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The Chelsea Black Community (CBC) held its Chelsea Trailblazer Award Recognition Dinner Feb. 29 at the Williams Middle School.

The event culminated the CBC's Black History Month Celebration.

CBC President Joan Cromwell, serving as emcee of the program with Vice President Dakeya Christmas, welcomed the guests to the award ceremony.

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Rep. Judith Garcia, Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia, Chelsea DEI Officer Dr. Candace Perez, City Councilor Melinda Vega, and City Councilor Tanairi Garcia. See pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

New special committee created to address youth sports concerns

By Adam Swift

A new special committee created by City Council President Norieliz De Jesus will work to encourage youth sport leagues in the city and ensure they have the support they need to continue serving the youth in Chelsea.

While the president has the authority to establish special committees, several councilors at Monday night's meeting said they would like to see the city take additional steps to address programs and opportunities for youth in the city. District 8 Councilor

Calvin Brown asked for a separate subcommittee on conference meeting to discuss those issues.

Council Vice President Todd Taylor will chair the new special committee, where he will be joined by Councilors Melinda Vega and Tanairi Garcia.

"Last year, concerns were raised about actions taken by the leadership of Chelsea Pride Football, the team's suspension from the league, and the resulting impact on the youth who participated," stated De Jesus. "Numer-

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Council thanks fire chief

By Adam Swift

The city council thanked outgoing Fire Chief Leonard Albanese for his eight years of service to Chelsea with a resolution on Monday night.

Albanese is retiring effective this Friday, when Deputy Chief John Quatieri will take over the reins of the department.

A number of the councilors thanked Albanese for the work he has done for the department and the city and wished him well on his retirement.

"I want to thank the chief for the extraordinary work you do," said District 8 Councilor Calvin Brown. "He jumped right in and did a great job with our budgeting here. You had a great crew ... but you were the captain of the ship."

District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero said

Albanese was one of the best fire chiefs the city has seen, and that he always dealt with everyone in a friendly and professional manner.

"I want to thank you for coming in and really creating order out of chaos," said District 1 Councilor Todd Taylor. "You are the consummate professional, and I really appreciate that."

District 4 Councilor Tanairi Garcia praised Albanese for his leadership and wished him well in his retirement.

"You came to Chelsea in a very unbalanced time and you were able to put in a lot of initiatives and programs in the fire department, and we the people of Chelsea thank you," said Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson.

State Representative

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New Women's Commission seeking members

Staff Report

This week, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez announced the creation of the Chelsea Women's Commission, an intentional, dedicated space for women's and girls' advancement.

The Commission will respond to the needs of women and girls and assess the status of women in our city. The Commission

will also offer recommendations to the City Manager and City Council and point toward policies that address the critical needs of Chelsea's residents.

On Monday night, the City Council officially affirmed the creation of the commission, which allowed it to go into effect by Wednesday.

"Creating the Women's Commission was a long-overdue necessity, so I made establishing the Commission a top priority for the first 100 days of my tenure," said Maltez. "The recommendations from this Commission will be critical to informing my administration's decisions, and I look forward to working with its members."

Council President Norieliz De Jesus and women councilors Tanairi Garcia, Melinda Vega, Kelly Gar-

cia, and Lisa Santagate are among the biggest supporters of this brand-new Commission, according to the city manager.

"I am honored to work with our new City Manager as Council President to officially launch this initiative," said De Jesus. "The establishment of the Women's Commission for the City of Chelsea marks

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East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to rebrand as NeighborHealth

Special to the Times-Free Press

During an announcement to its nearly 2,000 employees, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) outlined plans to rebrand its health system, which serves more than 120,000 people and has an operating budget of \$270 million. The largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts announced it will become NeighborHealth in June 2024, taking on a new name and visual identity.

"For over 55 years, we've proudly served the East Boston community. In recent decades, our thriving and growing health system is serving many more families, in many more communities through a comprehensive



A rendering of NeighborHealth's Maverick location with the updated signage.

and diverse set of services, programs, and clinical locations. Now, as our state's largest provider of community-based primary care services, we have an opportunity to unify our health system under one name that is inclusive of all our clinical locations and reflective of the diverse communities we serve," said EBNHC's President and CEO Greg Wilmot. "As NeighborHealth, we will remain as committed as ever to our mission and patient promise to provide high-quality, patient-centered care to all who live and work in our communities."

EBNHC was founded in 1970 during the Civil Rights Movement to meet a gap in healthcare services for East Boston's working

class and predominantly Italian immigrant population, serving as a relief station for Boston City Hospital in the early 1900s. As its patient community grew beyond East Boston, EBNHC followed with new sites and services to provide more convenient care. Today, EBNHC operates nearly a dozen clinical sites throughout Greater Boston including East Boston, Winthrop, Everett, Revere, and Boston's South End. Providing high-quality primary care services to the largest Health Safety Net population as well as the largest Latino population in the Commonwealth, NeighborHealth will remain committed to eliminating barriers to care due to disparities associated with race, cultural background, and economic status.

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## FIRE, FIRE EVERYWHERE

The fires that have been burning out of control this past week in Texas and Oklahoma -- and which are continuing to rage as this is being written -- are yet another harbinger of what awaits us thanks to the ever-increasing rate of climate change that is affecting every corner of the earth.

The fires in Texas, which have killed two persons, destroyed 500 homes, and caused entire towns to be evacuated, come on the heels of the recent fires in Chile, which destroyed entire communities and claimed 131 lives, more than the tragic fire a few months back that occurred in Hawaii.

Fire in other parts of the globe in recent years have charred millions of acres of land and wiped out entire communities, from Australia, to California, to Canada, and the Siberian tundra.

The out-of-control wildfire fires not only have caused loss of life and brought economic devastation to communities and individuals, but they also have sent acrid smoke that enveloped large swathes of neighboring countries, as happened in the Midwest and East Coast last summer when the fires in eastern Canada raised our air quality to extremely unhealthy levels for days at a time.

But these fires are only part of the equation of climate change. Ocean temperatures reached record highs this year, threatening coral reefs and marine life across the globe. What had seemed as inconceivable -- that the world's oceans could turn into dead zones -- no longer is in the realm of science fiction. It's a reality that could occur within a few short years.

In addition, with the hot oceans providing the fuel for tropical storms, hurricanes promise to be ever-stronger and more devastating.

Air temperatures have set records month-after-month and year-after-year for the past five years, with each successive year exceeding the one before. The record warmth in the continental U.S. this winter has resulted in the least snow cover on record and has prevented the usual lakes from freezing. Glaciers are disappearing everywhere, from the polar regions, to Greenland, to the Alps in Europe.

In short, everything that is climate related is off-the-charts -- and not in a good way. If what climate scientists tell us is true -- that we are in a race against time to change our ways and that we must stop burning fossil fuels in order to save the environment as we know it -- then it is becoming increasingly clear that our feet are stuck in the mud.

## PLEASE: NO PUBLIC DRINKING ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

With the St. Patrick's Day holiday and traditional South Boston parade approaching on Sunday, March 17, we urge our public safety officials to plan for enforcing the laws which prohibit drinking in public, especially by underage drinkers.

Last year in the aftermath of the South Boston parade, we found ourselves in the unfortunate position of riding the Red Line to the South Shore. The trains were packed with highly-inebriated, rowdy, under-age drinkers who were drinking openly on the trains and then flinging their empties around the train cars, striking other passengers. The platforms resembled war zones, with large-scale fights and scores of youths who were passed out left-and-right.

We realize that everyone wants to relax and have a good time on St. Patrick's Day, but that is no excuse for our public safety officials to turn a blind eye to underage drinking and drinking in public. In addition, for those of us of Irish descent, the perception that being "Irish for a day" means drinking heavily is highly-insulting.

It is inevitable that with the high degree of public intoxication that is tacitly permitted by our public safety officials, there will be a tragedy. We urge our public officials to take steps ahead of time to stop this annual reign of dangerous mass chaos.

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# Forum

## Spring forward in safety: When you change your clocks, check your alarms



With daylight saving time beginning on March 10, Massachusetts fire officials are reminding residents to check their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when they change their clocks.

"We've seen too many tragedies in homes without working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Most fires and CO incidents take place at home, and these alarms are your first line of defense. As we spring forward this weekend, remember to check your alarms when you change your clocks. Be sure they're present on every level of your home. And unless you have newer alarms with sealed, long-life batteries, this is a great time to replace the alkaline batteries in all your alarms."

**Most Fatal Fires Occur in One- and Two-Family Homes**

Of 45 fire deaths in Massachusetts last year, 31 -- nearly 70% -- took place at home. Nearly 75% of these residential fire deaths took place in one- and two-family homes. Investigators found working smoke alarms at just one-third of those dwellings.

**Replace Expired Alarms**

"Smoke and CO alarms are like any other appliance -- they don't last forever," said Hyannis Fire Chief Peter Burke, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts.

sets. "An alarm's manufacturing date is printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms need to be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms need to be replaced after 5, 7, or 10 years, depending on the make and model. If your alarm is out of date, or if there's no date at all, it's time to replace it."

Replacing an out-of-date alarm? The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to be photoelectric and have sealed, long-life batteries and a hush feature. These alarms are easier to maintain and less likely to be disabled while cooking or by someone using the batteries for other household appliances.

"Disabling a smoke alarm puts you and everyone in your building at risk," said Chief Burke. "Test your alarms once a month to be sure you and the people you care for are protected."

Fire officials recommend that you choose alarms from a well-known, national brand. Look for the mark of an independent testing laboratory such as UL or Inter-

tek. Many Massachusetts fire departments have found alarms purchased on Amazon and other online retailers that do not meet the Fire Code -- and may not perform when they're needed most.

