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A client leaves the La Colaborativa office passing by the mural, which is prominent in the hallway. The office has gone through a transformation with help of area agencies and grants to serve residents that are in need of a safety shelter . See page 12 for story and more photos.



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La Colaborativa staff Aiden, Marco, and Gladys bring in food for their clients.

DiDomenico champions Community Action Agencies



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking during the MASSCAP event

Special to the Record

Senator Sal DiDomenico spoke at the Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MASSCAP)’s public policy briefing about the essential role Community Action Agencies play in our community. He was joined by the Community Action Agency leaders in his district, Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee (CEOC), Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC), and Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD).

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Shown (left to right) are Richelle Cromwell (CAPIC Executive Director), Tina Alu (CEOC Executive Director), Senator Sal DiDomenico, Sharon Scott-Chandler (ABCD President and CEO), Joe Diamond (Executive Director of MASSCAP)

Quatieri the choice as next fire chief

By Adam Swift

John Quatieri is the choice to serve as Chelsea’s new fire chief.

Quatieri, who currently serves as deputy chief and has served in the department for 32 years, will take over for current Fire Chief Leonard Albanese.

Earlier this year, Albanese announced his retirement after eight years in the department.

“Upon this announcement, we posted the position and created a hiring committee,” said City Manager Fidel Maltez. “The hiring committee was made up of a diverse body of members, all invested in the long term success of our Fire Department. The hiring committee interviewed all applicants and made a unanimous decision to proceed with John Quatieri as our next Fire Chief.”

Quatieri’s appointment will be effected on March 8, the date of Albanese’s retirement.

Maltez said during the process, one thing that was a priority was hiring someone with a deep knowledge of the city and the department, and with 32 years in the department, Quatieri fits the bill.

“Mr. Quatieri has been a deputy chief since 2006, and for the last eight years, has served as deputy chief of operations, responsible for the day-to-day (operations) of the fire department,” said Maltez. “Mr. Quatieri has the leadership skills and technical knowledge to lead Chelsea’s Fire Department. Most importantly, Mr. Quatieri is intimately involved in our city, leading various community efforts.”

Maltez said he has asked Quatieri to set up meetings with each member of the city council over the next several months to continue the collaborative effort between the fire chief and the council.

“John knows Chelsea, he was born and raised in Chelsea, and has spent 32 years in the department, said Maltez. “But more importantly, he has been running the show for the past eight years alongside Chief Albanese, and I see no one better prepared to lead the Chelsea Fire Department forward.”

City Manager looks to the future

By Adam Swift

New City Manager Fidel Maltez is taking both a short- and long-term look at his new position.

Maltez, who recently completed his first 30 days in office, recently met with the city council to discuss his 100 Days Action Plan for his first three-months plus as city manager.

The action plan focuses on some shorter-term measures, such as the realignment of the city manager’s office and an increased focus on outreach to residents. It also looks ahead in a big way, as Maltez said he hopes to have the city advertise a request for proposals for a major master plan undertaking later this spring.

Some of the other upcoming 100 day action plan items coming up include the finalization of the FY25 budget, a focus on Downtown Broadway improvements, and establishing a women’s commission and the relaunch of Disability Commission the Beautification Committee.

Continuing through his first several months in office, Maltez has held a number of listening sessions with community groups and residents to get their feedback on where they would like to see the city manager lead Chelsea.

“A lot of the work that I am doing right now really is to educate and inform me and our staff on what is important for the residents,” said Maltez. “I want to make sure that we are prioritizing the needs of the council, prioritizing the needs of all of our residents in this process.”

During the early days of his administration, Maltez said he worked on creating focus areas and structure them so that there was someone invested in working on those specific areas of focus.

“I am taking a lead role in support of our schools, that is something I am not only passionate about, but I also have an incredible relationship with our superintendent, whom I admire,” said Maltez. “I am investing a lot of time on thinking about how I can support our schools.”

Some other key focus areas include public safety, youth and workforce development, and housing.

“Another thing that I have spent a lot of time on is what I call our core values,” said Maltez. “I am hoping that it becomes our manta and our guiding light. It’s goals, but it’s also how we shape

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HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ARE TO BLAME FOR UKRAINE’S PREDICAMENT

When a small gang of extreme Republicans undertook the ouster of former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy last year, we wrote at the time that the refusal of Democrats to aid in keeping McCarthy in his seat was foolhardy. Despite the contempt that Democrats felt about McCarthy, we noted that he was better than any likely replacement from the GOP. McCarthy had negotiated a debt ceiling increase and a budget with President Biden, and he was a staunch supporter of Ukraine.

As we wrote at the time, “The devil you know is better than the devil you don’t.”

However, the Democrats took the bait and sided with the small band of extremists to oust McCarthy. Instead of being the adults in the room, the new Democratic House leadership decided instead to sit back smugly and watch the spectacle, no doubt figuring that the GOP’s self-destruction would be advantageous politically.

But it is obvious now that the Democrats severely miscalculated. McCarthy has come and gone and Mike Johnson, an evangelical right-winger, is the new House Speaker. The chaos surrounding McCarthy’s final days is long-forgotten and the new reality is that Johnson represents an even more-extreme form of Republicanism than before. Most significantly, Johnson has refused to take up the bill that was passed by a bipartisan majority in the Senate to provide additional military aid to Ukraine.

For Americans who have been alarmed by Vladimir Putin’s assault on freedom, this has been a very depressing week. First came word that Putin’s main political adversary, Alexei Navalny, had died in a Siberian gulag under still-unknown circumstances. A few days later, the Ukrainian army had to abandon its position in a key city because of a lack of ammunition thanks to the failure of the U.S. to deliver military assistance.

But what is most-depressing is that it is becoming increasingly clear that Putin has outfoxed American leaders in the White House and in the Congress. To use a common metaphor, Putin has been playing three-dimensional chess and our petty and ineffectual leaders, especially the Democrats, have been playing checkers.

