea, MA 02150. Jeannette Cintron White City Clerk 12/28/23

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Rebid CONSULTANT FOR CHS REIMAGINATION The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for “CONSULTANT FOR CHS REIMAGINATION”. Request for Proposals will be available on or after January 4, 2024 by visiting the City’s website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked “CONSULTANT FOR CHS REIMAGINATION” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, January 18, 2024. 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 12/28

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elevate our program, and create opportunities in the East Boston community to enjoy the waterfront and the harbor.”

Working in concert with government, community and civic leaders throughout Massachusetts and New England, Massport is an active participant in efforts that improve the quality of life for residents living near its facilities and who make sacrifices every day so that the Authority can deliver important transportation services to families and businesses throughout New England.

COUNCIL CLOSES OUT 2023

REVERE - The City Council held its final meeting of the year last week.

When the council reconvenes in January for its new session, it will have a markedly different look, as there will be six new councillors, more than half the body.

During Monday night’s meeting, the six outgoing councillors – Patrick Keefe, Steven Morabito, John Powers, Dan Rizzo, Richard Serino, and Gerry Visconti were acknowledged and honored with the 2023 Legislative Bench Acknowledgments.

Keefe was also acknowledged as the 12th City Councillor elected to the office as mayor. Keefe, who has been serving at the Acting Mayor since earlier this year, will be official sworn in during an inaugural ceremony at the Susan B. Anthony School on New Year’s Day.

Also acknowledged was outgoing Council President Pro Tem Joanne McKenna. McKenna took over the president’s position from Keefe when Keefe became the acting mayor.

“I would like to say thank you to my fellow councillors for voting me as Vice President back in January,” said McKenna. “The experience of being later appointed Pro Tempore has also been a growth period in my career. I would also like to take this opportunity to Thank my Ward One residents for the vote of confidence in re-electing me to another term. It is truly an honor to be re-elected for my fifth term.

I promise to continue to work hard, be fair, and give it my all to the Ward One residents and the city

of Revere.”

Councillor-at-Large Gerry Visconti thanked his family and his supporters, as well as City Clerk Ashley Melnik for helping keep the council on track during the past several years as the council has navigated some major issues, including the high school building project, the budgets, and the proposed life sciences building at Suffolk Downs.

As this was the last council meeting of the term, the council voted to place a number of items that have been in council committees on file, meaning they will have to be brought forth with a new motion at a future council meeting if they are to be reconsidered.

Two dozen motions were placed on file, including ones related to water meter rates, the salaries for city councilors, a home child-care ordinance, and several requested appointments.

In other business, the council received correspondence from city finance director Richard Viscay updating it on the Community Improvement Trust (CIT) Fund amounts for each ward.

The CIT balance as of June 30 was \$891,497.95. Broken down by wards, the balance was \$362,358.70 for Ward 1, \$247,867.85 for Ward 2, \$307.50 for Ward 3, \$46,620 for Ward 4, \$180,862.30 for Ward 5, and \$53,481.60 for Ward 6.

WINTHROP CHARITIES CONTINUES ITS GENEROSITY

WINTHROP - It was exactly this time of the year in 1980 when Sports Illustrated named Mike Eruzione and the gold-medal-winning USA Olympic hockey team Sportspersons of the Year.

Eruzione had scored the winning goal in a monumental 4-3 upset of the Soviet Union team who was seeking its sixth consecutive Olympic gold medal. Two days later, Team USA beat Finland, 4-2, in the gold medal game. SI later named Mike Eruzione’s achievement “The Top Sports Moment of the 20th Century.” Al Michaels became a sports broadcasting superstar, a career launched by his dramatic calls of Team USA’s games.

Following a visit with

President Jimmy Carter at the White House, Eruzione had the opportunity to play in the National Hockey League, but he declined those offers, opting not to turn professional.

Today Mike Eruzione and his wife, Donna Eruzione, continue to reside in Winthrop, and the family’s Winthrop Charities has emerged as one of the town’s most generous donors. This year, Winthrop Charities donated \$25,000 to various organizations and causes. One of its substantial donations was a gift to the Winthrop schools for the purchase of defibrillators. All told, the Eruzione family’s Winthrop Charities has donated more than \$250,000 during its two-decade history.

In August, Mike made a special appearance at the Winthrop Cultural Center inside the former E.B. Newton School building to talk about his book, “The Making of A Miracle.” WCAT videotaped the talk, and it has been viewed on YouTube by people around the world. The Mike Eruzione Pro Shop in downtown Lake Placid has opened as a tribute to the 1980 Miracle on Ice Team.

Olympic gold will always shine brightly in the town – as will Mike and Donna Eruzione’s Winthrop Charities’ incredible generosity for the past 20 years - and into the future.

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GOVERNOR BELLINGHAM-CARY HOUSE ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY PARTY

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Frozen ice lanterns lined the path leading to the Governor Bellingham-Cary House on December 15 during the association’s holiday party. The second story rooms of the historic, 17th century home were aglow in red and green, in homage to the nautical tradition that indicates the port and starboard sides for vessels returning home. “There is a phrase, ‘red, right, returning;’ so when you’ve come back from wherever you’ve been in the world, you know where the channel is in the harbor. You keep the red light on the right,” explained Karen Mac Innis, President. “For over 100 years, at

least three generations of Cary men sailed from the 1700s-1800s. They sailed through the Mediterranean, to Turkey, China, Vancouver, and the Columbia River.” The illumination -- visible from Parker Street -- honored the family’s return to “the retreat” that the Bellingham-Cary House had originally been, on vast, relatively unsettled land. Guests enjoyed hot wassail and an assortment of cookies, including sugar cookies stamped with an image of the house’s façade. Friends also gathered in the entryway to sing “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” joining grandiosely in reciting the line, “five golden rings



Devra Zabot, placing her “Lil Devvie” amaretto cookies on the baked goods table



Matt Frank, GBCA trustee, and Alexander Collins Tracy and Paul Nowicki



Bruce Mac Innis warming a batch of fresh wassail



Faye Dookharan, GBCA Treasurer, and Matt Frank, GBCA trustee



Rosemary Hughes and Keith Houghton



Ledia Koco, GBCA Corresponding Secretary, Sandy Joneck-Schiff, and Faye Dookharan, GBCA Treasurer



Karen Mac Innis, GBCA President, leading guests in singing, “The Twelve Days of Christmas”



Jean Chapman, GBCA Vice President, enjoying sugar cookies, wassail, and conversation



Community members gathering in the Governor Bellingham-Cary House kitchen during a holiday party on December 15

Wishing you and your family

Happy New Year!