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State Representative Judith Garcia, City Manager Fidel Maltez, District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero, and Emily Grannoff, deputy director of housing and community development, at Tuesday night's Highland Park ceremony.

## New staff gets down to business

By Adam Swift

Before new City Manager Fidel Maltez was sworn into office in January, the city council had already approved his plan to overhaul the administrative offices in an effort to improve services to the city's residents.

That plan included separating the deputy city manager position in two, creating a deputy city manager in charge of op-

erations, and another in charge of finance. It also created a new position in the Director of Constituent Services.

What was then in the planning stages is now a reality, as Deputy City Manager of Operations Devon Fields, Deputy City Manager of Finance Michael Mason, and Director of Constituent Services Bernabe Rodriguez are

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## A Chelsea Institution

### Gordon closes the doors at Allen's Cut Rate after a successful 85-year run

By Cary Shuman

Rick Gordon, who owned and operated Allen's Cut Rate Perfumers on Broadway, has closed the doors of his popular store.

All told the business, started by Rick's father, Jack Gordon, as a franchise, was in existence for 85 years.

"The original location was up the street where the Salvation Army store is now," said Gordon. "My father was there for a number of years. There was a major fire in the late 1940s that destroyed the building, and he ended up at this location at 394



Rick Gordon and his wife, Susan Gordon, are pictured outside the store where the iconic Allen's Cut Rate sign (below) is still visible.



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## Chelsea 5K Road Race Sept. 8

Story & Photo by Marianne Salza

In celebration of the City of Chelsea's 400th anniversary, the Chelsea Road Race Committee, in collaboration with Chelsea Recreation & Cultural Affairs, will be hosting the Chelsea 5K Road Race on September 8 to promote wellness and healthy living.

"This event is for the entire community. It's inclusive, it's safe, and it's on a beautiful course that passes by Chelsea's most beloved landmarks," said Eduardo Rodriguez, co-race director.

Highlights of the route include Chelsea Central Fire Station, City Hall, Bellingham Square with its iconic clock, and the historic Chelsea Naval Hospital on Admirals Hill. Runners will pass beneath the Tobin Bridge and by the Chelsea Police Department on their way to the finish line.

The Chelsea Police Department will be implementing safety measures for participants, who will have portable restrooms available to them at the start/finish line, and a wa-

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Edward Rodriguez and Adam Edgett, Co-Race Directors for the Chelsea 5K Road Race

## Youth soccer scrimmage kicks off revitalized Highland Park project

Special to the Record

City officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday evening at the newly renovated Highland Park soccer field.

The project was funded with ARPA federal Covid-relief funds and has

been part of the city's capital improvement plan.

City Manager Fidel Maltez welcomed residents who attended the ribbon cutting, and the field was put to good use with a scrimmage between players from the Matias Soccer School and Chelsea Youth Soccer.

Officials thanked Juan Mejia, Director of the Matias Soccer School, and Orminson Medina, Director of the Chelsea Youth Soccer League, for everything they do for the city's youth, and gave special thanks to the players and

parents who provided an exciting game to highlight the night.

The renovation of the soccer field comes at a time when the city council and the administration have put a focus on improving youth sports opportunities in Chelsea.



Shown are the youth soccer players from Matias Soccer School and Chelsea Youth Soccer.

## Remembering legendary CYBL coach Larry Notkin

By Cary Shuman

A large contingent of past and current residents attended the graveside services for Lawrence "Larry" Notkin July 5 at the Pride of Lynn Cemetery.

Mr. Notkin died on June 27, 2024, at his home in North Fort Myers, Florida. He graduated from Chelsea High School in 1959 and continued to reside in Chelsea for many years.

Larry was a legendary coach in the Chelsea Youth Baseball League of the Red Sox, Cubs,



Larry Notkin (second from right) is pictured at gathering in Florida with friends (front row) Mike Sullivan, Joe Bever Sr., and Mike Quevillon, and (back row) Harry Zawacki and Mike Wood.

and Royals teams, and in the Chelsea Youth Baseball League of the Nets. Larry's outstanding eye for talent and his superb coaching techniques led to

numerous championships in both leagues.

Larry, who was assisted in the Pony League by Hugh McLaughlin Jr. and others on the side-

lines, was part of a highly competitive but mutually respectful managerial foursome of Al Palladino (Twins), Paul Casino (Angels) and James "Bear" Burke (Pirates) during the league's heyday in the 1960s and 1970s.

"We were known back then as 'The Block'," said Paul Casino, who went on to serve on the Chelsea School Committee and as the City Council's Clerk of Committees. "Those were great days for youth baseball in Chelsea, and when you played against Larry's team, it was always interesting and always fun. Larry went the extra mile for his players, and he was so generous to all."

Also joining coaches Casino and Palladino at the services was longtime Chelsea High School baseball coach Joe Bever

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# DiDomenico votes to take bold action to supercharge clean energy adoption statewide

Special to the Independent

Senator Sal DiDomenico recently voted to pass comprehensive climate legislation to make systemic changes to the state's clean energy infrastructure that will help the state achieve its net zero emissions by 2050 goals, expand electric vehicle (EV) use and infrastructure, and protect residents and ratepayers. The bill included key priorities from Senator DiDomenico's energy facilities siting bill which will accelerate clean energy deployment across our state and work to better include equity and input from impacted communities in our siting procedures.

During debate, DiDomenico successfully advocated for an amendment that will expand access to the data within the clean energy infrastructure dashboard so that municipalities can construct their own analysis to inform local decision making. The



**Senator DiDomenico speaking in support of his amendment on the Senate floor.**

Senate also voted to adopt an amendment modernizing the 'bottle bill', adding noncarbonated beverages, wine, and spirits to the list of containers eligible for a bottle deposit, and increasing the deposit amount from 5 cents to 10 cents. This language included DiDomenico's proposal to make small alcohol bottles, known as 'nips,' eligible for the bottle return.

"I am proud to pass this transformational climate bill that will move our state closer towards a cleaner, cheaper, and saf-

er electric grid all while supporting our goals of fighting the climate crisis," said State Senator Sal DiDomenico. "I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Chair Michael Rodrigues, and Senator Mike Barrett for all their work on this much-needed bill and including several of my priorities in the final legislation."

The climate bill will allow Massachusetts to develop infrastructure essential for the fight against climate change, including new solar, wind, and storage facilities. It will also enhance the electric grid to support getting clean energy to residents efficiently and in the needed capacities to power homes, businesses, and vehicles.

Enhancements to the clean energy grid will be paired with measures to keep costs down for ratepayers across the state.

"We are in a climate crisis. The Senate has heard loud and clear from residents, advocates, and

clean energy leaders that we need systemic infrastructure changes to deliver on our net zero by 2050 emissions goals," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "Today we are taking action to make it easier and more efficient to build clean energy infrastructure so that Massachusetts can deliver on our climate commitments and leave our kids with the green state and planet that they deserve. This bold action is the direct result of the work of Majority Leader Creem, Chair Rodrigues, Senator Barrett, and each senator who has contributed to this bill. I am grateful to each of them."

The comprehensive climate legislation modernizes laws related to cost control for ratepayers; siting and permitting; decarbonization; electric transportation incentives; clean tech innovation; emissions reduction in state operations; and natural gas infrastructure.

Protecting Ratepayers from High Costs

To save residents' money and protect residents from unfair and deceptive practices, the bill would ban competitive energy suppliers from enrolling new individual residential customers. According to the Attorney General's Office and the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), data analyses show that consumers lost more than \$577 million to competitive electric suppliers between July 2015 and June 2023. The Senate previously adopted this policy in April.

Consumers will see relief in a number of other ways as well. The bill would lower utility rates for consumers with low- and middle-incomes by directing utility providers to offer lower rates to eligible consumers. Utility companies would also gain more flexibility to negotiate the lengths of basic service contracts with electricity providers. By negotiating longer-term contracts, residents are less likely to see cost spikes.

Partnering with Communities to Expedite Siting and Permitting

The siting and permitting provisions, modeled on the work of a commission of diverse stakeholders established by the Healey-Driscoll administration, will consolidate the review of clean energy siting and permitting and expedite the timeline of projects. Large projects that require state, regional, and local permits will be consolidated into a single permit that must be decided upon in 15 months. Small projects with multiple local permits will also be consolidated into a single permit and must be decided upon in one year.

Robust community review processes will be paired with new permitting. The legislation formally establishes the Office of Environmental Justice and Equity (EJE),

the Office of Public Participation at the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB), and the Division of Siting and Permitting at the Department of Energy Resources (DSPDER). Each office would be charged with engaging with communities and applicants in their respective areas to ensure a thorough and community-centered review.

To protect ratepayers from bearing the cost of new construction, the state will require the EFSB to first consider enhancing current technologies before looking to new construction. An online clean energy infrastructure dashboard would also be created to promote public accountability in real time.

Making EVs Accessible and Expanding Infrastructure

Gas-powered vehicles are one of the highest emitters of carbon, and incentivizing EV usage is critical to achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

The legislation would expand the state's MOR-EV program through 2027, which gives residents \$3,500-\$6,000 for the purchase of new or used electric vehicles. It would allow residents who own parcels within condominiums, homeowner associations, and historic districts to install EV chargers, and authorize condo boards to install EV chargers on community parcels.

It will bring coordination to EV infrastructure expansion, by centralizing the deployment of resources with the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Coordinating Council (EVICC), and directing DPU to make it easier to install pole-mounted chargers that often are used in parking spots and on streets.

The bill would also make it easier for cities and towns to procure electric school buses and EV charging equipment for their municipalities.

Decarbonizing Buildings

An Act Upgrading the Grid and Protecting Ratepayers makes it easier to decarbonize buildings across the state, a major source of greenhouse gas emissions. It would authorize condo association boards to install energy efficiency devices and EV chargers in common areas and make heat pumps more efficient by allowing installers to use the most up-to-date refrigerants.

Leading the Way on Clean Technology and Innovation

Already leaders in clean technology, the state's innovators will receive even more support from this legislation to make sure that the next generation of technology is built in Massachusetts.

The legislation would boost the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) by expanding their mission to include carbon removal, embodied carbon reduction, and

nuclear power. MassCEC would also be directed to promote carbon removal and embodied carbon activities, and study opportunities for future carbon removal.

Leading by Example  
The Commonwealth will take an in-depth look at its own operational climate impact under this legislation.

