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## FOUR NEW POLICE OFFICERS SWORN IN



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Four new Chelsea Police Department officers were sworn in on Tuesday by City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White. The four officers recently graduated from the 5th Recruit Officer Class Lynnfield Police Academy. Shown (left to right) are City Manager Fidel Maltez, Officer Darien Lavino, Officer Sulmy Urrutia, Officer Oscar Lopez, Officer Christopher Marroquin, Chief Keith Houghton, and Sgt. Michael Addonizio. The new officers have graduated from the 5th ROC Lynnfield Police Academy after six months of training. They will undertake an additional three months of on-the-job training, riding with a veteran officer in the Chelsea Police Field Training Program, before hitting the streets on their own.

## DiDomenico supports sweeping systemic reforms to long term care and assisted living facilities

Special to the Independent

Last week, the Massachusetts Senate approved sweeping reforms to the Commonwealth's long term care and assisted living sectors, taking a powerful step towards delivering the high quality and safe care that Massa-

chusetts seniors deserve. Senator DiDomenico supported S.2889, An Act relative to long term care and assisted living, which substantially strengthens oversight and enforcement while also requiring facilities to create outbreak plans should a health issue arise.

The bill also creates an LGBTQ+ bill of rights for aging residents to prohibit discrimination based on their LGBTQ+ identity or HIV status. After robust debate, the bill passed 39-0. "Our state's older residents are invaluable members of our community,

and it is of the highest importance that we ensure the best quality of life for people living in assisted living facilities," said Senator Sal DiDomenico. "I am proud to support this legislative package that will move our state

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## APOLLINAIRE THEATRE PRESENTS 'THE SUPPLIANT WOMEN'



PHOTO BY DANIELLE FAUTEUX JACQUES

The cast of The Suppliant Women, running Fridays and Saturdays at Port Park on Marginal Street in early August.

Special to the Record

Apollinaire Theatre Company, in collaboration with Teatro Chelsea

and the City of Chelsea, presents Aeschylus's "The Suppliant Women" in a version by David Greig with music by John

Browne. This bilingual adaptation, featuring haunting music and dynamic choreography is designed to engage English speak-

ing and Spanish speaking audiences alike. Fifty women board a

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## Lt. Governor, housing secretary celebrate CDBG in Chelsea

By Adam Swift

Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll visited Chelsea City Hall on Thursday, July 25 to announce the latest round of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for the state. Driscoll was joined by state housing secretary Ed Augustus, City Manager Fidel Maltez, state Representative Judith Garcia, state Senator Sal DiDomenico, city councilors Leo Robinson, Lisa Santagate, and Norieliz De Jesus, as well as officials from several other municipalities receiving CDBG grants.



PHOTO BY ADAM SWIFT

Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll talks about the CDBG grant awards at city hall last week.

"In Chelsea, this grant will support the community with a large infrastructure project on Bloomingdale Street," said Maltez. "The project will provide much needed updates in one of the most heavily trafficked parts of our city, serving the residents who access the bus on Washington Ave. and a large Chelsea Housing Authority building which is home to over 200 seniors and disabled Chelsea residents." In total, Maltez said the upgrades will benefit over 3,000 residents, the vast majority of whom are low income. "These types of investments demonstrate and emphasize our commitment to our most vulnerable residents," said Mal-

tez. "The grant will also fund new and existing social service programs within the city, including citizenship and immigration services, English as a second language, retention of youth in our schools, and senior food delivery." In the last three grant cycles in Chelsea, Maltez said the CDBG grants have helped support first-time homebuyers' assistance programs, housing rehabilitation programs, home daycare providers, affordable housing acquisition, and other social service programs. "Our city's partnerships with community-based organizations are vital to the delivery of these services," said Maltez. "La Colaborativa, a driving social

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## DiDomenico, La Colaborativa, MLRI, Coalition secure funding for ATC pilot program

Special to the Record

Following a multifaceted, on-the-ground campaign by La Colaborativa, Mass. Law Reform Institute (MLRI), and numerous key partners, Governor Maura Healey signed the FY25 budget and included the House and Senate's recommendation for \$2.5 million to launch an Access to Counsel (ATC) pilot program to provide lawyers for low-income tenants facing eviction, an investment proven to decrease housing instability and homelessness.

"With this momentous step, following decades of advocacy, Massachusetts can start to help struggling families, keep people off the streets and out of crowded shelters, and make sure that there is equity and fairness for all facing eviction, not just for those with the resources to hire an attorney," Gladys Vega, Executive Director of La Colaborativa in Chelsea, said.

Annette Duke, senior housing attorney for MLRI, who led a broad

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force in our community, administers the citizenship and immigration service program and has found ways to continuously expand and adapt this service. The Neighborhood Developers have been a key player in developing affordable housing in Chelsea for many years ... and Chelsea Restoration Corporation is a longtime provider and administers our HUD certified first-time homebuyer classes.”

Driscoll said she was excited to be back in Chelsea City Hall, where she served as legal counsel and later a deputy city manager prior to being elected mayor in Salem.

“I really appreciate all the work that goes into making this community thrive, and that is why I am so pleased to be here with so many local leaders from this community and others doing the work every day to build strong communities, keeping our citizenry healthy, finding ways to use these dollars,” said Driscoll. “This is probably the most diverse funding that we get at the local level in terms of the flexibility to do so many things.”

Driscoll said she was grateful to help distribute \$39 million in CDBG grant money to 65 communities.

“If you add that along with the federal CDBG dollars for entitlement communities, there are almost a third of cities and towns receiving these dollars to help strengthen



PHOTOS BY ADAM SWIFT

Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll celebrated the latest round of Community Development Block Grant awards at City Hall with city and state leaders.

what happens every single day,” said Driscoll. “None of that happens, of course, without strong support at the federal level. We are so grateful for our federal partners, particularly Senator Markey’s office and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley’s office.”

As a former mayor, Driscoll said she remembers what it was like to dig for resources and meet the demand for needs in her community.

“That’s where these

CDBG dollars come into play, they are just really critical,” Driscoll said. “It’s a broad array, it’s going to look different in different communities, from housing rehab to public improvements to parks to economic development to citizenship and ESOL classes, it’s just a broad range. We want to make sure we are doing everything we can to support communities.”

Augustus said the CDBG money really fo-

cus on the needs of the individual communities.

“You know what the needs of your communities are, you know how to take these really essential dollars, plug them in, and fill gaps, make connections, meet people where they are and make sure they get what they need,” he said. “It’s such a great example of how the government can work at the federal, state, and local level.”



State Housing Secretary Ed Augustus.



Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez.

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boat in North Africa. They flee across the Mediterranean, leaving everything behind. They are escaping forced marriage in their home and seeking asylum in Greece. Written 2,500

years ago, The Suppliant Women is one of the world’s oldest surviving plays. It’s about the plight of refugees, moral and human rights, and democracy. It tells a story that

echoes down the ages to find striking and poignant resonance today.

Part play, part ritual, part theatrical archaeology, The Suppliant Women explores fundamental

questions of humanity: who are we, where do we belong and, if all goes wrong, who will take us in?

The Suppliant Women features a cast of 50, helmed by Paola Ferrer (Hamlet, Don’t Eat the Mangos, Dance Nation, etc.) as Danaos, Brooks Reeves (Hamlet, The Importance of Being Earnest, The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart, etc.) as The King, and Chorus Leaders Parker Jennings (Touching the Void, Lunch Bunch), with Pearl Scott and Charleen Andujar making their Apollinaire debuts.

This play is unusual in that the traditional Chorus plays the main role, expressing themselves through song and movement. The singers are accompanied by the aulos—an ancient double-barreled oboe that accompanied the original productions of Greek dramas. There are only about 250 people in the world who play aulos, and we are lucky to

have found one of them: Aneesh Kashalikar. The score is also arranged for a large array of percussion instruments played by local percussionists Laura Jordan and Stephen Guerra. David Reiffel, Norton Award winner for New Rep’s Man of La Mancha and Speak-easy’s Shakespeare in Love, is the Music Director.

The Suppliant Women is Apollinaire’s fourth production of a David Greig play, directly following our spring production of Touching the Void, and The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart in 2019 (Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Ensemble) and MidSummer in 2015. Greig is a multi-award-winning playwright and the Artistic Director of the Royal Lyceum Edinburgh.

The evening begins at 6:00 with Live Music, Performances, and Craft Brews at the pop-up Bear-Moose Beer Garden in PORT Park. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn

chairs or blankets, and to enjoy a picnic dinner via take-out or delivery from Chelsea’s exciting culinary delights. Dining Information will be available on: [apollinairetheatre.com](http://apollinairetheatre.com). The Suppliant Women begins at 7:30.

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Directed by Danielle Fauteux Jacques

Music Director: David Reiffel

Choreographer: Audrey Johnson

Pre-Show Directors: Charleen Andujar, Brooks Reeves



By Tracy Nowicki  
Director of Elder Services

### Navigating Aging with Grace: Insights from the Chelsea Senior Center

I recently had the pleasure of talking with a longtime friend and admired community figure, Denise M. Our conversation highlighted the importance of staying active and socially engaged, especially when life’s circumstances shift from what we once considered the norm.

As we journey through life, aging brings its own set of challenges, particularly for those navigating this stage alone. Whether by circumstance or choice, being older and solitary can present hurdles that demand resilience and adaptability.

Maintaining a sense of independence in a world often geared towards the young and energetic can be a significant challenge. However, older individuals are proving that

## Vintage Vibes

age doesn’t have to limit activity or engagement. The Chelsea Senior Center, along with various community groups, provides ample opportunities for pursuing hobbies, volunteering, and exploring new career paths.

A common misconception is that senior centers are only for those with a distinctly “older” physique and mindset. In reality, today’s older adults are more dynamic than ever before, and they are reshaping the perception of these spaces. The Chelsea Senior Center, and similar organizations, are vibrant hubs where the energy and interests of today’s “seniors” (age 55+) blend seamlessly with the younger aspects of their identities, challenging outdated stereotypes of what it means to be “senior age”.

Social connection is essential to emotional well-being at any age. While younger generations may lean towards digital communication, older adults often value face-to-face interactions. The Chelsea Senior Center provides a welcoming space for socializing, with activities like a meeting spot to have coffee and pastry with friends, to fitness classes that foster both community and a sense of purpose.

Feeling valued and important is crucial for

aging gracefully. Older adults contribute immensely through their wisdom, experience, and mentorship. At the Chelsea Senior Center, and in broader community roles, they play vital parts as volunteers, advisors, and leaders, enriching society with their unique perspectives and skills.

Technology also plays a role in bridging generational gaps. Social media platforms help older adults stay connected with family, share experiences, and keep up with current events, ensuring they remain engaged in a rapidly evolving world.

Thriving in later years involves embracing change while honoring traditions that support dignity and independence. By building strong social networks, pursuing personal passions, and welcoming new experiences, older individuals defy stereotypes and lead vibrant, meaningful lives.

In a society often focused on youth, the resilience and wisdom of older adults remind us that age is merely a number. Every stage of life offers opportunities for growth, connection, and contribution, demonstrated daily at places like the Chelsea Senior Center.

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forward in helping ensure our long-term care and assisted living facilities are safe and providing quality care throughout the Commonwealth. We are all going to need some form of care when we get older, and it is our obligation in government to guarantee everyone has the right to age with dignity. I want to thank Senate President Spilka, Chair Rodrigues, and Senator Jehlen for shepherding this critical legislation through the Senate.”

The bill includes provisions related to basic health services administered in assisted living facilities and oversight of long term care facilities, including the following.

Assisted Living Basic Health Services. The bill makes it easier for residents of nursing homes and long term care facilities to get timely and efficient care by allowing Assisted Living Residences (ALRs) to offer basic health services such as helping a resident administer drops, manage their oxygen, or take a home diagnostic test. The legislation requires ALRs create service plans that demonstrate the residence has the necessary procedures in place, such as staff training and policies, to ensure safe and effective delivery of basic health services.

The legislation enhances oversight and compliance of ALRs by lowering the threshold for ownership interest disclosure from 25 per cent to five per cent. Under the new law, applicants are required to demonstrate that any prior multifamily housing, ALR,

or health care facilities in which they had an interest met all the licensure or certification criteria. If any of these facilities were subject to enforcement action, the applicant must provide evidence that they corrected these deficiencies without revocation of licensure or certification.

This bill also gives the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) new powers to penalize non-compliance by allowing them to fine ALRs up to \$500 per day. This is in addition to existing EOEA powers to modify, suspend, or revoke a certification, or deny a recertification. Finally, it adds whistleblower protections for staff and residents who report anything happening at an ALR that they reasonably believe is a threat to the health or safety of staff or residents.

Long Term Care Facilities. The bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to inspect each long term care facility every nine to 15 months to assess quality of services and compliance. It also requires DPH to review the civil litigation history, in addition to the criminal history, of the long term care facility applicants, including any litigation related to quality of care, patient safety, labor issues, or deceptive business practices.