"If the price seems too good to be true, then it probably is," said State Fire Marshal Davine.

**Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan**

"We have less time than ever before to escape a fire at home," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "You could have three minutes to escape safely. Creating and practicing a home escape plan that includes two routes out will help you make the most of that precious time to get outside before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible."

"Working smoke alarms and a practiced home escape plan are among the most fundamental and important tools for surviving a fire," said Chief Burke. "Be sure everyone in the home knows what to do and where to go when the alarm sounds, including young children, older adults, and people with disabilities. Always keep doorways, stairways, and windows clear of furniture and other obstructions so you can leave quickly and safely."

**Older Adults at Greatest Risk**

More than half of last year's fire deaths involved

adults aged 65 and older. In FY23, the Department of Fire Services' Senior SAFE grant program awarded more than \$575,000 to hundreds of fire departments across Massachusetts to support assistance with alarm installation and testing. Older adults who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department, council on aging, or senior center for assistance.

**Carbon Monoxide Hazards**

Heating equipment is the leading source of carbon monoxide at home, State Fire Marshal Davine said, but winter isn't over yet and CO remains a hazard even in warmer weather. While many carbon monoxide incidents involve furnaces and other heating appliances, CO is also produced by stoves, grills, and vehicles, as well as generators put into use during a power outage.

"Firefighters detect carbon monoxide at about 5,000 calls each year in Massachusetts, and we've already seen cases of fatal carbon monoxide poisoning in 2024," said Chief Burke. "We can't see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms are the only way to detect this silent, invisible killer. If you hear you CO alarms sounding, get out to fresh air and call 9-1-1 right away."

## Concerns // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ous concerned parents came before the City Council to express their concerns, and a consensus was reached among the Councilors present that the Council should have a role in encouraging and promoting youth sports in Chelsea."

While the issues with Chelsea Pride Football were addressed, new leadership put in place, and the team reinstated, De Jesus said lingering concerns remain about the stability of youth sports leagues in Chelsea and the level of support provided by the city.

"This is simply an effort for us to create a table where deeper conversations can happen regarding sports and recreational activities for our youth, whether that's football, little league, soccer, softball," she said. "I know that these conversations will be in good hands with Councilor Taylor, Councilor

Melinda Vega, and Councilor Tanairi Garcia."

Several councilors said there needs to be steps taken beyond the scope of the special committee to address youth issues in the city.

"I think it is very important that we look at this, but we need to look beyond sports," said Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson. "When I talk about that, you have to talk about mentorships, and you also have to talk about taking Chelsea kids out of Chelsea and showing them about other things in the world. It's not just about sports, it's about education and if we're going to approach it looking at sports, we are going to lose right from the start."

District 5 Councilor Lisa Anne Santagate also noted that there needs to be a discussion about opportunities for youth who

may not be involved in sports.

"I think that we need to develop a well-rounded program for our youth, and if we can't have a museum here, we need leaders and mentors, and people to lead Chelsea youth in the city," she said. "We are a part of Greater Boston, and I think we need to have a broad range of programs and interests for our youth."

Councilors Manuel Teshe and Tanairi Garcia said they both agreed about the council taking broader steps to address

youth issues, but noted that the youth sports special committee was established to address a specific need.

"I think that there is so much more to offer our youth, but we have to fix the sports part first before we get into anything bigger," said Garcia. "I think we need to be more supportive for our sports, especially for those who want to be involved and don't know how to take the lead or be part of a board. Guidance is necessary to keep our sports and youth on the right path."

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PEOPLE OF CHELSEA

The following story is one in a series from the ongoing People of Chelsea project by Darlene De-Vita in collaboration with Sarah Putnam, which photographs and interviews our fellow citizens. These stories celebrate where we are now as a community as we enter the 400th year of the history of our city’s founding. The entire project will be archived digitally at the Chelsea Public Library, and has initially been made possible by a grant from the Chelsea Cultural Grant. The People of Chelsea project looks forward to celebrating the 400th with all of you.

Adalinda and Luisa Guerrero Ferrera, Orlan Tailoring 2022

Adalinda: I’m Adalinda Guerrero Ferrera. My sister is Luisa Guerrero Ferrera, from San Pedro Sula, Honduras. I came to this country first, and then 5 years later, my sister arrived.

I married an American citizen, and I was able to come with my documents. With my sister, it was different because she crossed the border in Houston. A very difficult journey, yes. They received their papers recently. I married a US citizen, and he lived here in Chelsea where he already had his business. We met on the Internet. It happened that our families lived nearby in San Pe-



dro Sula, and the families met. I had studied dress-making for two years in Honduras, so when I met my husband, we had that in common. He also sews. He learned to sew in Honduras too, in a school in San Pedro Sula. We talked about sewing, and we fell in love.

We specialize in haute couture, but we only do alterations. Our work ranges from leather jackets to wedding dresses. We do good work, and thank God we have had a good clientele. We get good recommendations, and we do our work with love, of course, that is very important. With love, yes

When everything was closed during the pandemic, it was hard. We had to close because our work is with clothes and we had to be very careful. We closed for 3 months. We got

Covid, yes, everyone at home got it, but we try to take care of ourselves. We took advantage of the time inside; we started painting and fixing up the businesses. And then the work on the masks came, and my husband invented a very nice design of masks, and we began to make masks of all colors. But thank God, here we are now. We haven’t closed, customers always bring us work.

Luisa: I learned to sew from her. Since we were little, she made my clothes for school at home. We are 11 siblings, and Adalinda is two years older than me. She was my seamstress; I was the model. And then, when I arrived here, I was the chef in a restaurant. But then it closed. So my sister said, come work with me. So we work together now, and it’s great.

Goldberg announces latest release of unclaimed property listings

Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg has announced the latest grouping of names added to the state’s list of unclaimed property owners. Over 50,000 new properties worth millions of dollars are owed to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth.

“Did you know there is \$3.4 billion in unclaimed property here in Massachusetts? 1 in 10 people in this state are owed money and one of them could be you,” said Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “So check the list, go online, or call our office to search for your name and begin the process today.”

Unclaimed property in-

cludes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. Last year, Treasury processed over 145,000 claims and returned \$185 million in property to its rightful owners.

This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Treasurer Goldberg urges all citizens to check the comprehensive list for all amounts at [www.findmassmoney.gov](http://www.findmassmoney.gov) or

call our live call center at 1-888-344-MASS (6277).

The full list of the new individuals and businesses added to the unclaimed property list will be published in the Boston Globe on March 3rd and in the Boston Herald on March 10th . In addition, the list of names will be published in over 30 regional and local papers in following weeks.

The Treasury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. There is no time limit for a person to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest.



By Tracy Nowicki  
Director of Elder Services

Ageism Inclusion, Part 3

Over the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to discuss with many wonderful people, of varying ages, about the terms used to classify older people, and a recent conversation with Minerva, who is a senior center friend, solidified my perspective.

The significance of labels is crucial, as they influence how we treat and communicate messages about individuals.

Reflecting on recent tributes during Black History Month and participating in CRT Training, it made me think about the interconnected nature of ageism and racism. These issues persist, resulting in the mistreatment of older individuals based on their age, competence and physical characteristics. This mistreatment manifests in neglect, dismissal, exclusion, abuse, and exploitation.

It remains crucial to consistently convey messages that foster change. In a world where diverse cultures, colors, and personalities are intricately linked, irrespective of status, there is a pressing need to nurture an environment that promotes balance and inclusion for everyone. This requires ongoing training, experience, compassion, and understanding.

Recognizing the significance of inclusion, the Chelsea Senior Cen-

ter has successfully cultivated an environment where everyone can feel comfortable. Offering services tailored for ages 55-65, 65-75, and 75-100+, the senior center embodies true inclusivity. It is when individuals of various ages, colors, and cultures can interact with one another without feeling uncomfortable or excluded that the essence of the organization comes to fruition.

Appreciation goes out to the readers and to those for sharing your thoughts on the recent columns. While there’s much to delve into regarding the issue of ageism, I’m going to shift our focus to something else. Please feel free to keep sharing your thoughts and ideas, they are highly valued and sincerely appreciated.

Until next week.....  
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Biden, Trump top ballot in Chelsea

By Adam Swift

There were few surprises in the Chelsea results for Tuesday’s presidential primary.

The Chelsea vote totals closely mirrored those across the state, and the nation so far, with President Joe Biden easily topping the Democratic primary ballot and former President Donald Trump easily taking the Republican side of the race.

Of the 1,378 votes cast in the Democratic primary in the city, Biden finished with 967 votes, or just under 72 percent of the total votes cast. Just under 12 percent of voters, 160,

cast a ballot for no preference in the contest. Dean Phillips tallied 106 votes, while Marianne Williamson totalled 79 votes.

Brian Corr ran unopposed for Democratic State Committee Man and tallied 973 votes.

In a contested race, Olivia Anne Walsh easily topped the ballot for State Committee Woman with 66 percent of the vote in a three-person race.

The Republican primary saw 689 votes cast, with Trump taking 485 votes to 165 for former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. All the other candidates listed on the ballot finished in the single dig-

its.

Incumbent Republican State Committee Man Todd Taylor came out ahead of John David Olds in Chelsea by a 427-153 margin. Regina Taylor was unopposed in the race for State Committee Woman.

No preference was the preference in the handful of votes cast in the Libertarian presidential primary, coming out on top with 21 votes compared to the single digit totals for the actual candidates on the ballot.

Overall, 2,112 votes were cast in Tuesday’s presidential primary in Chelsea.

NEWS IN BRIEF

WORK GETS UNDERWAY ON MAJOR EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER RENOVATIONS

Construction work was slated to get underway on the E911 building in downtown Chelsea next to City Hall this week.