Putin understands American politics better than our own leaders, especially the Democrats, who obviously are clueless. The Democrats thought they were scoring political points when they abetted in McCarthy’s downfall, but in reality, they fell into a trap, with the result that they have become nothing more than the useful idiots of the 21st century.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS NEED TO TELL BIDEN TO STEP ASIDE

It has become increasingly obvious that President Joe Biden is spiraling faster-and-faster downhill, both physically and mentally.

He can barely string together two sentences -- not even from a teleprompter -- and if he answers questions off-the-cuff (which he seldomly does because he has held fewer press conferences than any president in modern history, and when he has held press conferences, he answers questions that have been pre-submitted on index cards), he invariably will commit a major gaffe.

His advisors tell us that in meetings, he’s as sharp as ever. But if that’s true, then (as Jon Stewart suggested) why not show us a video of one of those meetings so we all can see him in action, so to speak?

Let’s be clear where we stand: Joe Biden has been a great president and his administration has accomplished more legislation that will benefit Americans than any since Lyndon Johnson’s in the 1960s.

But as much as Biden deserves credit for his landmark achievements, the only thing that matters is the future. No politician deserves re-election based solely on what they’ve done in the past. Our elected public officials are public servants -- not the other way around -- and candidates have to be judged based on what they can do if re-elected.

The view of a majority of voters, including Democrats, is that Joe Biden is a stumbling and bumbling old man. His rapid descent into old-age before our eyes is evidence of the truth of the maxim, “Time and tide wait for no man.”

However, despite Biden’s low poll numbers, no Democratic leader has had the courage to come forward to tell Biden that he should step aside. In our view, the Democrats’ failure to acknowledge the reality that the whole world can see eventually will be shown to represent a serious miscalculation that threatens not only the future of democracy in this country, but throughout the entire free world.

If Biden were to step aside (as LBJ did in March of 1968) it would energize the Democrats and the country. Yes, it might be a bit messy, but the end result would be a younger and more vigorous candidate, such as Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, for example, with a vice-presidential candidate such as Maryland Governor Wes Moore (or vice-versa) in whom the American public would feel proud and confident in tackling the challenges facing the world today.

Davis announces candidacy for Democratic State Committee Woman

Former Mayor Henrietta Davis announces that She is a candidate for Democratic State Committee Woman.

The following is her statement:

I’m excited to announce that I’m running for Democratic State Committee Woman, to help make a difference in this critical presidential election year. I want to bring together Democrats to actively campaign for candidates who will protect women’s rights, LGBTQIA+ rights, civil rights and voting rights, and promote true democratic values.

I want to tell you about who I am and my record of accomplishment. As mayor of Cambridge, and in my many years as an elected official there, I went all out to see that we



Henrietta Davis.

in Massachusetts were national leaders in children and family health, in addressing climate change and in providing solutions for housing at all income levels.

I’m a policy person and a strong believer in democratic values--in making government work for the people, in fairness and for participation in government. I always work collaboratively and strategically to get things done. That’s what I plan to do as Democratic State Com-

mittee Woman.

I am proud to have Senator Sal DiDomenico’s endorsement as I run for this seat which represents his Senate district, Middlesex and Suffolk. It is made up of the eastern end of Cambridge, and all of Chelsea, Everett and Charlestown. It’s a wonderfully diverse district, and a microcosm of the state. I would like to be a link between the people of the district and the Massachusetts Democratic Party -- to help the party to hear more about the issues and opportunities that confront people across this district. And MassDems could also become more connected to the hard-working organizations and non profits that are helping our families, communities and businesses thrive. I pledge

to work hard to be that link for the Middlesex and Suffolk district.

We have lots of work ahead to first of all elect a Democratic President and build a robust social safety net. We need to answer urgent housing needs, to create jobs and opportunities for workers to afford to remain in our state. We also must urgently reduce carbon emissions and increase alternative energy resources, to protect people from the effects of climate change. There is an urgent need to address the needs of new immigrants. These are all priorities for me. I ask for your vote on March 5 (or before if you vote by mail.) I would be honored to serve you and look forward to hearing your priorities for our district.

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our work and how we talk about our work.”

At the heart of the core values are accountability and responsiveness, Maltez said.

“Accountability is the idea that we will own our mistakes and we will always look at ways to improve our processes,” said Maltez. “Responsiveness is the notion that we will respond to every resident. We may not provide the

answer they are looking for, but we will respond and we will always provide an avenue for residents to provide feedback.”

Maltez said he has heard from the council, and he agrees, that Chelsea should have a resident-focused government that is innovative, proactive, and ahead of the curve.

Looking further ahead, Maltez said the master

planning process is something that will see the city looking at its future and how it should be shaped for the next 25 years.

“It is something that we have talked about in Chelsea quite a bit in the past, and it is definitely something that is going to be a big priority of mine in order to move it forward,” said Maltez. “We are calling it Chelsea 2050 ... but the idea is that it is going to

be a strategic master plan, and it is going to be a city-wide conversation that is going to be led by an external entity, with support and input from my office. It is going to be someone who has done this before in other communities, and they can walk us through where we think Chelsea should be in 25 years.”



City Manager Fidel Maltez at a recent community listening session with Chelsea High School students.

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Chelsea and Everett join together to celebrate federal funds for Island End River project

Staff Report

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley visited Chelsea City Hall on Tuesday to help celebrate the \$750,000 in federal funding she secured for Chelsea and Everett’s Island End River Coastal Flood Resilience Project.

Officials from both cities, including Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez and Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria, joined local environmental justice advocates and the congresswoman in a press conference and a roundtable discussion.

The \$750,000 in federal funds will help address the growing flood risk for environmental justice communities in Chelsea and Everett, which Pressley said are both home to critical food distribution and energy infrastructure.

“Our growing climate crisis is a racial, economic, and public health issue that requires bold, intersectional investments to confront it head on,” said Pressley. “With environmental justice communities like Chelsea and Everett at increased risk of flooding and other climate-related disaster, I’m proud to deliver this federal funding to help protect residents from the long-term impact of climate change. I thank City

Manager Maltez, Mayor DeMaria, and all of our advocates for their close partnership in bringing this vital project to fruition.”