It would revise Massport's enabling statute to prioritize reductions in greenhouse gas emissions alongside the promotion of commerce and growth. It would direct the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) to evaluate the energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions of state buildings, as well as seek options for reducing future emissions. The mission of the Board of Building Regulations and Standards would also be expanded to include the pursuit of reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Curbing Over-reliance on Natural Gas

Ensuring the electrical grid is on an equal playing field as the natural gas system is crucial to reducing dependency on fossil fuels and reaching the state's net zero carbon emissions goals.

The bill reins in a statutory provision that for decades has given gas companies a preferential ratemaking advantage over providers of other heating sources.

Under An Act Upgrading the Grid and Protecting Ratepayers, the DPU will be directed to consider greenhouse gas impacts when it weighs a petition by a gas company to expand its territory. Gas companies will be allowed to pursue geothermal projects and networked heat pump systems, new opportunities that are undergoing successful testing in communities in Framingham and Lowell.

As the gas system needs continued upgrades, the legislation will shift the system from automatically replacing leak-prone pipes, to instead considering more targeted repairs, or decommissioning the line altogether if a more climate friendly alternative exists. Payments for new gas lines are often financed over 30 years, beyond the 2050 goal of reducing fossil fuels. By repairing or decommissioning pipes instead of replacing them, costs shifted to ratepayers are reduced, and the clean energy transition is accelerated.

During debate, the Senate voted to adopt an amendment modernizing the 'bottle bill', adding noncarbonated beverages, wine, and spirits to the list of containers eligible for a bottle deposit, and increasing the deposit amount from 5 cents to 10 cents.

Having passed the Senate by a vote of 38-2, the legislation now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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Broadway in 1960. We've been here ever since."

Rick Gordon purchased the Card Gallery, formerly Slade's, located next door at 396 Broadway, in 1993.

Following the passing of his father in 1974, Gordon began working at the store while he was a student at Lexington High School (He was born in Chelsea in 1957 and lived on George Street before his family moved to Lexington). In 1985 Rick moved back to Chelsea where he bought a prefabricated home on Spencer Avenue.

"When I was a senior in high school, I came in and helped my mother [Henrietta Gordon] run the business," recalled Rick. "I got a promotion from stock boy to assistant manager. It's a family business, and you just run with it."

Gordon graduated from Suffolk University in 1979 with a degree in accounting. "I hated my major. I should have studied marketing or management, but I was too far into it to change."

A personable, good-natured person, Gordon has always made his presence felt not only in the Broadway business community but as a dedicated member of local organizations such as the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. His business was very successful due to his excellent customer service and the fair-minded pricing of perfumes, jewelry cards, gifts, and local souvenirs. Residents who had moved away from Chelsea continued to show their loyalty to Allen's Cut Rate as longtime customers.

"Chelsea was always a blue-collar community where people worked in the community, lived in the community, and many of those people would shop and buy cosmetics and jewelry and other items in the store," related Gordon. "But the retail environment has changed dramatically over the past five years."

Gordon explained his decision to close the business. "Hey, I'm 67 years old. It was just time to do it. I don't have the same energy I once had."

Through the years, Gordon gave several students their first part-time job at the store.



**Rick Gordon, owner of Allen's Cut Rate Perfumers, puts the finishing touches on the interior of the store following its official closing on June 30.**

instances where we had brothers and sisters and cousins working here together," said Gordon. "I also hired the children of employees who had worked here in previous years."

Gordon enjoyed the small townish atmosphere of Chelsea and the vibrancy and energy of the Broadway business district.

"It's a small world. Everybody knows everybody and there's a connection. It's a very heartwarming thing. I have a lot of very fond memories. This has been a big part of my life. I'm going to miss the business terribly. People have come into the store to say goodbye and express their sadness that I'm leaving. I had a lot of loyal customers," said Gordon.

Gordon said that he has sold the building to a local developer who also owns other properties on Broadway.

### 'The best decision of my life'

In 2006, Rick Gordon made what he describes as "the best decision of my life," marrying his longtime partner, Susan.

"She's been very helpful. There aren't too many women that would date someone and help at the store, work Christmas and holidays," said Rick. "Even her sister [Marcia] would come in for the holidays. It was a real family business. But that's what families do when you're in the business. Sue's uncle [Ernest Meltzer] actually owned Arnest Jewellers on Broadway."

Susan Gordon brought out the best in her husband, to be sure. The couple attends numerous local events together and their partnership has uplifted Rick's confidence in his numerous abilities and enhanced his life and his enjoyment of it alongside a great companion.

### A long-serving member of Rotary

Rick Gordon became a member of the Rotary Club in 1981.

"I'm the third-longest member in terms of seniority," said Gordon proudly. "I was an active member. I was an officer in Rotary for a while. I stepped back but got involved again a couple of years ago. I will continue my affiliation with Rotary. There are great people in the club, and they do great work. We've always been members of the Chamber of Commerce."

Gordon was honored by Rotary as a Paul Harris Fellow, and he was president of the club in 1986. He also served in Chelsea city government as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and was a member of the advisory board of the Jordan Boys and Girls Club.

"I didn't mind giving back to Chelsea," said Gordon. "I believed that if you're making money in the community, you should give back with your time, money, and volunteerism."

### A tribute to Rick Gordon's excellence from a friend

Barry Kirshon, a friend and the longtime leader of Kirshon Paint in Chelsea, best summed up Rick Gordon's distinguished career and the highest standards of excellence that Rick elevated to as a business owner and Chelsea resident.

"Rick Gordon and I have been friends for over 40 years," said Kirshon. "We both grew up in and worked for our family's businesses. Rick is a very hard worker and keen businessman who carried on his parents' tradition. He gave back to the community through his contributions to Rotary Club, Main Street Improvements, and the Chamber of Commerce. He was a legend on Broadway and deserves a happy retirement."

## Chelsea man facing drug charges following Revere traffic stop

Shortly before noon on Tuesday, Revere Police detectives attempted to stop a stolen motor vehicle.

The car fled detectives and then crashed a short distance away, according to Revere Police. The driver fled on foot before being apprehended by po-

lice. The passenger in the vehicle suffered non-life threatening injuries.

The driver, identified as Willie Jenkins, 29, of Chelsea, was arrested and charged with several motor vehicle infractions, as well as drug charges.

Revere Police stated that the passenger will

be issued a summons for several motor vehicle and drug charges, as well.

Additionally, police stated that they located stolen property in the motor vehicle which they determined was stolen recently from an elderly housing facility in Revere.

# CHS BASEBALL TEAM AND CHELSEA CHAMBER HOLD KICKBALL FUNDRAISER

The Chelsea High School baseball team in collaboration with the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce hosted the first Kickball Tournament Fundraiser June 29 at Carter Park.

Head baseball coach Michael Lush, Athletic Director Amanda Alpert, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director welcomed several teams to the coed tournament.

Following the games, the coaches and players enjoyed a get-together at the Brown Jug.



Cassandra Thompson and Carolyn Boumila-Vega.



Joel Martinez, John Feeley, former CHS baseball star John Montes, and Hector Rojas.



Kickball Tournament umpires, Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, Emergency Management Director Steve Staffier and former CHS sports star John Hassell.



Doing a great job organizing the first Chelsea High School Kickball Tournament Fundraiser, Director of Athletics Amanda Alpert, CHS baseball coach Michael Lush, and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell.



Jenny Reynolds, CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, CBC President Joan Cromwell, and Cary Havey of CAPIC.



Leo Paul, CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, and her son, Maxwell Elgart.



Team KLIQ, from left, Juliana Hassell, Carlos Godoy, Dennys Hernandez, Chris Campo, Javier Villeda, Carlos Alvarado Brandon Nguyen, Daniel Guilamo, and Bryan Armas.



Team Messy Room ready for action in the Kickball Tournament.



Team Kick-Fil-A players had a great time participating in the Kickball Tournament Fundraiser held at Carter Park.



Team Aftermath, ready to compete in the first Kickball Tournament Fundraiser.



Team Kiwanis Club of Chelsea, led by President Elaine Monge (front row, third from right) and Vice President Carolyn Boumila-Vega (front row, center).



The Chelsea Police Department, always ready to support the community, fielded a team in the Kickball Tournament.

# Chelsea

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# Forum

## HURRICANE BERYL: A HARBINGER OF THINGS TO COME?

By now we've all become aware of Hurricane Beryl, which left a trail of death and destruction in its wake during the past week stretching from the Southern Caribbean to Texas as it set records for the strongest-ever hurricane -- a Category 5 -- this early in the season.

Beryl grew -- and maintained -- its ferocity thanks to the warmest-ever sea surface temperatures for June in the Atlantic. Warm ocean waters are the jet fuel for hurricanes and in the case of Beryl, provided the key ingredient for Beryl's rapid intensification and re-intensification as it traveled over thousands of miles of ocean.

Hurricane forecasters in April issued a forecast for an extremely active hurricane season and Beryl's record-setting run appears to be only a prelude to what may be in store for those of us who live along the coast in the coming months.

As we have noted in the past, there is no escape anywhere in the world from the effects of climate change. We can only hope that our little corner of the globe will luck out for another year and we'll escape the wrath of the worst that Mother Nature can throw at us.

## READY TO TURN ON, TUNE IN, DROP OUT

As newspaper people, by necessity we're political junkies, whether at the local, state, or federal levels.

When it comes to national news, we try to read as much as we can from reputable news sources to learn as much as we can about the issues and the candidates.

So it's always been a bit of a surprise when we see polls indicating that public interest in the upcoming election is at an all-time low.

We realize that this is a result of many factors, chief among them that we have two candidates for president who are old enough to be the great-grandfathers of the youngest voters and that neither candidate provides inspiration to any of us. In addition, with their surrogates and spokespersons feeding us the same banal "spin" night after night, trying to convince us not to believe what we see and hear with our own eyes and ears, we all just want to tune out the mind-numbing noise.

We want the truth, but all we get is something far short from both sides.

We were listening to the Classic Rock station on our Sirius Radio the other day and the haunting sound of "For What It's Worth" by Buffalo Springfield came on. The song was written in the mid-'60s, but it's as timely today as it was then with lyrics perfectly capturing today's political climate:

There's battle lines being drawn  
Nobody's right if everybody's wrong  
Singing songs and they carrying signs  
Mostly say, "Hooray for our side"

In the wake of the fiasco of the first presidential debate, even we are ready to throw in the towel -- we give up.