S.2889 requires DPH to review the financial capacity of an applicant and its history in providing long term care in Massachusetts and other states. It requires applicants to notify DPH if it is undergoing financial distress, such as filing for bankruptcy, defaulting on

a lending agreement, or undergoing receivership.

It allows DPH to limit, restrict, or revoke a long term care facility license for cause, such as substantial or sustained failure to provide adequate care, substantial or sustained failure to comply with laws or regulations, or lack of financial capacity to operate a facility. It also gives DPH the power to appoint a temporary manager if a long term care facility owner fails to maintain substantial or sustained compliance with laws and regulations. This manager would be brought on for at least three months, at the facility owner’s expense, to bring the facility into compliance.

The bill requires long term care facilities to submit outbreak response plans to DPH with clear protocols for the isolation of residents, lab testing, visitor screening, preventing spread from staff, and the notification of residents, family, and staff in the event of a contagious disease outbreak.

The bill prohibits long term care facilities from discriminating against residents based on LGBTQ+ identity or HIV status, whether through the denial of admission, medical or non-medical care, access to restrooms, or through room assignments. It also requires staff training on preserving LGBTQ+ rights and care.

Versions of the bill having passed both chambers of the Legislature, the two branches will now reconcile their differences before sending a bill to the Governor’s desk.

# Richard M. Barden has been named as the next Principal of Northeast Metro Tech

Throughout the interview process, Mr. Barden was highly impressive. Barden began his career in 2001 as a classroom teacher at the Donald P. Timony Grammar School in Methuen. He has taught math and worked in the Methuen Public School’s Freshman Academy. He became high school Associate Principal in 2011, and Supervising Principal in 2015.

Barden holds a Bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering from Merrimack College, a Master’s degree in Teaching Mathematics from Salem State University, and a certificate of advanced graduate study in educational leadership from Salem State University.

“I am excited and honored to be named principal of Northeast Metro Tech,” said Barden. “It is a privilege to join the esteemed faculty, staff, and



PHOTO COURTESY NORTHEAST METRO TECH

**Richard M. Barden, who has been appointed to be the next Principal of Northeast Metro Tech, stands outside of the school.**

administration who are committed to the development and success of all students while cultivating a school climate that is inclusive, safe, and supportive. I look forward to meeting students and partnering with families and community members. I am grateful for this opportunity to lead Northeast

Metro Tech in its quest to ensure all students receive the high-quality education they deserve and will cherish for a lifetime.”

Barden is an experienced educator who has been teaching since 2001, and who spent the last nine years serving as Supervising Principal at Methuen High School. Mr. Barden has demonstrated considerable leadership at Methuen High School and will bring his vast knowledge, experience and compassion to Northeast. Barden will replace Principal Carla Scuzzarella.

“I’m pleased to welcome Mr. Barden to Northeast Metro Tech. I’m sure he will continue his long and distinguished career in support of our students,” said Superintendent DiBarri. “Please join me in welcoming him to the Northeast community.”

# New policy for migrant families causes uproar

By Fran Roznowski, Chelsea  
Uniting Against the War

On July 29, members of Chelsea Uniting Against the War and local residents joined more than 150 protesters in front of the State House to demand that Governor Healy rescind her latest policy which harms migrant families.

As of August 1, families currently living at the following: Chelsea’s Soldier’s Home, a former minimum prison in Norfolk, the former Middlesex Probate and Family Court in Cambridge and a Massachusetts National Guard armory in Lexington will only be able to stay for five days. Migrant families will be required to wait for 6 months or more for another shelter placement.

Rally speakers including legislators, staff from non-profit organizations that provide services for the homeless and a family physician warned that

after 5 days described the likely outcome. Children and their families will end up sleeping in bus or train stations, in hospital emergency rooms or in the street.

It was mentioned repeatedly that Massachusetts has a reputation as a welcoming state throughout the nation. Since 1983 the Commonwealth is the only state to protect families with children and pregnant people experiencing homelessness with A Right to Shelter Law. Healey’s new policy does not reflect this fundamental value of the Commonwealth.

Several speakers that Massachusetts does not have an immigrant crisis nor a homeless crisis, it does have an immediate housing crisis. Specific solutions were presented at the event. Representative Samantha Montañó from Jamaica Plain suggested that bond money be used to create affordable housing and include rent

control on the ballot in 2 years.

After the rally I spoke to Gladys Vega, executive director of La Colaborativa, which runs the local emergency overflow shelter at the Soldiers Home. She noted with anger, “We would have never signed the contract (with the state) if we knew that the families would be moving from the La Casita to the street.” Families will be moving out on August 6.

Make your voice heard to support families experiencing homelessness and protect their right to shelter. Contact Governor Maura Healy at 617-725-4005.

For more information about Chelsea Uniting Against the / Chelsea Uniendose en Contra de la Guerra contact Joel 617-688-1197 (español) or Fran – 617- 821-4504 (English and Spanish) Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/chelseauuniting.againstthewar>.

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coalition that advanced this initiative, said the inequity of legal representation in Massachusetts eviction cases is stark.

“In 2023, the Massachusetts Trial Court reported that in non-payment cases in Housing Court, only 2.5% of tenants were represented by a lawyer, while 90% of landlords were represented,” Duke said.

“Legal representation is a lifeline to tenants facing and with our legal services and community partners, we look forward to building a sustainable access to counsel program.”

Georgia Katsoulomitis, Executive Director of the MLRI, said the pilot program is a significant step

forward for housing justice and equity.

“A significant number of households facing eviction are Black or Brown, and very often are families headed by a single mother,” said Katsoulomitis. “Gov. Healey, Attorney General (Andrea) Campbell and more than 240 legal, housing, healthcare and faith organizations support Access to Counsel as a way to provide tenants a level

playing field, keep families housed, and build safe, healthy communities.”

The pilot program funding will be administered by the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation to provide full repre-

sentation for low-income tenants and low-income owner-occupied landlords as articulated in bills filed by state Representative Dave Rogers, state Rep Mike Day, and state Senator Sal DiDomenico, which were reported out favorably by the Judiciary Committee to House Ways and Means.

In calling for passage of the bill before the Joint Judiciary Committee, Attorney General Campbell said: “The need for this legislation is especially urgent in light of the strain on our emergency shelter system for homeless families. Evictions have long-lasting economic and social impacts on individuals and their families.”

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## A REAL-LIFE TWISTER STRUCK REVERE 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

It was 10 years ago this week on Monday morning, July 28, that the neighboring community of Revere made national news when a tornado touched down at Mill Creek at the Chelsea line and tracked up Broadway to Brown Circle, leaving a trail of destruction in its wake that can only be described as something that one might see in a war zone.

