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Graduate Nayelli Romero decorated her cap with a statement reflecting her determination to achieve.



Graduates decorated their caps with creative and inspirational messages



Graduate Wilson Villalta decorated his cap with the Chelsea High School letter.



390 graduates from Chelsea High School, Chelsea Opportunity Academy and Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy attended the Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony. See Pages 9-13 for CHS Class of 2024 Graduation Special pages.

## Leveraging Mackenzie Scott Grant, La Colaborativa strategically acquires 50 Heard Street as part of bold vision of economic empowerment

Special to the Record  
La Colaborativa, the Commonwealth's leading nonprofit organization committed to uplifting Latinx and immigrant communities, announced the acquisition of 50 Heard St. in Chelsea for the development of the

Workforce Training and Certification Institute, a first-of-its-kind, contemporary hub of economic mobility in Chelsea. After securing a \$2 million grant from Mackenzie Scott, La Colaborativa decisively acquired this vacant property to lay the groundwork for this con-

sequential project. "We're grateful to Mackenzie Scott, as well as our partners at Eastern Bank and MassDevelopment, for supporting us in catalyzing this historic project," said Gladys Vega, President of La Colaborativa. "This strategic acquisition represents our

next chapter at La Colaborativa, where our residents can flourish in careers that can transform their community." A hallmark of La Colaborativa's green jobs strategy, Workforce Training and Certification Institute will be strategically located near public transit,

walkable neighborhoods, and the City's downtown. Devoid of a community center, residents of Chelsea are confronted by a scarcity of multilingual, accessible workforce development resources. Facing the daunting realities of displacement, Latinx and immigrant residents are often deprived of access to the training and job opportunities necessary to boost household income, particularly in durable growth sectors, such as clean energy, digital technology, and the building

trades. "After decades of disinvestment and persistent economic issues, our community deserves to remain, grow, and flourish in Chelsea," stated Dinanyili Paulino, La Colaborativa Executive Vice President. "We look forward to deepening our collaboration with our neighbors, local officials, and philanthropic partners to bring this project to fruition."

Following the acquisition, La Colaborativa is

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## Neighbors raise flooding concerns about Palmer Street proposal

By Adam Swift  
Residents of the Palmer Street neighborhood raised concerns about a two-unit, two-bedroom townhouse building proposed for 57 Palmer St. at Tuesday night's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. The developers are seeking to demolish a garage that currently exists

at 57 Palmer St. and then construct the two-unit building with two parking spaces on the lower level. There was some confusion among the applicants and board members over the ownership of 57 Palmer and adjoining 75 Palmer. Until very recently, the two lots were merged and had a single owner and the garage at 57 Palmer

was used as parking for the existing building at 75 Palmer. But the architect for the project, James Christopher, said that he had only learned this week that there was a new owner for 75 Palmer and the two lots were no longer owned in common. The split ownership raised questions from board members about

a potential easement to create parking behind 75 Palmer since the garage at 57 will be razed to make way for the new residence. "The intent is to construct a new two-unit building as laid out here, and iron out the wrinkles with 75 Palmer, as well," said Christopher. As proposed, the two units would be laid out side by side in a three-story building, with parking on the first level, a living and dining area on the second level, and two bedrooms on the third level of each unit.

Regardless of the ownership issues of the two properties, several neigh-

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## DERBY DAY AT COHEN FLORENCE



Residents put on their best looking headwear for a day at the races at Cohen Florence. See more photos on Page 6.

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**TRASH NOTICE**  
No Trash collection on Wed. June 19, for the Juneteenth Holiday. Routes will be delayed by one day for the rest of the week.

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## FROM THE PHOTO ARCHIVES OF ARNIE JARMAK



Chelsea Record photographer Arnie Jarmak was on hand for this gathering of past and present Chelsea city officials and members of the business community in the late 1970s. Seated (l-r) are former mayor Hugh McLaughlin, former mayor John Slater, Ward 1 Alderman Kiva Mirochnick, Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Exec. Director Benjamin Schwalb, City Treasurer Sidney Brown, former State Rep. Harry Coltun, and prominent local businessman Val Kowalski. Standing are (l-r) former alderman (and future City Manager) Guy Santagate and former mayor, state senator, and state representative Andrew Quigley, who at the time was a member of the School Committee and publisher of the Chelsea Record. Seated at another table in the far left of the photo is Water Commissioner Myles Johnson.

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embarking on a community-driven design process to guide the redevelopment of the site. A vehicle for economic growth, the project will encapsulate a 10,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility. The center will anchor hands-on, multilingual technical training and in-demand certifications in HVAC, electrical, carpentry, 3D printing, and technology, with a focus on empowering residents with limited English proficiency, women, young adults, and community members frequently excluded from the regional economy.

“Our residents embody resilience and ingenuity. They represent the future of our economy.” Alex Train, La Colaborativa Chief Operating Officer. “As we renew our focus on preventing displacement, the Workforce Training and Certificate Institute is a new approach to fostering multilingual work-

force infrastructure that all residents can access.”

Employing sustainable design principles, the project will feature energy efficiency best practices and a resilient building envelope. Complementing the center, a lush, inviting public open space will provide respite

from intensifying summer heat, distinguished by passive seating areas, native plant species, and green infrastructure. As a momentous investment in equitable workforce infrastructure, La Colaborativa has launched a capital campaign to finance a portion of the redevelopment.



Shown are Dinanyili Paulino, Executive Vice President, Alex Train, AICP, Chief Operating Officer, Gladys Vega, President of La Colaborativa.



By Tracy Nowicki  
Director of Elder Services

## Embracing the Power of Attitude: A Journey Through Physical Challenges

As mentioned in my previous writings, these articles stem from my time and experience as Director of Elder Services. Following a recent, intriguing phone conversation, today's column is dedicated to Mr. Robert Mullaly, a resident of Chelsea, a member of the Elder Services Board of Directors, and notably, a Doctor of Psychology.

In life, we are often confronted with challenges that test our resilience, pushing us to the brink of surrender. In our day to day interactions with older adults navigating physical disabilities, I've come to realize that while circumstances that may not always be within our control, our attitude towards them is the single most potent force that determines our journey's trajectory.

## Vintage Vibes

Picture this: a seasoned individual, weathered by time and experience, facing the uphill battle of physical limitations. Every step feels like a mountain, every task an insurmountable obstacle. It's easy to succumb to despair, to surrender to the notion that the cards dealt by fate are stacked against us. Yet, in the face of adversity, there exists a beacon of hope; the unwavering resolve to never quit.

Throughout my journey, I've been fortunate to encounter a myriad of individuals whose unwavering dedication has propelled my work forward. From caregivers to medical professionals, friends, and family, each has played a pivotal role in shaping my perspective. Their commitment to the well-being of others serves as a constant reminder that you are not alone in this challenge. That because of their commitment, you mustn't quit.

However, amidst the support and encouragement lies a fundamental truth; the power of attitude. When confronted with seemingly insurmountable odds, it's easy to relinquish control, to resign oneself to defeat. Yet, it is precisely in these moments that attitude emerges as the ultimate catalyst for change.

Attitude is the lens through which we perceive the world; a prism

that changes challenges into opportunities, setbacks into lessons learned. It is the driving force behind every triumph, every victory snatched from the jaws of defeat. When faced with adversity, we have a choice; succumb to the despair or embrace the power of a positive mindset.

This isn't to say that maintaining a positive attitude is easy; far from it. There are days when the weight of the world feels too heavy to bear, when every fiber of our being screams for respite. Yet, it is precisely in these moments that our attitude becomes our most potent weapon.

When the world conspires against us, when the odds seem stacked impossibly high, we must remember, our attitude is the only thing in our control. It is the one constant in an ever-changing world, the beacon of hope that guides us through the darkest of nights.

So, the next time you find yourself on the brink of surrender, remember this: attitude is the key that unlocks the door to possibility. Change your attitude, and you change your outcome. Embrace the power within you, and let it light the path to a better tomorrow. Thank you so much for that conversation Bob!

Feel free to contact us at [Tnowicki@chelseama.gov](mailto:Tnowicki@chelseama.gov) or 617-466-4377.

## DiDomenico celebrates new summer child nutrition program

The Healey-Driscoll administration announced recently that Massachusetts has received federal approval for its summer child nutrition program. Following the ending of Summer Pandemic EBT (P-EBT), this new child nutrition program will help feed an estimated 600,000 students while schools are closed for the summer. Low-income Massachusetts families with school-aged children will be eligible to receive financial assistance to buy groceries, bringing more than \$70 million in federal funds to the state's economy. Senator Sal DiDomenico, as an anti-hunger champion and Co-Chair of the Food System Caucus, has advocated for programs like this and is thrilled to see its implementation by Governor Healey's administration.

