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Members of the Chelsea Teachers Union form a heart showing support for the Union's contract proposals.

Chelsea Teachers Union holds "walk-in" at schools in support of contract proposals

By Adam Swift

On Monday morning, members of the Chelsea Teachers Union "walk-in" at all 11 of the district's schools to demonstrate the members support for the Union's contract proposals, including paid parental and family medical leave, smaller class sizes and caseloads, and wages, particularly for the districts low-paid paraprofessionals and clerks.

The union has been in negotiations with the Chelsea Public Schools since March, and while union members said progress has been made on a number of issues, it continues to advocate strongly for paid leave, living and competitive wages, and the working conditions



The Chelsea Teachers Union walk-in held at the district schools on Monday morning.

educators need to create the schools their students deserve, such as smaller class sizes and caseload

caps for multilingual educators and special education staff.

"If we want to retain a

staff that represents our community we need to pay them a respectable and liveable wage," said Kathryn Anderson, President of the Chelsea Teachers Union. "If we want great educators to continue teaching here when they start a family, we need to provide them with paid parental and family medical leave. If we want to give our students the best education possible, we need to make sure they have smaller class sizes, and individual support from multilingual educators and special education staff who are paid a livable wage."

Union officials stated that the district's current wage proposal for para-

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City Council budget hearings get underway

By Adam Swift

The city council's hearings on the proposed \$245 million budget got underway on Monday night.

City Manager Fidel Maltez and his administrative team gave a brief overview of the Fiscal Year 2025 operating budget, which is a \$13.8 million increase, or about six percent, over the current year's budget. In addition, the council also heard from individual department heads, including the police and fire departments, about their portions of the proposed budget. In addition to fielding questions from councilors, the presentations are typically an opportunity for the department heads to talk about the achievements of the past year before the council.

"I'm extremely proud of this budget," said Maltez. "It is very comprehensive and there was a very robust process internally."

About \$142.4 million of the budget, or just over 58 percent, is for education, while the remainder is for general government.

Maltez noted that the

council recently held a subcommittee with the schools to review its budget.

"We are 100 percent behind the budget submitted for our school department," said Maltez.

After education, the next largest expenditure in the budget is for public safety, accounting for about 12.5 percent of the total budget at \$31.2 million. The proposed public safety budget is just under \$1 million higher than the current year's budget.

"I would say that our values are demonstrated here in how we allocated our budget," said Deputy City Manager for Finance Michael Mason.

The proposed budget has nine additional positions that are intended to better support the city and build capacity, Mason said.

Among those are four positions, including Mason and Deputy City Manager Devon Fields, that were approved by the council earlier this year.

"We are adding a deputy director to our inspection-

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Conservation Law Foundation to file suit

By Adam Swift

Two oil terminals in Chelsea and Revere run by Global Partners, Ltd., are allegedly polluting the waters of Chelsea Creek with dangerous petroleum byproducts. The Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) has notified Global Partners, Ltd., that they intend to sue the company for Clean Water Act violations at two oil terminals they run in Chelsea and Revere.

According to CLF, the two terminals are alleged-

ly polluting the waters of Chelsea Creek with dangerous petroleum byproducts.

"Chelsea Creek is a landmark for residents of Chelsea, Revere, and East Boston, but it has been poisoned by industrial pollution from the fossil fuel industry for too long," said Heather Govern, vice president of CLF's Clean Air and Water program. "Global has a responsibility to comply with the law and must take action

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CHS students recognized for work to enhance school culture

Special to the Record

On Wednesday evening, May 8, at the Chelsea School Committee Meeting, Chelsea High School's Students in Action (SIA) teams with Multiplying Good received certificates of recognition for their work and dedication to service this year.

These students recently participated in an End-of-Year Celebration at the Museum of Science. They presented their service learning projects, sharing the significant impact of their efforts. Teams present on their projects and



COURTESY PHOTO

The Chelsea Public Schools of the Multiplying Good students recognized at last week's School Committee meeting. The picture with fewer people in it is the students accompanied by their two teachers. The larger pictures include the students, teachers, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, and the School Committee.

receive a Service Resume and a Multiplying Good Certificate of Excellence, which summarizes and honors their annual contributions.

This year's focus was on enhancing school culture

at Chelsea High School through the introduction of Fiesta Friday. Every other Friday, students are invited to participate in games during lunch where they can win prizes and enjoy snacks.

Their presentation had to focus on: Process; Impact; and Learning. This event not only celebrates the students' dedication, but also encourages ongoing community involvement.

CHS TRACK



BOB MARRA PHOTO

Chelsea High School's Leandro Castro soars in the long jump during an outdoor track meet at Harry Della Russo Stadium in Revere. See Page 6 for more photos.

School attendance rates slip after several months of gains

By Adam Swift

After several months of good news on the attendance front, the Chelsea schools saw some slippage in the month of April.

At last week's school committee meeting, Deputy Superintendent Adam Deleidi presented the district's monthly indicators of success. Those indicators include information on the graduation rates, drop-out rates, and mobility rates in addition to daily attendance averages. "For our daily attendance rates, we've had some really good news for a few straight months," said Deleidi. "We were bound to have a little bit of a drop off. Compared month to month, the only grades that increased from March to April were one, three, and pre-kindergarten; everyone else dropped a little bit, but that is after four consecutive months of improvement."

Compared to last year's attendance trajectory, Deleidi added that the district is on pace to top last year's attendance rates in all grades except for six, nine, and 10.

"That is really good news, especially with a new attendance policy we have been negotiating," said Deleidi.

There was a drop in the four-year graduation rate for the past full year over the previous year of 66.2 percent to 64.1 percent, Deleidi said. There was also a 3 percent drop in the most recent five-year graduation rate figures provided by the state, but Deleidi said that number is still an improvement over the most recent pre-Covid year.

This school year, Deleidi said the district is currently at 130 drop outs for a rate of 7.02 percent, which is higher than the 5.2 percent it was at this time last year.

"We did have 31 students withdraw this month," he said. "We were able to set two up in our adult education program. We have three students where their locations are unknown, and we have 26 where their plans are unknown."

For the failure rates, Deleidi said there was a rate of 50.3 percent of grade 9 students who were failing at least one class in the third quarter, and 46.3 percent of grade 10 students who were failing at least one class.

"One of the reasons why we track ninth grade (failure rates) is because we know as students get behind in credits in ninth grade, they are more susceptible to dropping out later on," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta. "That's when we can do credit recovery .. we really want to prevent dropping out for students at the ninth grade level."

School Committee student reps highlight CHS survey findings

By Adam Swift

School committee student representatives Josue Castellon and Jimmy Merino took center stage at last week's meeting as they discussed the results of a recent survey of Chelsea High School students.

"Over the past several months, we have released a survey to Chelsea High students surveying them on their personal experiences at Chelsea High School," said Merino. "Our report is structured into two main sections – factors that contributed to student success and areas of concern for students."

The report is based on the top three choices in each category, and is broken down to include additional data, as well as student quotes.

"The survey received about 437 responses from students at Chelsea High School out of 1,656 stu-

dents," said Merino.

The survey was open for about three weeks, and Merino said there were a fairly equal number of responses from each grade level at the school.

"Regarding factors that contribute to student success, the top three identified by students are clubs and activities, a sense of belonging, and post-secondary success," said Merino.

The survey also showed that the most important factor in fostering a welcoming school environment was the importance of positive teacher-student relationships, Merino said.

The two top issues that were selected as areas that could be improved at the high school were bathroom and safety issues and school attendance-related issues and in-school support, Merino said.

"Our survey serves as a crucial tool for under-

standing student perspectives and driving positive change within Chelsea High School," said Castellon. "We have met with principal (Obed) Morales about our findings, and we are excited to work with him and the rest of the administration in improving the Chelsea High School community. We encourage next year's student representatives to use this data as a foundation to continue these conversations."

Committee members and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta thanked the student representatives for their work on the survey.

"It takes a lot of courage to bring some of the topics that you did to the table," said committee member Claryangeliz Covas Caraballo. "Not just to the authority figures, but also to bring some of these key topics to your peers."



SINGER ON THE STREETS

Former Revere Ward One Councillor Rita Singer, a resident of Cohen Florence Levine Estates in Chelsea, still keeps her eyes on Beachmont and the "corner," as seen on Monday, May 13 at the corner of Bennington Street and Winthrop Avenue.