Or, to put it another way, in the famous words of advice espoused by Timothy Leary (the Harvard professor-turned-guru of psychedelic drugs) at the same time that For What It's Worth was playing on the airwaves, it just might be time to, "Turn on, tune in, drop out."

## Chelsea man pleads guilty to selling fake Green Cards and Social Security Cards

A Chelsea man pleaded guilty on Monday to selling fraudulent Social Security cards and Legal Permanent Resident cards, often referred to as "Green Cards."

Wilberto Sandoval Mazariego, 40, pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful transfer of a document or authentication feature. U.S. District Court Judge Allison D. Burroughs scheduled sentencing for Oct. 3. In October 2023, Sandoval Mazariego was arrested and charged by criminal complaint. Sandoval Mazariego was later indicted by a federal grand jury in October 2023.

During an investigation into Tomas Xirum for

selling fraudulent Green Cards and fraudulent Social Security cards, law enforcement allegedly identified Sandoval Mazariego as the creator of the fraudulent documents Xirum was selling. Following Xirum's arrest in August 2022, law enforcement found a text message string between Xirum and Sandoval Mazariego that contained approximately 568 attachments, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

Xirum would regularly text Sandoval Mazariego pictures of unknown persons along with a name, date of birth and country of birth -- to which Sandoval Mazariego would later respond with pictures

of Social Security cards and/or Green Cards with the person's photo and information that Xirum provided, according to the government officials.

On Aug. 17, 2023, Sandoval Mazariego sold a fraudulent Green Card and a fraudulent Social Security card to an undercover agent.

On Oct 3, 2023, Sandoval Mazariego was arrested after leaving his Chelsea residence. During a search of his residence, all items necessary to produce counterfeit forms of identification were found, including two laminators, card stock paper, photo paper, glue, trimmers and printers. Also recovered were nine Legal Perma-

nent Resident cards, six Social Security cards and five driver's licenses. Five of the recovered Social Security cards contained the names provided by the undercover agent to Sandoval Mazariego as part of the investigation. A total of \$17,095 in cash was also recovered from the residence.

On Aug. 21, 2023, Xirum pleaded guilty to three counts of unlawful transfer of document or authentication feature and three counts of unlawful production of document or authentication feature. In January 2024, Xirum was sentenced to 18 months in prison.

## Healey proclaims July 7-13 'Hurricane Preparedness Week'

Special to the Record

Governor Maura Healey signed a proclamation declaring the week of July 7 to July 13, 2024, as "Hurricane Preparedness Week," to emphasize the importance of planning and preparing for hurricanes and other tropical systems, which most often impact Massachusetts during the months of August and September.

During the week-long initiative, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will focus on hurricane preparedness messaging and offer informational resources to individuals and municipalities on what can be done before, during, and after a tropical system impacts Massachusetts to protect life and property.

"During Hurricane Preparedness Week, I urge all residents to take stock of their emergency supplies and to plan and prepare ahead of peak hurricane season," said Governor Healey. "Near-record warm ocean temperatures are expected to fuel more frequent and intense tropical storms, meaning there may be increased likelihood for us in Massachusetts to experience a hurricane."

Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 to November 30 each year. This year, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasters at the Climate Prediction Center anticipate an above-normal 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season with 17 to 25 named storms.

"While areas along the coast are more likely to sustain damage from hurricane hazards such as high winds and storm surge, we know from experience that tropical storms can impact areas across the state, both on the coast and inland," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll.

"If you live or work within an evacuation zone, now is the time to plan where you would go and how you would get there if a tropical system were to impact Massachusetts," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "Our state and local emergency management agencies regularly plan and train to respond to hurricanes and other severe weather hazards, and I encourage all residents and visitors in Massachusetts to do the same."

In advance of peak hurricane season, MEMA developed and published online hurricane safety tips and resources and distributed a multilingual hurricane preparedness toolkit to Emergency Management Directors throughout the Commonwealth to reach all individuals, including underserved and vulnerable populations. MEMA has also partnered with MassDOT and several regional transit authorities to place hurricane preparedness messaging on digital billboards and buses. MEMA continues to address hurricane preparedness, response, and recovery efforts through numerous coordination meetings, trainings and exercises, including an-

nual training for local officials on Hurrevac -- an online tool that assists emergency managers with evacuation timing, decision, and technical support.

"We were fortunate last September when Hurricane Lee tracked offshore as it approached Massachusetts, but this once again highlighted the need for us to be prepared," said MEMA Director Dawn Brantley. "Every household should have an emergency kit and a plan inclusive of all members' needs and abilities."

How residents and visitors can prepare:

Know Your Evacuation Zone -- Visit [www.mass.gov/knowyourzone](http://www.mass.gov/knowyourzone) to learn if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone. If you live in an area that may flood and may need assistance evacuating, plan with family, neighbors, and friends who may be able to assist, and contact your local public safety officials to make them aware of your needs.

Make an Emergency Plan -- A plan should address how your family would communicate, evacuate, and shelter in place if needed. Be sure to account for the needs of all your family members, including seniors, children, individuals with disabilities, and pets: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>. If you receive medical treatment or home health care services, work with your medical provider to determine how to maintain care and ser-

vice if you are unable to leave your home or have to evacuate.

Build an Emergency Kit -- Build an emergency kit that will sustain your household for three to five days without power. For tips on what to include, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>

Stay Informed -- Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts and is encouraged to reach out to their local officials for preparedness and emergency information specific to their community, including available local emergency notification systems. The Commonwealth's 2-1-1 hotline is available 24x7 for non-emergency assistance and is available with translation in more than 150 languages and can be accessed via video relay services. To learn more about additional ways to receive alerts and information, including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, and social and traditional news media, visit: [www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts)

MEMA will share preparedness and safety information throughout hurricane season. For more information, including interactive evacuation zone maps, multi-lingual social media toolkits and flyers, preparedness tips, videos, and more, visit MEMA's Hurricane Season Preparedness webpage.

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# Project Bread secures \$10,000 grant to bolster anti-hunger efforts across the Northeast

Special to the Record

Project Bread, the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts, is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC), the nation's leading anti-hunger advocacy organization. This grant will bolster Project Bread's pivotal role in advancing the Northeast Regional Anti-Hunger Network (NERAHN), a coalition dedicated to eradicating hunger in the seven-state Northeast region. States include Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The grant is made possible by the Walmart Foundation.

"We are grateful to FRAC for their support, which will enable us to strengthen NERAHN and drive meaningful progress in the fight against hunger

across the Northeast," said Leran Minc, Assistant Director of Policy at Project Bread, leading convener of NERAHN. "In our regional coalition, we are leading on national hunger policy – we have three of the eight states nationwide providing free school meals to all students (MA, ME, and VT). Together with our coalition partners, we aim to ensure everyone across the region has access to the nutrition they need to thrive through the continued expansion of resources and system change for families and individuals."

Using funding from this grant, Project Bread will re-convene NERAHN following a 4-year hiatus due to the pandemic. The efforts began with a gathering of member organizations during the FRAC Anti-Hunger Policy Conference in June. This fall, Project Bread will host a convening with all 14 member organizations to



NERAHN gathering at the FRAC Anti-Hunger Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. held from June 3 - 5.

align regional efforts, to bolster policymaking decisions on a federal and state by state scale, and to amplify the role of federal nutrition programs as a solution to food insecurity, targeting USDA's Northeast Regional Office and our respective Congressional delegations.

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and enrichment programming after the school day ends.

- Summer Nutrition Programs offer nutritious meals to low-income children, replacing school breakfasts and lunches served during the school year.

- The Special Supple

# DiDomenico expects final action on soccer stadium legislation by end of July

By Cary Shuman

Sen. Sal DiDomenico, who is championing a proposal to bring a professional soccer stadium and waterfront park to Everett, expects a vote on the matter by the Senate and the House by the end of this month.

DiDomenico's bill – which removes the language regarding lifting the DPA (designated port area) status on the power plant site in Everett – is included in the Massachusetts Senate's economic development bill. The power plant site (173 Alford St.) is located across the street from the five-star Encore Boston Harbor resort/casino.

"The entire bill will come to the floor on Thursday (July 12) for a vote and this is one of the key components of that

bill," explained DiDomenico.

Passage of the Senate's economic development bill – which is expected – would move the bill to a Senate/House conference committee (consisting of three senators and three representatives) sometime next week.

"The conference committee will negotiate the differences between the two bills (House and Senate)," said DiDomenico. "Once the committee finishes its work, the bill will come to the floor of the Senate and the House for a vote on the agreed-upon consensus between the two branches, and that vote would send it to the governor (Maura Healey) for her signature."

DiDomenico said the goal is to get the bill on Gov. Healey's desk by July 31.

Should the bill get signed by the governor, the public process – when residents would have the opportunity to voice their options about the site – would begin.

The professional soccer stadium would be the likely home for the New England Revolution soccer team that is owned by the Kraft family.

Building the stadium in Everett would change the entire landscape for sports fans as the Revolution would move from Foxboro to Everett, joining the Red Sox, Bruins, and Celtics as Boston area-based teams. Knowing the Kraft family's history of philanthropy and its strong support of high school athletics (MIAA Super Bowls are currently played at Gillette Stadium), it would not be surprising if the MIAA soc-

cer championships were eventually played at the new stadium in Everett.

"This is a big deal for Everett – it's transformational," said DiDomenico. "It's a huge environmental win. It's an economic catalyst for development on that site. It's going to create good-paying union jobs in construction and for employees at the stadium. It's going to open the waterfront for the first time in decades and clean up a hazardous waste site that has been polluting our air, land, and water to the detriment of our residents for over half a century."

The excitement in Everett for the upcoming Senate and House votes is palpable as Sen. Sal DiDomenico's historic legislation to potentially make the city home to a professional sports franchise moves forward.

# BLO brings free orchestral music to Boston Neighborhoods this Summer

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, under the direction of Music Director Christopher Wilkins, is gearing up to offer another season of enchanting musical experiences under the stars in Boston. From the iconic DCR Hatch Memorial Shell to Boston neighborhood venues, the ensemble brings the joy of live orchestral music to audiences of all ages. With a diverse lineup that highlights community, inclusivity, and accessibility, these free concerts promise to be a source of delight and inspiration for all who attend. Landmarks Orchestra invites everyone to join us for an unforgettable summer filled with beautiful music and shared moments of connection.