The 911 Dispatch Cen-

ter is a critical part of the city’s public safety infrastructure, and the building has reached the limit of its usefulness and needs to be significantly renovated, according to City Manager Fidel Maltez.

The total cost of the project is \$3.9 million for design, construction, and temporary relocation of the E911 staff. The proj-

ect will be fully paid for through ARPA funds, and represents a major investment in the city’s public safety, according to the city manager.

There is expected to be a significant construction impact, especially in the City Hall parking lot. Construction is expected to be completed in the fall of this year.

Fire Chief // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and former councilor Judith Garcia presented Albanese with a resolution upon his retirement from the state, as well as a gift from the state’s fire chiefs.

The representative said she was on the hiring committee when Albanese interviewed for the position eight years ago, and

that he made an immediate impression as a leader.

“I thank you for eight years of great service,” said Garcia. “I know it wasn’t easy to be here the first few months ... but you passed through that and you led with courage.”

Albanese thanked the

members of the council for the resolution and their support.

“From early on, I always had the support of the council,” he said. “It has been a pleasure to serve the city of Chelsea and this historic fire department.”



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Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2024**. For more information on these scholarships, including application and criteria please visit [www.massport.com](http://www.massport.com)

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# Senate approves DiDomenico bill to update and modernize sexual health education

Last Thursday, the Massachusetts Senate passed Senator DiDomenico’s Healthy Youth Act, which would ensure that Massachusetts public schools electing to teach sexual health education curriculum use age-appropriate, inclusive, medically accurate, and research-based information on sex, relationships, and consent.

The Healthy Youth Act, S.2686, would enhance parental rights and codify into law the voluntary framework approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). It calls for sex and relationship education to be inclusive and appropriate for students regardless of gender, race, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

“The Healthy Youth Act will finally make it clear that sex and relationship education in Massachusetts must be inclusive of all students and emphasize the importance and necessity of consent in relationships,” said Senator Sal N. DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader and lead sponsor of the Senate bill. “We must finally get this commonsense health policy over the finish line to ensure our children have the information they need to protect their health, form respectful relationships, and build the bright futures they deserve. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Chair Rodrigues, Chair Lewis, and all the advocates who have worked tirelessly to give



Senator DiDomenico speaking in favor of the healthy youth act on the Senate floor.

our children the best education available.”

“The true north for the Massachusetts Senate is providing our young people and families with every tool possible to empower them to live a bright future, right here in our state,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). “Inclusive and medically accurate sex and relationship education is fundamental to supporting residents in building that future, and critical if we want to continue leading and competing in all aspects of education nationally. Thanks to the relentless work of Senator DiDomenico, and the tireless support from Chair Lewis and all who have worked so hard on this effort, Massachusetts has an opportunity to continue to lead in this space.”

Requiring medically accurate curriculum for public schools teaching sex and relationship education

The Healthy Youth Act would ensure that students in public schools that offer sexual health education

are receiving, and teachers have guidance on, curricula that is age-appropriate, medically accurate, comprehensive, and inclusive of LGBTQ+ health and lessons on consent.

The Healthy Youth Act would incorporate comprehensive sex and relationship education that could support students in delaying the initiation of sex, increasing use of contraception, lowering the rates of STIs and unintended pregnancy among teens, and reducing reported levels of bullying towards LGBTQ+ youth in school.

Curricula for schools that choose to teach sex and relationship education would include the benefits of delaying sex; human anatomy, reproduction, and sexual development; effective contraceptive use; prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs); relationship and communication skills to form healthy relationships; coverage of affirmative, conscious and voluntary consent; and age-appropriate information about gender identity and sexual orientation, including resources that offer support to LGBTQ+ students.

Protecting and enhancing parental notification and rights

This legislation also protects and enhances parents’ right to remove their children from all or part of the sex and relationship education program if they choose to do so—an ac-

tion already protected by state law.

Additionally, this bill updates parent-notification guidelines for districts that choose to teach sex and relationship education curriculum and requires schools to send notice to parents in English and in other commonly spoken languages in the district. Notice would alert parents that their child is enrolled in a sex and relationship education course and would inform them of their right to review the curriculum or opt their child out of some or all of the lessons.

Building on the DESE education framework

The Healthy Youth Act would codify into law the health education framework approved by DESE last year, which is currently only a voluntary guideline for school districts in the Commonwealth.

If passed, the legislation would strengthen the impact of the new health education framework and create standards for sex and relationship curricula in public schools.

The Healthy Youth Act would require the DESE to collect data on sex and relationship education taught in public schools and require DESE to review and update the framework at least every ten years to ensure the sex and relationship education guidelines remain comprehensive and are meeting the needs of students.

The bill has the support of a broad coalition of education and LGBTQ+ ad-

vocates around the state.

“Today’s vote affirms what we already know – a strong majority of people in Massachusetts, including most parents, want young people to receive sex and relationship education at school,” said Jamie Klufts, co-chair of the Healthy Youth Coalition. “We are deeply grateful to the entire Senate, including Senate President Spilka, Senate Ways and Means Chair Rodrigues, and Assistant Majority Leader DiDomenico, for believing in the Healthy Youth Act once again. We look forward to working with the House to pass the Healthy Youth Act this session so that the state’s exciting new Health and Physical Education Framework can reach its full potential and do the most to support our students and teachers.”

“Ensuring that Massachusetts schools are places where all students feel safe and supported—no exceptions—has never been so urgent,” said Jaclyn Friedman, Executive Director of EducateUS and Chair of the Healthy Youth Coalition. “The type of sex and relationship education provided for by the Healthy Youth Act is proven to protect young people against bullying, abuse, and feelings of isolation. We applaud the Senate’s steadfast and timely commitment to young people across Massachusetts.”

“We are excited to learn that, once again, the Healthy Youth Act has passed the Senate,” said

Shaplaie Brooks, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ+ Youth. “This tells us that the number one priority for the Senate is comprehensive, intersectional, and medically-accurate health education for students in the Commonwealth. With this win, we believe that the Senate has weighed the pros and cons of this life-saving legislation, and ultimately centered the importance of cultivating a safe environment for students to engage a modern curriculum that reflects the issues they face every day and answers their questions about healthy relationships—rooted in consent. The Commission believes that the House understands the same, and urges it to take up this bill immediately. We are at a pivotal moment in our Commonwealth’s history where we have a chance for all youth including LGBTQ youth to receive critical information that can equip them with the tools to keep themselves safe, be a safe person in their relationships, understand the risks and red flags specific to their communities, and have the autonomy to make informed decisions based on the power of knowledge and not fear.”

This is the fifth consecutive session during which the Senate has adopted similar legislation.

The bill now heads to the Massachusetts House of Representatives for consideration.

# March is Massachusetts Maple Month

To celebrate a new agricultural season in Massachusetts, Governor Maura Healey is declaring March as Massachusetts Maple Month. Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) Commissioner Ashley Randle joined state and local officials and representatives from the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association today at Severance Maple Products in Northfield to raise awareness of the state’s maple sugar industry and to encourage residents to visit their local sugar house and purchase locally made maple products.

In a recent visit to Severance Maple Products included a tour of their operations and retail store, along with a reading of a Governor’s Proclamation and ceremonial tapping of a maple tree to commemorate the official start of the sugaring season. Owners Milt and Robin Severance have been sugaring since 1976. Their first year yielded a couple of gallons of maple syrup, but today, they produce a couple thousand gallons annually. All of their products are produced locally in Northfield at their sugarhouse kitchen, with availability online, in local stores, and at craft and agricultural fairs in the area.

Massachusetts is one of

the top maple-producing states in the country, home to over 300 maple producers that produce more than 70,000 gallons per year. The sector employs over a thousand people, contributing over \$15 million to the local economy. Maple sugaring profits allow many Massachusetts farms to stay in business year-round by diversifying their offerings, serving as a supplemental source of income to their other crops.

“We are tapping into this maple month with more support and appreciation for our sugarmakers than ever. The maple industry is not only economically, culturally, and historically important for the region but also plays a vital role in our environmental and climate resilience efforts,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. “The industry maintains and preserves more than 15,000 acres of land and is working to modernize equipment and install renewable energy sources. We are proud to see this the sector transition to one of the state’s most energy efficient and sustainable in agriculture.”

Since 2018, MDAR has awarded over half a million dollars in Climate Smart Agriculture Program Grants to maple

producers throughout the state. These grants have been used to offset the costs of installing updated, environmentally friendly equipment, including high-efficiency evaporators, heat recovery and reverse osmosis equipment, and photovoltaic solar arrays, lowering carbon footprints and environmental impacts.

“Our farming community had an enormously challenging year in 2023, so it’s with great optimism that we usher in a new growing season and celebrate our maple producers with the first agricultural crop of the year,” said MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle. “While the maple sugaring season may be brief in Massachusetts, our maple producers work hard year-round to bring us this naturally sweet and nutritionally dense crop that is versatile and universally enjoyed by all. We’re proud to support them, and I can’t wait to enjoy a pancake breakfast topped with fresh maple syrup at a local sugarhouse this month.”

All month long, maple sugarhouses around the state will open their doors to host visitors with fun, family-friendly interactive activities, as well as serving stacks of pancakes, waffles, and French toast covered in local maple syrup. Maple sugaring is one of the few agritourism activities available during the early months of the year. Over 60,000 visitors spend more than \$2 million during the sugaring season. Farms, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, country inns, and other tourist businesses share in this income, which primarily flows into small towns and farm communities.