Senator Sal DiDomenico celebrated the announcement of this program, “I am thrilled to see the Healey-Driscoll Administration support Summer EBT. This program builds on the successes of past food programs I have fought for, like Universal School Meals, and will help reduce child hunger during summer break. I look forward to seeing the immense benefits this pro-

gram will bring to countless children and families across Massachusetts.”

“In Massachusetts, we are not leaving federal dollars on the table that could support children and families' food security. In partnership with our State Legislature, we made universal free school meals permanent. And with this new program, we are working to ensure children and families have access to healthy food all year long,” said Governor Maura Healey. “I want to thank the Biden-Harris Administration and Congress for permanently establishing this child nutrition program. Massachusetts is proud to be utilizing all tools available so kids can focus on learning and play, not where their next meal is coming from.”

The program, known as Summer EBT, will be administered by the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) in collaboration with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and local school districts. This new program will complement the Summer Eats program, which provides free meals to all kids and teens, ages 18 and under, at locations across Massachu-

setts during the summer months. Some students' families will also continue receiving regular SNAP (federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. These programs build on the Healey-Driscoll administration and Massachusetts' food security initiatives for children, including Universal Free School Meals, Food Security Infrastructure Grants, and the MA FRESH (Massachusetts Farming Reinforces Education and Student Health) grant program.

Eligible families will receive one payment of \$120 per child between July and September, corresponding to \$40 per month. Families already enrolled in SNAP, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF; known in Massachusetts as Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or TAFDC), or some MassHealth plans will be automatically enrolled in the summer child nutrition program and do not need to take any action. Families who are not automatically enrolled can apply for the program directly on DTA Connect between June 15 and September 7, 2024.

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bors said they were concerned the development would increase flooding in an area that already faces a number of concerns.

Palmer Street resident Arthur Ells said the project itself looked great, but was afraid it would add to the water woes in the area. “I live adjacent to (the property), and as it is now, water pours through there,” said Ells.

Several other residents from the area said they agreed with Ells that flooding is a major con-

cern in the neighborhood.

“Everything the neighbors have said is absolutely true,” said Precinct 1 City Councilor Todd Taylor. “Last year, we had torrential rain, and it flooded a family out on Columbus.”

There have been efforts to mitigate the flooding with sewer and culvert improvements in the area, but Taylor said it remains a problem.

“Please take all of that into consideration when you make your decision

on this,” said Taylor.

Christopher said he believes steps will be taken in the construction of the property to make the water issues better for the area.

Permitting and land use director John DePriest said there would be a further investigation of the ownership issue with the two properties, and that the project may have to re-advertise if it looks like there will need to be an easement on both properties to create parking.



## Notice of Openings for Boards and Commissions in the City of Chelsea

Pursuant to the City of Chelsea Charter, Section 9-5(d), this is a Notice of all Board and Commission vacancies in the City of Chelsea.

### The following Boards and Commissions have vacancies:

The Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board; the Community Recreation Advisory Board; the Conservation Commission; the Cultural Council; the Council of Elder Affairs; the Board of Health; the Chelsea Disability Commission; the Economic Development Board; the Historical Commission; the Board of Trustees of the Library; and Human Rights Commission. Information about each of these Boards is available at [www.chelseama.gov/board-openings](http://www.chelseama.gov/board-openings). All of these Boards have three year terms except for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, which is a two year term and the Economic Development Board, which is a five year term. Those interested in applying should send both a letter of interest and a resume either by mail to the City Manager, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 or by email to [fmaltez@chelseama.gov](mailto:fmaltez@chelseama.gov). Materials should be received by the close of business on Friday, June 28, 2024..

## Aviso de posiciones vacantes en Juntas y Comisiones de la Ciudad de Chelsea

Conforme con el Estatuto de la Ciudad de Chelsea, Sección 9-5 (d), deseamos informar que hay posiciones vacantes abiertas en las Juntas y Comisiones de la Ciudad de Chelsea.

Las posiciones disponibles durante este período corresponden a las siguientes Juntas y Comisiones: Junta del Fondo Fiduciario de Vivienda Accesible; Junta Asesora de Recreación Comunitaria; Comisión de Conservación; Concejo Cultural; Concejo de Asuntos del Adulto Mayor; Comisión de Discapacidad de Chelsea; Junta de Desarrollo Económico; Comisión Histórica; Junta de Síndicos de la Biblioteca; y Comisión de Derechos Humanos.

La información de cada una de estas Juntas y Comisiones está disponible en el sitio web [www.chelseama.gov/board-openings](http://www.chelseama.gov/board-openings). Todas estas posiciones tienen un término de tres (3) años con excepción de la Junta del Fondo Fiduciario de Vivienda Accesible, que es un término de dos (2) años, y la Junta de Desarrollo Económico que tiene un término de cinco (5) años.

Los interesados en solicitar deben enviar una carta de interés junto con su resume a la Oficina del Gerente Municipal, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150 ó por correo electrónico a [fmaltez@chelseama.gov](mailto:fmaltez@chelseama.gov).

Los materiales deben ser recibidos antes del cierre del día laboral el Viernes 28 de Junio de 2024.

# Hernandez hired as the new DPW Park and Open Space Manager

Special to the Record

The Department of Public Works named Bladimir (Blad) Hernandez as the new Park and Open Space Manager, who will manage all municipal parks, trees, and open spaces in Chelsea among other administrative responsibilities, including overseeing DPW grants for park improvements and ADA upgrades.

The Park and Open Space Manager position was proposed to be created in the FY24 budget as part of the city's ongoing efforts to enhance and beautify Chelsea. In this role, Hernandez will also serve as the Tree Warden for the City of Chelsea and as the staff person of the Chelsea Tree Board, a pivotal position for the conservation and expansion of the City's green infrastructure.

Hernandez holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture and regional planning from UMass Amherst and has vast experience in the field of landscape architecture. Prior to Chelsea, Bladimir

worked for the Harris County Engineering Department, TX, as a landscape architect in-training designer and project manager for over five years. Other work experiences include the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and the New England Aquarium.

The incorporation of Hernandez into the DPW team also reflects the city's intention of keeping local talent within the community. A graduate of Chelsea High School with Salvadoran family roots, Hernandez has been happy to call Chelsea home from 1995 to 2016 and today.

Hernandez considered himself an enthusiast for issues related to plants, landscapes, and the environment from the very young age of 12, when he started showing off his landscaping skills.

He is also aware of the strong community advocacy for more open spaces.

"Growing up in Chelsea in the mid 90s parks and



COURTESY PHOTO

Bladimir Hernandez

open spaces were rarely available and the ones that were available were not so inviting," said Hernandez. "Luckily the city has been getting better through the years, I would like to play a part in those efforts. With my experience in landscape architecture design and project management combined with my passion for the natural environment and my love for Chelsea I hope to help the city thrive with a healthy and diverse tree and plant life as well as providing accessible parks and open space for recreational purposes."

Residents can contact Hernandez in-person at the Chelsea DPW, 500 Broadway, Room 310, by calling 617-466-4217 or via email at bhernandez2@chelsea-ma.gov.

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# Chelsea

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## JUNE IS A MONTH OF FREEDOM

June marks the first month of the summer season, the period on the calendar when we take vacations from school and work to travel and enjoy the company of our friends and family members. It's our personal time, that sweet spot each year when we take a break from the humdrum of our daily schedules and we have the freedom to do whatever we want.

But June also uniquely celebrates a number of events that brought true freedom to Americans who had been unable to experience the promise of America -- "all men are created equal" -- that we take for granted today.

June 12 is known as Loving Day. It was on that day in 1967 that the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Virginia law that forbade interracial marriage and made it a criminal offense to do so. The Lovings, an interracial couple, were convicted under that Virginia law and, to avoid jail, they agreed to leave the state. Similar laws existed throughout all of the Southern states until the Supreme Court's ruling.

June is observed as Pride Month by the LGBTQIA+ community to mark the date of June 28, 1969, when gays protested arrests at the Stonewall Inn (a gay bar in New York City's Greenwich Village) at a time when police routinely arrested of gay men on phony morals charges. The riots lasted for a number of days and are widely-recognized as the beginning of the modern gay rights movement that culminated more than 50 years later with the Supreme Court decision of Obergefell v. Hodges in 2015 that struck down state laws forbidding same-sex marriage.

June 14 is Flag Day, marking the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress, which read as follows: "Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day and in 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Ever since its inception in 1777, the American flag has been universally recognized as a symbol of freedom around the world.