Music Director Christopher Wilkins says, "It's always a happy occasion to have the orchestra back together again. There's nothing like making music on a beautiful summer evening along the banks of the Charles. Our special aim is to connect with people of all backgrounds, Bostonians from a variety of cultural traditions."

Board Chair Emmett G. Price III adds, "We

are tremendously grateful and excited for this substantial commitment from our long-standing partner, Free For All Concert Fund, in bringing exceptional LIVE music to Boston's historic Hatch Shell. Free for All has signaled our value and our importance to the arts and culture fabric of Greater Boston and we are hopeful that others will join the cause and aid us in accomplishing our courageous and timely mission."

Regarding the Free for All Concert Fund's major grant to Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Rev. Dr. Ray Hammond, Chair of the Free for All Concert Fund board, said "Free for All is proud to support the great work of Boston Landmarks Orchestra as it continues to advance the legacy of our mutual founder, the late Maestro Charles Ansbacher. This two-year grant of up to \$1.275M allows Landmarks to pursue our shared mission of bringing great music to all the people of Boston for free. We look forward to another memorable summer of beautiful music on the Esplanade."

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Celebrating Juneteenth, Landmarks Orchestra, in collaboration with Castle of our Skins, starts the 2024 summer season with a performance at the Kroc Center! Featuring works from Eubie Blake, Florence Price, William Grant Still, Jessie Montgomery and more, this concert is a wonderful way to kick off the season and celebrate the works of iconic Black composers. Featuring Castle of our Skins String Quartet, violinist Maxwell Fairman, and soprano Brianna J. Robinson.

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## Stars of Past and Present, Brian Doyle, Roy Butt, and Richie Kelley are excelling in Over 30-Baseball League

By Cary Shuman

They are still playing the game they love and playing it well.

Former Chelsea High baseball stars Brian Doyle and Roy Butt and former Malden Catholic football standout Richie Kelley were reunited on the diamond Sunday at Pine Banks in Melrose. Doyle is a member of the Astros team in the Over-30 League while Butt and Kelley are teammates again on the Pirates team following their youth baseball affiliations in Chelsea Little League and the Chelsea Youth Baseball League.

### Brian Doyle, forever a champion

Brian Doyle is enjoying his experience in the Over-30 Baseball League a lot. His son, Ryan Doyle, who played Division I college baseball at Bryant University, is the Astros' shortstop and as he showed again in Sunday's game with his superb hitting and fielding, he's the league's best all-around player.

When fast-pitch softball was king in Chelsea (thank you, Arnold Goodman) Doyle played outfield for the colorful New Bridge Café teams. He moved on to the Polish Political Club before suiting up for the Sagamore Club in the modified fast-pitch league.

"I'm strictly a first baseman and pitcher [in an over 48-league]," said Doyle. "I still love baseball. I get to play on a team with my son, that's the best part. I get to play in the league with Roy Butt and Richie Kelley, and I've become good friends with a lot of guys in the league."

Brian Doyle has always been an All-Star-caliber

player and a team leader, beginning in the Chelsea Little League when he helped Harpo White's Red Sox team defeat Bob Wheeler's Red Legs in the City Series.

Doyle holds a special place in CHS baseball history as the starting centerfielder for Joe Beverer's 1974 team, one year before the Red Devils captured the Eastern Mass. championship.

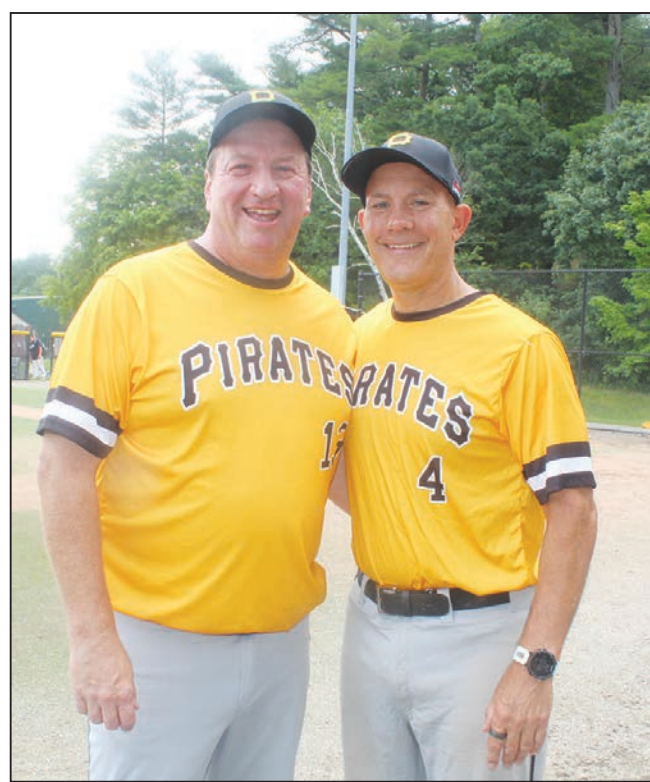
A left-handed power hitter and centerfielder, Doyle played alongside Bobby Spinney, Mike Lush, Jerry Dion, Bob Ham, Tommy Duval, and Kevin Veator during the 1974 season. Spinney was the leftfielder on that team while Roy Lettieri was the rightfielder. Doyle and Lettieri were the captains. Another teammate was left-handed pitcher Alex Riseman, who went on to play college baseball at the University of Tampa.

"We had a good team. We almost made the tournament in 1974," recalled Doyle. "I knew the '75 team would have a great core, especially with Spinney and Duval and Mike Lush. The '75 team had pitching, too. Bobby Rogers came into his own [in the rotation with Mike Lush]. Spinney would get on base and steal. Jerry Dion would move him along and Mike Lush would drive him in."

Ryan Doyle said he can see the flashes of brilliance from his father's longtime baseball career. "I've heard how great he was in high school. He still hits it farther than I do," said Ryan humbly.

### Roy Butt, hitter extraordinaire

Perhaps the greatest moment in Sunday's Pirates-Astros game came



Former teammates in the Chelsea Youth Baseball League, Roy Butt and Richie Kelley, now playing for the Pirates in the Over 30-Baseball League.



Former Chelsea High baseball star Brian Doyle, pictured with his son, Ryan Doyle, an Astros teammate in the Over-30 Baseball League.



Brian Doyle, pictured with his son, Ryan Doyle, and grandson, Max Umina, Sunday at Pine Banks Park in Melrose.



Pirates player-coach Roy Butt, arguably one of Chelsea High's greatest hitters, is pictured with his wife, former CHS scholar-athlete Anna Malinowski Butt, and their, Tom Butt, Sunday morning at Pine Banks Park in Melrose.

when the Astros intentionally walked Roy Butt with first base open in a one-run game.

The sheer respect for the

left-handed batter Butt's productive and powerful hitting is still present, several years removed from his career as an offensive force in the Chelsea Little League, Chelsea Youth Baseball League, Chelsea Babe Ruth Baseball, and for Joe Beverer's Red Devils.

Longtime CHS baseball fans will well remember what is considered the most memorable batting performance in school history, the day Roy Butt set a record by hitting four consecutive doubles against a very good Revere High baseball team.

Butt is the first baseman and player-coach for the Pirates. In his first at-bat, Roy showed his amazing batting eye with a single to right field.

"I played fast-pitch (Ippy's Amoco and Sonny's Glass) and modified fast-pitch (Winnisimmet Club and Elks Club) for about 10 years and then we moved over to Melrose," said Butt.

A two-time Little League All-Star, Roy Butt was drafted No. 1 by the CYBL Twins who became the Cardinals.

"All of the Cardinals went back into the draft and I was drafted by the Braves, but we became the Cardinals," said Butt. "In my last year, we lost to Larry Notkin's Royals in the finals. My manager was Chris Lepore. Richie Kelley was my teammate. Larry nicknamed Richie, '12-8-6,' because he hit into two 6-4-3 double plays in the series."

There was no bigger or more enthusiastic supporter of the Chelsea Youth Baseball League during that time than Roy's father, William "Roy" Butt, who was sit just beyond the third baseline and hold court with baseball guys like Al Palladino and others like the YMHA director of maintenance Scooch. Mr. Butt's witty observations and strategic calls are priceless memories.

That family support was present Sunday as his wife, former CHS athlete Anna Malinowski and their son, Tom, sat behind the home plate backstop the entire game.

"I love playing in this league," said Roy Butt. "It's a great league. It's competitive but it's fun. It's serious, but not too serious. I can still hit the ball, but I can't run."

Yes, Roy Butt will also be a big hit on a baseball diamond, especially in the batter's box where his sweet swing stands the test of time.

### Richie Kelley, a marvelous athlete who still competes in triathlons

By day, Richie Kelley works in a prestigious position as the chief financial officer at Regis College in Weston.

On Sunday mornings, Kelley has been suiting it up for the Pirates in the Over-30 Baseball League. He still can play as his RBI single showed in Sunday's 4-3 walkoff win over the Astros.

"I've been playing

on the same team with Roy [Butt] for many years now," said Richie. "I played against Roy in Little League and on the same team in Pony League."

A resident of Clinton Street in Chelsea, Kelley attended Malden Catholic High School where he was an award-winning athlete. He received the football team's unsung hero award as a lineman and played two seasons in the Lancers' powerful hockey program. His brother, David Kelley, played hockey on the North Shore Raiders with Lancers' star Keith Tkachuk, winning a state championship.

Richie's hockey background stems to the Chelsea Youth Hockey program where he was a teammate of Paul Nowicki. "Paul was an unbelievable goalie and we won three state championships. Joe Beverer and Artie Deleidi were also on those teams."

Richie, 54, is still an active competitor in triathlons, having recently participated in the Half Ironman Triathlon in Happy Valley, Pennsylvania, home of the Penn State Nittany Lions. He has competed in eight triathlons.

Richie has a daughter, Kaitlyn, who is a nurse practitioner. "I'm very proud of her," said Richie.

As for his continuing baseball career, Richie added, "I love the game. I'll play baseball as many years as I can, until they drag me off."

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PEOPLE OF CHELSEA PHOTO EXHIBIT AT SPENCER LOFTS HALLERY

The People of Chelsea Photo Exhibit was held July 1 at the Spencer Lofts Gallery in honor of Chelsea's 400th Anniversary celebration.