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professionals would result in a starting wage of just \$26,410 annually at the end of the contract. According to the union, that figure is well below a living wage in the city of Chelsea.

On April 29, the union submitted its latest proposal, including 12 weeks of paid parental and family medical leave, separate stipends for paras who are toileting students and working in sub-separate classrooms, class size and caseload caps, and competitive wages, according to Anderson.

The union proposal includes lengthening the school day by five minutes at the ELC and CHS, and ten minutes at all other schools, as well as other provisions to ensure that educators have more time with students.

"As paras, we are putting out fires all day, and as rewarding as this is, it is exhaustingly demanding, both physically and emotionally," said Wanda Vega, a Sub-Separate paraprofessional at Chelsea High School. "Too often, our kids, who are

some of the most vulnerable and high-needs in the district, aren't getting the high quality care they need and deserve at this stage. In order to retain dedicated and qualified support in the district and for our future students, we are asking for livable wages in our contract, because it's what we, the kids, and the community deserve."

Chelsea Public Schools employee Victoria Padovas said that after an emergency C-section and post-birth complications put a strain on her being able to bond with her newborn, she was excited to be able to take maternity leave and spend more time with her.

"However, that feeling was quickly stripped away from me because I could not afford to continue to not be paid," said Padovas. "I felt like I was being forced back to work when I was not ready. Allowing the hardworking teachers and staff of Chelsea Public Schools paid parental leave is one step closer to strengthening the development of our children."

In a statement, Chel-

sea Public School administrators stated that they have continued to meet for negotiations, "with the goal of reaching contracts that address the needs of staff, students and the entire community. We look forward to our continued work towards this important goal."

Anderson, Vega, and Padovas were among the Chelsea Teachers Union officials who addressed the school committee during the public speaking portion of last week's meeting.

Several committee members thanked those from the union for telling their stories and for their commitment to the district's students.

"I'm hoping we can work together to find some mutually agreeable contract, because wanting to have a family is real, and all of your points, I personally believe, are valid," said committee member Jonathan Gomez-Pereira. "Thank you for sharing that, and I hope that you will all continue to stay in Chelsea, and I'm hoping we can make that happen."

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to reduce these dangerous levels of pollution now."

CLF claims that it has found that Global allegedly is violating its 2022 Clean Water Act permit by releasing dangerous levels of pollutants, including cancer-causing petroleum byproducts, into Chelsea Creek. The creek has historically been popular among residents for catching big striped bass and other fish.

However, because petroleum byproducts build up in fish and shellfish, the fish in Chelsea Creek are unsafe to eat. Studies have found this "bioconcentration" can be as much as 100,000 times more contamination than the surrounding river, according to a press release from the CLF.

However, Global Partners officials stated that Since January of 2023, the company has been working closely with EPA to address the concerns identified by CLF.

"In fact, the company voluntarily disclosed these issues to EPA when the agency set new permit limits for certain metals and other compounds allowed under the permits in December of 2022," said Jaclyn Harrison, Global Partners senior communications director. "In January 2023, EPA and Global began working together to develop a monitoring, compliance, and treatment plan to comply with the strict new permit requirements."

Harrison said Global will continue to work

closely with EPA to ensure that it meets its obligations to the environment and the communities.

CLF officials stated that the lawsuit continues its advocacy to protect Chelsea Creek and the nearby Mystic River from pollution discharged from oil terminals and oil operations.

In 2022, CLF collaborated with community partners to persuade the EPA to set stricter limits on how much Global can pollute, CLF officials stated, adding that late last year, ExxonMobil, under pressure from a CLF lawsuit, ceased operations of its Everett oil terminal and agreed to sell its aging facility.

Vintage Vibes

ditionally, many seniors have underlying health conditions or take medications that can further compromise their ability to cope with heat stress.

Beyond physiological factors, social determinants such as limited mobility, social isolation, and inadequate access to cooling resources can exacerbate the risks seniors face during heatwaves. For those living alone or in inadequate housing, the consequences of extreme heat can be dire.

Efforts to protect seniors from heat exposure require a multilayered approach. This includes implementing heat emergency plans that prioritize vulnerable populations, establishing cooling centers in neighborhoods with high concentrations of seniors, and providing assistance with home cooling solutions for those who are unable to access public facilities.

Family members, caregivers, and healthcare professionals play a crucial role in safeguarding seniors during heatwaves. Educating caregivers about the signs of heat-related illnesses and encouraging proactive measures, such as regular

hydration and limiting outdoor activities during peak heat hours, can help mitigate risks.

Advancements in technology, such as wearable sensors that monitor vital signs and smart home devices that regulate indoor temperatures, hold promise for enhancing heat resilience among seniors. By leveraging these tools, caregivers and healthcare providers can intervene early and prevent heat-related emergencies.

As temperatures continue to rise due to climate change, protecting seniors from heat exposure must remain a top priority. By addressing both the physiological vulnerabilities and social determinants of heat-related risks, communities such as Chelsea can ensure that seniors not only survive but also thrive during the summer months.

The Chelsea Senior Center operates as a cooling center. Please contact the senior center or the City's website to obtain a list of other cooling center locations in the City

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



By Tracy Nowicki
Director of Elder Services

Beating the Heat: Safeguarding Seniors in Summer

As temperatures soar, it's not just sunscreen and hydration that become essential. For seniors, the heat poses unique challenges and risks. In this column, we explore why seniors are particularly vulnerable to heat exposure and what can be done to ensure their safety and well-being during the sweltering summer months.

Age-related changes in the body, such as decreased sweat production and diminished ability to regulate temperature, make seniors more susceptible to heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion and heatstroke. Ad-

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Camp 21- Women's Tackle Football officially kicks off

Special to The Record

Camp 21 - Women's Tackle Football in Boston, has launched its first football training camp for women and girls of all ages.

Rumunda "Moe" Holder, founder and CEO of Camp 21, joined University of New England assistant football coach Sue Lizotte and professional women's tackle football players Chris Ellis-Hibbett, Heidi Epstein, and Chelsea High Director of Athletics and eight-time women's football Super Bowl champion Amanda Alpert as instructors at the inaugural camp session held May 4 at Healy Field in Roslindale.

"Women have been playing organized tackle football in the U.S. for more than four decades, yet football continues to be a male-dominated arena," said Rumunda Holder, Founder and CEO of Camp 21 - Women's Tackle Football. "Through this first-of-its-kind continuous football training camp for women, we're aiming to promote the evolution of Women's Tackle Football, encourage more women to embrace the sport and



Women's Tackle Football Camp 21 Director Rumunda Holder is hoping to start a girls tackle football program in the Boston public schools.

ultimately challenge the perceptions of a sport traditionally dominated by males."

Also assisting at the camp was former Division 1 college football player



University of New England assistant football coach Sue Lizotte and professional women's tackle football players Chris Ellis-Hibbett, Rumunda Holder, Heidi Epstein, and Amanda Alpert are pictured at the first session of Camp 21 - Women's Tackle Football.

Kalonji Hall, a resident of East Boston who has coached the Showstoppers team in the Boston Women's Flag Football League.

"I think this camp will provide an excellent opportunity for girls to learn the fundamentals of tackle football and move on to competitive play," said Hall, who is helping Holder coordinate the camp.

Holder said she would like to start a citywide girls tackle football program for students in the Boston public schools.



Women's Tackle Football Camp 21 Director Rumunda Holder tosses the football to Amy Martinez at the first session of the camp.

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al services," said Maltez. "It is ISD that is responsible for compliance and habitability of residences. We have heard loud and clear from our residents that given the housing issues going on in Chelsea, we had to add some capacity to our inspectional services department."

The budget also includes a new deputy commissioner in the public works department.

"There is a lot of construction in the city," said Maltez. "Most of it is being funded with either state funding or grant funding or loans from the MWRA. So luckily, it is not something that is affecting the taxpayers' money, but we still have to manage that work."

The new deputy commissioner would help oversee that work.

"We need to have the ability to manage construction projects, to manage the closeout of grants, and we currently don't have the staff needed to oversee everything properly," said Maltez. "What we don't want to do is have things fall through the cracks and have a problem in the future."

The other new positions

include an additional financial analyst in the auditing department and an employee in the purchasing department.