When area residents awoke Monday and set out on their business for the day, there was no sign or warning of what Mother Nature would have in store for them at 9:34 that morning. But in the course of approximately five terrifying minutes, an F2 tornado -- in all its fury and unpredictability -- swept down Broadway and adjacent streets, causing tremendous damage to businesses, buildings, and homes.

An excerpt from the front page story of our sister newspaper, the Revere Journal, described the scene in the immediate aftermath this way:

"The sound of a freight train resounded outside the windows of Broadway businesses and homes in the immediate surrounding neighborhoods, a telltale sign of a tornado. Heavy things that aren't supposed to fly around like plastic bags were swirling; the opposite side of Broadway was invisible from one side to the other. The lights went out. The winds howled. Dumpsters were moved several yards. The skating rink roof was ripped off and deposited on Taft Street. City Hall windows on the south side were blown out like bombs had burst -- even computer screens and interior windows burst under the pressure of winds that tossed roofs like Frisbees and tore down granite blocks from the chimneys....Many people, who had no warning of the approaching storm, were outside or driving. They were blown in the winds, emerging from the whirlwind terrified and shaking, hardly able to relay to the Journal what had just happened to them. Just minutes after the storm passed, people who had been outside got up from where they were or emerged from their cars in a zombie-like daze."

Revere's public safety personnel were on the scene within minutes of the tornado's strike, doing everything they could to restore calm and order and to assist residents, almost all of whom had never witnessed a tornado in their lifetimes and who were in a shell-shocked state. In addition, the outpouring of assistance from Revere's neighboring communities and their public safety personnel in the aftermath of the tornado was heartwarming.

The workers of the city's Department of Public Works labored around the clock to clean the debris that resulted from the tornado and quickly restored a sense of normalcy to neighborhoods that were strewn with wires, trees, branches, and metal objects.

For those who were in the path of the F2 tornado, it is something that they will never forget. Miraculously, despite the immense destruction caused by the twister, which lifted roofs off buildings, uprooted large trees, and tossed cars around like Lego toys, nobody was killed and there were no serious injuries.

The Revere Tornado of 2014 now is a chapter in the history of our area. It will stand alone as an incredible weather event, a reminder of the havoc that Mother Nature can wreak in literally just a few minutes, the likes of which we hope we will never witness again.

## CONGRATULATIONS, MAYOR WU

We would like to offer our congratulations and best wishes to Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, who recently announced that she is expecting her third child in January.

Mayor Wu has told the press that she does not plan on taking maternity leave and fully intends to seek re-election next year.

We have no doubt that the mayor's husband, Conor Pawarski, will play a huge role on the homefront, given the incredible demands of the office of mayor.

We wish the mayor and her family all the best in the coming months and we look forward to greeting Boston City Hall's first-ever First Baby!

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# Forum

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## A budget that will make a big difference

By Maura Healey

I signed a groundbreaking new budget for our state.

This budget delivers on our shared priorities. It drives our state forward with urgency and purpose.

Massachusetts is the best place in the world to live, work, raise a family, and grow a business. But we face challenges, so we aren't resting. We're going on offense.

We're investing in the areas where we're already leading. But we're not just pushing forward on our #1 ranked schools and our nation-leading childcare policy. We're also tackling our biggest challenges by lowering more household costs and improving transportation.

And we're doing all of this responsibly -- staying within our means and focusing every taxpayer dollar on making life better for everyone who lives and works in our state.

So why is this budget going to make such a big difference? Let me give some examples.

We're making strides on education.

This budget funds Lit-

eracy Launch, our plan to provide high-quality, evidence-based reading instruction to every student from age 3 to grade 3.

We're fully funding the Student Opportunity Act, continuing to provide free breakfast and lunch for every public school student in the state, and fully phasing in the tax cuts we passed last year -- which for families now means the most generous, universal child and dependent tax credit in the nation, at \$440 per child.

We're funding a historic expansion of college access in our state. Building on the success of MassReconnect, which eliminated tuition and fees for students over 25, we're establishing MassEducate.

Massachusetts will now have the most comprehensive free Community College program in the United States.

We'll save money for students and families. We'll open the doors of higher education and career opportunity. And at a time when community colleges are critical partners on workforce training, it will help us build the workforce we need in climate technol-

ogy, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and more.

This budget also levels up our work to make transportation both more reliable and more affordable in our state.

It doubles our operating support for the MBTA, and funds the T's reduced fare program for low-income riders. It funds fare-free bus service at our 15 state-wide Regional Transit Authorities.

We're using \$250 million of Fair Share funding to leverage \$1 billion of investment capacity for transportation infrastructure -- including roads, bridges, and rails. That could mean as much as \$300 million, right away, for the MBTA Rail Enhancement Program that will accelerate our progress eliminating slow zones.

We're doubling down on our commitment to lead on climate. Last year we made history by investing a full 1% of our state's budget into Energy and Environment. This year, we're doing that again.

Our communities are deeply impacted by climate change already. We saw it in the floods last summer -- and this month. So many

communities dealt with serious damage. So this budget establishes the permanent Disaster Relief Fund.

These investments make us more competitive for employers to stay and grow here. They make it easier for people to afford to live and work here. And we have so much more coming.

Today's budget was possible due to our incredible partnership with the Speaker, Senate President, and the work of the entire legislature.

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I know we are going to continue the incredible progress we are making. And we're going to do it in the way we know how -- by coming together and delivering.

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*Maura Healey is the Governor of Massachusetts*

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To continue this mis-

sion, we need your support. Please consider making a donation to help us create scholarships for local students and provide an unforgettable experience at our Ninth Annual

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# Chelsea Children's Cabinet strives to support youth from "Cradle-to-Career"

Special to the Record

During the height of the pandemic, while schools were operating under virtual learning, Chelsea Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Almi G. Abeyta expressed her concerns about the future of Chelsea's youth in a conversation with Dr. Aaron Jennings, CPS' Chief of Staff and Equity. She was worried about the long-term impacts of the pandemic on students and recognized that the school department alone couldn't address the immense needs of students, as schools only engage with them for about 20 percent of their waking hours.

Drawing from her experience with the Children's Cabinet in Somerville, she approached then-City Manager Tom Ambrosino with the idea of creating a similar initiative in Chelsea. A Children's Cabinet is a collaborative action body composed of agencies inside and outside of government, with responsibilities and interests in seeing children thrive in school and in life. This led to the formation of the Chelsea Children's Cabinet in 2021. "We reached out to numerous community partners and invited them to join the Cabinet. Our initial meetings were held virtually since we were still in remote learning," Abeyta recounted.