Following is a message from professional photographer Darlene DeVita and professional writer Sarah Putnam of the People of Chelsea Project:

What a wonderful opening night we had at the Spencer Gallery on July 1 in celebration of the People of Chelsea, the Chelsea Black Community (CBC), and Chelsea's 400th anniversary! To all who attended, Chelsea friends, neighbors, and those who came from beyond our city, your presence was an affirmation of our amazing, resilient, and feisty community. Thank you for coming!

To everyone who contributed their time and support to make the opening night possible, we offer a special thanks: Spencer Loft's own Shahana Bhaduri whose energy and enthusiasm kickstarted the entire event; Ron Pownall, without whose help the show would not have gotten up on the walls; Joan Cromwell and the Chelsea Black Community who shared their stories, collaborated on their portraits and loaned wonderful photos from family archives that brought the history of the Chelsea Black Community to life; Brian Harkins who proposed the idea of the projection and then made it happen; Orlando Velazco for his divine Fully Baked



Michelle Mirthes stands adjacently to her photo, accompanied by Natalia Diaz and Araiya Reign Marrero.

cupcakes; Yahya Noor for providing delicious food from Tawakal Cafe; and our wonderful crew of gallery volunteers who helped in numerous ways from providing drinks, to organizing the gallery and making all of our guests feel welcomed.

And last but not least, we appreciate beyond measure of the support from our participants and followers. This project is a labor of love for us, and we are deeply honored that Chelsea residents are willing to share their stories and portraits.

The project continues. The more we photograph and interview, the more stories we come across that need to be told! There is history past, and history being made here. The People of Chelsea Project is a reflection of the richness of all that Chelsea has to offer. Thank you all again for being our collaborators in this effort.

With love and gratitude,  
Dar and Sarah



CBC President Joan Cromwell, Michelle Mirthes, and Beverly Martin-Ross.



Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, professional photographer Darlene DeVita, and Yahya Noor of Tawakal Café.



Enjoying the photo exhibit are Isabel Caceres, Lino Bacer, and Shahana Bhaduri.



Yahya Noor, with his family, including Zakanya, Sarah, Khasim, and Ibrahim.



Deborah Washington, City Councilor Calvin T. Brown, CAPIC Executive Director Richelle Cromwell, and Sharon Caulfield.



City Councilor Tanairi Garcia stands adjacently to a photo of her that is featured in the People of Chelsea Project exhibit at Spencer Lofts Gallery.



City Council President Norielez DeJesus, Matt Frank of the CHA, Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez Rivera and Yahya Noor.



Enjoying the photo exhibit are (from left) School Committee member Jonathan Gomez-Pereira, School Committee member Katherine Cabral, Brandeis student Brandie Ray Garcia, School Committee member Dr. Sarah Neville, Councilor-at-Large Roberto Jimenez-Rivera, and Devra Sari Zobot of Clark Ave Productions.



Sarah Putnam and Darlene DeVita, creators of the People of Chelsea Project, with CBC President Joan Cromwell.



From left, photographer Ron Pownell, Orlando Velazco, Sarah Putnam of the People of Chelsea Project, Darlene DeVita of the People of Chelsea Project, Brian Harkins of Nyx Breen Projection, CBC President Joan Cromwell, and Yahya Noor of Tawakal Café.

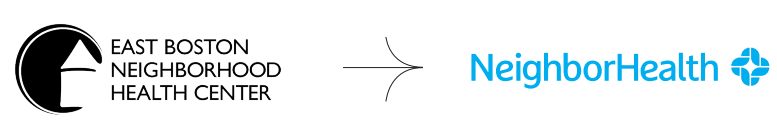


The Zobot sisters, Devra Sari Zobot and Naomi Zobot.



The Chelsea City Council showed its strong support with its attendance at the People of Chelsea Project photo exhibit. From left, are Councilors Lisa Santagate, Todd Taylor, Manuel Teshe, and Leo Robinson, writer Sarah Putnam and photographer Darlene DeVita, CBC President Joan Cromwell, City Council President Norieliz DeJesus, and Councilors Melinda Vega and Tanairi Garcia.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### ROBERT 'BOB' RICHMAN, BELOVED EPS TEACHER, DIES AT 88

EVERETT - Eric Richman not only got to experience the love and guidance of his father, Robert "Bob" Richman, throughout his childhood, but Eric also saw his dad's amazing ability to connect with his classmates as a beloved teacher in Everett and inspire his fellow campers in summer camp in Maine as its amiable director.

Robert "Bob" Richman, a beloved teacher and guidance counselor in the Everett school district for 36 years, died on June 29, 2024. He was 88.

Mr. Richman was a ninth-grade science teacher at Parlin Junior High for much of his distinguished tenure before becoming a guidance counselor and founder of the conflict resolution/mediation department at Everett High School. A man of many skills, he was also widely respected as a certified baseball umpire and football referee throughout the region.

Bob Richman and Gilda Richman were married for 62 years. Together they raised two children, Eric Richman and Alyse (Richman) Barbash, who inherited their father's magnetic personality and day-to-day kindness to others.

Eric Richman and his wife, Susan Richman, were seniors at Everett High School when they took as an elective a meteorology class taught by Mr. Richman, a Boston University graduate who went on to receive his master's degree from Salem State University.

"My father loved being a teacher and helping kids," said Eric. "He was a baseball coach at Everett High on Ralph Cecere's staff. He also owned a children's camp [Camp Lakeridge] in Maine for 10 years and worked before that at Camp Litchaven in New Hampshire.

"I spent all those summers at camp with my father," recalled Eric. "I was a camper. I became a counselor. I was a maintenance guy. I taught sailing."

Mr. Richman's congenial manner of making sure that each camper was enjoying his summer to its fullest still resonates with camp alumni.

"Mr. Richman was just a fabulous person and I have so many great memories of my summer at his camp," said Eric Glassoff, one of Eric Richman's childhood friends. "I really believe that because of Mr. Richman being such a positive person, having such a wonderful sense of humor, and making that summer so special, I send my own children to summer camp today."

Gilda Richman said after her husband retired from the Everett schools, he became a volunteer at the Leonard Florence Center for Living at Admiral's Hill, helping to counsel residents and their families.

Gilda also recalled her husband's time at the Center when he suffered a spinal cord stroke 28 years ago.

Eric Richman said his father's rehabilitation from the stroke was an example of the positive attitude he exhibited each day of his life.

"When they told my father he would never walk again, he basically said, 'watch me'" recalled Eric. "He went to rehab and he fought and fought, and

ended up walking with two canes, and continuing to drive for many years. No matter what obstacle was put in front of him, he was always looking at the positive side of it."

Mr. Richard spent the final days of his glorious life at the Leonard Florence Center for Living. At the age of 86, Gilda Richman serves admirably as the chairperson of the Chelsea Jewish Lifecare Board of Directors.

"My father loved when his grandchildren and great-grandchildren visited him at the Center," said Eric. "He was very independent so he would get on this motorized scooter and go to the other buildings where he would sing in the concerts with Jimmy Honohan there and at the Katzman Center for Living. He performed right up until last weekend."

"Bob was from Revere, and I was from Brighton," said Gilda, remembering their first meeting. "A friend of ours fixed us up on a date."

Mr. Richman leaves two children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Interestingly, two of Bob and Gilda Richman's granddaughters, elementary school guidance counselor Samantha Grant and fifth grade teacher Lindsay Barbash, work in the Everett school system. In their thoughtful tributes to their grandfather at his funeral service Sunday, the two young women proudly apprised the assemblage of, "how so many people looked up to Mr. Richman and how wonderful a person he was."

Mr. Richman was understandably very proud to see his own legacy of excellence in teaching and guidance counseling being carried on by members of his family.

### BOH HEARS OF PLANS FOR RAT CONTROL

REVERE - The Revere Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting this past Thursday, June 27, in the City Council Chambers. Chair Dr. Drew Bunker and fellow member Kathleen Savage were on hand for the session, as were Director of Public Health Lauren Buck, Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services (ISD) Michael Wells, and Board of Health Clerk Paula Sepulveda.

Buck presented the monthly Communicable Disease report. She noted that the influenza and COVID numbers have decreased significantly, as would be expected in the summer months. She presented updates about seasonal items such as how to prevent deaths from extreme heat, noting that certain medications can increase the possibility of heat stroke. Other vulnerable groups include senior citizens, infants, those with chronic medical conditions, the very young, athletes who train outdoors, and those who are pregnant.

She noted that the Dept. of Health will be conducting a summer heat program every Monday through Thursday on the American Legion lawn from 12-3 that will offer free lunches for children and misters and water.

Buck warned citizens not to leave pets and infants in vehicles even on cool days or with a window cracked. Buck also reminded residents that Revere's beaches have their water quality

tested every Tuesday and that the city's web page will post a banner alert when swimming is unsafe.

She finally noted that opioid-related deaths declined in Massachusetts by 10 percent in 2023 and the decline is continuing in 2024, though the same decline has not been seen in certain ethnic and racial groups. She also noted that Narcan boxes are located in seven locations throughout the city.

Wells presented the monthly summary of the ISD's work during the past month. He noted that the department issued 45 Certificates of Fitness for residential dwellings, conducted 39 re inspections, and responded to nine interior complaints. In the food department, there were 42 routine food inspections, 10 re inspections, and four complaint inspections.

ISD agents issued 80 citations for the accumulation of litter, trash, and debris, 64 for improperly discarding of bulky items, 304 for improper placement of trash, and 161 for unclean or unsanitary land, which includes overgrowth of vegetation.

"Please make sure that your grass is maintained so as not to attract rodents to high vegetation," said Wells. He also noted that yard sale signs cannot be posted on any public property, such as light poles.

The board heard from Nada Abou Hadiba, the city's Community Outreach Liaison, and Yvonne Vu, a Data Analyst for the city, who made a presentation about the city's rodent control program. Hadiba said that two companies have been hired to respond to complaints of rodents. Property owners who call 311 must sign a waiver and can expect an exterminator to come out within 14 days. She noted that through June 1, 327 property owners have signed the waiver.

Exterminators will treat burrows and place bait stations. There can be a maximum of six visits per property per year. Hadiba also noted that information about rodent prevention is available on the Revere.org web site.

Vu presented some informative data, noting that through April, there have been 784 exterminator visits in the city, a level that is a sharp increase over 2023, but is consistent with 2022 levels.