"We see both of these as critical to churn the work," said Maltez. "We have a lot of funding in ARPA, we've got to get it out the door by this year. Everything has to be bid, everything has to go through a process, and it is really putting a burden on those two departments."

During the first night of the budget hearings on Monday, the council heard from Ramon Garcia, the head of IT; John DePriest, the planning and land use director; police chief Keith Houghton; fire chief John Quatieri; emergency management director Steve Staffier; housing and community development director Ben Cares; and public works director Cate Fox-Lent.

Garcia noted that the IT department is responsible for school technology as well as the general government. He also highlighted how the department is working with the Chelsea Housing Authority to help provide free wifi in their properties.

DePriest's department

staffs the ZBA, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Historical Commission.

Houghton highlighted some of the changes that have taken place at the police department over the past several years.

"Our department has flipped over the last two or three years," said Houghton. "We lost several officers due to retirement, and that is a lot of institutional knowledge out the door."

However, Houghton said there are a number of energetic young officers who have joined the department, and new young managers are working to support him.

"I think there are always going to be growing pains, but in the long run, when I am gone the city is going to be in good hands," said Houghton.

Among the fire department's highlights, Quatieri noted that a \$350,000

grant allowed the department to train 24 of its staff to the hazmat technician level.

"It's a pretty huge accomplishment," he said. "It allows us to handle hazardous materials calls in the city without relying on state resources or

reaching out to the Boston Fire Department."

The fire chief said the department has also focused on training to fight rapidly extending fires, which are an issue in a city like Chelsea which is densely packed.


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20 YEARS OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY IN MASSACHUSETTS

It was 20 years ago this week (on May 17, 2004, to be exact), that the first marriage licenses were issued by cities and towns across Massachusetts for same-sex couples.

The marriage licenses were precipitated by the decision by the state's Supreme Judicial Court in November in the Goodridge case, which declared that same sex couples were entitled to the same legal protections and rights as heterosexual couples.

It's hard to imagine, with 20/20 hindsight, that marriage equality ever was an issue. There is not -- and never has been -- a justification for not allowing two adults to marry the person of their choosing in order to enjoy the legal status and privileges that marriage conveys.

But back in 2004, in the immediate aftermath of the Goodridge decision, there were many members of our state legislature, both Democrats and Republicans, who were talking of holding a Constitutional Convention in order to amend the state constitution to allow same-sex couples to have only so-called civil unions, not full marriage.

Massachusetts was an outlier in 2004 and fortunately the effort to call for a Constitutional Convention failed. Soon thereafter, other states allowed same-sex marriages and then in 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 5-4 decision in the Obergefell v Hodges cases that all states must issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

However, public opinion was way ahead of the courts. Modern Family, the hit TV comedy show that started in 2007, included a gay couple among its characters. Today, polls consistently show that more than 70 percent of Americans across all party lines support same-sex marriage.

To be sure, there still is much to be done to assure equal protection of all rights for our fellow Americans of the LGTBQIA+ community. But it is worth noting the events of 20 years ago to acknowledge the momentous changes that have taken place in the course of one generation.

PLASTIC, PLASTIC EVERYWHERE

In the classic 1967 movie, the Graduate, Dustin Hoffman's character, Benjamin Braddock, a recent college graduate, is taken aside by a family friend at his graduation party, who says to him, "Ben, I just have one word of advice for you. Are you listening? 'Plastics'. There's a great future in plastics. Think about it. Will you think about it?"

"Yes sir," Benjamin replies meekly.

In 1967, plastics were nowhere near as ubiquitous as they are in 2024. But the advice given to Benjamin was prescient -- today, plastics, which are petroleum-based, are used for just about everything in our daily lives.

The problem is, plastics also are in everything, including our bodies. According to scientists, microplastics are flowing through every one of our organs and tissues, and the same is true for just about every animal on earth.

In addition, very little of the plastic that we generate is recyclable. We may think of ourselves as being virtuous when we dutifully recycle all of our plastic items every week, but a recent survey revealed that only about six percent of plastic items are recycled and that much of what is labeled as "recyclable" really is not recyclable at all. Those hard-plastic containers that hold our laundry detergent, for example, can be recycled only at a very few facilities across the country, which means that almost all of them end up in landfills, where they eventually disintegrate and make their way into the food chain and our water -- and into our bodies.

Almost 60 years after the Graduate, we are drowning -- literally -- in a sea of plastics, and with the demand for plastics ever-increasing, the problem is only going to get worse. It is estimated that by 2050, the demand for plastics will triple and the amount of plastic in the world's oceans actually will outweigh the fish.

Yes, as foretold in 1967, the future was indeed, "Plastics."

But that future -- today's present -- turned out to be a grim one.

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BCBS of Massachusetts celebrates national bike month and supports women's wellness with free Bluebikes credits in May

Special to the Record

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ("Blue Cross") has announced a new initiative aimed at supporting women's health in Greater Boston through bikeshare, aligning with National Bike Month and Women's Health Awareness Month. As the title sponsor of Bluebikes, Blue Cross will sponsor free Bluebikes credits on Sundays through the remainder of May, encouraging individuals to prioritize physical activity and reap the numerous health benefits of cycling.

Blue Cross President and CEO Sarah Iselin unveiled the initiative during a special event held this morning on Boston's City Hall Plaza to kick off National Bike Month, hosted by Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, and joined by Cambridge Assistant City Manager Iram Farooq.

"Bluebikes is a critical part of our public transportation network in greater Boston, and we are grateful for Blue Cross' steadfast commitment to ensuring that residents have access to affordable, convenient, and healthy transportation," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Here in Boston we've worked to expand access and education around biking, with the discounted Boston Bikes Pass that makes Bluebikes more affordable

for our residents, and the learn to ride classes our skilled city staff host for adults to get comfortable biking on our city streets."

In addition to commemorating the extension of Blue Cross' Bluebikes title sponsorship through May 2031, the event featured a 20-minute spin class on the system's newly redesigned bikes to highlight the importance of physical activity for women's physical and mental well-being. Numerous studies underscore the health advantages of cycling, for both men and women, including reduced risks of heart disease and diabetes.

Iselin emphasized the important role of Bluebikes in promoting community health for all: "We're excited to continue partnering on the Bluebikes program and enabling wider access to the bike share system that has become such an important resource for so many people," said Iselin. "We're proud that Bluebikes supports the mental and physical health of our communities while also helping people get where they need to go."

The \$5 Bluebikes credits will be available for same day use, while supplies last, each upcoming Sunday in May. They can be accessed with code BLUECROSSHEALTH12 (May 12), BLUECROSS-

HEALTH19 (May 19) and BLUECROSS-HEALTH26 (May 26) in the Bluebikes app and used across the Bluebikes system's 13 municipalities for both pedal and ebikes (per minute fees apply): Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville, and Watertown.

As part of the month-long initiative, Blue Cross will also be making donations to Femmechanics a female-focused biking group dedicated to encouraging more women to embrace cycling.

Blue Cross has been the title sponsor of Bluebikes since its inception in May 2018 and remains committed to expanding public bike sharing in Greater Boston as a safe and sustainable public transportation option through its partnership with the municipal owners of Bluebikes and Lyft. In the six years of Blue Cross' sponsorship, the system has doubled in size, adding more than 200 stations, 400 pedal bikes and, most recently, 750 next-generation ebikes to its fleet. Bluebikes is owned by the municipalities and operated by Lyft.

For more information on Bluebikes, visit Bluebikes.com.

Bluebikes is public transportation by bike.

The system is municipally owned by thirteen cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts, jointly managed by the Cities of Boston, Cambridge, Everett, and Somerville and the Town of Brookline, and operated under contract by Lyft. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts is the system's title sponsor. Riders can find approximately 475 stations and 4,000 bikes, including ebikes, across the thirteen municipalities: Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Medford, Malden, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville, and Watertown. Since 2011, riders have taken more than 22 million trips on Bluebikes. For more information about Bluebikes, visit Bluebikes.com.