Finally, Juneteenth, which is now a national holiday, marks the day when the Union army entered the city of Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, and freed the slaves in Texas pursuant to President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had gone into effect more than two years earlier on January 1, 1863. Texas had been the last state to be occupied by Union forces and where slavery still existed.

## NEAR THE WATER? WATCH YOUR CHILDREN!

We recently were shocked to learn of two statistics that were noted at a recent meeting of the Revere Board of Health.

The first is that about 4500 Americans die from drowning each year. To put that into perspective, that figure is about 50 percent greater than the total number of victims who died on 9/11.

The second number, which was even more surprising -- and even sadder -- is that drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children ages 1-4.

What is stunning to us about that statistic is that we cannot imagine that whenever a parent is with a small child near the water -- whether it be the bathtub in their home or at the beach -- the parent is not watching over their child like a hawk without even a second's worth of distraction, including texting on a cell phone.

Young children are especially susceptible to drowning because of their small lung capacity, which means that once they slip under, their tiny lungs can fill with water almost instantly.

Even if a child is saved from death by drowning, the lack of oxygen to the brain can result in a serious brain injury that will have lifelong implications.

The bottom line is that a young child never should be left unattended for even a moment when near the water. And it goes without saying that every parent should be 100% sober whenever they are near water with their child, whether on a boat, at the beach, at a pool, or in their home.

## Your opinions, please

The Record welcomes letters to the editor. Our mailing address is 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. Letters may also be e-mailed to [stephen.quigley@reverejournal.com](mailto:stephen.quigley@reverejournal.com).

Letters must be signed. We reserve the right to edit for length and content.

# Forum

## A father's guiding hand...



## Northeast Metro Tech hosts an assembly to educate students about civics and state government



State representatives and Northeast Metro Tech leadership stand together following an assembly that taught students about civics and state government. From left are: State Rep. Jessica Giannino, Assistant Superintendent Tracey O'Brien, English and Social Studies Department Head Lou DelGaudio, Superintendent David DiBarri, State Rep. Kate Lipper-Garabedian and State Rep. Steve Ultrino. (Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that Northeast Metro Tech hosted an assembly with three state representatives from the district's sending communities to educate students about civics and state government.

The 2024 Annual Northeast Civics Assembly was held on Friday, May 24 in the school's cafeteria, with state Reps. Kate Lipper-Garabedian, of Melrose, Steve Ultrino, of Malden, and Jessica Giannino, of Revere in attendance.

The assembly was created in response to the Gov. Charlie Baker administration signing into law An Act to Promote and Enhance Civic Engagement, which made civics projects required for all students.

All three state represen-

tatives engaged in a question-and-answer session with Northeast students, fielding a range of questions about their positions and responsibilities.

"The 2024 Northeast Metro Tech Civics Assembly was an all-around great success and exciting endeavor for our community. Being able to connect students with inspiring and well-established lawmakers is an invaluable experience for all parties involved," said Lou DelGaudio, English and Social Studies Department Head. "The legislators were able to deeply connect with our diverse student population, largely because of the sincerity and dedication that they exuded on stage when answering the students' questions. Students asked pertinent and relevant

questions and were given the opportunity to engage in civil discourse with those who are in a position to make legislative change in their own communities."

"Having the opportunity to speak with the students at Northeast Metro Tech regarding our work

as elected officials was an absolute pleasure," said Rep. Ultrino, of Malden. "It was heartwarming to see so many students engaged and curious on a variety of issues concerning themselves and their com-

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# GREENROOTS HOLDS 9TH ANNUAL EVENING ON THE CREEK

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GreenRoots celebrated its 30th anniversary and the past year's achievements with its 9th Annual Evening on the Creek on June 7 beside PORT Park. Founded as a committee in 1994, GreenRoots expanded into an independent organization in 2016 with the continued mission of advocating for environmental justice, improved quality of life, and public health in Chelsea.

"We are thrilled to be here recognizing the tireless efforts of thousands of community members and

partners who have fought for and won major environmental justice accomplishments," said Roseann Bongiovanni, Executive Director. "GreenRoots is one of two organizations in the state – and the only women-led organization – squarely focused on environmental justice. Our communities are healthier, our neighborhoods are greener, our parks are greater, our waterfront is more accessible, and our air, land, and water are cleaner."



Sarah Neville, School Committee, and Councilor Roberto Jimenez Rivera.



Ximena Ojopi and Chris Skoglund.



Representative Adrian Madaro, Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, and Senator Lydia Edwards/.



GreenRoots ECO Youth Crew: Johanna Flores, Greandoll Olivia, Darien Rodriguez, and Emely Deodanes



Bianca Bowman, Jack Segovia, and Cecilia Del Cid volunteering at the donations table.



Jonathan Lee and Raylen Dziengelewski.



Inbaa Sivasankar, Karthik Kandaswamy, and Glendy Alvarez.



Anisha Nakagawa, David Beron, and Jill Horwood.



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Ahmed Jama, Valinda Chan, Lubna Omar, Zaida Adanes, Mayra Walkey, Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, Abdi Ali, board member, and John Walkey.



Neris Amaya, Senator Sal DiDomenico, GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, GreenRoots Founder Gladys Vega, Representative Judith Garcia, Maria Belen Power, Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity, City Manager Fidel Maltez, and Grace Muwina, GreenRoots board member



Alejandro Lopez, Nic Escarria, Seth Felix, Sandy Youssef, Aida Marroquin, and Osvaldo R. Guevara, of East Cambridge Savings.



Juan Soler Ramos, Shannon Colins, Ani Dobbins, Kathleen O'Brien, Carla Costanza, Sonya Ramos, and Nicole Fina.

### A DAY AT THE RACES AT COHEN FLORENCE LEVINE ESTATES ASSISTED LIVING

The recent "Derby Day" event at Cohen Florence Levine Estates (CFLE) was a huge hit among residents and staff alike. Over 50 residents attended the festivities, decked out in an assortment of hats and memorabilia to get into the swing of things. Themed

refreshments included chocolate and vanilla haystack cookies, lemonade and derby punch. Jen Fazekas, Marketing Director of CFLE, acted as emcee, while the staff portrayed the jockeys as well as the horses. And all bets were on! Arman-

do Alarcon, Director of Maintenance at Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, the non-profit that operates the assisted living, won all three races. Residents were able to before each race on who would win each of the six races. Six winners received decorative and colorful soap bottles.

As Executive Director Kristen Donnelly explained, "Derby Day was such a fun day at the assisted living. We strive to create events that keep our residents active and engaged. There was a wonderful spirit of camaraderie between the residents and staff." Added Donnelly, "Judging by the many smiles all around, the event was a sure bet!"

The Admiral's Hill assisted living residences, part of the nonprofit Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, include Cohen Florence Levine Estates, a traditional assisted living as well as Florence & Chafetz Specialized Care, an assisted living for those in need of memory sup-



There was a station where you could choose your hat to get into the spirit of derby day.



Ready, Set, Go!



Estelle Bookman and Ida Rudolph.



Sandra Levin and Leona Sansevorino.



Shown (left to right) are Ansu Kinteh, Kristen Donnelly, Cathie Mesina, Richard Howell, Shellie Honohan, and Armando Alarcon.

## Developer presents plans for Beacham Street gas station

By Adam Swift

A plan to build a 24-hour gas station with a convenience store on Beacham Street has the support of several city councilors.

The developers of the gas station at 410 Beacham St., which proposes six dispensers, including two designed to service larger trucks, were before the Zoning Board of Ap-

peals on Tuesday night. The proposal will be before the planning board later this month for a recommendation on a special permit and variances before coming back to the ZBA in July for a potential final approval.

"The plan has changed somewhat and is a little more modest than what was originally submitted to the board," said attorney David Mindlin, repre-

senting the applicant. The original plan called for a cafe and second-floor office space, but those portions of the plan have been removed.

"This was a former gas station and repair shop, a non-conforming use," said Mindlin. "It closed down and they removed all the fixtures, tanks, and cleaned the site. The peti-

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Shown (left to right) are Ansu Kinteh, Cathie Mesina, Jen Fazekas, Richard Howell, Shellie Honohan, Armando Alarcon, and Kristen Donnelly (front center).



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# OBITUARIES

## Assembly // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

munity!"

"It was a pleasure to join my colleagues at Northeast Metro Tech to talk about our role in the State House and the importance of civics," said Rep. Giannino, of Revere. "It is critical that students embrace their civic responsibility with the same dedication and passion they bring to their trades. Together, we can build not only strong careers, but a strong community."