The Island End River flood barrier will protect thousands of residents in the communities, as well as billions of dollars in infrastructure, said Maltez.

“Chelsea has been working hard to close this flood pathway for years now, and the Community Project Funding that Congresswoman Pressley brought to the project has been critical to moving it forward,” said Maltez. “This is the kind of federal support that will ensure we are ready to meet the challenges climate change will create locally, and that our community is still thriving fifty years from now.”

DeMaria said he appreciated Pressley prioritizing the funding needs for this project given all the compelling requests her office receives for earmarks.

“I also would like to thank our partners in Chelsea for their collaboration with the shared understanding of the importance of building resiliency against increasing threats of coastal flooding and the risks that our communities would face to public infrastructure and critical economic areas without



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley joined city officials from Chelsea and Everett on Tuesday to celebrate the \$750,000 in federal funding she helped secure for the Island End River Coastal Flood Resilience Project.

this important work being done,” DeMaria said.

Chelsea City Council President Norieliz DeJesus said environmental justice communities like Chelsea often find themselves on the frontlines of the devastating impacts of climate change.

“That is why we are so glad to have partners like Congresswoman Pressley, without whom we could not build infrastructure to shelter our community on this scale,” DeJesus said. “With her support, we are going to protect thousands of residents and billions of dollars of critical infrastructure from catastrophic flooding.”

Julie Wormser, the Senior Policy Advisor for

the Mystic River Watershed Association, said her group is grateful that Pressley and others have stepped up in such a major way to protect residents and regional food security from increasingly damaging coastal flooding.

“The Island End River Project is essential to the region because of the flood protection it provides to critical infrastructure like the New England Produce Center,” said GreenRoots Director of Waterfront and

Climate Justice Initiatives John Walke. “But the project also provides an incredible example of how multiple levels of government, sources of funding, non-profit groups and community members can come together to realize transformative projects.”

Also taking part in the roundtable discussion at Chelsea City Hall were Emily Granoff, Senior Planner/Project Manager, City of Chelsea; Ben Cares, Chelsea’s Director

of Housing and Community Development; Patrick Johnston, Project Manager, City of Everett; Erin Devaney, Chief of Staff, City of Everett; Julie Wormser, Senior Policy Advisor, Mystic River Watershed Association; Bianca Bowman, Climate Justice Coordinator at GreenRoots; and city officials, advocates, and community members from Chelsea and Everett.

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Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley with Chelsea City Council President Norieliz DeJesus at a roundtable discussion on Tuesday about the Island End River Coastal Flood Resilience Project.



By Tracy Nowicki
Director of Elder Services

Ageism?

Let’s delve into the societal aspect of aging and terms used for older individuals. I recently attended a conference focused on Ageism, covering issues from workplace discrimination to biased medical treatment towards older people. What struck me was the outnumbered desire to change phrases, titles, and labels given to older people. Various opinions were shared, such as the need to refrain from labeling older individuals as “elderly”, changing titles used on senior centers, and avoiding the term “old” or “senior” for individuals over the age of 62.

While I do somewhat share these sentiments, a specific situation changed my perspective a bit. Recently, a participant at

Vintage Vibes

the senior center is faced with housing instability, moving between temporary arrangements, couch surfing and shelters.... all unhealthy circumstances, especially for an aged person. The senior center team diligently sought funding opportunities to provide short-term housing until a permanent solution was in place. When seeking funding from a specific program, we discovered several different important standards within this program, i.e. homeless families, domestic violence, individuals without children, and so on. What we did not see on the list of important standards was a space for aged individuals.

While advocating for the inclusion of this standard, what category should we use? Does “older adult” reflect “elderly” or “senior” aged person? I felt placing a distinction, in this instance would prove to be effective in having this new standard added to the list. Why? Consider the societal associations by each term. When you hear the word “elderly” what image comes to mind? Compare that with the mental image when using the term “older adult”. In my opinion, these are two distinct por-

trays, and in this particular case, using the term “elderly” or “senior aged” would carry more weight and convey a more compelling message than “older person”. Categories, labels, and titles stem from societal distinctions, to serve as a means to describe individuals. This is a natural aspect of human existence. However, determining what is acceptable or what falls under the label of Ageism when describing the characteristics of an aged person is debatable, but necessary.

I am an older adult, but I don’t fit into the “senior” or “elderly” category, particularly when it comes to accessing services. So how do we effectively not make a distinction for anyone over the age of 62? I’m not sure we can.

While this specific topic involves a multitude of complexities, I wanted to start the dialogue, which will evolve over a series of columns, and probably not in sequence. I welcome your thoughts on this important topic at Tnowicki@chelseama.gov and please know, your shared viewpoint will always remain confidential.

Stay tuned for next week....

Feel free to contact us at Tnowicki@chelseama.gov or 617-466-4377.





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DiDomenico celebrates and joins supporters of Head Start programs

Special to the Record

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined Head Start advocates from across Massachusetts for Head Start Day at the State House. Over 300 Head Start program staff, parents, advocates, and partners gathered in the State House to celebrate the important and impactful work that Head Start programs do in every corner of Massachusetts and ensure the state continues to fund this essential program.

“I have and will continue to advocate for state funding for Head Start so children across our state can access high-quality early education, and comprehensive wraparound services including health, mental health, nutrition, and family support,” said Senator Sal DiDomenico. “I also had the pleasure of talking with staff and

parents from ABCD Head Start sites in my district. As a parent and a person who went through Head Start as a child, I know how critical these programs are for our families, our communities, and our economy.”

DiDomenico was also happy to spend time with Michelle Haimowitz - Executive Director at Massachusetts Head Start Association, Sharon Scott Chandler - President/CEO of Action for Boston Community Development, Flossy Calderón - VP of Head Start & Children’s Services, Kate Warren Barnes - VP of Policy and Government Relations at Jumpstart, Latoya Gayle – Senior Director of Advocacy at Neighborhood Villages, and Beth Ann Strollo - CEO of Quincy Community Action Programs, Inc.



A large number of area residents turned out for the Head start advocacy event in the State House.