“Sugarhouses and local farms across Massachusetts provide memorable



MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle with state and local officials alongside Milt and Robin Severance (far right), owners of Severance Maple Products in Northfield.

and immersive experiences for visitors of all ages,” said Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism Executive Director Kate Fox. “We encourage visitors and residents alike to check out Massachusetts sugarhouses during Maple Month, where they can experience a behind-the-scenes tour, sample delicious treats, and purchase local maple syrup and maple products from these unique small businesses.”

“I’m so thankful to kick off maple season here in the Second Franklin District,” said Representative Susannah Whipps (I – Athol). “This brief sweet period of time is a sign that spring is coming and a reminder of the importance of this industry to our economy, tourism and food system.”

“I am delighted to join Governor Healey, EEA Secretary Tepper, MDAR Commissioner Randle, the MA Maple Producers Association, and many others in celebrating March

as Massachusetts Maple Month,” said Senator Jo Comerford (D-Northampton). “I am tremendously proud to represent many outstanding maple producers who are living and working in the Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester district.”

“We expect a great maple syrup harvest this spring as many sugarmakers across the state are off to an early start,” said Massachusetts Maple Producers Association Coordinator Missy Leab. “As the sweet steam rises from our local sugarhouses this spring, we encourage everyone to take the opportunity and visit one or more of the 300+ Massachusetts maple producers where you can talk with a sugarmaker, ask all your maple questions, and see, smell, and taste spring! Watch the fascinating process of turning fresh maple sap into pure maple syrup. Don’t forget to bring home a jug of Massachusetts sweetest crop: pure maple

syrup!”

Maple syrup has been produced and consumed for centuries in North America. Its initial availability during the tail end of the winter season signals the start of the agricultural awakening in Massachusetts and is a sure sign that spring is around the corner. Tree tapping in Massachusetts can start as early as late January and continue through April, though March is officially Maple Month. Most importantly, the temperatures must be below freezing at night and above freezing during the days for the tree sap to flow. Furthermore, weather, soil, and genetics of the tree can affect maple syrup flavor.

Please visit the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association (MMPA) to learn more about the maple sugaring process. For a complete listing of maple sugar houses in the Commonwealth, visit the MassGrown website.

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TEMPLE EMMANUEL HOLDS SHABBAT DINNER

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Temple Emmanuel hosted a Shabbat Dinner March 1 at the Elaine and Larry Smith Social Hall. The dinner was held in coordination with the national Shabbat Across America celebration.

Rabbi Oksana Chapman led the assemblage in prayers for Shabbat, the Jewish Day of Rest which is observed each week from sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday.

Temple Emmanuel President Sara Lee Callahan welcomed the many guests to the celebration. Sara Lee was joined at the President’s Table by



Rabbi Oksana Chapman holds a glass of wine for the “Borei Pri Hagafen” blessing at the Temple Emmanuel Shabbat Across America Dinner.

her husband, Attorney Michael Callahan, a graduate of the prestigious Ivy

League school, University of Pennsylvania.

The guests enjoyed a

delicious dinner and desserts.

A special floral presen-

tation was made to longtime Temple Emmanuel member and Chelsea res-

ident Cindy Millman for organizing the event.



Temple President Sara Lee Callahan and dinner guest Esther Berkowitz.



Jordana Mather presents flowers to Dinner Chair Cindy Millman in appreciation of her efforts in organizing the event.



Temple Emmanuel President Sara Lee Callahan presents a birthday cake to Ron Waxman, who celebrated his 66th birthday March 1 at the Shabbat Dinner. Ron, son of former School Committeewoman Doris Waxman and insurance agency owner William Waxman, grew up on Cottage Street in Chelsea.



Billy Forrest, Dottie Kushmerik, and Jay Rosenzwaig.



Jordana Mather and Suzanne Zazula Franklin.



Seated are Attorney Michael Callahan, Misty Covitz, Edythe Shuman, and Sharon Minkovitz. Standing are Temple President Sara Lee Callahan, Ron Waxman, Ralph Turransky, and Carole Turransky.



Seated are Murray Novak, Dotty Novak, and Dinner Chair Cindy Millman. Standing are Ronda Winer, Ellen Goldstick, and Stephen Vider.

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a significant step forward, symbolizing a powerful movement towards inclusivity and empowerment. This commission will serve as a beacon of support, guidance, protection and opportunity for all females within our community.”

Kelly Garcia said she was thrilled about the upcoming launch of the Chelsea Women’s Commission.

“My sisters in service and I commit to advocating for gender equality, addressing women’s issues, and promoting policies that empower women and girls in Chelsea and beyond,” said Garcia. “We hope to provide a platform for amplifying women’s voices, advancing their rights, and fostering inclusive decision-making processes, contributing to a more equitable and just society for all. ¡Mujeres en Poder!”

District 5 Councilor Lisa Santagate said that now more than ever, it is of paramount importance for Chelsea to form a Women’s Commission.

“It is vital to continue to push for systems, policies, programs, and funding that will empower women in all facets of life,” she said.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women was also a partner in creating this commission.

“It never ceases to amaze me what a group of thoughtful, dedicated women can accomplish,” said MCSW Executive Director Shaitia Spruell. “The MCSW is just 25 years young, so we understand the importance of building lasting entities that focus on policy that advances the lives of all women and girls across the Commonwealth. We are honored to have supported the Chelsea Women’s Commission in their formation.”

The Chelsea Women’s Commission will be the responsibility of the city’s Director of DEI, Dr. Candace Perez.

“I am so excited to collaborate with the dynamic women of Chelsea and our thought partners in Massachusetts, in our fight for women and girls’ equity,” said Perez. “This is a pivotal moment in our collective movement, which represents progress and proactivity for our diverse community. We welcome our collaborative allies in joining us for this momentous Commission.”

Maltez is now seeking

women and people who identify as female interested in serving on the Chelsea Women’s Commission. Interested candidates should apply by contacting the City Manager’s Office at 617-466-4101 or fmaltez@cambridgema.gov.

“This women’s commission is crucial and plays a huge role in advocating for gender equality and empowers women to achieve their full potential in all aspects of life,” said District 4 Councilor Tanairi Garcia at Monday night’s council meeting. “I do feel that especially our youth need more guidance, because moms are busy working two or three jobs to keep a roof over their heads, and it is crucial for the city to step in and play a role in supporting these very busy moms.”

De Jesus also thanked Perez, City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher, and Lourdes Alvarez, the city manager’s communications manager, for their roles in making the new commission a reality.

“They are really the champions behind the scenes that are putting all the details for this to get rolling,” she said.

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mony, noting that it was the largest assemblage in the 11-year history of the event.

Dr. Jessica Pepple, Equity, Diversity, and Excellence Officer, RFK Alliance, delivered the keynote address.

The CBC honored five community leaders with its prestigious Chelsea Trailblazer Awards. The recipients were James D'Amico Jr., Jennifer Hassell, Dr. Aaron T. Jennings, Tracy Nowicki, and Kyle Umemba.



Dakeya Christmas welcomes CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell to the CBC Chelsea Trailblazer Award Recognition Ceremony and Dinner.



City Manager Fidel Maltez, CBC President Joan Cromwell, and keynote speaker, Dr. Jessica Pepple, Equity, Diversity, and Excellence, RFK Alliance.



Retiring Fire Chief Len Albanese was the recipient of a special appreciation award. Making the presentation are CBC President Joan Cromwell and CBC Vice President Dakeya Christmas.



Helping to support the CBC at the Chelsea Trailblazer Recognition Awards Ceremony are Peter Zaksheski and Saritin Rizzuto.



Tracy Nowicki, Joanne Vasquez and Jennifer Hassell.



Fire Chief Len Albanese, Police Chief Keith Houghton, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Capt. David Rizzuto, and Sgt. Star Chung.



Rep. Judith Garcia, CBC President Joan Cromwell, Nicole McKoy, City Council President Norieliz DeJesus, Sharon Caulfield, and Pastor Keila Velez.



From left, are Police Chief Keith Houghton, Fire Chief Len Albanese, Latimer Society Co-Director Ronald Robinson, Julio Hernandez of the Housing and Community Development Department, and Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Paul Nowicki.



CBC Board Member Deborah Washington, Wayne Mahon, Ronald Robinson, and CBC Board Member Stacey Smith.



Yvette Chappell and Beverly Martin Ross.



CBC leaders, Vice President Dakeya Christmas and President Joan Cromwell.



City Councilor Lisa Santagate congratulates James D'Amico on receiving the CBC Chelsea Trailblazer Award.



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CHELSEA TRAILBLAZER AWARD RECOGNITION DINNER

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Chelsea Community Connections Director Cara Cogliano, who is leaving her position, was recognized for her years of dedicated service to Chelsea residents. Making the award presentation are CBC Vice President Dakeya Christmas and CBC President Joan Cromwell.



Representing Girl Scout Troop 62751, Chloe Bourgea, Kathryn Bourgea, and Victoria Davis.



CBC Chelsea Trailblazer Award recipient Jennifer Hassell, with her husband, John Hassell, and their daughters, Juli-ana Hassell, and Jaylen Hassell.



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Police Chief Keith Houghton, and Provost Beverly Martin Ross.



Proud father Kenneth Umemba, with his two dynamic sons, Kingsley Umemba and Kyle Umemba, pictured at the CBC Chelsea Trailblazer Recognition Reception.



Vocalist Danny Rivera, with Kingsley Umemba, and CBC Chelsea Trailblazer Award recipient Kyle Umemba.



Chelsea Black Community board members, Beverly Martin Ross, Nicole McKoy, President Joan Cromwell, Pastor Keila Velez, and Sharon Caulfield.



CBC Chelsea Trailblazer Award recipient James D'Amico Jr., with his proud family at the Recognition Dinner Feb. 29 at the Williams Middle School.