"As a former teacher and education attorney, it was a pleasure to join my House colleagues for Northeast Metro Tech's State Representative Assembly," said Rep. Lipper-Garabedian, of Melrose. "The assembly was an excellent opportunity to discuss the work of the state Legislature and to hear student perspectives. I hope that the event inspired Northeast Metro Tech students to become civically involved in policy issues that matter to them."

Students reacted positively to the opportuni-

ty, and said they learned much from engaging with their state government leaders.

"I felt like the assembly made me learn about the importance of making a difference in Massachusetts and every city," said Ashley Diaz Lanza, of Revere. "We may not agree with certain things, but if we want change, we can try to make a difference. I learned a lot from the representatives."

"I think it was a great learning opportunity and nice to learn things about local legislators," said Valentine Romero Portillo, of Revere. "Local legislators are important. When wanting to change something about our city we need to start with them."

"The assembly was very informative about civics and how individuals operate," said Esien Clarke, of Malden. "I liked that each legislator gave backgrounds on their lives and what led them to be successful in their jobs."

## Gas Station // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

tioner wishes at this point to re-establish a new, state-of-the-art gas station on the lot."

Mindlin noted that there is some confusion on the number of parking spots needed for the proposal. The planning department originally determined 29 spots were required, however, with the change in plans, Mindlin said that number is likely significantly lower. The proposal includes 10 parking spaces on the site.

Robert Fidel, the owner of the property, said he would like the gas station to be open 24 hours per day in order to service the larger trucks in the industrial area that are moving in and out early in the morning. He added that the convenience store

would likely close at 10 p.m., and there would be a window open for those getting gas in the overnight hours.

Mindlin noted that Fidel has extensive experience in his field, owning approximately 14 other gas stations.

"He is experienced and knows how to modify the business to the area, and he is very good at what he does," said Mindlin.

Councilors Leo Robinson and Todd Taylor both spoke in favor of the proposal, noting that the council recently revised an ordinance that now allows convenience stores at city gas stations.

"I think this will be a great fit for the city of Chelsea," said Robinson.

## James DiMarino

He was the anchor of his family

James "Jim" L. DiMarino of Rowley passed away on Tuesday, June 4, surrounded by family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Bonnie (Belmonte) DiMarino.

Born 74 years ago in Lynn, he was the son of John and Helen DiMarino. He is survived by his brother, John and sister, Helen. He was predeceased by his sister, Katy and brothers, Paul and Joe. Jim is also survived by his precious German Shepherd, Valory who misses him dearly.

Jim was proud of his service in the US Army during the Vietnam Era. He earned his college degree with the GI Bill. He was employed in the electronic industry and then with the Massachusetts State Sex Offender Registry. Jim enjoyed photography and fishing. He was an avid Ham Radio operator and enjoyed talking to his many friends worldwide. Jim was a Mason since 1977.

Jim and Bonnie were history buffs, participating in the Bicentennial celebration as the defeated British. Their favorite vacation was touring Gettysburg. Jim loved the ocean, spending summer weeks



on the Maine coast.

Family was important and he was the anchor of the family. He especially loved his nieces and nephews. Being a prankster and jokester, he made friends easily. Jim never outgrew his fascination with Halloween, and he passed that passion on with years of costume parties for his family and friends.

This spring, Jim had a wonderful time planning a surprise birthday party for Bonnie. Jim and Bonnie had also just celebrated their wedding anniversary by renewing their marriage vows. To all who knew Jim, he always ended the conversation with "God Bless."

Funeral arrangements were by F.S. Roberts & Son Funeral Home, 14 Independent Street, Rowley. To light a memorial candle or leave condolences, please visit [fsrobertsandson.com](http://fsrobertsandson.com).

## Alice M. (Skerry) Cataldo

April 17, 1940 - June 10, 2024

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours Friday, June 14th from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea for Alice Cataldo, who passed away on Monday, June 10th after a recent decline in health. She was 84 years of age. Her funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Saturday, June 15th at 9 a.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Mary's Church, 8 So. Common St., Lynn at 10:30 a.m. Services will conclude with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

On June 10, 2024, the Cataldo family lost their inspirational role model and matriarch, Alice M. Cataldo, at 84 years of age. Surrounded by family, Alice passed away peacefully.

Born April 17, 1940, Alice was the daughter and shining light of Philip and Angelina (Creilson) Skerry, lifelong residents of Chelsea. Alice grew up in Chelsea and was a proud graduate of Chelsea High School. Indeed, it was at Chelsea High that she met the love of her life, Nunzio "Buddy" Cataldo, who she married in 1960. Just last August of 2023, Alice and Buddy celebrated 63 years of marriage.

Following graduation from high school, Alice accompanied Buddy to Kansas State University where he played scholarship football for the Wildcats and together started their family. As well, Alice earned an associate's degree from Middlesex Community College.

First and foremost, Alice prioritized her family, who she led on innumerable epic adventures. She is survived by her children: Mark Cataldo and his wife, Barbara of Naperville, IL, Beth Hynes and her husband, Kevin of Manhattan Beach, CA, Kim Williams and her husband, Walter of Revere and Carol Bernardini and her husband, Jay of Lynn. She was the cherished grandmother of A.J. Williams, Kathryn Cataldo-Liles and her husband, Ben Liles, Michael Cataldo and his wife, Meghan, Alexandra Mantini and her wife, Amanda, Kyle Bernardin, and Justin and Killian Hynes and adoring great-grandmother of Olivia and Molly Cataldo, Madeline and Corinne Lisle and Santino Nunzio Mantini.

Professionally, Alice served as a bookkeeper for a wide variety of businesses ranging from luxury goods distributors to med-



ical practices. A woman of many interests, Alice voraciously read her beloved Boston Globe daily, researched and planned worldwide travel adventures over a span of six decades, could expertly handicap any horserace, and routinely got to a pool to swim and lead water aerobics classes. Known as an Olympic conversationalist and avid reader, Alice was a brilliant thinker whose zeal for going out with friends and family was legendary.

Alice and Buddy loved watching and attending sporting events, especially football -- a passion they passed on to their children and grandchildren. Lifelong season ticket holders to the New England Patriots, Alice never missed a home game no matter the weather or time of night and religiously traveled to every Patriots' Superbowl appearance. A highlight of her life as a fan was being named the 1997 N.E. Patriots Fan of the Year and being awarded a place in the Hall of Fame in Foxboro, MA.

World travelers, Alice and Buddy enjoyed many trips abroad to Italy, France, England, Ireland, Egypt, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, and their home-away-from-home in the winter, Puerto Vallarta, MX. Also, Alice enjoyed visiting her son, Mark and his family in Chicago and her daughter, Beth and her family in Los Angeles.

Truly, Alice was a force of nature whose life-energy is irreplaceable to her family. Her legacy of family first, her passionate approach to life, her ready advice, and her unyielding determination to enjoy every day to its fullest will live on in her devoted family.

Should friends desire, contributions in Alice's name may be made to the Italian Home for Children, 1125 Centre St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. To donate online visit: <https://www.italianhome.org/give/>

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AviniaCare Eastpointe held its glamorous annual senior prom on June 7. Members ate sweets, danced with staff, and contributed to the music entertainment with their own spoon and harmonica playing. Residents like retired journalist, Catherine Votaw, enjoyed the festive afternoon with her boyfriend, Lou Abramo, who

she met at the assisted living and rehabilitation facility. "It's been a pleasant surprise for me. There are a lot of wonderful, interesting people here," said Votaw, who wore a purple dress with a sorbet-colored rose corsage. "I want to make people around me as happy as I can from day to day."



Brian Brazil playing the harmonica to "Doo Wah Ditty."



Sherie, from the business office, dancing to "Twist and Shout" with Millie Flynn and Haalima, from activities.



Jeannine Beaudoin and Brian Brazil dancing to "Pretty Woman."



Vinnie Sorrentino with Maria, from activities.



Richard, from the kitchen, with Donna Colangelo, an 18-year resident.



Eric Williams dancing with Wendy DeSimone.



Stevie Acevedo and Virginia, from activities, dancing to "What a Wonderful World."



Sheri, from the business office, dancing with Mark Yeskutis



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# CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024 GRADUATION

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ceremony at Chelsea High School. The Class Of 2024 saw their efforts come to fruition and were awarded for their diligence and hard work. Congratulations Class Of 2024.

It was a perfect sunny day to hold a graduation



Shown above and below, members of the Chelsea High School Cantare sing 'You Will Be Found.'



Graduates are excited to be here this day.



Chelsea Opportunity Academy Graduate Shirley Marroquin is handed her daughter Isabel Davilla from Edgar Davilla, Isabel's father.



Graduates are excited to be here this day.



Graduate Juan JC Carlos.



The Chelsea High School Class Of 2024.