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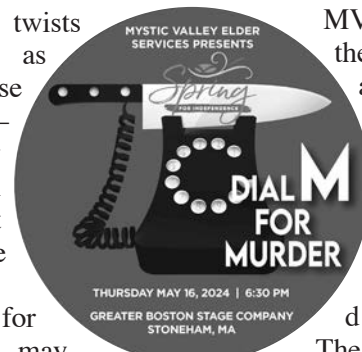
Fundraiser brings 'Dial M for Murder' to the stage

Classic mystery gets a modern twist

Thrills and chills, all for a great cause! Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) will host a performance of "Dial M for Murder" Thursday, May 16, at Greater Boston Stage Company, 395 Main St., Stoneham. The show is MVES' annual Spring for Independence fundraiser, benefitting older adults and people with disabilities in our community.

In "Dial M for Murder," Tony believes his wife Margot is having an affair, and he wants revenge. He plans out the perfect murder. Or is it? The audience follows twists and turns as the suspense builds -- will Tony succeed in his attempt and will he be caught?

"Dial M for Murder" may be best known as the 1954 Hitchcock film, but it started out as a successful stage play. Clever and fast-paced, the current show puts a modern spin on the original.



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ROTARY CLUB HOSTS KENTUCKY DERBY FUNDRAISER

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The Chelsea Rotary Club held its Kentucky Derby Fundraiser May 2 at Anthony's, Malden.

The guests enjoyed a social hour and delicious full-course dinner followed by the Derby-related festivities.

Proceeds from the event will be used to help fund scholarships for Chelsea High School seniors and for Camp Rotary.



Carolyn Boumila-Vega and Renee Caso.



Darleen Kirshon and Barry Kirshon.



Gianna Falzone, Zoe Zankowski, Mike Falzone, and Jessica Bowen.



Lishla Ortiz, Marilyn Garcia, and Madelyn Garcia, splendidly attired for the Chelsea Rotary Club's Kentucky Derby Night Fundraiser.



Past President Susan Gallant, CPA, welcomes Anh Nguyen and Nguyet Nguyen, to the Rotary Club's Kentucky Derby Night Fundraiser held May 2 at Anthony's, Malden.



City Councilor Todd Taylor, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, and former councilor Brian Hatleberg.



Brian Hatleberg, Holly Hatleberg, Alana Taylor, Finn Taylor, Regina Taylor, and City Councilor Todd Taylor.



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CHELSEA HIGH SCHOOL IN TRACK ACTION

The Red Devils competed at Revere in girls and boys outdoor track at Harry Della Russo Stadium on Thursday, May 9.

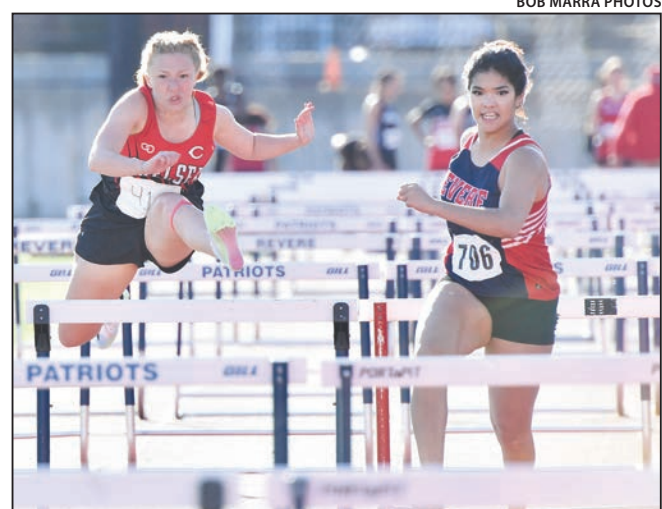
BOB MARRA PHOTOS



Thania Simon in the triple jump.



Alex Flores taking a lead in the two-mile.



Lauren Nadow in the 100m hurdles.



Meleney Rodriguez in the hurdles.



Lamari Davis throws the discus.



Austin Freeman winds up for his javelin toss.



Alex Flores in the long jump.



Marcylyia Louis Jean cross the finish line in second place in the 100m dash.



Ariel Chacon Aracena flings the discus.



Hazel Hatleburg holds her place in the 1 mile run.



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Sherwin Kim clears a hurdle in 400 m high hurdles.

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Angely Mejia Martinez in the pack at the start of the 1000 m run.

CHS Roundup

BOYS TRACK FALLS SHORT TO REVERE

Although the Chelsea High boys outdoor track and field team came up short, 90-45, in their meet last week with Revere, there were a number of fine performances turned in by individual Red Devils.

Ariel Aracena won the shot-put with a toss of 47'-10.25" and teammate Theodore Joseph-Seale took second with a toss of 45'-1.25". Theo also grabbed second place in the discus with a spin of 114'-6" with Kevin Romero Molina taking third in the disc.

Derek Alvarez-Umana won the javelin with a throw of 97'-11" and Sean Perez-Ramos grabbed second.

Alex Flores Chavarria topped the field in the 1-mile with a time of 5:04.9 (which was 25 seconds faster than his closest Revere rival).

Contributing three points for Chelsea with second-place finishes were: Kyle Leong in the triple jump; Sherwin Kim in the 400 hurdles and the 110 hurdles; Christopher Martinez-Melendez in the 200 dash; Austin Freeman in the 400 dash; Bryan Amaya Yanes in the 800; and Jose Amaya Raudales

in the 2-mile.

Adding single points with third place performances were: Leeandro Castro in the long jump and the 400 hurdles; Sherwin Kim in the triple jump; Juan Portillo in the 200 dash; Kyle Leong in the 800; and Sebastian Molina Regiil in the 2-mile.

CHS GIRLS DOMINATE THROWING EVENTS IN REVERE MEET

The Chelsea High girls track and field meet last week with Revere was highlighted by some strong individual performances.

The Lady Red Devils dominated the throwing events, winning all three and taking 23 of the possible 27 points.

Kiara Ramirez Villate took first place in the shot-put with a toss of 31'-8.5" and teammate Lamari Davis grabbed second with her throw of 31'-1.5". Ramirez Villate led a Chelsea sweep in the discus with a spin of 93'-5" with teammates Davis and Gizelle Rodriguez in second and third.

Rodriguez captured the javelin with a throw of 85'-10" and teammate Lauren Nadow took third

place.

Freshman Thania Simon won the triple jump in impressive fashion with a final landing of 33'-10", which was more than five feet further than her nearest Revere rival.

Adding three points to the CHS side of the score-sheet with a second-place performance was Marcaylla Louis Jean in the 100 dash.

Contributing single points with third-place finishes were: Meleny Rodriguez in the 400 hurdles; Lauren Nadow in the 110 hurdles; and Hazel Hatleburg in the 800.

CHS BASEBALL DROPS TWIN-BILL TO ENGLISH

The Chelsea High baseball team came up short this past week in a double-header with Greater Boston League rival Lynn English by scores of 15-1 and 9-0.

In the first contest, the Red Devils earned seven walks. Elijah Rivera, Xavier Santiago, and Victor Murillo drew two walks each and Jeanluis Soto also earned a walk.

Rivera scored on a Murillo walk with the bases-loaded. Nash Aquino started the game and allowed 12 runs (nine earned) on six hits, striking out four and walking four.

In game two, Jeanluis Soto started for the Red Devils and went five innings, allowing nine runs (only three were earned), striking out 11, and walking two.

At the plate, Soto went 2-for-3. Santiago went 1-for-3, Djeury Jules went 1-for-2, and Leonardo Perez also went 1-for-2.

Lush and his crew will wrap up their 2024 season this week. They will host Neighborhood House Charter School tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at Carter Park, travel to Somerville on Monday, and then return home to face Somerville on Wednesday.

COUNCILOR BROWN ATTENDS EVERETT BOXING FUNDRAISER



District 8 City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, a former amateur boxing champion, attended the Everett Broadway Boxing Club's Fundraiser May 9 at Pearl Street Station, Malden. Brown is pictured with amateur boxers Gilbert Kabamba (left) and Shea Willcox (center) at the event. Proceeds from the fundraiser helped defray the boxers' expenses for their trip to the Golden Gloves national tournament that is being held this week in Detroit.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins live to play another day!