The Chelsea Police Department was present in support of the Chelsea Black Community's Trailblazer Recognition Awards Ceremony. From left, are Lt. Joe Fern, Officer Garrison Daniel, Chief Keith Houghton, Sgt. Star Chung, and Officer Dave Delaney.



Fire Chief Len Albanese, Police Chief Keith Houghton, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, DJ George Athas, Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, Councilor-at-Large Kelly Garcia, Sen. Sal DiDomenico, and City Councilor Tanairi Garcia.



CBC Chelsea Trailblazer Award recipient Tracy Nowicki, with her husband, Paul Nowicki, their children, John Paul Nowicki, Christina Nowicki, and Mia Nowicki, and other members of the proud Nowicki and Constantino families.



Recipients of the prestigious CBC Chelsea Trailblazer Awards, community leader and Let It Fly Classic Co-Director Kyle Umemba, Chelsea Elder Affairs Director Tracy Nowicki, CPS Equity, Diversity and Excellence Officer, Dr. Aaron T. Jennings, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, and Century 21 Northeast and New Fed Mortgage co-owner and property developer James D'Amico Jr.



# Smoking likely cause of Monday fire on Maverick Street

Special to the Record

A five-alarm fire that consumed two buildings, damaged two others, and left dozens of people displaced began on a rear porch and may have started with careless disposal of smoking materials, according to Chelsea Fire Chief Leonard A. Albanese, Chelsea Police Chief Keith Houghton, and State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine.

The Chelsea Fire Department responded to Maverick Street at about 11:40 am on March 1 to find heavy fire in the rear of a three-story building. The fire had already extended to a two-story building next door. Second, third, and fourth alarms were struck shortly after arrival and a fifth alarm was struck at about 12:15.

At one point early on, two firefighters from Ladder 2 ran low on air while conducting a search on the second floor of 50 Maver-

ick St. and a “May Day” was called. A “May Day” is a distress call which indicates that a firefighter is either trapped or in need of assistance, Albanese said.

Members of other Chelsea companies were able to quickly deploy a ground ladder to a second floor window, where both firefighters were safely rescued. The two firefighters were not injured, and returned to work at the scene.

No civilian injuries were reported, and firefighters had the blaze under control just after 1:00 pm.

There were 5 to 7 families displaced, with upwards of 40 people. Chelsea Emergency Management with the assistance of LaColaborativa provided immediate assistance and support to those displaced.

“In Chelsea and other densely built cities and towns, a fire on a back

porch can quickly grow to involve multiple buildings,” said Albanese. “Many of these fires start with cigarettes and other smoking materials that are carelessly discarded. They can smolder undetected, spread to the main structure, and extend to nearby homes within minutes. I want to thank the Chelsea and mutual aid firefighters who did a remarkable job containing this fire, which grew very, very quickly. Under slightly different circumstances, the entire neighborhood could have been threatened.”

The origin and cause of the fire were investigated by the Chelsea Fire Department, Chelsea Police Department, and State Police fire investigators assigned to the State Fire Marshal’s office. They jointly determined that the fire began on a rear porch at 50 Maverick St. While investigators did not reach a conclusive determination on its cause,



A five-alarm fire roared at 50 Maverick St. in Chelsea.

they agreed that it was not suspicious and that the improper disposal of smoking materials was a potential factor.

“We see porch fires every year around this time as the weather starts to warm up,” said Davine.

“Remember that grills should never be used on a porch or balcony. If you smoke, or if you have guests who do, please be careful with cigarettes and other smoking materials. Never stub them out on a railing, toss them over

the side, or drop them in a planter. The embers can easily ignite dead leaves or other debris and cause a fire that spreads to the home. Always use a heavy ashtray with water or sand and put it out, all the way, every time.”

# DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick’s Day kickoff roast this Friday, March 8

Special to the Record

The top elected officials in Massachusetts will join host State Senator Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett) at the head table for the Annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick’s Day Celebration on Friday, March 8 beginning at 6:30pm at the Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus in Charlestown. This has become of the most anticipated events of the year.

In addition to Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, over 75 federal, state, an elected officials have confirmed they will join State Senator Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett)

at the head table at the annual political kick-off of the St. Patrick’s Day roast including: Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, Massachusetts State Senate President Karen Spilka, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, State Auditor Diana DiZoglio, Cambridge Mayor Denise Simmons, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez, Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden, Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, Middlesex County Clerk of Courts Michael Sullivan,



The Annual DiDomenico Foundation St. Patrick’s Day Celebration is one of the most popular St. Patrick’s Day traditions in the Greater Boston area.

Governor’s Councilor Terry Kennedy and more!

In addition to a tradi-

tional Irish dinner, the night will include live Irish music, bagpipers, and Boston’s best comedians to enhance the political humor. There will also be complimentary valet parking at the event.

This year’s Golden

Shamrock Award recipient is Catherine D’Amato, the CEO of the Greater Boston Food Bank. She will be honored for her steadfast and tireless work to fight food insecurity throughout our region. Catherine is a national leader on

closing the hunger gap and has been instrumental in President Biden’s White House Challenge to End Hunger And Build Healthy Communities.

This event is one of the most popular St. Patrick’s Day traditions in the Greater Boston area and Senator Nick Collins (D-South Boston), the host of the Annual South Boston St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast, will also be at the event.

For tickets (\$40.00 per person) and event information, please call (617) 387-3327. Proceeds will go to The DiDomenico Foundation, which funds educational scholarships for graduating high school students, as well as a large toy drive during the holiday season for domestic violence and homeless shelters throughout the Greater Boston.

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# Joint Committee on Ways and Means to hold budget hearing in Gloucester

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means will hold a hearing on Governor Maura Healey’s FY2025 budget proposal, covering the topics of economic development, housing, and labor. State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D-Gloucester) and State Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston) will co-chair the hearing. The hearing will be open to the public for viewing; testimony is by invitation only.

“The state budget is the most important piece of legislation that is passed annually because it funds almost all aspects of the Commonwealth’s func-tions and programs. Al-though those testifying will include Constitu-tional officers such as the Attorney General, Secretariats of Econom-ic Development, Labor and Workforce, Housing and Livable Communities and agencies, this hear-

ing gives the public the opportunity to view the budget process,” said Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D-Gloucester). “I’m pleased that my constitu-ents, the residents of Cape Ann, will have the ability to see the budget process up close and personal, es-pecially as we hear testi-mony on how and where the Commonwealth in-tends to spend its resourc-es.”  
“As co-chair of this crit-

ical hearing on the FY2025 state budget, I’m honored to provide a platform for public engagement in our budgetary process. This hearing isn’t just about numbers; it’s about the future we’re collectively shaping. By opening the doors to transparency and accountability, we em-power our constituents to actively participate in de-cisions that impact their lives,” said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston).

The Joint Commit-tee on Ways and Means hearing on the FY2025 state budget is on Friday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the Gloucester City Hall – Kyrouz Auditorium, 9 Dale Avenue.  
Involved are Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Office of the At-torney General, Executive Office of Economic De-velopment, Office of Con-sumer Affairs and Busi-ness Regulation, Dept. of

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## BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

### Bruins stuck in a rut?

The Bruins are in dan-ger of having created some late game habits that are now becoming com-monplace in recent games. Despite their strong Mon-day night 4-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs, they’ve once again slipped into their habit of not de-fending well while play-ing with a lead in the third period. The result, another overtime loss, for the 15th time, as Boston dropped a 2-1 decision to the Edmon-ton Oilers last night (Tues-day), giving the locals the honor (or shame) of lead-ing the NHL in overtime losses. In a game where the Bruins were able to follow their game plan to success, by allowing as lit-tle shooting room as pos-sible to the dynamic Oil-ers scoring duo of Connor McDavid and Leon Drai-saitl. That combined with the strong play of Boston goaltender Linus Ullmark to create a 1-0 lead with 1:20 remaining in regu-lation. Unfortunately, an empty net miss by Danton Heinen, was followed by a Charlie Coyle faceoff loss to McDavid, whose pass to Draisaitl resulted in the

game-tying goal, and overtime. Once again the over-time was short-lived for the Bru-ins as Draisai-tl, on a McDavid pass, was able to put the puck behind Ullmark just 2:18 into OT, while the Bruins were unable to gar-ner a single shot in the OT stanza. Despite Boston’s tight defense, the Oilers trio of McDavid, Draisai-tl and defenseman Evan Bouchard were involved in both Edmonton goals. McDavid extended his point streak to 12-games, and the Oilers won their fifth in a row. In the post-game press conference, coach Jim Montgomery summed it up with “You have to find out a way to close out games, this is a great opportunity for us to realize that we can’t take anything for granted. It doesn’t matter how tired you are at the end of the game; we’ve got to find a way to push through, and (tonight) we didn’t find a way.”  
Very obvious this sea-

son, has been the lack of success for the Bruins at the fa-ceoff dot. Fans took for granted the superb job Patrice Bergeron was able to do for two decades, winning the majority of his face-offs taken, especially in clutch situations. It’s a fact that when you win the faceoff, you are starting play with puck posses-sion, a strong factor that most often spawns suc-cess. On the celebratory side, former UNH stand-out, James van Riemsdyk, in his first season with the Bruins, was playing in his 1,000th NHL game,. Riemer received strong applause when the an-nouncement was made, and you can be sure it will be even stronger when the locals honor him formal-ly on March 16th, prior to their game versus the Flyers. The Bruins hope to reduce their injured play-er list by one more, pend-ing the soon-to-be return of defenseman Hampus

Lindholm, which coach Montgomery said is get-ting close.  
Tonight (Thursday 7:00pm) the Bruins will host division rival, the Toronto Maple Leafs who are streaking with 8 wins in their last ten games. Sat-urday’s matinee (3:00pm) will have the Pittsburgh Penguins (5-4-1 last ten) here, with the St. Louis Blues (4-5-1) providing the opposition on Monday at 7:00pm. Following the visit from the Blues, the Bruins will head to Mon-treal to take on Les Can-adiens (3-5-2) on Thurs-day 7:00pm. In what has seemed like Stealth-fash-ion, the Florida Panthers (43-16-4) have quietly moved to the top of both the NHL and Eastern Con-ference standings with 90 points, while currently rid-ing a six-game win streak. Presently the top eight teams in the NHL stand-ings have the Panthers followed by Vancouver Canucks (87 points), Bru-ins (87), Dallas Stars (85), New York Rangers (84), Winnipeg Jets (83), Colo-rado (81) and the Edmon-ton Oilers (78).