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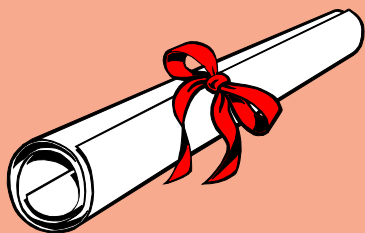
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# Class of 2024 Accomplishments

The Class of 2024 includes students in total as of 6/3/24 - 390  
 CHS - 326 students  
 Out of District - 7 students  
 COA - 36 students  
 CVLA - 21 students

Morocco  
 Nepal  
 Nicaragua  
 Philippines  
 Puerto Rico  
 Vietnam

**Valedictorian - Gizelle Rodriguez** (Message from School Counselor Mr. Cora)

House 4 would like to congratulate the Valedictorian of the graduating class of 2024, Gizelle Rodriguez! Gizelle is one of the hardest workers you'll meet, excelling in everything she does both in and outside of school. Throughout her time at CHS, she maintained a rigorous course load full of honors and advanced placement courses, achieving a stellar 4.9 GPA, including 5 APs in her senior year. In addition to being a scholar, Gizelle is a star track and field athlete, captain, researcher, NHS member and Vice President of her class. We are all incredibly proud of what Gizelle has accomplished here at CHS and look forward to seeing what she will do next. Did we forget to mention? Gizelle is Brown University bound!

**Salutatorian - Isra Bana** (Message from School Counselor Ms. Mejia)

House 1 proudly and enthusiastically congratulates Isra Bana, and recognizes her as the Salutatorian of the graduating class of 2024! Isra's unparalleled work ethic and commitment to excellence shine brightly in all endeavors she has taken on, whether it be within the academic realm and beyond. Throughout her time at CHS, Isra navigated challenging curriculums presented to her in honors and advanced placement courses. All her efforts culminated in a remarkable 4.7 GPA. Beyond her academic achievements, Isra has demonstrated exemplary leadership and service as a valued member of the National Honor Society, Black Student Union, Student Council, and as the Secretary for the Class of 2024. Her multifaceted involvement underscores her dedication to making a positive impact within our school community. As Isra sets off on the next phase of her academic journey, by pursuing a career in nursing at Northwestern University, we take immense pride in her accomplishments thus far. We eagerly anticipate witnessing the continued success and contributions she will undoubtedly bring to the field of healthcare. Congratulations, Isra, on this well-deserved honor, and best wishes for a bright and fulfilling future!

**CLASS of 2024 (CHS, COA, CVLA & OOD) Colleges / Other**  
 Post-Secondary/Programs - Students are attending (98 total):  
 Adelphi University  
 American International

College  
 American University  
 Amherst College  
 Anna Maria College  
 Asbury University  
 Assumption University  
 Babson College  
 Bates College  
 Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology  
 Bentley University  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
 Brandeis University  
 Bridgewater State University  
 Brown University  
 Bunker Hill Community College  
 Clark University  
 Colby College  
 College of the Holy Cross  
 Curry College  
 Dean College  
 Eastern Nazarene College  
 Emerson College  
 Emmanuel College (MA)  
 Fisher College  
 Fitchburg State University  
 Framingham State University  
 Franklin & Marshall College  
 Gettysburg College  
 Gordon College  
 Grinnell College  
 Hampshire College  
 Harvard University  
 Iona University  
 Johnson & Wales University-Providence  
 Keene State College  
 Lafayette College  
 Lasell University  
 Lehigh University  
 Lesley University  
 Massachusetts Bay Community College  
 Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
 Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
 Massachusetts Maritime Academy  
 Merrimack College  
 Middlebury College  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 New England College  
 North Shore Community College  
 Northeastern University  
 Northwestern University  
 Peterson School  
 Quinsigamond Community College  
 Regis College  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Roger Williams University  
 Roxbury Community College  
 Rutgers University  
 Saint Louis University - Madrid Campus (Spain)  
 Salem State University  
 Simmons University  
 Southern New Hampshire University  
 Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)  
 St. John's University (NY)  
 St. Olaf College  
 Stanford University  
 Stonehill College  
 Suffolk University  
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 West Virginia State University  
 Western Kentucky University  
 Western New England University  
 Westfield State University  
 Wheaton College  
 Williams College  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
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 Yale University  
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**CLASS of 2024 (CHS, COA, CVLA & OOD) Colleges / Other**  
 Post-Secondary/Programs - Students have applied to (203 total):  
 ABC Beauty Academy  
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 Abilene Christian University  
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 Clark University  
 Cleveland State University  
 Colby College  
 Colby-Sawyer College  
 Colgate University  
 College of the Holy Cross  
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 Columbia University  
 Connecticut College  
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 Curry College  
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 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Rhode Island School of Design  
 Robert Morris University (PA)  
 Roger Williams University  
 Roxbury Community College  
 Rutgers University

Saint Anselm College  
 Saint Louis University - Madrid Campus (Spain)  
 Salem State University  
 Salve Regina University  
 Simmons University  
 Smith College  
 Southern New Hampshire University  
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## CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024 GRADUATION

# In Their Words

## GIZELLE RODRIGUEZ CLASS VALEDICTORIAN



was dealt, I could control how I played it. I chose to focus on the cards I could manage: my academics where each completed assignment and class helped me regain control and purpose in my life; my involvement in track and field which gave me a space to release pent-up emotions words couldn't express; and my job which instilled stability and independence. Just like in Uno, when you get hit with a 'plus four' maybe even two, you don't give up. You take it, deal with it, and decide how to play your remaining cards to not only get back to where you were but to become even better.

But let's not forget that life also deals us good cards. For me, some are landing an internship, winning prom queen, and having the chance to speak to you all today. These moments remind us that life is a mix of challenges and triumphs. We all have a choice to make the best out of what we are dealt....

Our class has faced so much together. Our cards included zoom school freshman year, fighting the e-policy to organizing our first homecoming dance this year, and enjoying the sunset on the last day of school at Revere Beach. While we've been through a lot together, let's not forget the personal battles each and every one of you have faced in your own lives. Although I stood up here and talked about mine, all of you were dealt a random deck of your own. Sit for a moment and reflect on the cards you were given. The good, bad, and everything in between. Each card represents a challenge over-

come, a lesson learned, or a memory made. It's easy to look at others and compare decks, but remember that no two sets of cards are alike. Your struggles and triumphs are uniquely yours, shaping you into the amazing person sitting here today. No matter how different our decks were, we've all shown resilience, toughness, and purpose. We've learned to adapt to what's thrown at us, making the best out of our random cards.

Be proud of yourself and the way you played your cards. Celebrate your successes, no matter how small they may seem. Recognize the strength it took to get through the tough times. And most importantly, don't be so hard on yourself for the cards you believed you played wrong thus far. Every decision, every mistake, is part of your journey.

Graduation represents the cards we've already put down on the table to get us here today but marks the beginning of the countless ways we can play our remaining cards and open ourselves up to new cards. As we step into this new phase of our lives, we must remember that we will continue to face unknowns, the plus 2's, skips, swap decks, wild cards, and maybe even reverses. The cards will keep coming, some good and some bad. But what matters is how we choose to play them.

Let's be strategic, and hopeful. Let's take risks. Let's support each other and celebrate our victories, no matter how small. Let's not judge others for how others play their hand. Let's work with our cards. Don't let the cards work you. Lastly and most importantly, let's just have fun and make the most out of this game we call life.

To my fellow graduates, congratulations! We've played a great game so far, and I have no doubt that we'll continue to play our cards with wisdom, courage, and heart.

Here's to our next hand. Thank you.

Good morning family, friends, faculty, and the class of 2024.

My name is Isra Bana. I am deeply honored to stand before you today as the 2024 salutatorian.

First and foremost, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed to our journey. Those who made it possible for us to be sitting in these chairs today. To those who have supported us tirelessly, witnessed our growth, guided us through challenges, and celebrated our achievements; your presence has been invaluable. A special mention goes to all the teachers who have granted us the knowledge to be able to graduate, and to our School Counselors whose unwavering support has been instrumental in our personal development. There are two individuals to whom I owe an immense debt of gratitude – my parents. I hope all parents and families pres-



ent today recognize the impact they have had on all of our journeys.

Senior year has undeniably been a rollercoaster for all of us. From the relentless demands of assignments and tests, to the daunting task of navigating college applications, we have faced numerous challenges. Yet, amidst the chaos, we have also experienced moments of joy and personal growth. As we prepare to say goodbye to Chelsea High School and embark on a new chapter of our lives, it is essential to remember that the tough times were temporary.