Savage asked a question about how to distinguish between rabbit and rat burrows and was told that exterminators are able to do so if they come to your property. Savage also asked about dogs and exterminators, and was advised to keep dogs out of the yard when burrows have been treated (so that the dogs will not dig up the treated areas), though that is not a concern for bait boxes.

Bonny Carroll, the Director of the 6-City Tobacco Initiative, informed the board of a second violation of the laws forbidding the sale of tobacco products to minors by Shirley Ave. Variety at 65 Shirley Ave.. Carroll said the first offense occurred in March of 2022 when a clerk sold Marlboros to a minor and the second occurred on June 9 when a clerk sold a tin of Zin nicotine pouches to a minor.

Carroll recommended that the board impose the state-mandated fine of \$2000 and a seven-day suspension of its license to sell tobacco products.

The owner of the establishment, who owns multiple convenience stores in

### THE GO-TO PLACE IN EAST BOSTON



DEREK KOUYOUJMIAN PHOTO

The Tall Ship is the go-to place for sophisticated fun and relaxation in East Boston. Located on Pier One by Piers Park in Jefferies Point, the 245' sailing vessel is a bar space serving oysters and adult beverages with stunning views of Boston Harbor and the city's skyline.

the city and licenses to sell tobacco products, told the board, "This was a mistake. But it's very hard. We did not intentionally sell cigarettes to a minor. But a violation is a violation."

Buck suggested that in order to avoid another problem going forward, the business must check the ID of every potential buyer of a tobacco product. Although the owner asked the board to consider reducing the fine, the board voted to uphold the suspension and fine based on state law and the city ordinance.

### MASSPORT AWARDS ANNUAL RAUSEO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

EAST BOSTON - The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) announced the recipient of the annual scholarship honoring the memory of longtime employee Donna Rauseo. The 2024 Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship was awarded to East Boston resident Liliana Vargas Bonilla.

"Liliana's commitment to the East Boston community is something I know would make Donna so proud," said Massport interim CEO Ed Freni. "I am confident that Liliana will continue to excel as she moves on to Messina College next year and she will continue to make a positive impact on her community."

The Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a female student who resides in East Boston. Rauseo was a graduate of East Boston High School and for more than 20 years was the executive assistant to Thomas J. Kinton, Jr. when he served as Aviation Director of Logan Airport and later as CEO and Executive Director for Massport.

Bonilla graduated from East Boston High School and will soon attend Messina College at Boston College. She has volunteered her time at GEAR UP, EdVestors and organizing many events and activities at East Boston High School.

To be considered for the Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship, students are required to have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and submit an essay of 1,000 words describing their career interests or how their community service has affected their outlook on life. In her essay, Liliana wrote, "For me, performing community service is a voluntary activity motivated by a sincere desire to have a positive influence and make the world a more welcoming and supportive place for all people, rather than just a duty or respon-

sibility."

Applications are judged by a committee made up of Massport employees and a representative of the Rauseo family. Students interested in applying for the 2025 scholarship should visit [www.massport.com](http://www.massport.com) for eligibility requirements.

### RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING IN 2024 PAN-MASS CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

WINTHROP - On Saturday, August 3 and Sunday, August 4, 6,500 riders, including 10 residents from Winthrop, will participate in the milestone 45th Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) with the goal of raising a record \$75 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (Dana-Farber). This year, the PMC, which is Dana-Farber's largest single contributor, will cross \$1 billion in lifetime fundraising for the Institute.

"Thanks to the fierce determination of PMC riders, volunteers, donors and sponsors, I'm confident that this will be our biggest fundraising year yet," said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC. "We're well positioned to cross \$1 billion in total donations for cancer research and treatment since I founded the PMC in 1980 - I am looking forward to cycling alongside everyone on the road in August as we hit this momentous achievement together."

As the #3 top-grossing peer-to-peer fundraising organization in the country, the PMC donates 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to Dana-Farber to support cancer research and patient care, accounting for 62 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. For more than four decades, PMC funds have allowed Dana-Farber to achieve lifesaving clinical breakthroughs and advancements. In the last five years alone, Dana-Farber doctors and researchers have played a substantial role in developing more than half of all cancer drugs approved by the FDA.

Cyclists come together from all corners of the world to ride between 25 and 211 miles—6 countries and 44 states, territories, and districts—with one mission: to raise as much money as possible for Dana-Farber. Most participate in honor of a family member or friend fighting cancer, and nearly 1,000 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients, considered Living Proof® of the PMC mission. There are also 160 Dana-Farber employees committed to the cause as riders and volunteers, in some cases to fund their own cancer research.

There is still time to be #OneInABillion by participating in this year's ride - registration for PMC 2024 is open through July 1. Join riders from your community in the fight against cancer by registering for one of the following routes still available:

- 25 & 50-Mile Routes (1-Day, 25 or 50 Miles; Sunday, August 4):

- Starting and finishing in either Wellesley or Foxboro at Patriot Place, these Sunday routes are perfect single day options.

- Wellesley Century Ride (1-Day, 100 Miles; Sunday, August 4):

- The scenic Wellesley Century route is for riders looking to challenge their endurance in a single day format while making an impact in the fight against cancer.

The PMC is co-presented by the Red Sox Foundation® and M&T Bank. To make a financial contribution to a rider from your town or to register as a rider, visit [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org), or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PMC2024 on Facebook, X, Instagram and LinkedIn.

The following riders from Winthrop are:

Melanie Burke  
Alyssa Champagne  
Ellen D'Agostino  
Nicholas Dalimonte  
Jules Kennedy  
Isabella Kennedy  
Ashley Mongeon  
Ali Sherwood  
Shane Sherwood  
Caitlin Sweeney

The Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) is a bike-athon that today raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraising event in the world. The PMC was founded in 1980 by Billy Starr, who remains the event's executive director, an annual cyclist and a fundraiser. The PMC has since raised \$972 million for adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund. The event donates 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to the cause, generating 62 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue as Dana-Farber's single largest contributor. The PMC has successfully melded support from committed cyclists, volunteers, corporate sponsors and individual contributors, all of which are essential to the PMC's goal and model: to attain maximum fundraising efficiency while increasing its annual gift. The PMC's hope and aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber's doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers. For more information on the Pan-Mass Challenge, visit [pmc.org](http://pmc.org).



## PRIDE COMEDY AND ART SHOW HELD AT KUSHALA

The Second Annual Pride Comedy & Art Show fundraiser was held at Kushala Sip Coffee House & Tapas Bar before a sold-out audience on Saturday, June 29 to raise funding and awareness for the great work Youth Elemento and Chelsea Black Community are doing for youth in this city in the ar-

reas of LGBTQ+ and Mental Health support.

Youth Elemento also organized an art show by LGBTQ youth which will be on display for the month of July at Kushala. The artwork is available for purchase with the compensation going directly to the youth artist. Local artist Max Corona

loaned us his artwork for the evening for a vibrant backdrop. Max's work also focuses on the areas of mental health.

Our comedians were Will Smalley, Danya Trommer, Augustin Reyes and Maria Palombi who also co-produced the show with Chelsea local Devra Sari Zabot, Clark Ave Pro-

ductions.

Dalia Valencia, owner of Kushala Sip Coffee House & Tapas Bar, sponsored the show with local Tequila vendor Real Zepe-

da. Dalia has now hosted three Clark Ave Production events and both Dalia and Devra hope to continue to produce these community-focused events.

Follow @clarkaveproductions and @kushalasip on IG for info on upcoming shows and other events.



City Councilor Lisa Santagate and Naomi Zabot, pictured at the comedy and art show at Kushala Sip Coffee House and Tapas Bar.



Naomi Zabot and Shahana Bhaduri, pictured at the comedy and art show.



Show producer Devra Zabot thanks the many guests who attended the show and for their continuing support of Clark Ave Productions.



Dalia Valencia, owner of Kushala Coffee House and Tapas Bar, welcomes guests to the venue.



Comedian Maria Palombi entertains the guests with her funny jokes and witty stories at the show.



Rising professional artist Max Corona, show produce Devra Zabot, City Councilor Lisa Santagate, Matt Frank of the Chelsea Housing Authority, and Sharon Caulfield.



Show producer Devra Zabot (second from left) of Clark Ave Productions welcomes the comedians to Chelsea, (from left) Augustin Reyes, Will Smalley, Danya Trommer, and Maria Palombi, who was also a co-producer of the show.

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firmly ensconced in City Hall and looking to make a Chelsea a better place for residents with a more efficient government.

Fields comes to Chelsea from her most recent role as the assistant town administrator in Brookline.

"When I saw this position get posted (in Chelsea), a friend sent it to me and (said) this seems to be exactly what you're doing here, but on a little bit of a bigger scale in a different form of government and closer to where you live," said Fields, a Winthrop resident.

Fields said she had been in Brookline for about five years, but was drawn to work in a city like Chelsea with its diverse background.

In a sentiment echoed by Mason and Rodriguez, Fields said she was also drawn in by Maltez and his engaging leadership style. She added that she was further drawn in by the interview process for the position.

"Cities are so political, everyone knows someone, which is how a lot of positions can be filled, and that was not my experience at all," said Fields. "It was a really fair and thoughtful process, there were multiple rounds, various levels of process oriented, how would you work through a problem ... technical questions about skills and background, and I was very pleasantly surprised to receive the offer."

Both Mason and Rodriguez are Chelsea natives who worked in Chelsea previously before coming back to the city to start their new positions.

"I grew up in Chelsea and I worked in Chelsea several times," said Mason.

Mason was most recent-



New Deputy City Manager for Finance Michael Mason, Deputy City Manager for Operations Devon Fields, and Director of Constituent Services Bernabe Rodriguez.

ly the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations in Arlington. Prior to that, he spent six years in different roles for the Chelsea Public Schools.

"What really attracted me to this role was that this was a community that I consider home, I wanted to come back and give back to this community," said Mason. "In addition to that, I felt when I left here there was unfinished work. I was working on the school side, and when I worked there, it was more about modernization of processes, how to leverage technology, and to improve systems and make more efficiencies."

Now that he is back in Chelsea as the Deputy City Manager of Finance, Mason said he can address some of those issues city-wide.

"Let me see how I can bring people together, build relationships to then be able to move forward some of the projects and monitor this. Not just for the school department now, but for the entire city."

Mason said he worked with Maltez briefly before when they were both in Chelsea, and he was excited to extend that partner-

ship.