At the outset, the Children's Cabinet focused on three main areas: expanded learning, college and career readiness, and mental health. Members selected which areas they wished to support, but as time passed, youth mental health became a more pressing issue. Consequently, City Manager Ambrosino encouraged the Cabinet to develop a proposal for funding



Shown (left to right) are Pastor Diego Netto, Fidel Maltez, Dr. Almi G. Abeyta, Geoffrey Canada and Dr. Aaron T. Jennings.

mental health services for young people. Thus, a proposal was created and funded.

Eventually, the EdRedesign Lab at the Harvard Graduate School of Education invited the Chelsea Children's Cabinet to become part of their network, and the Boston College Lynch School of Education and Human Development also came on board as a partner.

Three years later, thanks to the progress made through the Children's Cabinet, Superintendent Abeyta was chosen to be a William Julius Fellow at the Harlem Children's Zone. This fellowship selected only 24 superintendents from across the nation to envision and develop community-based education initiatives. As part of this fellowship, Superintendent Abeyta invited a small team to join her at the Transforming Place Through Neighborhood Leadership event hosted by the William Julius Wilson Institute and the EdRedesign Lab at Harvard Graduate School of Education. The Chelsea delegation included Fidel Maltez, City Manager, Dr. Aaron Jennings, Chief of Staff and Equity, and Lead Pastor Diego Netto of Re-

vive Community Church.

"Hearing from national leaders in the cradle-to-career movement and the amazing stories from communities across the country inspires the work happening in Chelsea," said Maltez. "We have

such a strong and special community, and the City alongside its partners in the Chelsea Children's Cabinet are committed to working together to ensure the success and well-being of our youth."

At the Institute, they had

the opportunity to learn from many distinguished speakers, including Geoffrey Canada, the President of the Harlem Children's Zone and innovator in the field of education and place-based work. "I have followed Geoffrey Canada's work for years and it is exciting to further the work he has perfected to positively impact the lives of children, youth, and families in Chelsea. I left the conference inspired and fully confident that we have what it takes to do the work here in Chelsea," added Dr. Jennings.

In the future, the team hopes to send a small group from Chelsea to visit the Harlem Children's Zone so they can learn more to build out a system that supports students from cradle to career.

"The Summer Institute 2024 was an eye-opening experience. I was particularly inspired by the stories shared by presenters and educators nationwide. The resources and information made available to us were invaluable, and I am encouraged to see the commitment of our leaders to the ongoing improvement of our education and local community," commented Revive Community Church Lead Pastor Diego Netto. "I see wonderful things on the horizon for our city; Chelsea has a team of excellence leading the charge on every front. I'm excited about the collaboration, partnerships, and effective change that will take place in support of our cradle-to-career efforts. Let's get to work!"

## RIVERA, REYES RECEIVE AWARDS AT FUNDAMENTAL BASKETBALL CAMP



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Jayden Rivera (left) and Jesus Reyes (right) each received major individual awards at the Fundamental Basketball Camp held July 22-26 at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center in Everett. Rivera was selected the camp's Most Valuable while Reyes won the Hot Shot Competition. Pictured above with Mystic Valley Regional Charter School boys basketball head coach and Camp Director Tony Ferullo (center) following the awards ceremony are Jayden Rivera, with his mother, Renee Rivera, and his brother, Silas Rivera, and Jesus Rivera, with his mother, Taisha Rivera.

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# Dr. Ellen Rovner teaches Jewish cooking class at GreenRoots' Teaching Kitchen

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Special to the Record

Dr. Ellen Rovner, a prominent historian with an expertise in Chelsea's Jewish history, led a cooking class Tuesday at GreenRoots' Teaching Kitchen.

Rovner taught residents in her second Jewish cooking class at the new facility located on Pearl Street.

"I'm happy to be teaching some traditional Jewish cooking classes," said Rovner, who holds a Ph.D from Brandeis University. "We're making dishes that were very common when the Jewish population really flourished in Chelsea. The wonderful thing about it is that most of our cooks today are of Spanish origin and they're loving the food. For all of us, it brings up stories of our families and how we all stay connected around the tables of the foods that we ate. So it's been a really great experience for me."

Rovner added that her documentary on Chelsea's Jewish history is set to be released soon.

"The film is coming along really well," said Rovner. "I'm working closely with Debra Zobot. She's been wonderful, and we're excited about the project."

Roseann Bongiovanni, executive director of GreenRoots, welcomed the large group of residents to the Teaching Kitchen. Bongiovanni said residents are welcomed to host cooking classes at the facility. She talked about a local "guest chef" teaching series where local residents are leading cooking classes for the community at large. Carlota Isabel Gaitan Guzman, the sister-in-law of Chelsea powerhouse Mike Sandoval, will be leading the next course where she will teach participants how to make Honduran Fish and Coconut Stew.

Jojo Emerson, GreenRoots' Teaching Kitchen Coordinator, has done an amazing job engaging dozens of residents in activities and programming since the Kitchen formally launched programming. From April to July alone, GreenRoots has carried out 39 classes and workshops engaging 549 participants!

"Building off of our food justice efforts cultivated in our community gardens, our Teaching Kitchen aims to create accessible and inclusive culinary programs for residents. Community leadership made the kitchen a reality, and we are working to foster greater leadership by making this a space where community members can contribute in their own ways. That could be sharing their heritage cooking or simply participating in programming to learn something new. We want everyone who walks



Leidys Garcia and her daughter, Emma, enjoyed a lesson in traditional Jewish cooking.



Ivana Cardona and her daughters, Ana Cardona and Lucy Cardona, helped prepare a cucumber salad at the Jewish cooking class.

through the door to feel they have both something to add to our programs and something to gain from attending them!" offered Jojo.

To learn about and register for upcoming classes or to lead a class yourself, visit our website at [www.greenrootsej.org](http://www.greenrootsej.org) or contact Jojo at [JoannaE@greenrootsej.org](mailto:JoannaE@greenrootsej.org).



Chelsea historian Dr. Ellen Rovner, GreenRoots Teaching Kitchen Coordinator JoJo Emerson, and Green Roots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, pictured at the Jewish cooking class held Tuesday at the Teaching Kitchen.



GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni (right), pictured with her father, Anthony Bongiovanni, and her son Luca Figarola, at the GreenRoots Teaching Kitchen event.



Maria Olmo and her daughter, Eva, work together in preparing a food dish at GreenRoots Teaching Kitchen.