Shown (Left to right) Beth Ann Strollo, Kate Warren Barnes, Latoya Gayle (Neighborhood Villages), Senator Sal DiDomenico, and Sharon Scott Chandler.



Senator Sal DiDomenico meets with Head Start advocates.

New England premiere of ‘Eurydice’ includes new arrangement from Boston-born composer

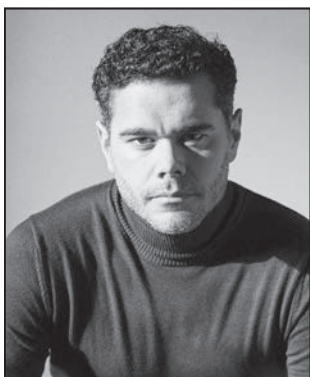
Boston Lyric Opera (BLO) presents a new production of composer Matthew Aucoin and librettist Sarah Ruhl’s opera Eurydice – a retelling of the Orpheus myth from Eurydice’s viewpoint – directed by Doug Fitch and conducted by Aucoin. BLO, with Opera Grand Rapids, has co-commissioned a new, more intimate orchestral arrangement from Aucoin that premieres here. Sydney Mancasola (far r.) and Elliot Madore (r.) perform the roles of Eurydice and Orpheus.

Eurydice runs for five performances over two weeks, from March 1 to March 10, 2024, at the Huntington Theatre.

Both Ruhl and Aucoin are recipients of the MacArthur “Genius Grant” Fellowship. Aucoin was born and raised



Sydney Mancasola.



Elliot Madore.

in Boston. His 2015 opera, Crossing, was premiered in the city by American Repertory Theater.

Ruhl’s libretto for Eurydice is adapted from her 2003 play of the same name. In both, she challenges the traditional myth of Orpheus and the Underworld by giving voice and prominence to a character often relegated to the background. Ruhl has said, "in the myth, we

never hear from Eurydice – she is always a cipher. I'm interested in her voice, a voice that hasn't been heard before."

BLO General Director & CEO Bradley Vernatter praises both Ruhl’s writing and Aucoin’s music, saying “I fell in love with Sarah’s poetic adaptation...so much so that a line from the libretto (‘All I have I give for love’) anchors our season mate-

rials. Matt’s score is stunning, and I was convinced it would shine for a chamber ensemble.”

CAST AND CREATIVE TEAMS

In addition to Mancasola and Madore, the cast for Eurydice includes: Mark S. Doss as Father (a character Ruhl created in part to honor her own father, who died when she was 20 years old); Nicholas Kelliher as Orpheus Double; David Portillo as Hades, Maggie Finnegan as Little Stone/Ensemble; Alexis Peart as Big Stone/Ensemble; Neal Ferreira as Loud Stone/Ensemble; and Junhan Choi as Ensemble.

In addition to directing the production, Doug Fitch will design sets and costumes. Lighting design for Eurydice is by Jorge Arroyo.

PLOT SYNOPSIS

When Eurydice opens, Orpheus and Eurydice are playing on the beach. Orpheus proposes and Eurydice accepts. Meanwhile, Eurydice’s father, who resides in the Underworld, writes a letter to his daughter but has no way to get it to her in the “real

world.” He drops the letter on the ground, where Hades finds it.

On her wedding day, Eurydice leaves the party and laments not knowing more interesting people. Hades appears as a mysterious man who says he has a letter from her father and invites Eurydice to his high-rise apartment to read it. A deadly accident sends her to the Underworld, where a dip in the river of forgetfulness erases her memories. With the help of her father, Eurydice regains the details of her life.

Above ground, Orpheus mourns Eurydice’s loss and resolves to bring her back from the Underworld. He confronts Hades, who agrees to let Eurydice go but sets a condition: Orpheus must lead her out of the Underworld without looking back. The opera concludes with a heart-wrenching sequence, showcasing consequences of love, loss, and the pursuit of a second chance.

THE PRODUCTION

Fitch’s production moves the “real world”

portion of the story to a hyper-stylized beachside location with palm trees. The Eurydice and Orpheus characters are inspired by hipster/nerd/musician culture. Eurydice’s father sits lonely in his Underworld room, rumpled, dusty and dreaming of the daughter he left in the real world. Hades’s persona is alternately scary, funny and protean...brazenly macho yet able to access his feminine side. The underworld is a desolate but richly textured location, accessed by a winding iridescent river and a mysterious rain-filled elevator, all leading to the gates of Hell.

TICKETS

Tickets for Eurydice start at \$33 and are available now through the BLO website at blo.org, by reaching BLO Audience Services at 617.542.6772, or via email at boxoffice@blo.org.

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Doyle will not seek re-election in 2024

Maura S. Doyle, Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Suffolk, announces that she will not be seeking re-election in 2024.

“It has been an incredible honor to work at the Supreme Judicial Court for 32 years, first as an assistant clerk for 4 years and then as the Court’s elected Clerk for the past 28 years, during which time I have had the privilege of working with 28 justices and 6 chief justices.

I have been invigorated over the years by the numerous collaborations I have had with my constituents, court professionals, attorneys, law schools, and bar associations. Most of all, I have cherished working with my extraordinary staff and assistant clerks who have aided me in creating an incredibly responsive, accountable, and professional office for all who seek relief from the highest court in the Commonwealth.

However, I will not be seeking reelection in 2024 because the time has now come for me to step back from public life and look to a future spent with my amazing family who have graciously supported me throughout the years.”

Additional biographical information can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/biography-of-clerk-maura-s-doyle-esq>.



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The new Student Success Center building.

Farewell Nube



Nube, the cat from Chelsea was adopted in 2008 from the former MSPCA in Brockton.

He was loved very much, and his rescuer wanted his former owner in Chelsea to know that he passed away from kidney disease on 1/31/24. Please call 781-828-3816 if you knew him and would like more information.