If one were to create a video of Game 5, Round 2 – Bruins v Panthers, a likely music soundtrack behind the play would be the Bee Gees' classic "Stayin' Alive." The Bruins needed a gargantuan effort to stave off elimination, and they got enough of a facsimile with huge goals from Morgan Geekie and Charlie McAvoy to extract a 2-1 win, and the opportunity to play a Game 6 in Boston on Friday. Now, they are able to put the golf clubs back in the garage, and reschedule any tee times until after Game 7. Another factor for the win came on the strength of Jeremy Swayman (28 saves), who turned in yet another stellar performance in the Boston net, something he has done repeatedly throughout this 2024 Stanley Cup Series. Thanks to the locals' strong play at both ends of the ice, and their constant pressure on Florida goaltender Sergei Bobrovsky, it was a game that earned them a chance to even up the series in Game 6 on TD Garden ice, and the chance to create a decisive Game 7 opportunity, to be played at the Panthers' Amerant Bank Arena.

Still without their captain (Brad Marchand) to steer the ship, things



started looking up for the B's early in the first period, when Jake DeBrusk picked up the puck behind the net, and fed a direct pass to Morgan Geekie, who found the back of the net at 4:49. Geekie (4) had been moved up to the first line between David Pastrnak and DeBrusk, and they played well as a unit. In the second period, Florida's Sam Reinhart potted his fifth goal of the playoffs unassisted, as he picked up an errant pass and tied the game at 1-1. The excitement for Boston fans reached a crescendo, when McAvoy jumped off the bench and hit the ice to take a Charlie Coyle pass in perfect position to put a wrist shot behind Bobrovsky at 10:25 to give the B's a much needed 2-1 lead. The goal had been challenged by Panthers coach Paul Maurice, and following review, it was confirmed, a 'good goal.' For McAvoy, it was his first goal of the series, and also seemed to bolster his energy in his 23+ minutes of ice time, which earned him a two-point night, as

he also assisted on Geekie's first period goal.

There were many plusses for Boston in Game 5, including four solid power play kills, creating a dozen first period shots, to go along with their 21 blocked shots in the game. The noise at TD Garden reached Richter-scale proportions in the final period when Bobrovsky was pulled from the net with 3:05 left in the game. Swayman stood tall as he faced a barrage of shots, fending each one off to maintain the Bruins' one-goal lead. Though most of them were highlight reel stops by 'Sway,' the one that was the most crucial was his stop on Reinhart with just seconds remaining, as he turned Reinhart's point-blank show away to preserve the win. Now it all comes down to the results of this Friday's Game 6 at home, and if the Bruins win again, it will get the schedule to anything can happen Game 7 on Sunday in Florida. The possible return of Marchand to the lineup would certainly give Boston an emotional lift, and combining that with an overdue Pastrnak-like game from #88 (David), we can all agree, that anything is possible in a Game 7, of the Stanley Cup Playoffs!

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CPS FAMILIES GATHER FOR SPRING CONCERT WITH THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS

On Thursday, May 9, Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) and the Boston Children's Chorus (BCC) hosted the annual CPS-BCC Spring Concert at the Morris H. Seigal Clark Avenue Middle School.

This concert is the culminating event that celebrates the talents of the Chelsea students who participate in the after school singing program with BCC. The school district's elementary and

middle school choruses were joined by the Chelsea High School Cantare to perform in front of family and friends. The concert showcases the alignment of Chelsea's choruses district-wide,

and the extracurricular opportunities available to Chelsea students through the district's partnership with BCC. Each individual student group sang multiple songs, and came together at the end for a

unified grand finale.

After the hour-long concert, family and friends gathered as one community for a meal in the Clark cafeteria. The families watched a photo slideshow featuring their

students throughout the school year, and watched a music video that BCC students from the elementary schools sang in that paired Chelsea students with students from the United Kingdom.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Shown, above and below, are scenes from the Chelsea Public Schools and the Boston Children's Chorus annual CPS-BCC Spring Concert at the Morris H. Seigal Clark Avenue Middle School.



Malden Catholic announces major campus expansion to support growing student population and enhance academic and athletic programs

Special to the Record

Malden Catholic (MC) announced major expansion plans for its academic and athletic programs. By partnering with Timberline Construction and Scalora Consulting Group, MC broke ground on May 9, for a state-of-the-art academic and athletic facility located across the street from Malden Catholic at 50 Crystal Street. This expansion will introduce a 7th and 8th grade program, tentatively scheduled to open for students in September 2025, pending any unforeseen delays or adjustments. MC will accept 100 students in its 7th grade and 100 students in its 8th grade. This development aims to build upon the remarkable 40% growth in enrollment observed over the past five years and the success of MC's codivisional model. Next year's high school enrollment is anticipated to surpass 900 students.

President John Thornburg made the announcement during Malden Catholic's 18th Annual Gala Celebration on April 6th, unveiling the launch of the capital campaign, Our Essential Future – A Campaign for Malden Catholic.

"We are excited to announce the first major campus expansion since Malden Catholic relocated to Crystal Street more than 55 years ago—a milestone moment that will enhance the MC experience for our students, faculty/staff, and the community," stated Thornburg.

"In addition to expanding and modernizing our campus, we are advancing our mission by extending the Xaverian Brothers' educational experience to 7th and 8th grade students. This expansion will lay a strong foundation, facilitating the transition into MC's college-preparatory high school programs. When I accepted this position at Malden Catholic

five years ago, I was excited about our growth potential due to our unique codivisional model and the Board's decision to invest in a 1.6-acre property across the street. This announcement marks the next major phase in realizing our vision to grow our remarkable school. As we embark on this next chapter in the MC story, we are grateful to our many supporters, including our dear friend, mentor, and generous benefactor, the late Joe O'Donnell '62, who served as Co-Chair of the campaign before his passing in January 2024."

The 70,000 square foot building will include cutting-edge classrooms and lab spaces, a spacious dining hall and modern office facilities to support administrative needs and student services. The athletic facility will include a 30,000 square-foot indoor turf field, a 6,000 square-foot basketball court, wellness center and weight room. The Biomedical Engineering lab will facilitate the addition of more biomedical classes within MC's Project Lead the Way Program. Dedicated classrooms for Entrepreneurship and Financial Literacy will also be added to expand the growth of MC's Business Program.

The capital campaign – Our Essential Future – A Campaign for Malden Catholic - has a goal of \$40 million, which will serve to fund construction at 50 Crystal Street and increase scholarship support for students. The campaign is off to a strong start with impressive support from the MC community.

The Our Essential Future Campaign recognizes the combined 180 years of outstanding educational services and faith formation provided to students from Malden and surrounding communities by the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the Xaverian



Artist rendering of the state-of-the-art academic and athletic facility.

Brothers. It aims to ensure that future generations will have the opportunity for an exceptional Catholic high school experience at Malden Catholic.

Jim and Bev Donovan, long-time benefactors to the school, have provided a \$5 million lead gift to the Campaign. Jim, who served for over 20 years as a Trustee at MC, including the last 10 years as Board Chair, will now serve as Co-Chair of the Campaign. He has been instrumental in every major strategic initiative during his tenure and played a crucial role in formulating plans for the campus expansion.

In a statement, Jim Donovan expressed his hopes: "As non-graduates, Bev and I hope our lead gift inspires the many thousands of men and women privileged to hold an MC or Girls Catholic diploma. This gift honors my father's service to the school as a custodian in the 50s and 60s, where he mentored many students and was a beloved friend and confidant of many Xaverian Brothers. It also honors my sister Elaine's service as a School Sister of Notre Dame. We strongly believe that the

young men and women of Malden, Medford, Everett, Revere, and the surrounding communities served by MC deserve the best educational platform and athletic facilities, and that the campus expansion at 50 Crystal Street will be truly transformative for them. It is our hope that the entire MC community will join us in making this a reality."

For more information about 7th and 8th grade enrollment at 50 Crystal Street and additional details about Our Essential Future – A Campaign for Malden Catholic, please visit the campaign website at www.malden-catholic.org/give/campaign-launch.

Malden Catholic would like to thank the following individuals for their invaluable contributions to the success of Our Essential Future – A Campaign for Malden Catholic:

Malden Catholic Advancement Team: Sean Hurley '97, CFO/VP of Advancement, Robert McCarthy P'07, Senior Director of Advancement and Strategic Partnerships, Gregory Maynard, Director of Major Gifts, Strategic Initiatives and Planned Giving, Sarah

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OBITUARIES

Richard Lettieri

A man of uncompromised, high integrity with a passion for justice and kindness for the poor and the underserved

Richard J. Lettieri, 76, of Osprey FL, formerly of Swampscott, passed away on May 4, 2024 after a long, courageous battle with heart disease.