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## COMMANDER JEFFREY BLONDER, DAV CHAPTER 62 HOST VETERANS BEACH PARTY AT RED ROCK PARK



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Former Chelsea resident Jeffrey Blonder, Commander of Lynn Swampscott Disabled American Veterans Chapter 62, helped organize the Chapter's Second Annual Beach Party for Veterans that was held July 27 at Red Rock Park in Swampscott. Commander Blonder (back row, left) and volunteer Pamela Anderson (back row, right) are pictured with some of the veterans from the Chelsea Veterans Home who attended the event. Blonder thanked the veterans for their outstanding service to their country.

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# Nantucket Lightship hosts the Andrea Doria's Anniversary event

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

The Nantucket Lightship/LV-112 floating learning center, docked at the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina, held a two-day-long series of events on July 25-26 in honor of the 68th anniversary of the collision of the SS Andrea Doria and MS Stockholm in 1956.

"It was a traumatizing event the night of the sinking. The water was very oily, so everyone was covered in oil, and sea sick. It was a very uncomfortable environment," described professional deep-sea diver, Mark Koch, who has been interested in nautical archeology and shipwrecks from a young age, and now manages international deep-sea dives.

The celebration included a memorial service, United States Coast Guard helicopter sea rescue demonstration, and presentation of the film, "Alive on the Andrea Doria: Are the Passengers Saved?" by author Pierrette Domenica Simpson, at the Battery Wharf Hotel. Historians, survivors, and members of the community also enjoyed a display of SS Andrea Doria artifacts, such as a bell, life preserver ring, and China silverware, salvaged by explorer, John Moyer.

Guests had the opportunity to cruise aboard the SS Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1, owned by Koch, a collector of rare antiquities, who spent four years restoring the vessel to historical accuracy in order to teach younger generations about the luxury, Italian liner.

"Our family has been dedicated to preserving history, educating youth and most important-

ly - having fun doing it," explained Koch, accompanied by his daughters, Evie and Estella. "We're glad to be here in Boston, working with the Nantucket Lightship Museum. Both of these vessels were used on July 25, 1956. The Nantucket Lightship was used to coordinate communications to save the passengers on the Andrea Doria. Once again, these vessels are side by side and being used to tell the story.

Since its restoration, the SS Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1, which holds 56 people and is powered by Fleming gear levers, has been to a movie premier in Detroit, profiled in New York City's Columbus Day Parade, has been launched in the Hudson River at SUNY Maritime College, and was on display in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, in addition to Italian festivals around the country.

"Sixty-eight years later, it's still very emotional for the survivors," observed Koch. "The boat is a tangible way to get back to 1956. You're stepping back into time."

Survivor Joe Porporino, of Delaware, coasted through Boston Harbor on the SS Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1 with his sister, Bruna Porporino Capalbo, and brother-in-law, Joseph Capalbo, of New Jersey. He was two-years-old - his sister one - during the sinking.

The siblings recalled the stories passed down by their parents, Santino and Antonietta Porporino, who were migrating their family from Italy to the United States with all of their possessions.

"Experiencing what they experienced in a



Harbor excursions with survivors on the SS Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1. (Photo by John Rogers)



John Rogers and Andrea Doria survivor, Corrado Sigona (Courtesy Photo)



Survivor, Bruna Porporino Capalbo and her husband, Joseph Capalbo, aboard the Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1.

small lifeboat, in rough seas, not knowing whether you were going to live or die, must have been terrifying," said Porporino. "The only thing my father had was his white boxer shorts. A crew member pulled off the drapes from a cabin and gave them to him to wrap himself like a toga. My mom only had her nightgown on with water stains from when the water came in. When we got rescued by the Stockholm, a famous University of Stockholm,



Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary: Diallo Ferguson, Public Affairs, Joe Restino, Vessel Examiner, Noah Lewkowitz, Auxiliarist, Don Zidik, Auxiliarist, and Jordan Reed-Estes, Auxiliarist.



Riders, including survivors, boarding the Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1 on July 26 at the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina

Sweden, professor on the Nobel Peace Prize Committee, and his wife, gave us clothes to wear."

After their parents passed away, the brother and sister visited Stockholm to reunite with the

professor and his family, who joked that they wanted their sons' clothes back.



Rose Napoletano, daughter of survivor, Mauro Napoletano, with explorer, John Moyer, who was one of the divers who salvaged the Andrea Doria bell in 1985.



Elio, 5, of Watertown, who was eager to watch the Coast Guard demonstration, seen with a model of the Nantucket Lightship/LV-112.



Survivors and historians gathering for the screening of "Alive on the Andrea Doria: Are the Passengers Saved?" during a July 25 presentation by author and filmmaker, Pierrette Domenica Simpson at the Battery Wharf Hotel (Photo by John Rogers)



Elissa Scarlett, dramatic coloratura mezzo soprano, with Mark Koch, owner of the Andrea Doria Lifeboat Number 1, and his daughters, Evie and Estella Koch

# Metro Credit Union welcomes colleagues from around the world during 2024 World Council of Credit Unions Conference

Special to the Record

Metro Credit Union was honored to participate in the World Council of Credit Unions (WCCU) 2024 Conference. This week, Boston was host to WCCU's first international conference in the U.S. since 2015.

"We were honored to be part of the World Council of Credit Unions conference and it was an even bigger honor to welcome so many of the conference attendees to Metro," said Robert Cashman, President and CEO of Metro Credit Union. "We are grateful for the opportunity to talk about our mission, one that we proudly share with credit unions across the globe, and to share what makes Metro and the communities we serve special."

Metro welcomed nearly 100 colleagues from international credit unions at our headquarters in Chelsea for a site visit and a look into what makes Metro and the communities we serve special. Our guests represented 20 credit unions located in 12 countries around the world — Anguilla, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Dominica, Ghana, India, Ireland, Nepal, Romania, Singapore, and Trinidad and Tobago. Metro leadership shared an overview of the organization and provided a tour, along with the opportunity to meet with staff across all departments.

Visiting credit unions included:



Robert Cashman, President and CEO of Metro Credit Union (left) is shown with attendees of the World Council of Credit Unions 2024 Conference.

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Robert Cashman, President and CEO of Metro Credit Union addresses the conference.

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SVP Outreach, Advocacy & Chief Development Officer Charlene Bauer also represented Metro in a breakout session, "Growing Diverse Membership – Reaching Excluded Communities" to share insights on how Metro serves immigrant and underbanked communities in Massachusetts through its programs, services, and financial education. The panel focused on the findings of a report WCCU recently published on the role credit unions play in supporting migrants and refugees in Brazil, Ecuador, Poland, and the U.S. — Metro

was one of two U.S. credit unions studied for providing programs geared for immigrant populations.