My advice to you all

is simple – do not allow adversity to stop your enjoyment of life. While it may seem like the tough times are endless, we must seize the beauty of life in every opportunity. Say yes to new experiences, embrace the unknown, and cherish each moment with our friends and family. Today, with your diplomas in your hand as you leave, I hope that you can see that in the end, it is not the grades we earned but the memories we created that define our high school experience.

Before I conclude, I would like to share a verse from the Quran that has provided me motivation throughout senior year: "أرسي رسعلاً غم زأف" – "So, surely with hardship comes ease." Even in your darkest moments, I hope that you're able to hold onto hope and remain content in knowing that brighter days lie ahead.

Congratulations, Class of 2024. Once a red devil, always a red devil

## JIMMY MERINO CLASS PRESIDENT



Good morning friends, family, faculty, honored guests, and most importantly, the senior class of 2024! My name is Jimmy Merino, and it has been my absolute honor to have served as your class president for the last 2 years.

I would like to start off by recognizing Ms. Bianca Llanos and Ms. Patricia Arevalo for making this day possible and organizing our end of year events. I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to our teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, and support staff of Chelsea High School for your support throughout these years – we would not be walking this stage without you.

Serving on this council has been one of the best experiences of my high school career, but it would not have been as fulfilling without the support of some amazing individuals. I would like to thank our class advisors, Ms. Ariana Gilbert and Ms. Ana Romero, for guiding us through our fundraising efforts and event planning. I would also like to thank my team of Class Officers – I am truly going to miss the 7 AM meetings and late-night texts, making sure we had everything planned for the next event. Okay...maybe I won't miss the morning meetings..., but I'll definitely miss working with you guys.

And finally, I would also like to thank my parents, as they're the reason I am up here today.

As you can tell, I've got a lot to be thankful for in such a limited time frame – and today, I urge you ALL to be thankful. And as we sit on this field one last time, thank this space: it witnessed our growth, our struggles, and our triumphs. It held the laughter of our carefree days, the cheers from our accomplishments, and even the silences after losing to Revere. See, when I was writing this speech, I was frantically scrambling for ideas, to the point where

go, the impact we make can resonate for years to come. We, the class of 2024, have already started to build our legacy. As an example, we advocated for and successfully changed our school's attendance policy when many thought it wasn't possible to even hosting our first Homecoming in years. Our determination and collective voice brought about long-term changes that will positively impact students for years to come.

Thank you, my fellow classmates, for stepping forward. We experienced a beginning like no other. In the blink of an eye, our lives changed, but we adapted, overcame, and became the most unstoppable graduating class of Chelsea High School. We learned how to make the most out of every moment. How to have fun within our company. How to utilize hope as a means of growth. As we embark on our individual journeys, remember that success is not defined by the opportunities you're given, but by what you make of the opportunities you have.

I'd like to leave my last "thanks" to my parents, for stepping up, down, left, right, everywhere for me—even across countries. Like many of you, my mom and dad gave up their comforts and everything known to them in El Salvador to come to a country they were barely familiar with.

They came to the United States not knowing anyone, hoping their future would be bigger and brighter. They realized the value of education and the opportunities in the United States, and they worked tirelessly to help me and my sister to achieve the dreams that they'd never gotten to have themselves.

For many individuals here today, this diploma will not only highlight a personal achievement, but a collective acknowledgment; an acknowledgment of pain, joy, pride, and

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## DR. ALMUDENA ABEYTA SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



Dear friends, families, and esteemed guests,

Welcome to the celebratory occasion of the Class of 2024! Congratulations to all the graduates! What an incredible journey it has been for each one of you. Despite the challenges, particularly with your freshman year being conducted entirely remotely, you have emerged as a remarkable class, showcasing resilience, tenacity, and a strong spirit of advocacy.

Your dedication has truly made your high school years memorable. It has been inspiring to witness your leadership in organizing events such as fundraisers through car washes, Chelsea Day festivities to raise the funds for a prom night to remember.

The achievements of the Class of 2024 are numerous and commendable!

The class of 2024 comprises of a number students, including from Chelsea Opportu-

nity Academy and from Chelsea Virtual Learning Academy, marking the third graduating class from CVLA.

Collectively, you have garnered acceptance from 97 colleges and trade schools, with scholarships totaling in the millions. These include a variety of specific:

- College grants, tuition assistance, Pell Grants,
- The John & Abigail Adams Scholarship
- Community scholarships overseen by the CHS Scholarship Committee, the City of Chelsea Scholarship for BHCC attendees
- The Chelsea Resident

& Community Scholarship Fund.

Truly an outstanding class!

As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, I urge you to remember to be a beacon of light. The challenges you've overcome, particularly navigating high school during a pandemic, are historic, positioning you as a generation with the power to shape history through the lessons you've learned. Therefore, whatever path you choose, let your light shine brightly.

Additionally, take pride in being from Chelsea, remember those who supported you, and cherish the education you have received from Chelsea Public Schools. I wish you my heartfelt congratulations on your accomplishments and your graduation today! The world awaits you! May you be the light!

Congratulations, Class of 2024!



# CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024 GRADUATION



Students who participate in Chelsea Public Schools' Early College Program gathered for a group photo at the Early College Celebration. Not all who students who participate in the program are pictured.

## SPECIAL CELEBRATION RECOGNIZES CHELSEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BUNKER HILL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

On Wednesday, May 22, at Chelsea High School, Early College students gathered for Chelsea Public Schools' (CPS) Early College Celebration. The event recognized this year's recipients of the Bunker Hill Community College-City of Chelsea Scholarship in a special ceremony in front of family, friends, school staff, BHCC staff and local dignitaries.

The event brought together all aspects of the district's Early College program, which is one of the largest in the State. Early College is a unique opportunity to improve students' college and career prospects by taking and completing more rigorous coursework while in high school. By participating in the program, students earn free college credits, grow their confidence as college students and receive specialized

advising and support. A critical part of the program is the BHCC-City of Chelsea Scholarship. Since 2018, under then City Manager Thomas G. Ambrosino, the City of Chelsea has partnered with BHCC on a scholarship to provide free Associates Degrees to CPS graduates. The City has continued its contributions to this scholarship under new City Manager Fidel Maltez. This investment

has proven to significantly increase college completion. Students that join early college, reside in Chelsea, and complete nine college credits are eligible for the scholarship. This scholarship allows CPS graduates to attend BHCC and covers their unmet financial need to earn a Certificate or Associate's Degree with the City of Chelsea funding. In the Class of 2024, 89

students were eligible for this scholarship. The total cost of these scholarships that the City of Chelsea has allocated for is \$245,500. At the celebration event, these students were individually recognized by CPS Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta and Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez. The Bunker Hill Scholarship changes lives and makes post-secondary education a reality for Chelsea

students. Thank you to the City of Chelsea for investing in students' lives. The Early College Celebration also recognized all students in the program for their accomplishments, dedication and perseverance in their BHCC courses. Sixteen students were honored for completing 12 or more credits this school year. One particular student finished the year by earning 35 credits via BHCC courses.

## Ambrosino returns to Chelsea as guest speaker in Chelsea High School classes

Special to the Record

Former Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino returned to Chelsea on May 23 when he was a guest speaker in two classes at Chelsea High School. The current Massachusetts Trial Court Administrator spoke to CHS students as part of a program organized by the Massachusetts Bar Association (MBA) and American Bar Association (ABA)

for Law Day 2024. The program focused on the importance of civics education for youth, and how students can be informed and engaged in their respective communities. In both classes, Ambrosino discussed his upbringing and career, touching on his lived experiences as both a public official and as a lawyer. He answered questions from the students about

careers in law, the value of attending law school, and his time as City Manager in Chelsea. In Ambrosino's current role as Massachusetts Court Administrator, he co-leads the Trial Court, the largest component of the Massachusetts Judicial Branch with seven court departments and over 6,000 employees, across 94 courthouses throughout the Commonwealth.



Former City Manager Tom Ambrosino dropped by Chelsea High School classrooms recently as a guest speaker to educate the students on the importance of civics.