"His reputation preceded him, so I was thrilled in that sense," said Mason. "And then coming aboard, I was welcomed by everyone and excited to get this team together to start to make some changes."

Rodriguez was the assistant city clerk in Somerville for two years, and spent five years in various roles with the City of Chelsea.

"I have been working for municipal government my whole career," said Rodriguez, who started as an intern for the city clerk's office before working as an executive assistant for former City Manager Tom Ambrosino.

Rodriguez said he worked with Maltez previously when Maltez headed the public works department to help launch the city's 311 program.

"When Fidel was picked as the city manager and this position came about and posted, it just made sense to come back to my community," said Rodriguez. "When I was in Somerville, although it was great to work there and it's a great city, I felt like I always missed that connection to seeing the results of my work."

Rodriguez, like Mason and Fields, said he is drawn to Chelsea by the city's commitment to being forward-thinking and putting systems in place to help residents.

"A lot of people are trying to reel back, and I think from Fidel's standpoint, his goal and vision for the city is that we have to keep getting better, you set a standard," said Rodriguez.

While the constituent services position is new, Rodriguez said it consolidates a lot of the work he has done in the past in both Chelsea and Somerville.

Much of his work stems from answering concerns from residents, as well as business owners, in making sure they are in touch with the right city departments for their concerns, or making sure they are properly funneled through the application and licensing processes.

Rodriguez said there has also been a focus on providing emergency fund assistance for those residents in the city facing major challenges.

"We have been having a lot of fires lately, so there are really some residents who are in dire need, their lives are changing in the snap of a second, and the city has been doing a lot to respond to that," he said. "I know cities don't get really involved in a lot of those private matters, and that's between the homeowner and the tenant, but I think Chelsea set the standard. That is the big thing, how do we help, and to what capacity; even if it is to a small capacity we are going to step in."

Looking toward the next several years in City Hall; Mason, Fields, and Rodriguez said they are all looking forward to continuing to work with Maltez and the city's residents and to help put systems in place to provide greater efficiencies for everyone.

"Internally, I would love as a team if we could be more unified to move forward on some of the major improvement projects that we are queuing up," said Mason. "What that would look like is a more efficient local government

for the community here in Chelsea in which we can find ways to save money and ways to operate faster."

Fields said she has several goals she wants to work on in the coming years, including increasing voter turnout as well as making Chelsea a more attractive place to work.

"I want Chelsea to be a premier place to work," Fields said. "I want people to say I want to work in Chelsea, and I want those to be residents, I want those to be area issue experts who are at the top of their field who are going to bring us to the next level."

Rodriguez said one of his goals is to train the city's staff so that they are more familiar with issues across city government and are less siloed.

"That goes across every department, and I think that this is an issue that all municipalities struggle with, is trying to have people know what is going on in other departments or other parts of the city," said Rodriguez.

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Greenhouse Ma Acqui LLC	Greenhouse Associates Lp	198 Cherry St	\$23,000,000
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## OBITUARIES

### Leticia W. Prudencio

December 22, 1964 - July 5, 2024

Family and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours on Friday, July 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea for Leticia Prudencio. Funeral Services for Lety will be held on Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Chelsea, 185 Shurtleff St, Chelsea. Services will conclude with her burial service at the Holy Cross Cemetery, 175 Broadway, Malden.

Leticia Prudencio, 59, of La Lima, Cortes, Honduras, known by everyone as "Lety," passed away on Friday morning, July 5th, 2024. Born and raised in Honduras, Leticia migrated to the United States as a young woman with the desire to seek a better life for her and her family. As a lifelong resident of Chelsea, Leticia worked in her early years at Kayem Foods to provide for her family.

In her later years, Leticia focused on childcare, helping to raise her three grandchildren (Cairo, Andrew and Ella), as well as being a loving nanny to Luke and Lauren Haney. Leticia was well known by many for being the life of the party with her fancy dress attire, sense



of humor and selling of oil fragrances. Beyond that, Leticia received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior in 2008 and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Chelsea. By God's grace, Leticia became a servant of the Lord and a uniter of people, always seeking for her family and friends to live in peace and harmony, and her love for her children and grandchildren is what will leave a lasting impression on her family forever.

Leticia is survived by her daughters Waldina Del Rio and Sheyla Salazar, and grandchildren: Cairo Del Rio, Ella Del Rio, and Andrew Barillas.

For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit [www.WelshFH.com](http://www.WelshFH.com).



#### In Memoriam

July 6, 2005 - July 6, 2024  
19<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

### Kay Francis Bevere



It is 19 years ago today you left us,  
There isn't a day that goes by  
that you are not with us in  
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Sr., and his son, Joe Bevere Jr., who was one of Larry's greatest all-time players, leading the Royals to three championships in four years. During his son's CYBL career, Mr. Bevere, steeped in his own baseball coaching knowledge, would attend games and watch admirably as Larry Notkin masterfully coached Joe Jr. and the team.

"We called him 'Larry The Legend,'" said Joe Bevere Jr. "That name truly fit him. I want to emphasize how much fun we had playing with the Royals and having Larry coaching us. The best part was that Larry loved to win, and we won. The rivalry with the Pirates and [coach] Paul Goldberg was great. Larry was a great coach. I have so many great memories of playing in the Pony League."

Current Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Paul Nowicki, one of the most feared hitters in the league at that time and in league history, praised Notkin in his remarks to Chelsea Community Cable Television at the 400th anniversary gala. Nowicki told the audience that Chelsea had lost "a legend", while also stating that Larry Notkin and Paul's father, Fred Nowicki, were friends growing up in Chelsea and classmates at Chelsea High School.

Richie "Hawk" Halas, a pitcher for the great Larry Notkin-coached Red Sox teams in the late 1960s with such terrific teammates as Jimmy Ippolito, Paul Cameron, and Bobby Breau, said Larry was a positive influence in his youth, dispensing valuable life lessons about teamwork and sportsmanship.

"We had a practice one day at Highland Park and Larry noticed that I was the only player not there," remembered Halas. "Larry knew exactly where I was, so he got into his car and drove to the Broadway Bowling Alleys where I was bowling. He came up the stairs, pulled me off the lanes, and took me to practice. It was the last practice I ever missed. I was 12-0 as a pitcher in my final season and playing for Larry and being a part of those championship teams are some of the greatest memories of my youth."

John Montes, teen di-

rector at the Jordan Boys and Girls Club, was an All-Star catcher for the A's in the Pony League, competing against Notkin's Royals.

"Larry was indeed a legend," said Montes. "Losing Larry on the day of Chelsea's 400th anniversary gala was so sad because he meant so much to many kids growing up and playing baseball in Chelsea and he was a big part of this city's sports history. Larry will be missed."

Larry also developed tremendous friendships through his baseball coaching days, most notably with CYBL president Tony Greco. Though they sparred on some league matters at meetings, it was always cordial with the dual goal in mind of enhancing the baseball experience of each player. And it was Larry Notkin, who coached Tony's son, Anthony Greco, on the Royals, developing him into a superb baseball player.

Brucie Harrison, the amazingly successful coach of the Bucks teams in the Chelsea Youth Basketball League, said you had to be "extra prepared" when you took the court against Larry Notkin's Nets.

"Larry is 'The Legend,'" said Harrison. "I watched Larry coach basketball and I learned so much from him when I was just starting out. We became friends for many years. I admired Larry and I will miss my friend."

Larry's chief coaching rival in the CYBL during those years was Steve Selbovitz, for it was Selbovitz who was the Red Auerbach of the league before Notkin built a mini-dynasty with the Nets. Selbovitz and Notkin were friends, Selbovitz paid his respects at the graveside services last Friday.

Also paying his respects was Greg Hancock, one of the CYBL's greatest basketball players and ace floor general for Notkin's Nets. Hancock's presence brought back memories of how Larry was able to add to his roster the great Bobby Foster - a 6-foot-4-inch, 12-year-old player - following the annual player draft. It took all of the Sixers' league MVP, Smokin' Joe Smith's immense abilities, and those of his teammates such as playoff MVP Chris Jones, Sportsmanship Award

winner Teddy Lim, the league's most improved player, Jimmy Velastegui, future league MVP Bobby Mullaney, and future Sportsmanship Award winner Chris Nolan, to prevail over Notkin's Nets, Bobby Foster, and claim the championship.

Edward Rosa, former Chelsea High administrator and coach, knew of Larry Notkin's kindness and generosity from the platform of their friendship. "He was so great to the kids that he coached. But whenever we would talk the phone, he would always end the conversation with, 'give my best to Concetta, which is my wife Connie.' He was so thoughtful. We've lost a great one in Larry."

#### The friendship of Jerry Bowen

The exceptional efforts of Jerry Bowen in the planning of the memorial tribute to Larry Notkin did not go unnoticed by Larry's friends.

Jerry was famously the brilliant shortstop for the CYBL Cubs, an expansion team that Larry started after his tenure as the Red Sox manager. Soon, the Cubs became perennial contenders and champions with Bowen the heart and soul of the team.

The two men, player and coach, Bowen and Notkin, became lifelong friends. Jerry delivered remarks at the funeral services and the bereavement luncheon that followed at the Marina at the Wharf. He was also the contact person for those who wanted to share their thoughts about Larry's life of kindness and coaching, but were unable to attend the memorial observances.

And finally, it was Jerry Bowen who wrote the obituary about Larry Notkin. "While I was writing it, I shed tears," admitted Bowen. "There was so much I wanted to say about Larry."

Friends made it a point to tell Jerry Bowen how the spoken thoughts and written words about his friend were brilliant and very much appreciated by all who knew Lawrence "Larry" Notkin.

Following is the obituary written by Jerry Bowen that appears on the Torf Funeral Home website:

**Lawrence L. Notkin,**  
Feb 14, 1941-June 27, 2024.

A native son of Chelsea,

MA, Larry passed away peacefully in his adopted home of Florida, having lived his life exactly as he wanted. The son of Bessie (Kaminsky) and Charles Notkin, and brother of the late Joyce Notkin, Larry graduated from Chelsea High School and became a well-known figure in the city he loved. Always good with numbers, Larry attended Burdett College in Boston, studying accounting and he found employment at a Boston bank. Larry was a fan of all local sports teams, but he was passionate about his Boston Celtics. Their recent NBA Championship had him smiling and reminiscing of the many games he attended in the old Boston Garden.