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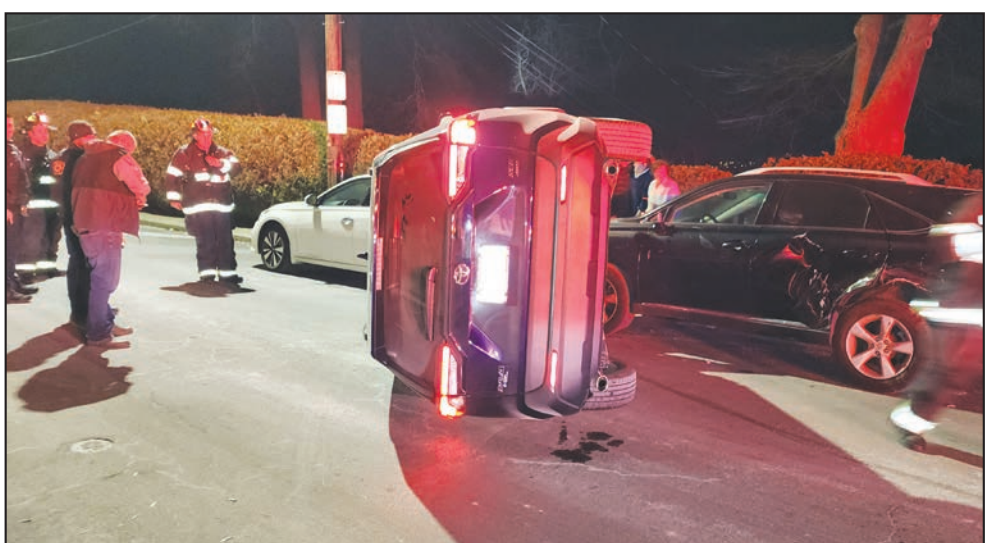
CHELSEA FIRE AND POLICE RESPOND TO VEHICLE ROLLOVER ON GRANDVIEW ROAD

Photo and story by Paul Koolloian
Special To The Record

On Monday evening, Feb. 19, Chelsea Fire and Police responded to Grandview Road for a report of a vehicle rollover.

The vehicle struck two parked motor vehicles before coming to rest on its side. The operator had self-extricated from the vehicle prior to the arrival of emergencies and was transported to CHA Everett Hospital.

Chelsea Police are investigating the cause of the accident.



Chelsea Fire and Police personnel are pictured on the scene of a vehicle rollover incident Monday night on Grandview Road.

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During the event, MASSCAP informed legislators and staff about their policy priorities and what kind of assistance they need from the state in order to successfully serve constituents across the Commonwealth.

Senator Sal DiDomenico spoke about the essential need for Community Action Agencies, "These organizations provide critical services and benefits to residents throughout my district, and I will always fight for them and the work of all Community Action

Agencies by advocating for funding and support in the Legislature."

DiDomenico also highlighted the Commission on Poverty which he is now leading with Rep. Marjorie Decker, "I look forward to working with my friend and co-chair, as well as the Commission members to address the poverty crisis that exists throughout the Commonwealth and work towards solutions that benefit our most vulnerable residents."



Senator DiDomenico with Representative Marjorie Decker.

MS FUNDRAISER HELD IN MEMORY OF MARY REED AT CHELSEA YACHT CLUB

Chelsea Yacht Club member Annemarie O'Rourke hosted a fundraiser Saturday at the Club in loving memory of her mother, Mary Reed, who died at the age of 80 on November 6, 2022, after a lengthy battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

CYC members and guests joined O'Rourke and her husband, Michael, in helping to raise \$6,500 for the research of Multiple Sclerosis, a disease that affects the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord).

The many guests enjoyed a buffet dinner, musical entertainment by DJ Tony D., a silent auction, and a raffle drawing. "I want to thank the

Chelsea Yacht Club for donating the hall," said Annemarie O'Rourke. "I also found out the next day that Commodore Tom Pappa generously donated the DJ's services, and that hit my heart so warmly – Tom's just a great guy. I also want to thank Neal Palmer, who donated his time in helping me cook all the food for the dinner."

Annemarie said she was grateful to the many people who attended the fundraiser.

"I want to thank everybody who showed up and helped raise these funds because it's all going to the research of MS. One day, hopefully, they'll find a cure for MS," said Annemarie.



Frank D'Amato, Anita Arsenault, Carolyn Boumila-Vega, and Charles DiDomenico.



Chelsea Knights of Columbus Grand Knight David Morency and his significant other, Patty Grace (left), Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Paul Nowicki, and Director of Elder Affairs Tracy Nowicki.



CYC Commodore Tom Pappa, with 103-year-old CYC member Anne Keith (right) and her daughter, Marianne Grace (left).



Event Chair Annmarie O'Rourke, and her friend, Nina Brodie, pictured at the welcoming table at the fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis Saturday night at the Chelsea Yacht Club.



CYC Sgt.-At-Arms Michael Mercurio, CYC Commodore Tom Pappa, Event Chair Annmarie O'Rourke, Michael O'Rourke, and CYC Board Member Mike Falzone.



The Reed Family Table, front row, from left, Don Reed, Kim Reed, Erica Reed, and Nick Reed. Back row, from left, Samantha Reed, John Ciampa, and Kirstin Barber.



Front row, Gale Bracken, Denise Ragno, Michelle Shine, and Mike Shine. Back row, Lynn Reed and Frank McManus.

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Bev Gobel, Dave Gobel, CYC Commodore Tom Pappa, and Lynette Samanski.

Daytime lane closures on Tobin Bridge on Route 1 Southbound

Closures will begin on Monday, February 26, and will occur weekly, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Two lanes of traffic will always remain open during these lane closures.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is

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The lane closures are needed to support structural repairs to the Tobin Bridge. The work under this contract consists of cleaning, painting, structural and substructure repairs, and safety walk rehabilitation operations on the bridge.

Drivers traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution.

Advanced warning signs will notify drivers about the planned closures and provide updates.

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CITY PAWS

Companion animals are living longer

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Healthcare improvements, better diet, exercise, and cutting-edge scientific research have extended the lifespan of humans. Similar movements in the veterinary field are allowing our companion animals to live longer, healthier lives. This is excellent news for all of us who consider the much-loved furry members of our household to be family.