## Chelsea Public School Graduates



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new beginnings. I would like to take a moment to recognize the students sitting in this audience who will be the first in their family to graduate high school or continue a new journey to college - students who endured great hardships, for the purpose of continuing a pursuit greater than themselves. Many of us spent hours outside of the classroom translating legal documents for our parents, talking with customer support because of our "American" accent, and (add one more example). We embraced the barriers that come with being children of immigrants - all of the ups and downs - and we stand here today stronger, alongside our loved ones, because of perseverance and the acknowledgment of our beginnings. It is commonly understood that to truly succeed and find happiness, we need to be selfless. But we

also need to be a little selfish sometimes. We must prioritize our dreams, our passions, and our growth, especially at this stage of our lives. This does not mean we forget where we come from, but rather, we carry our roots with us as we venture into new territories. It's okay to be afraid of the unknown, but it's even more important to embrace that fear and transform it into courage. While success is often a metric of fulfillment, remember that your life is truly defined by joyful moments and cherished memories. No matter how successful you are, never sacrifice your happiness in the pursuit of success. Embrace joy in every step you take, and let your smile light the way as you embark on this exciting new chapter in your life. As I've mentioned before, be thankful—thank yourself! You've done it, and you'll do it again! So, to the class of 2024,

I challenge you, today, to graduate! And by graduate, I mean to take steps. Step into the unknown, and explore the world. Try new things, meet new people, and immerse yourself in different cultures. The world is vast and full of opportunities waiting for you. Don't limit yourself to what you know; push your boundaries, and see how far you can go. Remember, our journey doesn't end here. This is just the beginning. As we move forward, let's carry the lessons and skills we've learned, the memories and friendships we have made, and the strength and courage we've gained. Let's continue to make our families proud by living fully and fearlessly. Let's create a future that is as bright and diverse as the community that raised us. From the bottom of my heart, I wish you all the very very best. Thank you and congratulations!

# Chelsea man sentenced to 10 years in prison for possessing child pornography

Special to the Record

A Chelsea man was sentenced last week for possessing child sexual abuse material (CSAM). Lasall Johnson, 55, was sentenced to 10 years in prison to be followed by five years of supervised release. In March 2024, Johnson pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography.

“Mr. Johnson’s incredibly dangerous predatory actions perpetuated the exploitation and abuse of the most vulnerable members of our society,” said Acting United States At-

torney Joshua Levy. “The sentence imposed not only removes a threat from our communities but also sends a clear and unequivocal message to other potential offenders that possessing child sexual abuse material comes with grave and severe consequences. Possessing child pornography is far from a victimless crime.

Each image and video represents a real child who has been horrifically victimized, and consuming and distributing this material contributes to a cycle of abuse that leaves lasting scars on victims. Our

office remains steadfastly committed to protecting children from such predators.”

Levy said the sentence is a reflection of an unwavering dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of the communities, particularly the children who depend on law enforcement for protection.

“Johnson secretly hoarded hundreds of images depicting the sexual abuse of innocent children until HSI investigators discovered that he shared those horrific images on a file sharing network available to users who sought

them out. This sentence ensures that our communities are safer with him in federal prison,” said Michael J. Krol, Special Agent in Charge for Homeland Security Investigations in New England. “HSI works tirelessly to bring to justice those who possess and distribute child sexual abuse imagery. Each image immortalizes the trauma of a child and we will do everything possible to stop the consumers who create the demand for this abuse.”

In or about June 2021, an investigation into a peer-to-peer file sharing

program identified Johnson as the owner of an IP address distributing large quantities of CSAM files. On more than 85 occasions ranging from approximately June 2021 to April 2022, that IP address was offering to share suspected CSAM torrent files. During a search of Johnson’s rented bedroom, six electronic devices were seized including three cell phones, two thumb drives and an electronic tablet. A subsequent forensic analysis located approximately 341 image and video files depicting the sexual abuse of children across three of

the seized devices, including files depicting victims as young as four years old, according to the U.S. Attorney’s office.

In 1989, Johnson was convicted in Norfolk County Superior Court of two counts of assault to rape, for which he received a 20-year state prison sentence with two years committed and the balance suspended for 18 years. As a result of those convictions, Johnson is a Level-2 registered sex offender.

## LEGAL NOTICES


**LEGAL NOTICE**  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300  
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION  
Docket No. SU24W0328WD  
Rosa Estafani Morban Arevalo  
Vs  
Luis Camilo Arevalo  
Upon motion of plaintiff(s) petitioner(s) for an order directing the defendant(s) respondent(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass R.Civ. P/Mass R. Dom. Rel. P. Rule 4, it appearing to the Court that this is an action for complaint to establish paternity filed on February 22, 2024.  
Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) cannot be found within the Commonwealth and defendant(s)/respondent(s) present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on the defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant(s)/respondent(s) have not voluntarily appeared in the action.  
It is ordered that defendant(s)/respondent(s) is/are directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint/petition herein on or before the return day of July 17, 2024. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication in this matter.  
5/21/2024  
Hon. Brian J. Dunn  
Justice of Probate and Family Court  
6/13/24

by right (Y) in the BR, BR2, BH, SC, WU, and NHC Districts; by Special Permit (SP) in the P District with the footnote (4) Except prohibited on pile supported piers; and not allowed (N) in all other districts.  
Ordered, that the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea, as amended, be further amended and adopted by revising Part II Chapter 34 of the Chelsea Code of Ordinances - Floodplain District.  
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  
06/13/24


of Chelsea, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 where ERR can be examined and may be examined or copied Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 8 A.M. to 4 P.M., Tuesdays 8 A.M. to 7 P.M. and Fridays 8 A.M. to 12 P.M.  
**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Chelsea, John DePriest, Environmental Certifying Officer. All comments received by June 28, 2024 will be considered by the City of Chelsea prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.  
**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**  
The City of Chelsea certifies to HUD and the Treasury that John DePriest in his capacity as Environmental Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Treasury’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA, ARPA, and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Chelsea to use Program funds.  
**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
HUD and the Treasury will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Chelsea’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (which ever is later) only if they are one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Chelsea; (b) the City of Chelsea has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Treasury; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD’s administrative office at 10 Causeway St., 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114. Potential objectors should contact HUD and the Treasury to verify the actual last day of the objection period.  
John DePriest, Director of Permitting and Land Use.  
06/13/24, 6/20/24


adopt the following orders:  
Ordered, that, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Section 64 budget management procedures, whereby costs incurred in FY23 were not paid and are owed to the vendor, and to meet this obligation funds are required from the current year FY24 budgets respectively, the Chelsea City Council authorizes expenditures to satisfy the unpaid balances from the prior year.  
Ordered, that, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53F3/4, the Chelsea City Council hereby approves the FY25 PEG Access Budget as follows: \$218,600 for Chelsea Cable Television; \$85,000 for Chelsea Public Schools; and \$130,000 for the City of Chelsea.  
Ordered, that the Chelsea City Council act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the FY25 Community Preservation budget, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44B, section 6.  
Ordered, that the following sums as classified and designated with respect to each department or undertaking as Salaries, Operations & Maintenance and Capital are hereby appropriated in the General Fund of the City of Chelsea as listed below and as summarized: Salaries \$58,439,264, Operations & Maintenance \$185,823,453, and Capital \$739,420 - totaling \$245,002,137.  
Ordered, that the following sums, designated as appropriations, are hereby appropriated in the Sewer Enterprise Fund of the City of Chelsea as follows: Salaries - \$740,904; Operations and Maintenance - \$7,760,220; Capital - \$2,037,652 for a total of \$10,408,776.  
Ordered, that the City appropriations and assessments in the General Fund are to be financed in part by Certified Free Cash of the City of Chelsea as follows: Free Cash in the amount of \$706,908.00.  
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  
06/13/24

Commissioner of Public Works  
06/13/24, 6/20/24


**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
**CITY OF CHELSEA**  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
Comprehensive Plan Consulting Services  
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Proposals for marked “Comprehensive Plan Consulting Services”  
Request for Proposals will be available on or after June 13, 2024 by contacting Dragica Ivanis, Chief Procurement Officer at [divanis@chelseama.gov](mailto:divanis@chelseama.gov) or 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 “Comprehensive Plan Consulting Services” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00AM on Thursday, July 11, 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.  
This Request for Proposals is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B.  
Dragica Ivanis  
Chief Procurement Officer  
06/13/24


or formalities as it deems to be in the best interest of the City.  
In accordance with our Minority Business Enterprise Plan, we are inviting all qualified women and minority business firms to respond.  
The City of Chelsea is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This Invitation for Bids is in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 149.  
Dragica Ivanis  
Chief Procurement Officer  
06/13/24

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
**CITY OF CHELSEA**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, a meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27th, 2024 at 6:00 pm to consider the removal of the following public shade tree. Meeting will be held at Chelsea City Hall, Room 102.  
36” Elm, American (Ulmus americana) located at 120 Clark Avenue  
The tree identified above has been posted for public inspection. Any objections to its removal must be submitted in writing to the City Tree Warden, prior to or during the hearing.  
Please send comments to 500 Broadway Room 310, Chelsea MA 02150 or [cfox@chelseama.gov](mailto:cfox@chelseama.gov).  
06/13/24, 6/20/24