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ties. Along with our entire Board of Directors, I’m brimming with pride,” said Rita Sorrento, EB-NHC’s long-time Chair-woman of its Board of Directors.  
“I am proud to see how East Boston Neighbor-hood Health Center con-tinues to expand to meet the needs of our commu-nities and remains com-mitted to its founding mission of serving all who walk through our doors,” said EBNHC’s CEO Emeritus Jack Cradock. “Under the name Neigh-borHealth, I am excited to see the next chapter unfold and the positive impact it will undoubtedly bring to communities throughout Greater Boston.”  
Acquired by EBNHC in 2020, the South End Community Health Cen-ter, with an equally rich legacy, will also embrace the new name, Neigh-borHealth, in June of this year.  
“In the 1960s, I saw firsthand the urgent need for community-based pri-mary care in the South End and was fortunate to join forces with an in-credible group of people who shared my vision for justice in healthcare. For me, NeighborHealth symbolizes a renewed dedication to serve our communities with com-passion and sensitivity, something we need now more than ever,” said Dr. Gerald Hass, co-founder of the South End Com-munity Health Center.  
Responding to com-munity feedback, EBN-

HC worked with patients, staff, and community leaders across the Bos-ton area to arrive at a name that best unified the health systems’ breadth of services across multi-ple campuses. The new brand, NeighborHealth, will align the health sys-tem’s visual identity with its mission and vision to deliver a healthcare expe-rience that is compassion-ate, person-centric, cul-turally relevant, and most importantly – accessible to all.  
Undergoing the offi-cial name change in June 2024, the soon-to-be NeighborHealth will con-tinue to be a staple in Bos-ton’s diverse communities by leveraging its core val-ues:  
• With community: We don’t just serve commu-nities; we belong to them. We understand the lives of our patients because they’re deeply intercon-nected with our own; and that’s why we can address complex needs and cultur-al nuances. We’re more than providers; we’re neighbors.  
• Open to all: Too many people face barriers to re-ceiving high-quality care due to disparities associ-ated with race, cultural background, or economic status. As a communi-ty-focused health system, we are committed to elim-inating these barriers to provide the right care to everyone who needs it, no matter who they are.  
• Beyond the clinic: We know that health care doesn’t start or end in

the exam room. The fact is, where and how peo-ple live can have a pro-found impact on health outcomes and wellbeing. That’s why we take a ho-listic approach to care, working with community partners to engage people in the community before they become patients at our clinics.  
• A valued team: A healthful workplace is essential to great patient care. That’s why we are committed to the wellbe-ing of our team, building a safe and supportive space where staff are recognized and valued for their work, and patients are treat-ed based on their unique needs by providers they trust.  
• Better care: We bring compassionate, high-qual-ity care to communities across Greater Boston. Community, however, is not just a place where care happens – it’s a healthful state we all should aspire to. We live longer, health-ier lives in community, with those who know and care about us. That’s why we believe that care in community is better. And that’s what we’re here to champion.  
Patients and partners seeking additional infor-mation about the upcom-ing rebrand, please visit ebnhc.org.  
East Boston Neighbor-hood Health Center is one of the nation’s largest Fed-erally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health sys-tem in Massachusetts,

serving over 120,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to com-prehensive primary care, specialty care and emer-gency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, EBNHC joined forces with the South End Community Health Cen-ter and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston’s South End and Roxbury neigh-borhoods.  
EBNHC champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-in-come and immigrant com-munities with services unique from other health care providers in our state. In addition to primary and specialty care, EBNHC operates Massachusetts’ only satellite Emergency Department, which is the fourth busiest ED in Bos-ton and is co-located with advanced radiology, in-cluding CT scan services, same-day Behavioral Health Urgent Care and an integrated pharmacy. Today, EBNHC remains dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals both in and out of the exam room by providing accessible, person-centered, compas-sionate, and high-quality health care services. For more information, visit www.ebnhc.org

## Rene Thomson

She will be missed for her contagious laughter and her natural grace and charm

Rene Thomson lived an adventurous and fulfilling life; she maintained vigor and a razor-sharp wit even through the long-term ef-fects of a stroke in 2008 and the Alzheimer’s Dis-ease against which she fought bravely until she found peace and entered God’s Kingdom on Febru-ary 29th at the age of 86.  
Born in 1937 in Jama-ica, West Indies, Rene em-igrated with her family to the United States in 1969. She lived in Rochester, NY for seven years, rais-ing her three daughters and working in advertis-ing and moved to Boston in 1979 where she worked at Inc. Magazine for over thirty years.  
Rene is survived by her husband, Joseph Fuchs; her three daughters and their husbands: Donna and William vanBlarcom of Niantic, CT, Judith and Richard McGinnis of Wakefield, MA, and Eleanor and Jack Soucy of Safety Harbor, FL, her three stepsons, Steven, Kevin and Todd Fuchs; as well as eight grandchil-dren and four great-grand-children.

Rene was full of pas-sion and spirit and left a lasting impression on ev-eryone she met. She was well-known for her love of gardening, having spent several years volunteering at the flower shop at Mass General Hospital, and cre-ated a beautiful, sprawl-ing floral landscape for her neighbors in Chel-sea.

She loved to travel around the world, pro-vided love and snuggles to many adopted cats through the years, was an avid fan of Elvis Presley, and enjoyed seeking “big wins” at casinos in Con-necticut, New Jersey and Nevada.



Her family will cele-brate her life and legacy every day, honoring all the ways in which Rene was an incredibly strong wom-an, a best friend, and an unforgettable individ-ual. She placed her stamp and style on everything and everyone she met; she will be missed for her con-tagious laughter and her natural grace and charm. Rene was the definition of the greatness she set by example.

The family is very grateful for the care Rene received over the last two years at Cohen Florence Levine in Chelsea and the Medford Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and sends a very special bless-ing to Ria who has been a loving caregiver to Rene over the last three years.

Visitation for relatives and friends will be held at the McDonald Funer-al Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield today, Thurs-day, March 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph Church, 173 Albi-on St., Wakefield on Fri-day, March 8 at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, do-nations in Rene’s name can be made The Alzhei-mer’s Association, <https://alzfdn.org/> or to Co-hen Florence Levine Es-tates, 201 Captains Row, Chelsea, MA 02150.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

HEARING ABOUT CONCERT SERIES

EAST BOSTON - Those in attendance at the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council's (OHNC) monthly meeting last week spoke about the future of the Suffolk Downs Concert Series and voiced concerns about traffic, noise, and parking problems stemming from last year's iteration.

To start the discussion, District A7 Police Captain Dean Bickerton, who attended the meeting whilst on vacation to speak specifically about the topic, stood alongside HYM's Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer Thomas O'Brien to address concerns from last year from those in attendance.

One attendee spoke about traffic issues and explained that it took her almost an hour to get home

from Revere to Orient Heights during last year's concert series.

"When he [O'Brien] was here the last time, he said the traffic was going to be under control. On 1A, it was not under control. Revere police were stopping people from making a turnaround right across from the gas station there — I was not allowed to go down Boardman Street — I had to go way down to the end to make the turn," said the attendee.

Bickerton, in response, said that Boardman Street should not have been shut off and spoke in depth about the traffic management plan.

Another attendee had talked about concertgoers parking on Waldemar Avenue and had suggested getting 24/7 resident-only parking for the days that there are concerts to prevent that from happening.

"Huge issue for us because when we went through all the processes, we didn't want any of that to happen during the build-out of the entire site, so we'll work with BTB (Boston Transportation Department) to try and get that done," said O'Brien.

Another attendee had voiced frustration with the sound, saying, "I realize it's a concert series. However, you probably should work with your sound engineer a little bit more because Swan Avenue is getting blasted."

O'Brien explained that there were no complaints regarding noise for the first round of shows last year, which occurred in June.

However, he did say, "Going into the second round of shows, it was a different type of music, and the speaker setup was set to kind of get the far end of the group of people



COURTESY PHOTO

As part of their Black History Month celebrations, Rumney Marsh Academy hosted Project Misik, to demonstrate traditional music and dances for the students to learn about and participate in. Shown above, Project Misik dancer leads students in a traditional Haitian folk dance in the RMA Gymnasium.

who are gathered on the lawn, and that first night we got a lot of noise complaints."

He also added that

they adjusted the speakers on the second night and "didn't receive much in the way of noise complaints on the second

night."