Richard was born in Chelsea on May 29, 1947 to Roy and Genevieve Lettieri. After graduating from Chelsea High School, Richard attended and graduated from Villanova University in 1969, where he was a three-year starting letterman on the varsity baseball team. As a student-athlete at Villanova, Richard was recognized by the Outstanding Americans Foundation as an Outstanding College Athlete of America for his academic and athletic achievements. Upon graduation, Richard taught algebra and geometry at St. Dominic Savio High School in East Boston for two years. Richard then enrolled in law school at Boston College, where he graduated in 1974 with a Doctor of Jurisprudence.

Richard was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar Association in 1975. Richard had a 40 year, esteemed legal career including a nine-year stint with the Massachusetts Port Authority where he was Chief Legal Counsel from 1981-1986. Richard's career path then took him to the prestigious Boston law firm Ropes & Gray where he spent 25 years, excelling as a Partner from 1990-2012. While at Ropes & Gray, Richard's practice focused



on Corporate Law, Public Development and Airport Law.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Richard was a man of uncompromised, high integrity with a passion for justice and kindness for the poor and the underserved. He took great pride in serving as a Board Member of the New England Center and Home for Veterans, as well as supporting numerous charities that help the needy and disadvantaged.

Richard was predeceased by his parents; his younger brother, Ronald; his aunt Lucy Ryan and his loving partner of 35 years, the distinguished artist, Jennifer L. Pierce. Richard is survived by his younger brother, Roy of San Francisco; two nieces; numerous cousins in the Boston area and his cousin, Ann Marie Lane of Chicago.

A private ceremony is planned at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. The Lettieri Family requests any consideration for donations be made to the American Heart Association or New England Center and Home for Veterans in memory of Richard Joseph Lettieri.

Irene F. (Venezia) Dublin

Her legacy of love and kindness will live on in the countless lives she touched.

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to a Memorial Service for Irene Dublin on Friday, May 17th at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Saugus, 105 Main St., Saugus. Following the service, a repast and celebration of her life will be held at Community Brotherhood-Lynn, 15 Coburn St., Lynn.

Irene "Renee" Venezia-Dublin was born on January 29, 1945 in Boston to Michael and Florence Venezia. Growing up in Chelsea, she attended Shurtleff Elementary School and later Chelsea High School. After moving to Lynn in 1989, she continued her work as a foster parent, a role she first embraced in Chelsea. Alongside her husband Tommie, she has fostered over 300 children since 1984.

Renee cherished family time and enjoyed camping trips, vacations, painting, ceramics, cooking, listening to gospel and R&B music. She volunteered for West Lynn Pop Warner for many years when her children were younger. Renee was a fun-loving prankster, always making others laugh. She was full of life and had a heart of gold. She passed away peacefully at home in Lynn on May 4, 2024.

She is survived by her



husband, Tommie Lee Dublin and their children: Jason, Dynasty, William, Kyleigh and Micah. She is also survived by her sisters, Michele DeJesus and Maureen Bubluski; predeceased by her daughters, Maria and Judianne Venezia, she also leaves behind many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and the many foster children she cared for. Renee will be remembered as a mother to many, known for her generous heart and vibrant spirit. Her legacy of love and kindness will live on in the countless lives she touched.

Should friends desire, contributions in Irene's name may be made to Fostering Hope New England, 14 Imperial Pl, #202, Providence, RI 02903 or by visiting: <https://www.fosteringhope.org/give>

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Rosemary O'Callaghan

She is fondly remembered for her devotion to family, especially her grandchildren

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to honor the life of Rosemary E. (Memmolo) O'Callaghan by gathering on Friday, May 17, from 10 to 11:15 a.m. at the Conway, Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home, 82 Lynn St., Peabody. Visitation will immediately be followed by a funeral service at the funeral home at 11:15 a.m. Services will conclude with Rosemary being placed to rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Peabody.

At 85 years of age, Rosemary peacefully passed away with her children and grandchildren at her side on Sunday, May 12th after a brief decline in health.

Born in Chelsea, Rosemary was one of five children of the late John and Raffaella L. (Parrotta) Memmolo. Rosemary grew up in Chelsea where she attended local schools and graduated from Chelsea High School.

She was married to Richard C. O'Callaghan for 61 years. They settled in Peabody and together raised two daughters and one son. Rosemary was passionately devoted to home and family. She also worked for MDA in Danvers as a Patient Service Coordinator and owned Elizabeth Rose, a clothing store in Andover with her daughter Lori.

In her lifetime, Rosemary enjoyed traveling, the beach, coffee with her husband on the boardwalk in Newburyport and family gatherings in the backyard by the pool and grill. She is fondly remembered for her devotion to family, especially her grandchildren. She felt immense joy taking them on vacations, baking (especially at Christmas), cheering them on at after school activities, and lots of sleepovers. She lit up a room with her mischievous sense of humor, always patient and kind, and shared her wis-



dom often, because she felt 'talking about it' was the best medicine.

Rosemary was predeceased by her husband, Richard C. O'Callaghan, her grandson, Connor, Joan and Chester Swankowski, Jr., and Louis "Sonny" and Diane Memmolo.

She is lovingly survived by her devoted and caring children, Lori Michaud of Chester, NH, Lisa Haley of Milford and Rick O'Callaghan and his wife, Leslie of Peabody. She was the cherished grandmother of AJ, Shaunna, Megan, Marisa and Connor. She is also survived by her sister, Maria Simmons and her husband, Robert of Atkinson, NH, her brother, John Memmolo and his wife, Linda of Revere, many nieces, nephews and extended family members and friends.

The family is grateful for all the love and care she received from her caregivers at Brightview Senior Living in North Andover.

Donations in Rosemary's name should be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN, 38105. www.stjude.org/donate or the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL, 3607. <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc/donate>

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Theodore "Teddy" Sobolewski

Former Director of Chelsea Veteran Services and Chelsea Public Works



Theodore P. "Teddy" Sobolewski, 79, former Director of

Chelsea Veteran Services and Chelsea Public Works.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Visitation in the Cardinal Cushing Pavilion at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel, 91 Crest Ave., Chelsea (Chelsea Soldier's Home) today, Thursday, May 16th, beginning at 10 a.m. for Theodore P. "Teddy" Sobolewski, who passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on May 11, at 79 years of age. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Michael the Archangel Chapel at 11 a.m. Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden will be held privately.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Teddy was the son of the late Theodore R. and Ethel A. (Coakley) Sobolewski. He attended Chelsea schools and was a graduate of Chelsea High School. Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam Era. During his faithful service, he was awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the National Defense Service Medal, among others. He was honorably discharged in 1968 and returned home to Chelsea.

During his time in the service, he attended electrical school and he used his new skills to begin a career with the City of Chelsea. He started out with the Electrical Inspection Department and eventually became the head of that department. He then transferred to Public Works and became the Director of Public Works.

Teddy's commitment to our veterans eventually led him to the position of the Director of Veterans Services. He retired in



2007 after enjoying over 37 years of dedication and service to the City of Chelsea.

A fervent reader of stock market analysis, current events and all things Chelsea, Teddy was known for his keen insight and informed perspective. Teddy was an avid Boston sports fan, especially of the Red Sox.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends sharing a nice meal together and sparking engaging discussions.

The dear brother of the late Robert J. Sobolewski and his late wife, Patricia M. (Tulley) Sobolewski, he was the devoted uncle of Cheryl A. Reeves and her husband, Charles of Wakefield, Robin M. Lamberti and her husband, Aldo of Wakefield, Robert J. Sobolewski, II and his wife, Kelli of Woburn and Paul R. Sobolewski of Lynnfield. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the New England

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RMV reminds residents they will need a REAL ID or current passport to board a plane starting in May 2025

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding residents that beginning May 7, 2025, anyone traveling by plane domestically or entering certain federal building areas will need a Registry-issued REAL ID-compliant driver's license or ID, or a valid passport. To help ensure compliance, a countdown clock is now live at [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/rmv).