**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
Public Announcement of Invitation to submit a REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc., (CAPIC) Request for Proposals for Weatherization Program Organizational Overview  
Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) seeks the services of a professional contractor to provide weatherization energy-related services to low-income residents in communities served by the Agency. CAPIC is a private, non-profit corporation chartered in 1967 and designated to identify and eradicate the root causes of poverty in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop. CAPIC has been designated by the State and Federal Government as a Community Action Agency and currently employs approximately 120 employees.  
Scope of Work  
Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC) is seeking proposals from contractors to perform residential insulation, general heat waste, blower door testing and air sealing, as well as, electric and roofing measures for low-income residents of the following communities; Arlington, Belmont, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lexington, Malden, Medford, Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Water-town, Waltham, Winchester, Winthrop and Woburn.  
Closing Day & Time  
Bid packages may be picked up at CAPIC’s Main Office located at 100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14, Chelsea, MA or will

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
**CITY OF CHELSEA**  
INVITATION FOR BIDS  
City Hall School Business Office Renovation  
The City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, through its Chief Procurement Officer, is seeking Bids for marked “City Hall School Business Office Renovation”.  
Invitation for Bids will be available on or after June 13, 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).  
Bids must be sealed and clearly marked “City Hall School Business Office Renovation” and submitted to the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer no later than 11:00 AM on June 27, 2024.  
Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Or a bid bond duly executed by the bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company approved by the City, all in the amount of 5% of the bid payable to the “City of Chelsea.”  
The City of Chelsea reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals and to waive minor irregularities and/

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
**CITY OF CHELSEA**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Regarding FY25 Water, Sewer, and Trash Rates  
Tuesday, July 9, 2024 6:00 PM  
Chelsea City Hall  
500 Broadway, Room 305  
In accordance with Section 1.15, Part IV of the City of Chelsea administrative code section 22-64(b) Establishment of solid waste collection fees and section 30-65 establishment of water, sewer & trash billing rates.  
The public is invited to attend.  
Cate Fox-Lent

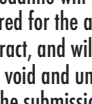
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS  
June 13, 2024; June 20, 2024  
City of Chelsea, Department of Housing & Community Development  
500 Broadway, Rm. 101  
Chelsea, MA 02150  
617-466-4000  
These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Chelsea.  
**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**  
On or about June 28, 2024 the City of Chelsea will submit a request to the US Department of Treasury for the release of American Rescue Plan Act funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the project known as 440 Broadway for the purpose of affordable housing development. The project will address a desolate building, extending from 440-456 Broadway. The total length of the Broadway segment is approximately 58 feet, and the current area is 15,260, including the first floor and basement. The developers are planning a five-story mixed-use property with up to 28 units of new affordable homeownership units, with 14 units at 80% AMI and 14 units at 100% AMI. The first floor has 4,850 square feet of commercial space for a local food-based business. This development will provide 12 -bedrooms, 12 2-bedrooms, and 4 3-bedrooms. The project will use an estimated \$700,000 in ARPA funds, as well as other sources of public funding, including NSC HOME fund and Mass-Housing Commonwealth Builder funding. The project sponsors and developers are Causeway Development. The total estimated project cost is approximately 19.5 million dollars.  
**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
The City of Chelsea in collaboration with the Malden Redevelopment Authority has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at City


of Chelsea, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150 where ERR can be examined and may be examined or copied Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 8 A.M. to 4 P.M., Tuesdays 8 A.M. to 7 P.M. and Fridays 8 A.M. to 12 P.M.  
**PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
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John DePriest, Director of Permitting and Land Use.  
06/13/24, 6/20/24

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
  
**NOTICE**  
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 June 3, 2024, the City Council voted after a second reading to


be sent upon request.  
**RETURN PROPOSAL TO:**  
Community Action Programs Inter-City, Inc.  
Attn: Richelle Cromwell, Executive Director  
100 Everett Avenue, Unit 14  
Chelsea, MA 02150  
Bids must be received at the CAPIC’s Main Office, 100 Everett Ave, Unit 14, Chelsea, MA 02150, no later than August 9th, 2024. For further information, please contact Johana Santos, Energy Efficiency Director, (617) 884-6130, ext. 1062. All proposals are subject to price negotiation.  
**TAXES**  
CAPIC is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales tax; therefore, tax must not be included in the proposal price.  
**RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**  
CAPIC reserves the right to accept any proposal or alternative proposal proposed in whole or in part, to reject any or all proposals or alternatives proposals in whole or in part and to waive irregularity and/or informalities in any proposal and to make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of CAPIC.  
CAPIC reserves the right not to consider any proposal which it determines to be unresponsive and deficient in any of the information requested within the RFP.  
CAPIC reserves the right to determine whether the scope of the project will be implemented entirely as described in the RFP, a portion of the scope, or that a revised scope be implemented.  
CAPIC appreciates your time and effort in preparing this proposal. Please note that all proposals must be received at the designated location by the above referenced deadline. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for the award of the contract, and will be considered void and unacceptable. The submission of proposal constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the request for proposals. Small and minority firms are encouraged to apply. The advertisement is subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the request for proposals.  
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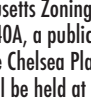
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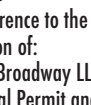
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For Major Site Plan Review seeking approval to construct new bulk oxygen storage facility, and install 10 new vent connections on the third floor at the premises known as: 165 Captain’s Row  
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# East Cambridge Savings Bank donates \$20,000 to the TND

East Cambridge Savings Bank announced a \$20,000 donation to The Neighborhood Developers (TND), a Chelsea-based nonprofit organization that preserves and builds affordable housing. Since April, TND has been raising funds for their annual spring appeal, and the bank committed to matching all donations up to \$20,000. All funds raised support the organization's efforts to provide affordable housing and opportunities for those who need it most. In addition to a focus on affordable housing, TND is dedicated to creating strong neighborhoods through offering resources so residents of Chelsea, Everett, and Revere can enrich themselves and determine their own futures.

ability is critical to strong and vibrant communities, so that all people can live in safe and stable housing. Our spring appeal and this donation are critical to supporting our general operating expenses so we can work every day to make our communities more affordable and welcoming. Local banks also need thriving local communities to succeed, so this partnership is a great fit."

"It is an honor to support The Neighborhood Developers, an organization that is truly on the front lines of making places like Chelsea a welcoming community where all have access to affordable, safe, and healthy housing," said Timothy E. Bombard, the bank's president and chief executive officer. "Chelsea, Everett, and Revere are great communities, and TND is making sure that these cities have a diverse housing stock so people from across the socio-economic scale can live, work, and raise a family. We truly believe in TND's mission, and we're glad that the bank's donation will add to an already successful spring appeal."

In addition to preserving and building affordable housing, TND also provides rental and employment assistance, financial and career coaching, and access to affordable food and healthcare. The organization prides itself on providing opportunities for community members to develop skills that help them determine their own futures.

Rafael Mares, TND's executive director, said that "We are incredibly grateful for East Cambridge Savings Bank's support, and we were thrilled to see a member of the local business community step up to match our spring appeal. Afford-

Currently, TND is close to completing construction on 25 Sixth Street in Chelsea, a building that will feature 56 affordable rental homes and six affordable home ownership opportunities. The new building features green building practices and is right next to an MBTA Silver Line stop.

The donation is eligible for the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC), a state-run program. Administered by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), the tax credit encourages individuals and businesses to support community development corporations that provide economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people. This is the second year in a row that the bank has made a CITC-eligible donation to The Neighborhood Developers, and ECSB has been an annual

supporter of TND since the Chelsea Bank merger in 2015. The CITC program enables the bank and others to provide even more support to community development corporations like TND. In the last year, the Cambridge-based mutual bank has donated to Housing Corporation of Arlington, Somerville Community Corporation, Homeowners Rehab, Inc., Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc. (NOAH), and Waltham WATCH CDC through the Commonwealth's CITC program.



Representatives from East Cambridge Savings Bank and The Neighborhood Developers gather for a ceremonial check presentation at the Chelsea Banking Center. Standing left to right: Osvaldo Guevara, ECSB Assistant Service Manager; Sandy Youssef, ECSB Business Development Manager; Stephanie Burke, ECSB Board of Directors and Executive Committee Member; Timothy E. Bombard, ECSB President and Chief Executive Officer; Rafael Mares, The Neighborhood Developers Executive Director; Gilda M. Nogueira, ECSB Chair of the Board of Directors; Heather Vieira, The Neighborhood Developers Senior Resource Development Manager.

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To learn more about The Neighborhood Developers, please visit their website neighborhooddevelopers.org, and to learn more about East Cambridge Savings Bank, please visit ecsb.com.

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