O'Brien also indicated that they are not looking

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LEGAL NOTICE



CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Small Business Food Assistance Promotion Program The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for "Small Business Food Assistance Promotion Program". Request for Proposals will be available on or after March 7, 2024 by visiting the City's website at [https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current\\_bids\\_solicitations.php](https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php). Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Small Business Food Assistance Promotion Program" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, March 28, 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 3/7/24 C

relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Candida R. Garcia-Castaneda of Chelsea, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. 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 the return day of 03/19/2024. 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 timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 02, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 3/7/24 C

Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Chelsea. The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email [MEPA@mass.gov](mailto:MEPA@mass.gov) or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project. By: 257 Chelsea Creek LLC 3/7/24 C

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AVISO PÚBLICO DE REVISIÓN AMBIENTAL PROYECTO: Bulkhead Repair UBICACIÓN: 245-257 Marginal Street, Chelsea, MA PROPONENTE: 257 Chelsea Creek LLC El abajo firmante presentará un formulario de notificación ambiental ("ENF") al Secretario de Energía y Asuntos Ambientales el día March 13, 2024 (o antes). Esto iniciará la revisión del proyecto anterior en conformidad con la Ley de Política Ambiental de Massachusetts ("MEPA", Ley General de Massachusetts [M.G.L.], capítulo 30, secciones 61-62L). Se pueden obtener copias del ENF en: Julie Silva Palmer Morgan, Lewis & Bockius One Federal Street Boston, MA 02110

También se enviarán copias electrónicas del ENF a la Comisión de Conservación y la Junta de Planificación de Chelsea. El Secretario de Energía y Asuntos Ambientales publicará un aviso del ENF en Environmental Monitor, recibirá comentarios públicos sobre el proyecto y luego decidirá si se requiere un informe de impacto ambiental. También se puede programar una visita al sitio o una sesión de consulta remota sobre el proyecto. Todas las personas que deseen hacer comentarios sobre el proyecto, o ser notifica-

dos de una visita al sitio o una sesión de consulta remota, deben enviar un correo electrónico a [MEPA@mass.gov](mailto:MEPA@mass.gov) al analista de MEPA que figura en Environmental Monitor. Las solicitudes de traducción de idiomas u otras adaptaciones deben enviarse a la misma dirección de correo electrónico. La correspondencia por correo debe dirigirse a Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, haciendo referencia al proyecto anterior. Por: 257 Chelsea Creek LLC 3/7/24 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2023-04 In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held at Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 6:00 PM for Major Site Plan Review seeking to establish a church at the address below and to create and establish additional parking at the premises known as: 10 Wesley Street and 19 Clyde Street All interested parties are encouraged to attend. 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 3/7/24, 3/14/24 C

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NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2024-04 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, April 9, 2024 Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Digna Fernandez For Special Permit seeking approval to establish a Barbershop and Beauty Salon at the premises known as: 688 Broadway 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 2/29/24, 3/7/24 C

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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, March 19, 2024 at 6:00pm at City Hall 3rd floor in the DPW Conference room. Proposed Work and Purpose: Petition of ExteNet Systems Inc. for the following petition: ExteNet Systems, Inc., 5844 John Hickman Pkwy., Suite 600, Frisco, TX 75034, respectfully seeks permission to install small cell wireless facilities on an existing utility pole at the following location in Chelsea: 119 Hawthorne St. This facility will include an antenna, cabling and an equipment box containing multiple radios. The pole may or may not need to be replaced depending on the structural condition of the pole. Public comments will be accepted during the meeting. Written comments are accepted by email to [cfax@chelseama.gov](mailto:cfax@chelseama.gov) until 12:00pm on 3/19/24. The public is invited to attend. Cate Fox Lent Commissioner 2/29/24, 3/7/24 C

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 38N, the Chelsea School Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Chelsea City Hall for the purpose of receiving comments on: 1. School Choice for the 2024-2025 school year. 2. The proposed 2024-2025 school budget. Copies of the budget proposal will be available for inspection no later than 2 days prior to the hearing on the Chelsea Public Schools website at <https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/2433>, at the Chelsea Public Library, and the Office of the Superintendent. Please call 617-466-4456 to request a hard copy or to have a copy emailed to you. If you are unable to attend in person, but

wish to submit public comment, you may send it to: [publichearing@chelseaschools.com](mailto:publichearing@chelseaschools.com) or call 617-466-4456. The meeting will be live streamed for the public at: Chelsea Cable TV and <https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/> 3/7/24, 3/14/24 C

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REUNION PUBLICA De acuerdo con el Capítulo 71, Sección 38N, el Comité Escolar de Chelsea llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el jueves, 14 de marzo del 2024 a las 6:30 p.m. en la Sala del Consejo Municipal en la Alcaldía de Chelsea con el propósito de recibir comentarios sobre: 1. La Elección de las Escuelas para el año escolar 2024-2025. 2. El presupuesto escolar propuesto para el año 2024-2025. Las copias de la propuesta del presupuesto estarán disponibles para su inspección a más tarde 2 días antes de la audiencia en el sitio de web de Las Escuelas Públicas de Chelsea <https://www.chelseaschools.com/Page/2433>, en la Biblioteca Pública de Chelsea y la Oficina de la Superintendente de las Escuelas. Llame al 617-466-4456 para solicitar una copia impresa o para que le enviemos una copia por correo electrónico. Si no puede presentarse en persona para los comentarios públicos, pueden enviar sus comentarios por correo electrónico o por teléfono a los siguientes: [publichearing@chelseaschools.com](mailto:publichearing@chelseaschools.com) o 617-466-4456 La reunión se transmitirá en vivo para el público en: Chelsea Cable TV <https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/> 3/7/24, 3/14/24 C

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CITY OF CHELSEA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Small Business & Food Enrollment Campaign The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for "Small Business & Food Enrollment Campaign". Request for Proposals will be available on or after March 7, 2024 by visiting the City's website at [https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current\\_bids\\_solicitations.php](https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php). Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked "Small Business & Food Enrollment Campaign" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, March 28, 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 3/7/24 C

SU24C0060CA In the matter of: Erick Antonio Munoz Rodriguez A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Erick Antonio Munoz Rodriguez of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Victoria Rodriguez Grover 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 03/28/2024. 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: March 6, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 3/7/24 C

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METRO CREDIT UNION SPECIAL NOMINATION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Special Nomination Meeting of the Membership will take place virtually via teleconference on Monday, March 28, 2024, at 2 p.m. for the purpose of presenting nominations for Director to be elected at the next Annual Meeting; only those nominated at said meeting shall be eligible for election by ballot at the Annual Meeting. To nominate yourself, please submit an email to [nomination@metrocu.org](mailto:nomination@metrocu.org) with your name, address, email address, and phone number no later than Thursday, March 21, 2024. To request to join the Special Nomination Meeting, please submit an email to [specialmeeting@metrocu.org](mailto:specialmeeting@metrocu.org) with your name, address, email address, and phone number no later than Thursday, March 21, 2024. All nominees and attendees must be members of Metro Credit Union. Voting will take place during the Special Nominating Meeting with present attendees. Respectfully submitted, Paul M. Gulko Clerk 3/7/24 C

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No.

SU24C0060CA In the matter of: Erick Antonio Munoz Rodriguez A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Erick Antonio Munoz Rodriguez of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Victoria Rodriguez Grover 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 03/28/2024. 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: March 6, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate 3/7/24 C

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In accordance with Section 2-7 (b) and (d) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on March 4, 2024, the City Council voted after a second reading to adopt the following orders: Ordered, to approve the revocation of the vote to establish a Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Opioid Settlements in the amount of \$231,524.36 and approves the transfer of said funds to a Special Revenue Fund for opioid settlement funds. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$160,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2024 DPW Streets and Sidewalks - Road Improvements Account #0142258-583100. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$31,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2024 DPW Streets and Sidewalks - Contract Services Account #0142252-530600. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$332,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2024 DPW Streetsand Sidewalks - Other Capital Account #0142258-587000 for construction activity to restore the Quiet Zone in Chelsea. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes

the appropriation of \$400,000.00 from Free Cash to the CIP Fiscal Year 2022 Central & Willow Water/Sewer/Roadway - Construction Account #55402229-584500 for utility work related to the Central Avenue Project surrounding the Innes Development. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$10,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2024 DPW Streetsand Sidewalks - Street Lights Account #0142252-521300. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$8,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2024 DPW Streets and Sidewalks - Traffic Signals Account #0142252-521400. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$22,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2024 DPW Structures and Grounds - Lighting Account #0147052-521200. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$40,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2024 DPW Streets and Sidewalks - Vehicle Maintenance Account #0142252-524400. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$40,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2024 DPW Solid Waste - Trash-Pickup/Disposal Account #0143052-524600 for debris disposal. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$170,000.00 from Water Retained Earnings to the Fiscal Year 2024 Water Enterprise - Other Capital Account #601058-587100 for the Admiral's Hill Water Pump Station fire suppression system. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$86,500.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2024 Legislative Department - Regular Salary Account #0111052-510200. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$35,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2024 DPW Structures and Grounds - Overtime Account #0147051-510400. Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council authorizes the appropriation of \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to the Fiscal Year 2024 DPW Streets and Sidewalks - Overtime Account #0142251-510400. 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 3/7/24 C



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CITY PAWS

The name game

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Would you like an excellent conversation starter for the people you meet on dog walks? Asking the dog’s name seems to come naturally. For a great conversation, ask how they came to choose that name. We often find a fascinating tale behind a dog’s name.

One of the rescued Westies we placed in a local home came with the name Rad. His new family (we soon learned they were truly fun and funny people) renamed him Swiffer. Why not? His sometimes long and shaggy coat did a great job of dusting their hardwood floors.

A friend’s Ragdoll cat was called Max, but his full name was Maximilien De Whisker, a take on Maximilien de Winter,

hero of Daphne du Maurier’s book “Rebecca.” One Back Bay couple adopted a mixed breed dog and named him Del. They explain it’s short for Delano because he now had a “New Deal.”