World Council of Credit Unions is the global trade association and development platform for credit unions. World Council promotes the sustainable development of credit unions and other financial cooperatives around the world to empower people through access to high quality and affordable financial services. World Council advocates on behalf of the global credit union system before international organizations and works with national governments to improve legislation and regulation. Its technical assistance programs introduce new tools and technologies to strengthen credit unions' financial performance and increase their outreach.

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# A not-so-difficult irrigation audit

Special to the Independent

Watering is essential for any natural lawn. Whether using sprinklers, relying on rainfall, or employing other irrigation methods, monitoring your lawn's water intake is crucial for both environmental conservation...and even reducing water bills!

The article below explores how to conduct an irrigation audit and make necessary adjustments to ensure your lawn receives the right amount of water efficiently, thus saving resources and money.

## How to Do a Yard Irrigation Audit

### Step 1: Gather the Right Tools

You'll need some basic tools that are both effective and economical. Collect various containers like empty tuna cans, the bottoms of plastic water bottles or soda cans. These can easily capture water without any need for expensive equipment.

You can also check with your local extension agency for plastic cups upon request. It's important to use the same type of containers throughout your

lawn to ensure consistency in your measurements. Ensure you have enough containers to cover various points within the reach of each sprinkler across all irrigation zones of your yard.

### What is a zone?

An irrigation zone in your lawn is a specific area watered by a designated set of sprinklers, controlled independently from other areas. Each zone addresses unique watering needs based on plant types, sun exposure and soil conditions, allowing for efficient water

management and healthier lawn growth.

### How many irrigation zones are in my yard?

The amount of irrigation zones are determined by each irrigation system and how many square feet each irrigation head covers. Most irrigation systems come sprinkler heads that cover 6-9 zones.

### Step 2: Place the Cups in the Proper Zones

The next step is figuring out how much water your sprinklers are delivering. Just place cups in each zone to catch the water during a normal irrigation cycle. Once they're set, turn on your sprinkler system for its usual run time.

### How do I locate each zone in my yard?

Check any system documentation or diagrams from when your irrigation system was installed; these often show where each zone's valves are located. Additionally, you can observe the order in which the sprinklers activate. When you turn on a specific zone, the sprinklers that pressurize first are typically closest to that zone's irrigation valve.

### Step 3: Measure the Results

After each zone finishes running, check the water in your cups to make sure the amounts are similar. Record the results and proceed to the next zone until you've covered the whole lawn.

You're aiming for a consistent half-inch of water in the lawn of each zone, which adds up to the ideal 1 inch per week—split into two watering sessions. There are some exceptions—shaded regions may need less water than those exposed to full sun to keep disease outbreaks at bay.



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Place some sort of measuring cup near your sprinkler system to measure how much water your plants are receiving.

Pro Tip: Over-watering can cause diseases in your lawn. Consider turning off your irrigation during rainy seasons and winter, and watch for signs of thirst in your grass, such as leaves folding inward.

Remember, typical lawns use two kinds of irrigation heads: rotating rotors for large areas and stationary sprays for smaller spots. Since these heads deliver water at different rates, it's crucial to set them to run for the right amount of time. Also, ensure all heads in a zone are the same type, as mixing sprays and rotors in one zone can lead to uneven watering.

### Step 4: Make Adjustments

If your zone is getting too much water...

Now you're ready to adjust your irrigation to get the right amount of water to each zone. If a zone needs more water, you can either:

- 1) Install larger nozzles or extend the watering time—assuming this doesn't conflict with any HOA rules. Or...
- 2) Extend the run time, which is the simplest and

cheapest solution. If you can't increase the time, then switching to larger nozzles is your next best option.

If your zone is getting too little water...

On the other hand, if a zone is getting too much water, reduce the run time or switch to smaller nozzles.

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## MassDOT launches study to evaluate potential ferry service expansion

### Request for Proposals issued to procure outside transportation planning and engineering consultant team

Special to the Record

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced that it has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a transportation planning and engineering consultant team to develop and evaluate options for new potential regional ferry service to, from and between communities along the Massachusetts coast. The Request for Proposals can be found here.

"MassDOT is excited to announce that we are now seeking proposals for planning and engineering consultants for a regional ferry service pilot program," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "Passenger ferry service provides vital connections between coastal cities and towns and provides an alternative to car travel, and we look forward to developing this pilot."

"Water transportation is a key part of our network and we understand how providing reliable ferry service is an option that many of our daily riders as well as visitors prefer and enjoy. Continuing to build upon our existing service gives the public improved and viable alternatives for travel today and in the future," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "We thank our partners at MassDOT

and Secretary Tibbits-Nutt for launching this Water Transportation Study. We look forward to engaging with the team as the study progresses and reviewing the results upon its completion."

"We are delighted that MassDOT is taking this important step to advance reliable and affordable ferry service. Our collaboration with MassDOT on the 2017 inner harbor ferry study created a foundation on which to build, and this study's expanded and updated scope will benefit many more communities throughout Boston Harbor. We commend and thank the Secretary and the MassDOT team for taking another in-depth look at this exciting opportunity," said Boston Harbor Now President and CEO Kathy Abbott.

The 18-month study will complete the planning and design for expanded and fully ADA accessible ferry service, as well as include an engineering assessment of infrastructure and vessels necessary for the operation of a ferry pilot program across specific communities in Massachusetts, as described in the 2022 Massachusetts Transportation Bond Bill. This bill mandated that Gloucester, Salem, Lynn, Winthrop, Quincy, and three neighborhoods of Boston, (East Boston, South Boston, and the

North End), be part of the study.

The study involves MBTA officials and other entities and will be a comprehensive effort to examine past and existing water transportation services against current and future needs for service.

The MBTA operates year-round ferry routes between Charlestown, the Boston Waterfront, Hingham, Hull, and Logan Airport. Seasonal service is also available on MBTA routes to and from East Boston, the Boston Waterfront, Lynn, Quincy, and Winthrop.

In addition to planning, design, and engineering, the Water Transportation Study will include robust community engagement with current and potential ferry riders in and near coastal communities. This study will pay close attention to environmental justice and disability communities to ensure any recommendations are a benefit to all riders. Public engagement will include in-person and virtual public meetings, stakeholder meetings, briefings, and a study website. MassDOT and its partners will work with the selected consultant on the study.

The RFP for the study was issued on Monday, July 29, and interviews will be scheduled with interested parties in the fall.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Stand-by salad

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

One smart strategy for summer meals is to always have a hardy, filling salad ready in the refrigerator.