The Registry is encouraging everyone seeking a REAL ID compliant license or identification card to go online at [Mass.Gov/ID](https://www.mass.gov/rmv) to learn what documents are needed for a required

in-person appointment. "The countdown is on for REAL ID federal enforcement and the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, and its partner AAA Northeast, have successfully been issuing REAL ID credentials and are prepared for interested residents prior to the May 2025 deadline," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "We want Massachusetts residents to know they can upgrade to the REAL ID driver's license or identification card during their normal renewal process for the same cost as a renewal. For the customers who wish

to do this, we highly recommend you schedule your appointment at least three weeks before your birthday so that you can receive your credential in the mail ahead of your expiration."

The RMV has posted helpful information on REAL ID requirements that customers can use to prepare for their in-person visits, including convenient document checklists to help pre-stage REAL ID applications, at [Mass.Gov/ID](https://www.mass.gov/ID). Documents required for this transaction include two proofs of Massachusetts residency, proof of a full Social Security Number

(SSN), and proof of lawful presence. Customers who have had a name change since the issuance of a birth certificate, passport or other document, will need to show the reason for the name change by presenting documentation like a marriage certificate, divorce decree or court document. These required documents must be original or certified versions. The RMV recommends customers gather these documents well in advance of appointments to ensure they have the information required by federal law.

Currently, Massachusetts

is at 54 percent REAL ID adoption with almost 3 million credentials being REAL ID-compliant. Customers are eligible to renew up to one year in advance of the expiration date printed on their license or ID, and up to two years after the expiration date.

Prior to May 7, 2025, customers will not need a federally compliant REAL ID for the purposes of boarding domestic flights or entering certain federal buildings.

The fee for renewing a non-commercial standard or REAL ID driver's license is \$50. The fee for renewing


a Mass ID is \$25. The fee for upgrading to a standard or REAL ID card is \$25. Customers with a less than five-year stay in the U.S. pay a pro-rated fee.

Appointments can be scheduled by RMV customers by visiting the RMV's Online Service Center at [Mass.Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/rmv) or if you are a AAA member at <https://northeast.aaa.com/automotive/registry-services/massachusetts.html>.


For additional information and details on these and other RMV services, please visit www.mass.gov/rmv.

LEGAL NOTICES


LEGAL NOTICE


Re: BearMoose Brewing Co. / TheatreZone Inc. 189 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea MA Chelsea Licensing Commission, June 13, 2024
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. To consider a Special Alcoholic Beverage License application (off Premise Beer Garden) for BearMoose/TheatreZone, Inc (Apollinaire Theatre), and a One Day Amusement & Entertainment License application to be held on August 2nd, August 3rd, August 9th, August 10th, August 16th and August 17th between the hours of 5:00pm thru 10:30pm in Port Park, 99 Marginal Street, Chelsea, MA. 02150. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all addressees to the licensed premise.
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION
Naomi Libran
Licensing Administrator
5/16/24, 5/23/24

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The Chelsea Board of Health (BOH) is seeking new members. The BOH preserves and maintains the city's public health standards through community education, and by promulgating reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to those matters placed under its jurisdiction by the Chelsea administrative code, and provides for appeals and variances as allowed, and establishes policies and programs for implementation by the Chelsea Department of Health & Human Services. The BOH meets monthly.
If you are interested in becoming a member of the Chelsea Board of Health, please send a letter of interest and a resume either by mail to the City Manager, Chelsea City Hall Room 302, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 or by email to fmaltez@chelseama.gov. You can also call 617-466-4101 with any questions or concerns.
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Case No. 2024-10
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, June 11, 2024 Chelsea City Hall - 500 Broadway - City Council Chambers, 3rd Floor

6:00 p.m.
With reference to the application of: Bennie Ber, AIA
For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to establish additional living space by constructing a rear addition and raising the third floor roof to create living space at the former attic which does not meet the minimum requirements for side yard setback, rear yard setback, and front yard setback. The property is already a non-conforming structure and must be granted a Special Permit to reconstruct, extend, alter, or change a non-conforming structure and use only if it determines that such change shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the prior non-conforming structure at the premises known as: 49 Harvard Street
A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon
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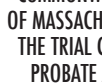

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CITY OF CHELSEA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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Copies of the proposed amendments are available for inspection in the City Clerk's office during normal City Hall business hours.
Norieeliz DeJesus
President, Chelsea City Council
5/16/23, 5/23/24

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Docket No. SU20P0064EA
Estate of:

Hector Luiz Diaz, Sr.
Date of Death: 10/08/2019
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Maria Diaz of Dallas, TX requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, the allowance of a proposed distribution and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 06/11/2024.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 07, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.,
Register of Probate
5/16/24

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
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(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No. SU24C0218CA
In the matter of: Joshua Ronnie Peters
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Joshua Ronnie Peters of Chelsea, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Joshua Ezekiel Gerena
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 06/06/2024. 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: May 06, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate
5/16/2024

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on Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance, which would repeal Section 34-158(c)(2) which reads "Marijuana Retailers are prohibited from operating between the hours of 9 PM and 9 AM."
A copy of the proposed amendment is available for inspection in the City Clerk's office during normal City Hall business hours.
Norieeliz DeJesus
President, Chelsea City Council
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LEGAL NOTICE


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890 Broadway,
Chelsea MA
Chelsea Licensing Commission,
June 13, 2024
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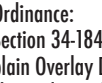
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Copy of the proposed amendments are available for inspection in the City Clerk's office during normal City Hall business hours.

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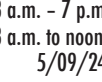
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Zoning Amendment ZA24-01
In accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, a public hearing of the Chelsea Planning Board will be held at Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Broadway Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 6:00 PM
For a recommendation to the City Council on proposed amendments to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance: Section 34-184 Floodplain Overlay District
This update will ensure compliance with the state's new model ordinance. Changes to the ordinance include providing new definitions relative to floodplains; reference to the new floodplain maps; designation of the floodplain administrator (John DePriest); requiring the submittal of flood data for development in the FOD; requirement to obtain all necessary permits; elevation and anchoring of recreational vehicles; process for building code variances; additional standards for zoning variances; and other administrative updates.
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Zoning Amendment ZA24-02
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, May 28, 2024, 6:00 PM
For a recommendation to the City Council on proposed amendments to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance: Section 34-241 Definitions and Section 34-300 Table of Principal Uses
This update will allow body art establishments by-right in the BR, BR2, BH, SC, WU, and NHC zoning districts. Changes also include providing definitions for the terms body art, body art establishment, and body piercing; requiring a special permit for such uses in the Port district; and imposing a restriction on the hours of operation, ensuring shops do not exceed 8am to 10pm.
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CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS


Entry paving and ADA improvements at ELC n MCB
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking sealed bids for all labor and materials for "Entry paving and ADA improvements at ELC n MCB" and submitted to the Purchasing Office, Room 204, no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, May 30, 2024. A Non-Mandatory Site Visit Will be Held on Monday, May 20, 2024, 9:00 am at Early Learning Center (99 Hawthorn Street, Chelsea, MA) and 9:30 am at MCB Complex (300 Crescent Avenue, Chelsea, MA) Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the "City of Chelsea."

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
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Zoning Amendment ZA24-03
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

REBID-Senior Rental Assistance Program
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Request for Proposals for "Senior Rental Assistance Program". Request for Proposals will be available on or after March 16, 2024 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Senior Rental Assistance Program" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, May 30, 2024. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.
In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond. The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
This invitation for bid is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.
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Chief Procurement Officer
5/16/24

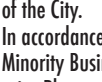
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CITY OF CHELSEA
INVITATION FOR BIDS
SENIOR CENTER TRANSPORTATION

The City of Chelsea Massachusetts through its Chief Procurement Officer is seeking sealed bids to provide all labor and materials for "Senior Center Transportation". Invitation for Bids will be available on or after May 16, 2024 by visiting the City's website at https://www.chelseama.gov/departments/purchasing/current_bids_solicitations.php. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "Senior Center Transportation" and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, City Hall, Room 204, Chelsea, Massachusetts no later than 10:00AM, Thursday, May 30, 2024. The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any bid, to reject and/or all bids and to waive minor irregularities and/or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.
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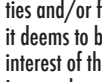
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CITY OF CHELSEA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROPOSED ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET
In accordance with the provisions of Section 5-3(a) of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, notice is hereby given that the Chelsea City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers of Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Operating Budget for the City of Chelsea. The proposed budget for all City services and facilities totals \$270.3 million. Operating costs for the enterprise services total \$25.2 million. The tax-funded budget, which supports traditional municipal services such as police, fire, parks and libraries totals \$245 million. Copies of the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Operating Budget are available for inspection in the City Clerk's office during normal City Hall business hours.
Norieeliz DeJesus
President, Chelsea City Council
5/16/24


regarding the approval to utilize a portion of Luther Place, behind 440 Broadway and along a portion of the sidewalk and public parking spaces, for the duration of the construction of the project at 440 Broadway.
Per Order
Chief Keith E. Houghton
Chairperson
5/16/24