We knew a dog named Kepler, after the German mathematician, astronomer, and astrologer Johannes Kepler. That’s a very Bostonian approach to naming a dog. Of course, naming a dog after someone or something related to sports is also very Boston.

Tips for Name Selection

The Seeing Eye is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to breed, train, and place guide dogs for the blind, and they name about 500 puppies a year. Since these dogs must respond to that name for the rest of their lives,

they must choose well. They offer the following tips for the rest of us.

First, count the syllables in the name. They try to stick to names with one or two syllables because shorter names are faster when communicating with the dog. Avoid names that sound like a command and might confuse the animal. Here are their examples, “‘Mo’ can sound like ‘No’ and ‘Kit’ sounds like ‘Sit.’” Finally, avoid names with embarrassing or negative connotations. You may find yourself shouting the name in public one day.

We’d add that you should skip names that sound like those of other pets or family. And remind you that, in the dog show world, each animal has a full registered name and a shorter call name. More-



Poppy’s full name is “Duchess Poppy Whitehead.” “Duchess Poppy” comes from an E.F. Benson book character and our love for the pop of Champagne corks!

over, most dogs answer to nickname variations of their official one.

Popular Names

Each year, groups like the American Kennel Club, dog walking services, and pet insurance companies publish lists of the most popular dog names—The Wildest web-

site reported on these lists last November.

They wrote that the top ten male dog names for 2024 were Charlie, Max, Cooper, Milo, Buddy, Teddy, Rocky, Bear, Leo, and Duke. The female dog list included Luna, Bella, Daisy, Lucy, Lily, Lola, Zoe, Sadie, Stella, and Bailey.

People Names

Would you be insulted if someone named their dog after you? Penny is always happy to meet a dog who shares her name.

We’ve heard of family feuds from using a name someone felt was their exclusive property. That doesn’t seem to happen with dogs. No one cares if there are three dogs named Fenway in the neighborhood. Dog people just add the breed when talking about them.

One final tip: take your time christening a new pet. Kitty or puppy won’t fine until you get to know one another. The perfect name may come to you, or you may notice that certain sounds or words get a response from your new family member. The dog or cat may give you a clue to their favorite name.

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

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ing for the type of show that occurred during that second installment of concerts last September, which he described as a “techno sort of thing,” to return.

To close out this part of the discussion Bickerton went through specific asks he had for Suffolk Downs, HYM, and The Bowery Presents (the concert operator) regarding the concert series.

Specifically, Bickerton wants decibel readings to be done on the perimeter and to have them monitored in real-time, a better security team, increased lighting, crosswalks, and no sound checks during school hours.

It should be noted that decibel reading was done last year, and Bickerton is hoping the city sets a decibel level to maintain at the establishment.

Bickerton also mentioned that the group is looking for a seven-day license for the concert series.

In describing the ask for the seven-day license, O’Brien said, “The concerts have not been set, so at the end of the day, we hope to be permitted for, say, 15 shows and maybe 20 shows for next year, right, but you don’t know what days they’re going to be so in order to file a permit you have to file a seven-day permit because it could be Friday it could be Saturday.”

Additionally, East Boston Neighborhood Liaison Mela Villa Gomez spoke about a community process that will occur regarding the concert series and indicated that the process is currently being developed.

Later in the meeting, O’Brien presented to the council about the Suffolk Downs redevelopment and the concert series.

In speaking about the concert series, he recapped last year’s events.

He reiterated that during the June shows, they “received very few if any complaints, traffic seemed to work fine, the noise levels seemed to work fine.”

As for the second stretch of shows in September, he acknowledged “a ton of complaints” during the September 15th show, spoke about the changes made during the second show the next night, and received “next to no” complaints.

“Lessons learned. We’re going to implement all those lessons learned. Hopefully, none of that kind of music and direct the music in a way that doesn’t disturb the neighborhood,” said O’Brien.

O’Brien also walked through what is planned for this year, which includes three confirmed shows on May 18th, July 27th, and August 19th, with more to be announced.

“We’re thinking that there will be about 14 or so concerts this summer. On the seven-day permit question, because we don’t know what the dates of those other concerts will be, we were advised to apply just for the seven-day permit, so it could be — if somebody wants to come on a Thursday — or whatever it is in the summer we’re trying to be flexible in that regard,” said O’Brien.

Additionally, O’Brien walked through the schedule of a typical concert with a new change in response to feedback, which was that sound checks would not occur before 3 P.M. so it does not interfere with schools in session.

An attendee suggested some schools still have students learning until at least 4 P.M. O’Brien and his team seemed amenable to pushing the sound check time further back.

He also indicated that there will be a traffic management plan and a sound,

security, and emergency response plan.

Again, O’Brien took questions from those in attendance. One attendee asked about mitigation regarding weeknight concerts — especially concerning rush hour traffic — and O’Brien mentioned that they encourage concertgoers to use public transportation and that he would focus more on the scheduled Monday night concert.

Another attendee had made suggestions for further sound mitigation through the construction of a temporary structure or even a tent.

Overall, the topic of concerts at Suffolk Downs certainly fostered an extensive discussion, and residents should keep an eye out for the upcoming community process regarding the concerts. To learn more about the scheduled concerts, visit <https://stageatsuffolk-downs.com/>.

PUTTING NUMBERS ON HOUSES

EVERETT - In her campaign for a seat on the City Council, now-Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers noticed that several residences in Everett did not have house numbers on them.

To address that situation, Rogers has reached out to the Everett Fire Department to allocate funds from its grant program to assists seniors in need of house numbers on their properties.

“During the campaign season, I learned that many house numbers are missing on various buildings in Everett,” Rogers said at Monday’s Council meeting. “I had discussions with some of our safety officials who agreed that it is a safety hazard because it does make it difficult for all departments in safety to identify addresses.”

Rogers said that under Massachusetts law it is a requirement that residences must be able to be identified by house numbers.

“In lieu of emphasizing enforcement on something so small, it would be preferable to collaborate with existing departments in the city to ensure that some of our most vulnerable residents have access to house numbers,” said Rogers, adding that seniors or residents with disabilities should be able to call 311 for assistance in the placement on house numbers on buildings.

Rogers said she has corresponded with [Deputy Fire Chief] Will Hurley and [Director of Constituent Services/311] Chad Luongo, “who agreed that it would be a pretty simple process in setting something up” for the installation of house numbers.

Council President Robert Van Campen praised Rogers’ motion, calling it “a great proposal.”

The Council voted unanimously to refer the proposal to Mayor Carlo DeMaria’s administration for further action and eventual implementation of the house-numbers program.

HOTEL PROPOSED ON SQUIRE ROAD

REVERE - A five-story, 104-room boutique hotel proposed for 185 Squire Road has the support of the ward councillor.

The council heard from the developers of the hotel, who are requesting a special permit to reconstruct and expand an existing non-conforming building on Squire Road.

Lou Markakis, the president of the Lynnway Associates Group, said the proposed new owner and developer of the parcel, Jewel Saaed, has been working with city officials, departments, and

boards to refine the plans over the past six months.

“This particular plan has been well vetted and scrutinized, and we appreciate the volume of input and constructive criticism we have received from everyone,” said Marakis. “185 Squire Road is currently a two-story mixed-use building built around 1965 that is currently outdated and underutilized.”

The property is in a Highway Business zone, which allows for a hotel use by right as a permitted use. Markakis said other allowable uses in the zone include gas stations, funeral homes, parking lots, and parking structures.

“What we propose is consistent with the character of the area and the corridor, and we think it is beneficial to the community as a whole,” said Markakis.

The current plans call for vehicles to come off Squire Road onto Lechmere Street, where they will be met by a valet service. Markakis said there are also plans to operate two shuttle buses for guests 24 hours per day to take them to public transportation, Revere Beach, and other locations.

Markakis noted that hotels generally provide the highest income for cities, while having the lowest drain on public services.

Ward 6 Councillor Chris Giannino said he has been in contact with developers about the project for the past several months.

“They have been very helpful and very open, and I’m in support of the plan 100 percent right now from what I am seeing on it,” he said. “I think it will bring a lot of income for the city and a lot of positives.”

Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo said he would like to see a third shuttle bus at the hotel for use by residents who live in the area.

Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said she supports the project, adding that she wouldn’t mind seeing an extra floor with the addition of a rooftop bar.

“I’ve had a lot of people ask about a rooftop bar in the city,” she said.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna said she believes the project will be beneficial to the entire city, and help with the revitalization of Squire Road.

Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley said she did have some concerns about the size of the project, and would feel better

if there was more outreach to the residential neighborhood across the street.

Markakis said the developers would be willing to meet with those residents about the project.

The special permit request will be going before the council’s zoning subcommittee on March 4 before coming back to the full council for a potential vote.

SCHOOL COMM. TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL HALF DAY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

WINTHROP - The school district is looking to potentially add a half day for its elementary schools to the calendar in June.

At Monday night’s School Committee meeting, Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard said she will be back at the next meeting with more specific information, although she said it looks like that half day could be on June 5.

“We want to add a half day for the elementary schools only to the calendar,” Howard said. “The purpose of that half day is going to be very specific training on a newly adopted ELA curriculum.”

Howard said the district has not yet chosen and adopted a new ELA and reading curriculum, but she said teachers, administrators, and staff are going through options and should soon have a presentation before the school committee on a preferred curriculum option.

In other business, Howard said the district is in the midst of continuing its PowerSchool training. The new student information software will be implemented for the 2024-25 school year, she said.

“It takes a full year to train everyone and take all of our data and get it transitioned into the new system,” said Howard.

The PowerSchool software is more powerful than the current school information system and provides more communications opportunities for families and staff, Howard said.

Later in the year, there will be training opportunities for families to learn how to use the new system, she added.

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