A few of our favorite stand-by salads are tabouli, greek salad, Israeli salad, carrot salad, corn salad, and an Italian salad mix that we can add to lettuce when we serve it.

Mediterranean and Middle Eastern

Look for inspiration along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. This region's diet is acclaimed for its healthy use of vegetables as the meal's cen-

terpiece. Many of the offerings in the traditional mezze platter of dips and salads are sold pre-made in supermarkets, as take-out, or at Farmers' Markets. Obviously, these are all fine when made ahead.

Most are relatively easy to make at home and personalize for your tastes. Tabouli recipes typically have parsley, tomato, bulgur, onion, olive oil, lemon juice, and salt as the main ingredients. However, as you move from one culture to another where this salad is a mainstay, you find variations. Pomegranate seeds are substituted for the tomato, or the ratio of grain to parsley is changed.

Moreover, using tabouli as a grain and herb salad allows creative cooks to experiment. Other grains are substituted for the bulgur, and peppers, cucumbers, and other vegetables are added. Our version adds chickpeas to the mix, which, when working with the grain, makes a

complete protein when we have it stuffed in a pita or scooped up with lettuce leaves as a lighter meal.

The same is true for versions of the chopped salad often called Israeli salad but served throughout the region under other names. It contains tomato, onion, and cucumber and can also include pepper, carrot, scallion, and herbs dressed with lemon juice and olive oil. We find this is better when the ingredients have been together long enough for their flavors to merge.

From Near and Far

We don't use mayonnaise, so our potato salad and coleslaw recipes are made with oil and vinegar. This makes for a lighter and longer-lasting salad. We also use recipes for these "all-American favorites" from other cultures.

We love German potato salad, salad nicoise, and Asian coleslaw. Cabbage is easy to have on hand,



Here are four favorite "stand-by salads:" potato and egg, chickpea, tabouli, and classic French grated carrot salad.

and coleslaw can be a side dish or a sandwich topping and can take on dozens of profiles. Our favorite one has scallions, grated carrots, fennel, and a sprinkle of mustard seeds added to its apple cider vinaigrette.

Classic French grated carrot salad is wonderful with its standard mustardy dressing. However, we make versions with a tad

more honey and some raisins added. Recently, we had a container of muhammara, the Middle Eastern red pepper and walnut dip on hand when making carrot salad and decided to mix that in to change the flavor profile. It was a smoky, spicy success.

Think about coming home on a hot summer day to a bowl of something cool and refreshing

waiting to fill your dinner plate. Just add some protein from your freezer or left from another meal. Or, you could always pick up a bit of fish or a take-out kabob on the way home.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

OBITUARIES

Santos Onorio Ponce Cartagena

June 5, 1985 - July 21, 2024

Relatives and friends attended visiting hours for Santos Ponce Cartagena on Wednesday, July 31, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea.



exercising and personal fitness.

He is survived by his brothers, Jose and Adeysin of Chelsea, along with five added brothers, seven sisters, and his three children.

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



Joseph P. Delaney, Sr.

December 16, 1936 - July 25, 2024

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for Joseph P. Delaney on Friday, August 2nd from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, and again on Saturday, August 3rd in the Cardinal Cushing Pavilion, (adjacent to St. Michael's Chapel), 100 Summit Ave., Chelsea from 9 to 10 a.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Michael the Archangel Chapel at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment and military honors at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.



member of the former Irish Club of Chelsea and Chelsea Firefighters Local 937. He was a frequent communicant at St. Michael the Archangel Chapel at the Chelsea Soldiers Home in Chelsea.

In his lifetime, Joe especially enjoyed time with his grandchildren, traveling and taking family vacations, playing golf and was an all-around Boston sports fan.

In addition to his parents, Joe was also predeceased by his brother, Daniel L. Delaney, Jr. Joseph is survived by his wife of 65 years, Loretta. He was the devoted father of Joseph P. Delaney, Jr. and his wife, Michelle of Brooklyn, CT, and Erin Delaney Polos and her husband, Peter of Basking Ridge, NJ. He was the cherished grandfather of Olivia, Katherine, and Ava Polos, and Patrick and Sarah Delaney. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

At 87 years of age, Joe passed away after a year of ongoing illnesses on Thursday July 25th at the Morristown Medical Center in New Jersey.

Born and raised in Chelsea, Joe was a beloved son of the late Daniel L., Sr. and Sarah Ann (Clancy) Delaney. Joe was raised in Chelsea where he attended local schools and later studied carpentry and graduated from Don Bosco Technical High School. While attending Don Bosco he played basketball, his team winning the Technical Tournament.

He enlisted into the US Army and served during the Korean War. Following his Honorable Discharge from the Army, he returned to his home in Chelsea.

Joe was married to Loretta (nee;Duffy) in 1959, and together raised their son and daughter in Chelsea and later moved to Saugus where they resided for the past 53 years.

Joe followed in his father's footsteps and was appointed in 1962 as a firefighter with the Chelsea Fire Dept. He retired in 1986 after 25 years of dedicated service.

He was a longtime



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20, 2024 at 6:00pm at City  
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Conference room.  
Proposed Work and Purpose:  
Petition of Crown Castle Fiber  
for the following petition:  
123 Grove St.  
Crown Castle is proposing a  
modification to the existing  
equipment on the above-men-  
tioned poles. This modification  
consists of an upgrade to the  
shroud and antenna. Currently  
the shroud is approximately  
4.2' X 2.5' and existing an-  
tenna is roughly 4' X 1.2'. The  
new shroud is measuring 5.8' X  
1.9' and the new antenna will  
measure 2' X 1.9'.  
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by email to [cfox@chelsea-  
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8/20/24.

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Cate Fox Lent  
Commissioner  
8/1/24, 8/8/24  
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APPOINTMENT OF  
GUARDIAN FOR  
INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT  
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Section 5-304  
Docket No.  
SU24P1534GD  
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The Trial Court  
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24 New Chardon Street  
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In the matter of: Myrian Garcia  
Of: Chelsea, MA  
RESPONDENT Alleged Incapaci-  
tated Person  
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all other interested persons, a  
petition has been filed by Beth  
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of Boston, MA in the above  
captioned matter alleging that  
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Guardian and requesting that  
(or some other suitable per-

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to serve Without Surety on the  
bond.  
The petition asks the court to  
determine that the Respondent  
is incapacitated, that the ap-  
pointment of a Guardian is ne-  
cessary, and that the proposed  
Guardian is appropriate. The  
petition is on file with this court  
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