LEGAL NOTICE


NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea that a Public Hearing of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission will be held on: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers 500 Broadway
Pursuant to Section 6-3 of the Charter of the City of Chelsea, the purpose of the public hearing is to receive comment regarding the approval of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Bus Network Redesign Phase I improvements for proposed bus lanes and traffic signal concepts on Second Street, Spruce Street and Everett Avenue as part of the implementation of four (4) new high frequency routes.
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FRESH AND LOCAL

Breeding reality check

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A recent social media post anthropomorphized several dogs, explaining what they were bred to do and how hard it is to live in a world without that work. It ends with a plea that people do a breed reality check before they buy or adopt a dog.

the time and money, such as regular professional grooming or the cost of feeding a large canine, may not fit your budget. Dog professionals like dog walkers and groomers can be good sources of information, and a veterinarian can tell you about the health problems associated with the breed.

A rescue group is another excellent source of the information you need to make a sound decision. We would ask those guardians why the dogs they rehome were surrendered. In the case of the West Highland White Terrier rescues we've fostered and placed, there have been problems with children (who can bring out the dog's prey instinct,) allergy issues, and not understanding that these are not necessarily lap dogs but were bred to be very independent and hunt vermin.

From the Dog's Point of View

In the post, the beagle explained that his work was to howl and bark to lead hunters to their prey, but today, when he does that, he is wrong and doesn't understand why. Caras warns, "A beagle loves a good howling ses-

sion and may tend to do a solo when left alone."

The Jack Russel Terrier explained that he is not a quiet living room dog. He was meant to hunt vermin (some larger than he is) and is tired of being scolded for the high energy his work requires. This breed suffered from media exposure when Moose, an incredibly well-trained canine actor, played Eddie on the sitcom Frasier. Wikipedia points out that Moose's original owners surrendered him because he was too hard to handle. "He could not be house trained; he chewed everything; he dug and barked a lot; and he was constantly escaping and climbing trees."

The Labrador Retriever reminds us she was not meant to sit around the house and get fat. She



While Westies may look cute and cuddly, they are actually very independent, intelligent, and strong-willed. For many, a Bichon Frise is a better choice.

wants to run, dive into the water, and bring back a duck or a floating toy. Karas rates the Lab as a ten out of ten with the need for exercise and finds it suitable for apartment life only if given a lot of

retrieving work.

The post ended with a dog's plea to think carefully before choosing a dog: "I'm a dog from the 21st century, yes, but deep inside me, the one who fought, the one who hunt-

sleds, the one who guided and protected a herd still lives within."

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KIWANIS CLUB OF CHELSEA HOSTS INTER-CLUB DINNER

By Cary Shuman

The Kiwanis Club of Chelsea, led by President Elaine Monge, hosted an Inter-Club Divisional Dinner May 14 at the Merritt Club.

Members from area clubs including Everett, Malden, Somerville, and Medford joined Chelsea Kiwanians at the dinner.

The Kiwanis Club of Chelsea, first established in 1929, conducts community service projects throughout the year and provides financial assistance to various initiatives including the Chelsea High School Scholarship Fund, the Salvation Army, the Jordan Boys and Girls Club, the Kiwanis Children's Fund, and the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute.

The guest speakers for the Inter-Club dinner were Emily Trautwein, Director

of Recruitment and Enrollment at Big Sister Boston, Teagan Hosbein, Recruitment Specialist at Big Sister Boston, and former Little Sister Adrianna Vega.

Trautwein talked about the mission of the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston which is "to ignite girls' passion and power to succeed through positive mentoring relationships with women and enrichment programs that support girls' healthy development."

Trautwein, who has worked with the agency for more than a decade, told the gathering that Big Sister is in 69 cities and towns in the greater Boston area.

"We started in 1951 and served six girls that year," said Trautwein. "We have grown to serve more than 1,000 girls (ages 7 to 15) in the Boston area. We are a national affiliate of Big



Chelsea Kiwanis Club officers and members are pictured at the Inter-Club Dinner. Front row, from left, are Sarah Gay-Jackson, Lt. Gov. Mernaysa Rivera-Bujosa, President Elaine Monge, Vice President Carolyn Boumila-Vega, Renee Caso, and Michelle Mirthes. Back row, from left, are Secretary Cassandra Thompson, Veronica Dyer-Medina, Jess Wynn, Yaritza Morales, Treasurer Joe Carriero Jr., David Hahey, and John Chirichiello.

Brothers/Big Sisters of America."

Hosbein talked about the many programs offered by the agency and their

positive impact on girls.

"Our largest program is called Community-Based Mentoring," said Hosbein. "For this program we provide intentional matching for long-term mentoring relationships. We take time to get to know the Little Sisters and the Big Sisters who apply to be in our program and match them based on similar interests and complimentary personalities and any other factors, including location."

Hosbein said the agency is always looking to partner with community organizations.

Concluding her presentation with some heartwarming individual suc-

cess stories associated with the agency, Hosbein said, "This is what it's all about, allowing girls to reach their full potential, access their childhood and have that one-on-one time with a non-family member who genuinely cares about their life and dedicates times to them."

With her parents, Kiwanis Vice President Carolyn Boumila-Vega and State Assistant Secretary Juan Vega sitting at a nearby table, Adrianna Vega sparkled in her role as a guest speaker.

Vega, a member of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club starting at seven years old who became a Little Sister in 2015, said

of her Big Sister/Little Sister experience, "We definitely just clicked, for sure. Immediately, it was a perfect match. We've done things from just having a picnic in the park, a run on the Charles [River], to us meeting her family, including me in those special moments. This past year she got married and I went to her wedding with my mom. It was just a very special thing to be a part of. I appreciate it every day."

Vega received a warm ovation from the audience following her remarks.

Kiwanis President Elaine Monge presented appreciation gifts to each of the three guest speakers.



From left, Everett Kiwanis Past President and Past Lt. Gov. John Mattuchio, Chelsea Kiwanis President Elaine Monge, Lt. Gov. Mernaysa Rivera-Bujosa, Everett Kiwanis President-Elect Pat Roberto, and Everett President-Elect Fred Capone.



The Vega family, from left, Kiwanis Vice President Carolyn Boumila-Vega, Angelis Segura, guest speaker Adrianna A. Vega, and State Sec. of Communities and Programs Juan R. Vega.



David Hahey, with Zonta Club of Chelsea members, his wife, Joan Lanzillo-Hahey (right) and Christine DePrizio.



Representing the Medford Kiwanis Club, Andrea Bates, Rita Cornelio, Sam Tarabelsi, and State Rep. Paul Donato.



Kiwanis President Elaine Monge, with the event's guest speakers, from left, Adrianna Vega, Emily Trautwein, and Teagan Hosbein.



Christine DePrizio won the Lottery Instant Ticket tree in the raffle drawing.



Chelsea Kiwanis President Elaine Monge and her daughter, Elianni Monge of Metro Credit Union, pictured at the Inter-Club Dinner.



Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell (second from left) was an invited guest at the Inter-club Dinner. Shown welcoming her are Kiwanis members, from left, Jess Wynn, Michelle Mirthes, Yaritza Morales, and Carolyn Boumila-Vega.

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Este patrocinio está abierto a todo niño o niña residentes de la ciudad de Chelsea, y que no han sido participantes de este campamento en el pasado.

Para aplicar, por favor envía una carta de una página al Club Rotario de Chelsea y explica el "por qué" el Club debería enviarte a este campamento este verano. Todas las cartas deberán ser enviadas por correo o personalmente a esta dirección:

Chelsea Rotary Club c/o Susan E Gallant, 778 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 antes del viernes 17 de Mayo de 2024.

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