Whenever friends and relatives speak of Larry they'll mention his humor, his smile and his generosity. But first and foremost will be his love for, and dedication to, Chelsea sports and the young athletes who played the games. For 42 years Larry and his teams were synonymous with winning in the competitive Chelsea Youth/RBI Baseball League. With dominate teams like the Red Sox, Cubs and Royals, Coach Notkin not only taught countless teens how to play, but also became a mentor to them. He managed to duplicate his success on the baseball field with 26 years as a coach for the Chelsea Youth Basketball League. When Larry finally retired from coaching in 2006 he said his ultimate enjoyment was teaching, coaching and watching the kids play. Even up to last week, so many men who grew up in Chelsea addressed Larry as "Coach".

Over the years Larry and friends traveled to Jamaica so many times that they lost count of the number. In 2004 Larry became a Florida "snowbird", and just like back home, he easily made friends, who found him to be adorable and a "character". His love and desire for the warmer climate turned Larry into a full time Florida resident, but he never forgot his Chelsea roots and he often bragged about the city. The positive impact Larry Notkin had on those who met him and loved him is immeasurable and will last a lifetime. It truly is the end of an era.

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ter station in Mary O'Malley Waterfront Park, on Admirals Hill.

"The route is designed for everyone, regardless of your fitness ability. The course is mostly flat. Whether you are an experienced runner trying to run your best race time, you are a casual runner, walker, or this is your first time running a 5K, this race is for you," encouraged Rodriguez.

The Chelsea 5K Road Race will be limited to 400 runners in observance of the city's 400th anniversary. All registrants will receive a commemorative t-shirt and unique bib labeled with numbers between 1624 - to honor the year Chelsea was first settled - to 2024. Finishers will earn a medal; and the first three runners to cross the finish line will be presented awards.

"We're planning a celebration in the courtyard

of the Williams School," added Adam Edgett, co-race director. "We're going to have refreshments and food for the runners to re-fuel after the race. We're planning to get a DJ to make it lively."

Rodriguez anticipates a vibrant, energetic day for the community to gather in support of the race and to honor the spirit of Chelsea. He hopes that spectators cheer for family, friends, and neighbors from the sidelines.

"We want to empower the community to run," beamed Rodriguez. "We are celebrating our champions from the past, present, and future - their victories and hard times."

When Rodriguez started running in 2018, he noticed few others running through the city. He would soon establish the Chelsea Running Club to promote healthy living and camaraderie. The Chelsea

Running Club is now in its third season, and includes Edgett among its members.

"Running has had a positive impact on their physical and mental health," said Rodriguez about the Running Club. "Running can change your life. It can relieve stress and anxiety. Running is powerful."

Rodriguez and Edgett hope that the Chelsea 5K Road Race can impact the greater community and welcome participants from local cities.

"Even the Running Club has people from surrounding communities," mentioned Edgett. "I think it's a good way to bring people from areas around us who don't necessarily come to Chelsea as often to come see what Chelsea is like to run."

A Chelsea Heritage Grant was awarded from the Chelsea Cultural Council to defray costs

and provide the low registration fee of \$20 per runner.

The Chelsea 5K Road Race will begin at 9AM on September 8, rain or shine, at the Williams School Building, located at 180 Walnut Street. Register by visiting [www.ChelseaRoadRace.RaceWire.com](http://www.ChelseaRoadRace.RaceWire.com).

"The experience of the course means a lot. The route offers a little bit of everything and celebrates the beauty of the city. Running past iconic landmarks and under the Tobin Bridge gives you connection and will bring us together as a community," described Rodriguez. "The Chelsea Road Race celebrates the heritage and culture of its people. It's an experience that will leave participants feeling accomplished and proud of being part of this magnificent event."

# Zoning Board of Appeals approves Beacham Street gas station proposal

By Adam Swift

The Zoning Board of Appeals granted a special permit and variances for a proposed 24-hour gas station at 410 Beacham St. at its meeting on Tuesday night.

Last month, the Planning Board recommended the ZBA not approve the permit and variances, citing traffic issues and the desire for a higher level of development near the Chelsea waterfront.

The lot is currently abandoned, but was used as a gas station for more than 50 years.

“The new gas station at 410 Beacham St. is on a triangular lot in an industrial zone, near the entrance of the produce market area,” said attorney David Mindlin, representing the applicant. “It will include four double pumps with eight fueling positions, and two sets of diesel pumps with a high

speed pump in the middle for tractor-trailers to be fueled on both sides.”

The size of the building is smaller than what was originally proposed to the ZBA, when it included a sit-down cafe area and office space on the second floor.

“It’s been scaled back to a grab and go convenience store with no seating and no eating on the premises,” said Mindlin, adding that would help alleviate

potential parking issues on the property.

Mindlin added that the second-floor office space had also been removed from the plans.

The gas station would be open 24-hours per day, with the convenience store operating from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., Mindlin said.

“Part of the reason for doing (this project) is because there are not a lot of gas stations in Chelsea,” said Mindlin.

The Beacham Street station could potentially help alleviate truck traffic at the Marathon Station across from the high school, Mindlin said.

“Not that we want to harm any other businesses, but there is a significant traffic issue there, and hopefully, there will be minimal traffic in this area,” said Mindlin.

City Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson voiced his support for the project.

“We had an ordinance on the books for a long time that no gas station could sell coffee or sandwiches, and I went in and reviewed that ordinance so that gas stations would be allowed to sell coffee and sandwiches,” said Robinson. “This has been a gas station since 1970. It’s in an industrial area, and one of the things they are not going to be doing (which the previous occupant did) is repair vehicles there.”

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LAND COURT  
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT  
DOCKET NO. 24 SM 002339  
ORDER OF NOTICE  
TO: Nerida Diaz  
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. C. 50 §3901 (et seq); U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for American Home Mortgage Investment Trust 2005-4C  
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Chelsea, numbered 74-76 Spencer Avenue a/k/a 74 Spencer Avenue, given by Angel Mendoza and Nerida Diaz to Mortgage Electronic Registration Sys-

tems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for American Home Mortgage, its successors and assigns, dated August 16, 2005, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 37819, Page 247, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or

before 8/12/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.  
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER  
Chief Justice of this Court on 6/25/2024.  
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson,  
Recorder  
7/11/24

### LEGAL NOTICE



Re: Global Chelsea Terminals, LLC  
281 Eastern Avenue,  
Chelsea, MA  
Chelsea Licensing Commission,  
August 8, 2024  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held

by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a New Petroleum Storage License application for Global Chelsea Terminals, LLC at 281 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise.  
CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION  
Naomi Libran  
Licensing Administrator  
7/11/24, 7/18/24

### LEGAL NOTICE



Re: JOLO CAN,

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Chelsea, MA  
Chelsea Licensing Commission,  
August 8, 2024  
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Chelsea Licensing Commission on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA. For a Cannabis License Change of Hours from 9am to 9pm requesting to change to 8am to 11pm for JOLO CAN, LLC d/b/a Harbor House Collective at 80 Eastern Avenue, Chelsea MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise.  
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MISSION  
Naomi Libran  
Licensing Administrator  
7/11/24, 7/18/24

### LEGAL NOTICE



NOTICE  
In accordance with Section 6-3 (b) of the Chelsea City Charter notice is hereby given that at a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Traffic and Parking Commission held on June 4, 2024, the Commission voted to approve the following regulations: The temporary approval to utilize a portion of Luther Place, behind 440 Broadway and along a portion of the sidewalk and public parking spaces, for the duration

of the construction of the project at 440 Broadway. To post a handicap sign at 33 Marlboro Street. To post a handicap sign at 144 Congress Avenue. The temporary approval to occupy and close the sidewalk, along Bellingham Street, for the reconstruction of Bosson Park. To approve the following changes to Clark Avenue:  
1. Intersection Markings: A box of pavement markings with a ‘Do Not Block’ text message on Webster Avenue, eastbound at its intersection with Clark Avenue.  
2. Wayfinding Signs: Install new guide signs indicating ‘To Broadway North’ with an arrow directing traffic at the following locations:  
\* Webster Avenue Southbound (Northwest of Gillooly Road) – a sign with a thru arrow directing traffic

straight toward Broadway; and  
\* Stockton Street southeast bound (between Gillooly Road and Clark Avenue) – a sign with a thru arrow directing traffic straight toward Broadway.  
3. Warning sign: Install a ‘Dead End’ Warning sign (W14-1) on Gillooly Road, at its intersection with Stockton Street.  
The approval of the construction management plan for the 375 Broadway project. The temporary approval of an amended fee of \$50 for the Business Day Sticker to make it more accessible to businesses, and their staff, for the duration of the utility improvement project in the Downtown Broadway.  
Jeannette Cintron White  
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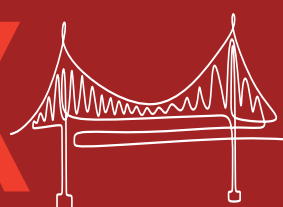


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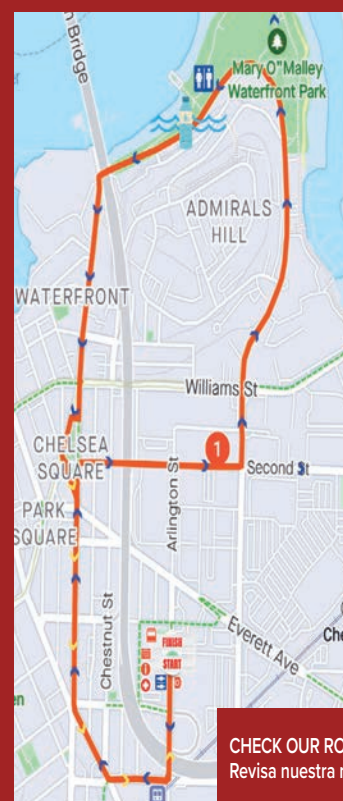
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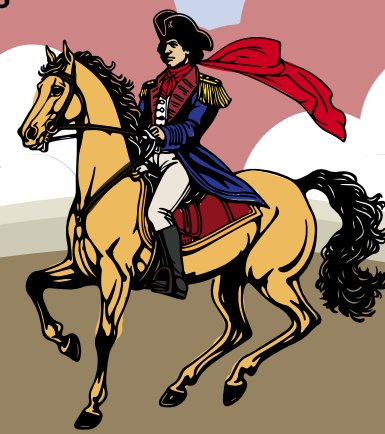
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