Nature vs Nurture

Since most are bred, housed, fed, and cared for by humans, domestic dogs live longer than their Canidae family of mammals like wolves, coyotes, foxes, jackals, and dingoes. For decades, how we care for our companion animals has improved with more routine veterinary care, dental care, better grooming, better compliance with vaccination recommendations, higher quality food, greater acceptance of neutering, and a change in how we treat

Breed, Face Shape, and Size Matter

A recent Companion Animal Psychology article summarized a British Study’s findings. Zazie Todd, Ph.D., reported, “The study of over 150 breeds and crossbreeds shows that size matters, as little dogs live longer—and so do those with a medium head shape rather than a flat face.”

Most of us understand that larger breeds, like Great Danes, Mastiffs, and Saint Bernards, have shorter lives. The Schipperke, Shiba Inu, Papillon, Border Terrier, Italian Greyhound, and Miniature Dachshund were among the small breeds noted to have longer lives.

Face shape is also a factor. Brachycephalic or flat-faced dogs, from the French Bulldog to its larger cousin, the English Bulldog, have shorter lifespans regardless of size. These breeds may struggle to breathe if they develop Brachycephalic

Obstructive Airway Syndrome. Dogs with medium-shaped faces lived slightly longer than those with long faces.

More Support May Be Needed

Knowing that the dog or cat we bring into our life may live longer than in the past, we may need to think a bit more about planning for a support system to care for that pet if it outlives us.

This is a common concern of people with a large bird like a Parrot who could live 50 years or more. We looked at discussions in bird forums to learn how these guardians addressed this issue. One answer is to become part of a local bird club or Aviculture Society. Another was to prearrange for care with a rescue organization or humane society.

We’ve been part of West Highland Terrier rescue organizations for many years and developed friendships with others who know the breed’s strengths and weaknesses.



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Through routine communication, they even know a bit about our Poppy in particular.

In Massachusetts, you can establish a trust that you can fund to care for an animal if and when you are unable to do so.

Mutually Beneficial

Some of the things dog guardians do for their furry companions are mutually beneficial. We know

that more exercise, socialization, fun, and stress relief can extend the lives of all species. Our companion animals provide us with many opportunities to relax and enjoy life.

In the case of dogs and humans, we’ll let the American Heart Association have the final word on the topic. They reported, “As dog lovers have long suspected, owning a canine companion can be

good for you.” Two studies in one of their scientific publications suggested, “... your four-legged friend may help you do better after a heart attack or stroke and may help you live a longer, healthier life.”

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

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Music of Bruckner and Bach headline North Shore Philharmonic Winter Concert

Anton Bruckner’s demanding Symphony No. 3 and Johan Sebastian Bach’s acclaimed Double Violin Concerto are the featured works when Music Director Robert Lehmann conducts the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in its Winter Concert Sunday, February 25 at Swampscott High School auditorium.

Concert time is 3:00 p.m. Ticket will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance at

www.nspo.org for \$30, \$25 for seniors and students. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

The Double Violin Concerto will highlight NSPO concertmaster Zoia Bologovsky and principal second violin Ashley Offret. Both are longstanding members of the NSPO and well-known throughout the area. Bologovsky has toured throughout the United States and Europe as first violinist with the Arden String Quartet and

has held positions with the

Portland Symphony and Springfield Symphony and the Rhode Island Philharmonic, along with other roles with Opera Maine, and the Portsmouth Symphony. Offret has played with the Rhode Island Philharmonic, Symphony New Hampshire, and the Bach-Beethoven-Brahms Society of Boston. Both teach music, as well.

The Bach Double Violin concerto, composed around 1730, has long been one of the composer’s most famous works.

German composer Anton Bruckner composed his Symphony No. 3 in 1873 as a dedication to fellow composer Richard Wagner. The work is an expressive composition that illustrates the composer’s affection for the grand and majestic scale of classical music.

Also on the concert program is Franz Shubert’s

“Rosamunde” Overture. Though the play for which the music was unsuccessful, Shubert’s music earned much more favorable response and has lived on to be one of Shubert’s most popular pieces.

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra is playing its 75th season in its 76th year, having missed all of the 2020-2021 season due to the pandemic. Staffed largely by volunteer players, the NSPO is committed to providing access to quality music at an affordable price to communities north of Boston. The Orchestra strives to develop, train, and provide opportunities for young musicians, while providing a large range of programs covering the full range of symphonic and pops repertoire for a diverse public. For full concert information, visit www.nspo.org or contact info@nspo.org.



Shown (above and below) are members of the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra.



Music Director Robert Lehmann.

BRUINS *Beat* by Bob Morello

Bruins face tough road trip

At press time on Wednesday, the Bruins were in Edmonton waiting to play against the Oilers who are currently on a two-game winning streak, and 7-3-0 in their last ten. This means that it will be test time for the locals who are playing in Canada for their next three games, with the fourth game of this road trip in Seattle. So pick up your #2 pencil and follow along, as the Bruins will be facing a tough test on this trip. Following a somewhat refreshing shootout win over the Dallas Stars 4-3 on Monday, to put an end to their four-game losing streak. The Bruins’ western Canada and the Pacific Northwest trip will be a tough test for Boston, who has been tested quite often lately, especially on their recent seven-game homestand in which they were only able to win a pair of games, with wins over Vancouver and Dallas. Wednesday will have been a a tough test for Boston, as the Connor McDavid-led Oilers have picked up wins



20 times in their previous 23 games. The Bruins presently have a record of 33-12-11 (77 points), while the Oilers are 33-18-1 (67 points), and have posted seven wins in their last ten games. Boston’s recent atrocious homestand has the locals trailing the Florida Panthers by a single point, as the cats from the south sit atop the Eastern Conference, all despite Boston’s very effective start to the season. On a positive note, 245 pound winger Justin Brazeau, (6’ 5”), impressed management by putting up his first goal in his NHL debut, in the recent win over Dallas. The Bruins have once again been bitten by the injury bug, as Hampus Lindholm (lower body) will be on the sidelines,

necessitating the call-up of Mason Lohrei to shore up the Boston blue line, while assigning Oskar Steen to Providence, and the placing of Matt Poitras (shoulder surgery) onto the long-term-injured- reserve list. Tonight (Thursday 9:00pm), the Calgary Flames (5-5-0 last 10 games) will host Boston. Saturday at 7:00pm, the Bruins will meet the Vancouver Canucks (5-4-1 last 10), and will likely prove to be a tough opponent, as despite them presently being on a three-game losing streak, they will be looking for revenge following their 4-0 shutout loss to Boston a bit over two weeks ago. The Canucks boast a goal-for number of 213, while surrendering 159 goals against and sit atop the Western Conference at press time, with a record of 37-15-6 and 80 points. Boston’s road trip will end Monday at 10:00pm with the final stop in Seattle to face the Kraken (4-4-2 last 10 games), and a record of 23-21-11.

CHS Roundup

ARACENA IS SECOND AT DIVISION 3 MEET; JOSEPH-SEALE, RAMIREZ ALSO WIN MEDALS

A contingent of athletes from the Chelsea High boys and girls indoor track and field teams competed in Saturday’s Division 3 State Meet at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston and returned home with some hardware and some new CHS school records. Ariel Aracena unleashed a monster throw of 50’-11.5” in the shot-put -- a distance that eclipsed his personal record (PR) by 2.5 feet -- to finish in second place and further extend his school record. The mark also moved him up to the 10th best in the state this season. Ariel will be throwing again at the upcoming State Meet of Champions (which features the top performers from all of the divisions), where he will be hoping to earn another medal. Red Devil teammate Theo Joseph-Seale also

improved upon his PR by about two feet with his toss of 47’-7”, a throw that earned Theo a sixth-place medal. “Going into the meet, Ariel and Theo were ranked fifth and ninth respectively, so it was incredible to see them come through at the biggest meet so far this season,” said CHS head coach Cesar Hernandez. Joseph-Seale will be joining Aracena at the Meet of Champions, but in his stronger event, the weight throw, in which he is ranked third in the state. Alejandro Zepeda also turned in a superb effort at the meet. Zepeda, who had broken former teammate Nate Nadow’s school record in the 600 meter dash just the week before at the Last Chance to Qualify Meet with a time of 1:27.87, improved upon his school record with a clocking of 1:27.07. “This was an event that Alejandro had not run until late January, but he has continuously improved on it every time he has run it,” noted Hernandez. On the girls’ side, Kiara Ramirez improved upon

her PR in the shot-put by over a foot, throwing 33’-5”, which also stretched her own school record, to earn a fifth-place medal. “Kiara was ranked 13th going into the meet, so we knew a medal was a long shot, but she also came through with multiple throws that broke her personal best,” said Hernandez. Teammate Lamari Davis also competed in the shot-put. Lamari’s throw of 28’-7.5” was just a few inches off her season-best this year. Lamari will be competing in the weight throw at the Meet of Champions next week. Gizelle Rodriguez ran the 600 in a clocking of 1:48.43, “A season-best time that should set her up well for an even better outdoor season,” noted Hernandez. Freshman Thania Simon competed in two events for the Red and Black. Thania leapt 15’-00” in the long jump and sprinted 8.00 seconds in the 55 meter dash. “The marks may not have been

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OBITUARIES

Adrian Hassell

June 27, 1932 - February 11, 2024

On Sunday, February 11th, 2024, Adrian Hassell passed away at 10:30 a.m. at the Veterans Hospital in West Roxbury at the age of 91. Adrian was a Chelsea resident for the last 40 years where he proudly raised his two sons.

Adrian spent his young adult life in Newport, Rhode Island where he attended public school. He played sports such as Baseball, Football and ran Track. The mile run was his favorite.

Adrian had a love for uniforms. He would watch the military cadets running during their drills at a nearby military base and as they marched in parades by his house.

At 17, Adrian enlisted in the Marines and served for 17 years. He received a Good Conduct Medal (3rd, 4th, & 5th awards), a Rifle Expert Badge, in addition to a Sharpshooter Badge. During his time in the military, he traveled to Korea, Philippines, Guam, and started boxing with a record of 18-1, his only loss taking place in Quantico.

Upon his honorable discharge in 1967, he settled in Boston where he became a licensed plumber through the GI Bill. Adrian worked in plumbing and property manage-



ment. He then entered the maintenance field within bio tech companies until his retirement. Adrian truly enjoyed working with his hands and using his tools. Adrian leaves behind his wife, Rosemary Hassell, He was a devoted father to his two sons, Andre, and John Hassell. Affectionately known as “Papa” to his grand-daughters, Jaylen, and Juliana Hassell, he also leaves behind step-children; Thomasena Saunders, Tyrone Saunders and Michael Saunders, grandchildren and great grandchildren. In honor of Adrian’s wishes, services will be held Friday March 8th promptly at 11:15 a.m. at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, on Conner Avenue in Bourne, MA.

For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit www.WelshFH.com.



Edward A. Colella

He will forever be cherished by all who loved him

Edward A. Colella entered eternal rest Saturday afternoon, February 17 at the Alliance at Rosewood Nursing Home in Peabody.

Born in Chelsea, the son of the late Angelo and Rose (Nigro) Colella, Edward was a longtime Chelsea resident before taking residence at the Nursing Home in Peabody. Ed resided at Rosewood for the last several years and enjoyed his time there. He loved all the staff and appreciated their dedication to providing loving care to all the residents and patients.

Edward was a retired piece worker and binder at the Green Shoe Company in Roxbury and also at Emerson Textile Company in Chelsea. Edward’s favorite pastime was football. He loved going to the Kowloon restaurant with family and friends to enjoy a nice meal together. He will be forever cherished by all who loved him.

Edward was the husband of Edith R. (Allen) Colella, with whom he shared 47 years of marriage before her passing in 2019. He was the beloved father of Sherry A. Chipman and her husband, Bruce of Everett and the late Anthony Wayne Griffin, Joseph James Griffin and Mildred Madaline Griffin; dear father-in-law of Gwen Griffin; cher-



ished grandfather of two grandchildren, Ann-Cheri Woods and her fiancé, Matt Fleming and Mike Morsett and his wife, Dawn; four great grandchildren; Holli Woods and her fiancé, Charlie Khlung, Crystal Morsett, Zachary Woods and his fiancé, Lexy Clarkson and Brian Morsett; and one great-great grandson, Jackson LaFontane.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend visiting hours in the Carafa Family Funeral Home, 389 Washington Ave., Chelsea on Friday, February 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Funeral services will follow the visitation in the Funeral Home at 12 Noon. All services will conclude at the Funeral Home. Interment is private.

We encourage family and friends to visit carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

Amado Valle

Family, home and his Salvadoran Heritage were most important to him

Amado Valle passed away on Friday, February 16th in the peaceful surroundings of his home surrounded by his loving and caring family by his side. He was 66 years of age and was living courageously with cancer for the past 12 months.

Born and raised in Chalatenango, El Salvador, he has been living in Chelsea for the past 20 years.

Amado was married to Yolanda (Torres) for 27 years and together raised five sons and two daughters. Amado was passionately devoted to home and family.

He began working as an interstate truck driver with J.B. Hunt Co. After a few years, he transitioned into the construction field and worked as an independent sub-contractor, carpenter and iron worker.

Family and home were most important to him, along with his Salvadoran heritage. He also enjoyed his time outdoors, fishing and swimming, watch-



ing the Patriots, traveling cross country and trips to El Salvador.

Amado was the beloved husband of Yolanda Valle, devoted father of David Valle, Jasmin Valle, Daniel Torres, Alberto Valle, Eduardo Valle, Jazlyn Valle, and Amir Valle and the dear brother of Ricardo Valle, and Armin-da Figueroa. He is also survived by many grandchildren, extended family members and friends.

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United Way of Massachusetts Bay awards SafetyNet Shelter Grant to La Colaborativa

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United Way of Massachusetts Bay last week announced that La Colaborativa has been awarded a Safety Net Shelter grant to establish a day services shelter to provide case management and wraparound services through a compassionate, trauma-informed lens to the families being sheltered at the state-operated Cambridge overflow shelter and members of the Chelsea community. The grant was awarded as part of the SafetyNet Shelter Grant Program announced last fall by the Healey-Driscoll Administration in partnership with the United Way of Massachusetts Bay.

Situated at La Colaborativa's new headquarters at 318 Broadway, the walk-in day services shelter is expected to open on Tuesday, February 20. It will accommodate up to 200 individuals on a daily basis. La Colaborativa will arrange transportation for families being sheltered at the state-operated Cambridge overflow site.

The day services center will operate five days a week, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Intentionally designed to offer culturally familiar, inclusive services, the day services center will offer families and individuals a safe, welcoming daytime space, as well as basic essentials such as coordination of food assistance, hygiene items, infant supplies, clothing, and other basic household necessities.

La Colaborativa will coordinate the provision of culturally familiar breakfast, lunch and snacks, with an eye toward nutrition. Notably, La Colaborativa will employ an innovative, trauma-informed model of comprehensive wrap-around services, with the goal of stabilizing fami-

lies. Case managers on site will work with clients to provide economic, immigration and housing services, such as preparation of applications for housing programs, immigration support and intensive economic mobility services, including aiding clients in obtaining work authorization filings, providing job readiness programming, and connecting households to employment opportunities. Moreover, through La Colaborativa's comprehensive model, case managers will act as systems navigators, assisting clients accessing public benefits, mental health services, and healthcare systems.

"As we're facing an unprecedented state of emergency, it's critical that all residents have access to safe, dignified shelter, especially over the frigid winter months," announced Gladys Vega, CEO of La Colaborativa. "Recognizing the countless lives at risk, we're grateful to collaborate with the United Way and Healey-Driscoll Administration to deploy our unique, trauma-informed model of providing a culturally familiar, welcoming day center with comprehensive housing, economic, and wrap-around services, which are vital to the wellbeing of homeless families."

"This new SafetyNet Shelter partnership with La Colaborativa will provide opportunities to address the multifaceted issues confronting new arrivals and families confronting homelessness," said Bob Giannino, President and Chief Executive Officer at United Way of Massachusetts Bay. "A longstanding lifeline for immigrant populations and residents of Chelsea, these funds will expand and enhance the capacity of La Colaborativa to provide critical day ser-



Jessica Dorce.



Owen with his mother Elan and their friend Flo, who is 5 months pregnant.



Dumosnel Intervol with his son Pierre Charles and daughter Graais.



Michelle with her daughter Magdalena.

vices for families, expediting exits of families from shelter systems and helping to enable them to stabilize and contribute to our economy and communities as quickly as possible."

Founded in 1988, La Colaborativa is a Latina-led organization that has been a steady, trusted, and fearless partner to Latinx immigrants in Greater Boston, with a focus on gateway cities and towns such as Chelsea, East Boston, Everett, Lynn, Revere, and Mal-

den. The organization works in partnership with Latinx immigrants to design and deliver an array of programs, initiatives, and community organizing campaigns that serve, protect, celebrate, and uplift our people.

To date, the United Way SafetyNet Shelter grant program has launched eight overnight and daytime sites. The application for the SafetyNet Shelter grant program that is administered by the United Way. It supports prospective community gathering

spaces with restrooms and heat, such as places of worship, community centers, and school buildings, to provide safe space for families to find short-term, congregate shelter, meals and other basic necessities, and linkages to other supportive community resources such as housing programs, public benefits, health services, and mental health supports. Non-congregate models will also be considered.

The flexible SafetyNet Shelter program will remain in place through the

winter and spring, adapting to conditions, needs, and opportunities that arise. The program aims to flexibly build the capacity of diverse community-based organizations and collaboratives to support families without safe and stable housing, with a particular interest in those with the cultural and linguistic competence and community connections that most contribute to the long-term well-being and community integration of families.



The office space at La Colaborativa serves as a cafeteria and lounge for clients along with the organization's administrative operations running concurrently.



The staff at La Colaborativa.

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